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The Editors Corner:

Last month's layout visits were new to me. Dave Davenport's Tennessee Midland HO. and Bob Bartizek's Pennsy 3-rail O-gauge are another set of outstanding Division 7 layouts. Thanks to John Burchnall's photos, it proved challenging to edit selections for this month's Oilcan!

If you have a photo, or a useful tip, or maybe just a useful website that you would like to share, the Oilcan is an opportunity to share it with your fellow model railroaders. Email it to editor@cincy-div7.org.

Dave

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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Scene from Bob Bartizek's O-gauge Pennsy Railroad

Photo by John Burchnall



HEADLIGHTS

Well, here we are in August. The year is going fast. Ordinarily, this is the time of year when the grass begins to turn brown from lack of rain. Well, not this year, huh. I can't remember the last time I could go 1 week without mowing.

I enjoyed John's clinic at the July meeting about some of the features the Eastern Loggers group has included in their layout. The electrical modifications to the turnouts to eliminate short circuits is something I'll keep in mind for hidden staging tracks, if I can ever progress from layout planning to layout building. The two layouts were also first rate.

During the July meeting, there was some discussion about the contest categories for August. The topic for models is "Servicing Facilities". Some people felt that stations and depots should be included in this category. Neither Brad Jonas nor I could not come up with a "spur of the moment" reason for excluding these structures from the category (and also to keep the meeting moving), so we agreed. However, after further review and many email exchanges, we have decided to go back to the category description found in the January Oil Can: "Repair Shops, Ash Pits, Roundhouses, Sanding Facilities, Icing Facilities, Water Towers, Coaling Facilities, etc." In other words, "Servicing Facilities" are places where railroad personnel work on their equipment. While some servicing occurs at a station (water towers, coaling, etc.), the servicing facility is the water tower, not the station. If you have a station model you want to enter in a contest, you could enhance it and enter as a diorama in December, or when the contest category is "On-Line Structures".

Registration for the 2015 edition of the Southwest Ohio Operations weekend (SWOOPS 2015) is now open. SWOOPS will be the weekend of October 2-4, and will include a dozen great layouts in the Cincinnati and Dayton area. More information at <u>https://swoopsrail.wordpress.com/</u>. If you're interested in Operations, you should look into taking part in this event. The Miami Valley Model Railroad group will have their huge modular layout setup at the Caesar's Creek Flea Market as part of SWOOPS. It will be open to the public on Sunday afternoon.

The 2015 National Convention will be in Portland Oregon the last week of August. My wife is going to accompany me since neither of us have been to this part of the country before. We're going to fly out, and ride the Amtrak Empire Builder back to Chicago at the end of the week. Since we're not retired like the other columnists you read here, we can't take the time off from work to ride the train both ways. Maybe we'll be able to do that in the future.

The 2016 National Convention will be much closer to home in Indianapolis. (I don't think my wife will be spending the week with me in Indianapolis.) They are currently working on lining up people to present clinics during the convention. If you are interested in presenting at the convention, you can find the application forms at the convention website, <u>http://www.NMRA2016.org</u>. Click on the "Volunteer Today" link at the top of the form.

The next Division 7 BOD meeting will be on September 4th. The location is to be determined (and now that I wrote this it's reminded me that I need to set up a meeting location.)

That's all I have for this month. I'll see you at the August meeting.



SECOND SECTION

Our July meeting was in Mason at the St. Susanna Church on July 12th. John Burchnall gave a clinic entitled "Engineering Secrets of the Eastern Loggers", in which he described their module designs based on primarily foam construction and some of their design principles, like not running any tracks exactly parallel to the sides of the layout. Tips included using wet water to control the static issues with the "dust" when cutting and shaping the foam, using plastic tubing and dowels for connections and alignment, having simple sections of rail for the track connections (and a storage system to keep them straight), and large multi-pin plugs to make all the electrical connections (and documenting all of them for future troubleshooting). After the meeting we visited Bob Bartizek's O gauge Pennsylvania layout in Lebanon, and Dave Davenport's Clinchfield inspired HO layout in Mason.

In August, our meeting will be on August 9th in Kenwood at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Bruce Knapp will be the clinician at this meeting and he will be talking about passenger operations. The contests will be models of railroad servicing facilities and photos of tunnel portals with trains entering or exiting. Afterward, we will visit Paul Miklos' N scale B&O layout and make our first visit to Donald Docter's HO layout in Montgomery.

On September 13th, we will be in Northern Kentucky at the Erlanger Library for a clinic by Charles Bogart from Lexington. This time he will be talking about an early railroad consolidation proposal from the ICC. After the meeting, we will return to Bob Adams' N scale Norfolk and Western layout and probably one more that I still need to arrange.

Our monthly Division meeting in October is on the 4th (note: this is the <u>first</u> Sunday, to avoid conflicting with the Cincinnati Train Show the next weekend) at the West Chester Library. Due to a conflict with the SWOOPS activities that same weekend, I am still arranging a new clinic topic for October. Our layout tour after the meeting will be a visit to the Eastern Loggers layout at John Burchnall's home (so we can see in-person the results of the tips he shared in the July clinic)].

In November, we return to Hamilton, to Partners in Prime on November the 8th. National clinician Lou Sassi will return to give his newest clinic entitled: "Woods to Walls, Fields to Fences". After the meeting, in addition to the Whistle Stop club there at the senior center, we will be visiting the layouts of the five clubs that share the Ross School facility which range from O scale to N.

We end the year as we always do in Westwood with the slide show and foodfest at Westwood United Methodist Church on December 13th. Looking on ahead into 2016, we will be in Hyde Park on January 10th, back to West Chester on February 14th, and at Harmony Lodge on April 10th. (There is no Division meeting in March due to the Spring Flea Market on March 12th).

I'll keep it short this month, as I find whenever it actually goes more than 24 hours without raining that I have to spend time mowing grass so it does not get too high to see over. I imagine that for many of you, summer is something of a "down time" for hobby activity because there are so many other things that demand our time. One thing to keep in mind is that summer vacations can often be planned to <u>include</u> a ride on a tourist railroad. There was a program on one of the TV channels (PBS I think, but I don't try to keep them straight) early in July that highlighted a number of the tourist lines in North America. I thought I knew about most of the popular ones, but they had a few that I had not heard of. Some of my favorite vacation memories growing up involve some of the trains that my Dad took me to ride on as a kid. So this can be a time to create some memories for your family. And it also reminds me that these operations are often financially shaky; so there is no guarantee that some of them will be around in 5 or 10 years, so see them now while you can.

See you in Kenwood on the 9th.

John

LAYOUT VISIT to DAVE DAVENPORT'S HO-Scale Railroad

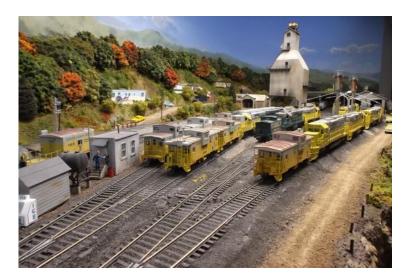






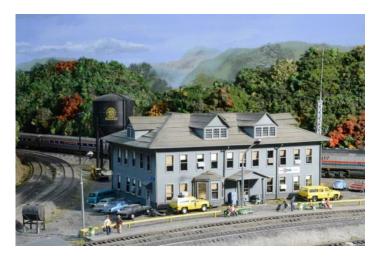






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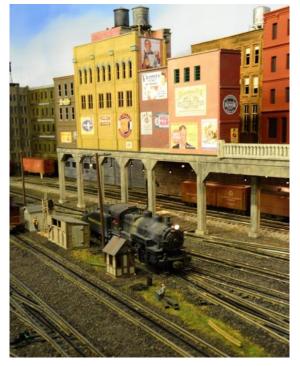






Photos by John Burchnall

LAYOUT VISIT to BOB BARTIZEK'S O-Scale Railroad









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Photos by Dave Puthoff





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JULY 2015 CONTEST RESULTS

MODELS: FLATCARS WITH LOADS

Box Stock:

	1 st Place: (Tie)	Ron Gribler, MMR: CNN Flatcar #17298 with Stake Truck Trailer
	1 st Place: (Tie)	Jim MacKnight: Western Maryland Flatcar #2614 with Large Gear
	3rd Place:	Norb Price: Southern Pacific Flatcar with Crates
Kitbasl	hed:	
	1 st Place:	Rick Stern: ATSF Flatcar #94876 with Mine Steam Motor
	2nd Place:	Tom Brueggeman, MMR: D&RGW Flatcar #677 with Lumber
	3rd Place:	Ron Gribler, MMR: WLE Flatcar #907 with Transformer
Scratch	h Built:	
	1 at Dlagas	Dan Criblen MMD, Eric Eleteen #1469 with Turking

1st Place: Ron Gribler, MMR: Erie Flatcar #1468 with Turbine No Other Entries in this Category

PHOTOGRAPHY: TRAINS ON BRIDGES

Print Prototype:1st Place:Jim MacKnight: Western Maryland Tourist Train on Bridge at Cass2nd Place:David Wynne: Canadian Pacific Dual Locos on Bridge3rd Place:David Wynne: Shay #9 on Georgetown LoopPrint Model: TRAINS ON BRIDGES1st Place:Jim Rollwage: L&N Loco #827 on Bridge2nd Place:John Listermann: B&O Loco #7158 in Helper Service (John's Layout)3rd Place: (Tie)Tom Brueggeman, MMR: D&RGW Loco #452 on Bridge (Tom's Layout)3rd Place: (Tie)Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: SP Loco #4275 on Bridge (Georgia's Layout)

Junior Division - No Entries Submitted in any Category

2015 OVERALL STANDINGS (through July 2015)

MODELS

Ron Gribler, MMR Bob Lawson Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	25 07 07	Tom Brueggeman, MMR Frank Hermanek, MMR Rick Stern	06 03 03	Bob Chapman Perry Simpson Norb Price	01 01 01
Warren Ossman	07	Jim MacKnight	03	Nord Frice	01
PHOTOGRAPHY					
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	08	Mike Brestel	03	Joe Ross	02
John Listermann	08	Jim MacKnight	03	Frank Hermanek, MMR	01
David Wynne	06	Jim Rollwage	03		
Tom Brueggeman, MMR	04	Randy Seiler	02		

JUNIOR DIVISION – MODELS – No 2015 Entries to Date JUNIOR DIVISION – PHOTOGRAPHY – No 2015 Entries to Date

AUGUST CONTEST CATEGORIES -

MODELS: LOCO OR ROLLING STOCK SERVICING FACILITIES – e.g. REPAIR SHOPS, ASH PITS, ROUNDHOUSES, SANDING FACILITIES, ICING FACILITIES, WATER TOWERS, COALING FACILITIES, etc. - <u>No freight or passenger stations/depots</u> (you may enter them on dioramas in the December 2015 model contest) PHOTOGRAPHY: TUNNEL ENTRANCES WITH TRAINS ENTERING OR EXITING

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Brad Jonas NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair

DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

As a benefit to Division 7 members, the Oilcan will offer to list free Classified Ads to allow members to sell railroad-related items. A few other Divisions offer such a program. The Board has approved a trial of 6 months; after which the program will be re-evaluated. If you have items to sell, please review the Rules, and send an email to <u>editor@cincy-div7.org</u>

CLASSIFIED AD RULES:

Item(s) must be railroad related.

Seller must be a Member of Division 7 MCR NMRA.

Listing description shall be 30 words or less.

Item(s) can be displayed for a maximum of three (3) months. Oilcan Editor will assign a Listing Number that will include the last month of listing. (E.g., "xx-July 2015" would indicate Listing xx will be listed through the July 2015 Oilcan).

Seller must list name, and either Phone Number and/or Email, so the interested Buyer can contact Seller. It will not be listed without them. (NOTE: Seller agrees to allow contact information to be published in the Oilcan, which is published on the Internet).

A single photo may be submitted for each listing.

Limit of three (3) listings from same Seller at any one time.

Seller shall email Oilcan Editor if item is sold so it can be removed from page.

All transactions are between the Buyer and the Seller.

Oilcan Editor reserves the right to edit listing if needed, and will notify Seller of edit prior to publication.

Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email	Listing No.
	AHM/Rivarossi, Heavy Mike, 2-8-2, with Vandy tender in Glacier Park colors, (RIV5411), Test run only, real coal glued on tender, DC operated. Have 2 locos	\$25 each \$40 both	Sam Parfitt	samparfitt@fuse.net 513 378-9133	02-Aug-15
	G-Scale (1:29): Aristocraft (yellow box) Heavyweight Passenger Cars (Union Pacific), 6 cars	\$600, or Make Offer	Frank Koch	fjkoch@hotmail.com 513 324-3781	03-Aug-15
	O-scale (2R): Atlas DASH 8-40B, CSX #5937	\$200	Frank Koch	fjkoch@hotmail.com 513 324-3781	04-Aug-15
	HO scale: IHC Corrugated Side Pullman Standard Passenger Car Sets (8 cars, NIB), choice of GN, NH, or C&NW Also have Athearn & ConCor sets.	\$80/set	Frank Koch	fjkoch@hotmail.com 513 324-3781	05-Aug-15
	Atlas B23-7 Norfolk Southern factory-installed DCC & Sound, hi-short hood, added details, light weathering, Original box	\$150	Jim Hodde	jimhodde@zoomtown.com	06-Aug-15
	DCC Block Occupancy Detectors Built-in Adjustable Time-Delay-Off, Adjustable Sensitivity. 200 ma DC Open Collector & BiPolar Outputs with LED Indicator, 12 vdc. For DCC only.	\$12 each	Dave Puthoff	deputhoff@yahoo.com	07-Aug-15
	Miscellaneous lumber including L-girders	FREE	Jim Hodde	jimhodde@zoomtown.com	08-Sep-15
	Tichy ICC Class 103 lg, dome tank car USRA 1918 prototype w/ KD trucks	\$7.00	Chuck Endreola	chuckendreola@yahoo.com	09-Oct-15
	Stewart Products 25 ton diesel electric loco crane. White metal kit. Ratty box, nice castings	\$5.00	Chuck Endreola	chuckendreola@yahoo.com	09-Oct-15
	JL Inovations Gas Pumps (2) 1930's gravity style, Sinclair green	FREE	Chuck Endreola	chuckendreola@yahoo.com	09-Oct-15

SWOOPS WEEKEND - October 2-4

The SouthWest Ohio OperationS weekend (SWOOPS), sponsored by Division 7, will be October 2-4.

Our website is now up and running, <u>NOW READY FOR REGISTRATIONS</u> at <u>https://swoopsrail.wordpress.com/</u>. We will have twelve great layouts available for operations in five sessions, beginning Friday evening and extending through an additional open session on Sunday afternoon. Truly an "op til you drop" weekend.

We would really like to encourage Division 7 members to participate.

Rick Stern

Advance Orders for "Cincinnati Express" Short Sleeve Shirts



CHRISTMAS LAYOUT HELP NEEDED (BATAVIA)

Requesting your assistance...looking for enthusiasts who could help assist with locating a group of individuals that would be interested in setting up a model train display in Batavia, Ohio. The time period is from Thanksgiving through New Years Day. Large commercial building with a large expanse of glass for outside viewing and possible selected open house evenings if so desired by the group.

Please contact Charles Ward, 513-374-2000 or <u>clward@fuse.net</u> for more particulars and if you may be of assistance in bring trains to downtown Batavia and Clermont County during the Christmas season. Thank you for your consideration.

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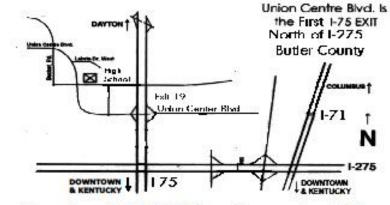
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The Marzan Brass

My other great passion is performing: I was absent from the July meeting because I was performing with the Marzan Brass Quintet. One of our quintet's many functions is to recreate a small brass band of the Civil War era; we were helping run the Confederates out of Sharon Woods that weekend. My modeler aid associate in crime, Pat Homan will attest to our presence.

All in all, it was a fun event, especially since we won. I believe my friend William Edwards, Esq. refers to this event as the War of Yankee Aggression. I will admit, heavy long sleeve shirts and uniform coats were not especially comfortable either afternoon. Both afternoons were hot, humid, and loud (cannon and musket fire), but what a way to spend an afternoon (only my railroad room is more fun). If you get a chance to attend one of the Sharon Woods historic weekends, I highly recommend it.

Portland Here We Come

Several of our Division 7 folks are going to the NMRA National in Portland later this month. I am, of course, going Amtrak (you can't possibly fly) both ways --- the Cardinal to and from Chicago and the Empire Builder, Chicago to Portland. I will be meeting the Mulhearns on the Cardinal, so the trip out will be exciting. I know Frank Koch is also going to the convention to keep track of the NMRA's treasury and to try to keep the rest of us in line (good luck). We always try to go to supper one night at convention so let's try to organize it at the August meeting.

Frank's Finer Fleas Summer Clearance

Speaking of Frank Koch, one of Frank's many duties with the Division is assisting members or member's families with disposal of model railroad items. Frank's Finer Fleas is always a very popular spot at our Fall Show and Spring Swap Meet. Every summer Frank has a huge blowout sale of great train items. I went on Friday, July 17th and purchased many items, including a brass Santa Fe 3400 class pacific and was very pleased with the transaction. Not only were the items excellent, but the prices were well worth the trip. (Batavia is a major excursion for a North Bend resident). The next time Frank has a sale; GO!

Next Meeting

I hope to see everyone at our August meeting at The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, for my clinic on passenger operations [at least how they do it on the Santa Fe] The all-new honest, improved, no-weight, WMPA approved raffle will be up to its normal high (?) standard. I am not sure how you can improve on perfection, (would I lie?), plus the layout visits look great.

Keep 'em rolling



Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday August 9

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

7701 Kenwood Road

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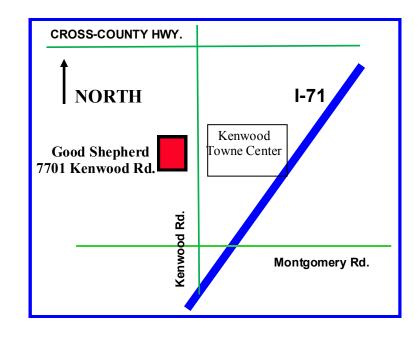
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I-71 Montgomery Rd. Exit



<u>Coming Down the Line</u>

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA 2015 Schedule

NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM

(Unless otherwise notified)

<u>Date</u>	Location	Program/Speaker	Layout Visits	<u>Contest Topic</u>
8/9	Good Shepherd Church Kenwood	Passenger Operations Bruce Knapp	Paul Miklos Donald Docter	<u>Models</u> : Servicing Facilities <u>Photos</u> : Tunnel Entrances with Trains Entering or Exiting
9/13	Erlanger Library 1 Erlanger KY	929 ICC RR Consolidation Charles Bogart	Plan Bob Adams	<u>Models</u> : Locomotives <u>Photos</u> : Locomotives
10/4	West Chester Library West Chester OH	TBD	John Burchnall	Models: Div. 7 Project Cars Photos: Div. 7 Project Cars within train consist

Around the Region 2015 8/8 Summerail at Union Terminal - Cincinnati 8/20 Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH 10/2-10/4 SW Ohio Operations (SWOOPS) 10/10-10/11 Div.7 Cinti. Model Train & & Trade Show	<u>National</u> 2015 8/23-29 Portland Daylight Express Portland Oregon		
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