



NMRA Mid Central Region Annual Convention

May 17 – 20, 2018

West Chester, Ohio

The Mid Central Region cordially invites you to attend the *Cincinnati Express* 2018 MCR Convention hosted in the greater Cincinnati, Ohio area by Cincinnati Division 7. The convention will be held at the Cincinnati Marriott North hotel, located in the northern suburbs of Cincinnati. The hotel has recently completed an extensive renovation and remodeling of nearly all interior spaces, including meeting rooms, sleeping rooms, atrium, hallways, lobby and dining facilities. All convention activities within the hotel will be conveniently located on the same floor, and all parking is free!

The convention committee has planned activities to ensure you have a rewarding and enjoyable experience during your visit to our “Queen City”. The Convention runs from Thursday, May 17th through Sunday, May 20th. Registration and check-in **opens at 9:30 AM Thursday**, with **key activities beginning at noon on Thursday!** Yes, that is right, this will be nearly **four full days of fun** for everyone!

We are blessed to have an **abundance of quality layouts** in the Cincinnati area with 67 of the best available for your enjoyment at this convention. 35 of these layouts have been published, with 10 in *Model Railroader's* annual *Great Model Railroads* magazine. Nearly all 67 layouts are new or improved since our 2003 MCR and 2005 NMRA conventions.

Two of these impressive layouts will be open Thursday afternoon for special **early bird layout visits**: Bob Lawson's massive HO scale CNO&TP Div. of the Southern Ry, featuring numerous super detailed scenes and structures, and Larry Bonhaus' large N scale PRR in a new location since our 2005 convention, featuring the famous Horseshoe Curve and other additions. Other layout events include 4 different **mini-bus tours to 12 premier layouts** (3 per tour), guest **operating sessions** each of the 4 days, general layout open houses each of the 4 days, a special Thursday dinner event at nearby **EnterTRAINment Junction**, and several scenicked layouts at the hotel.

We'll also have **3 rail-oriented clinic rooms** (2 huge) packed full of **expert speakers**, including Gerry Leone HLM MMR, Lou Sassi, Hal Miller, W. Allen McClelland HLM MMR, Sam Swanson MMR, Rick Tipton, Charlie Getz HLM and many more. Train Control Systems (TCS) will have a special booth to install pre-purchased sound decoder kits for free. You'll also not want to miss our 4 special **rail prototype and industry bus tours** and our 2 incredible **general interest bus tours**, including amazing “Steel Industries”, “Cincinnati Railfanning”, “American Sign Museum” and “Findlay Market” tours.

The convention attractions continue with fun and informative non-rail clinics, a ladies luncheon with cookie decorating, a delicious banquet with entertaining guest speaker Gerry Leone HLM MMR, a **huge White Elephant Sale** (bring your cast-offs), Company Store (new shirts, cars, etc.), full contest, large raffle, and much more!

Take a look at the following pages to see what we've prepared for you at the *Cincinnati Express* 2018 MCR NMRA Convention. We're sure you'll find it to be an enjoyable and rewarding trip filled with rare and educational offerings for everyone. It will provide the perfect time to renew old friendships and make new ones. We hope you'll agree the *Cincinnati Express* promises to be a fun and inspiring four day event you will not want to miss.

Rick Crumrine
Convention Chair

John Burchnall
Convention Vice-Chair

Convention Venue

The wonderful newly renovated Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel is located at the Union Center exit from I-75, just north of I-275. The hotel is surrounded by dozens of restaurants covering a wide range of price points (i.e. fast food to fine dining). It is also a short drive to several shopping centers and an Outlet Mall. Make your hotel reservation for the Cincinnati Marriott North (not the nearby Courtyard by Marriott) at 6189 Mulhauser Rd, West Chester, OH 45069. Use this link to conveniently [Book Electronically](#) (new!). For phone reservations, call **1-877-739-9460** (new!). Use the code "**National Model Railroad Association**" to get the group rate. Special pre-tax pricing for reservations made before May 3, 2018 is \$109 per night for a King Bed room, \$119 for two Double Beds and \$119 for a King room with a Sofa. For your convenience, these rates apply for 3 days before and 3 days after the convention

Website Information

The most up-to-date information and schedules for the *Cincinnati Express* convention is found at the convention website at <http://www.cincy-div7.org/convention.html>. As it becomes available, you will find more complete information there about the layouts, clinics, white elephant sales, company store items, official refund policy, contest, photos, hotel floor plan, schedule, etc.

Cincinnati Express Changes – Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA, Inc. and its officers, leaders and members strives to accurately and faithfully represent the activities of the Cincinnati Express 2018 MCR Convention, and also reserves the right to modify or cancel events as may become necessary. The most up-to-date information on any changes to the convention can be found at the convention website at <http://www.cincy-div7.org/convention.html>.

Refund Policy – Please see the Convention webpage (<http://www.cincy-div7.org/convention.html>) for the **Cincinnati Express** official refund policy, covering registration fees, extra-fare events (bus tours, meals, clinics) and merchandise (company store, white elephant, and pre-purchased).

RAIL CLINIC PRESENTERS

We've lined up a diverse group of clinicians from the Mid Central region and across the country. A complete list of presenters and topics will be available on the convention webpage as the schedule is finalized. The current list includes:

- **Gerry Leone, HLM, MMR** – NMRA Vice President-Special Projects, MR Video Plus Contributing Editor – *Easy, Realistic Model Railroad Photography; banquet presentation title tbd*
- **Hal Miller** – Editor, Model Railroader – *MR Project Railroads; Modeling the Muskogee Oklahoma Roads in O Scale*
- **Lou Sassi** – MR Contributing Editor, photographer, author, modeler – *Improving Your Trucks & Trains*
- **Lou and Cheryl Sassi** – *Scenery Along the Right-of-Way*
- **Charlie Getz, HLM** – NMRA President and NG&SL Gazette Columnist – *Great Products from Strange Places*
- **John Forsythe** – Train Control Systems – *Beginning LCC; TCS Wi-Fi Based DCC Control Station; Sound Decoders*
- **Pete Magoun, MMR** – *Modeling the Prototype – North Whitefield, Maine, 1912 – How do you do it when the prototype is a century old?*
- **Mike Brestel, HLM** – NMRA Director – *C&O Cheviot Hill*
- **Bob Weinheimer, MMR** – MCR President – *Evolution of an Operating Scheme*
- **W. Allen McClelland, HLM, MMR** – President, Virginian & Ohio RR – *Modeling MOW Equipment*
- **Gerry Albers** – *Building the Deepwater District of the Virginian Ry; Things I Wish I'd Known about DCC*
- **Sam Swanson, MMR** – *Finishing/Finishes for Models*
- **Rick Mahaney** – *Perishable Operations in the 1950's; Crude Oil & Ethanol Operations; Selecting Industries for Your Model Railroad; "Quick Industries" for Your Model Railroad*
- **Jim Amato** – *Young People and Model Railroading*
- **Chuck Klein** – *B&O Steam Finale*
- **Georgia Dahlberg, MMR** – *Photo to Model; Modeling Structures Accurately*
- **Ed Swain** – *Scratch Building a Rolling Lift Bridge*
- **Bruce Knapp** – *Repowering Locomotives*
- **Chris Mayhew** – Historian of Cincinnati Southern/CNO&TP/Southern Ry Rathole Div – *Cincinnati Southern Ry*
- **Rick Tipton** – *The Pennsylvania Railroad (PRR) in Cincinnati*
- **Steve Zapytowski** – *Scratchbuilding in the Digital Age; Taking the Perfect Photo; MCR Model Contest Judging*
- **Peter Weiglin** – *Railway Post Office Cars (RPO's)*
- **Rick Stern** – *Some Exotic Trains*
- **Dave Puthoff** – *Layout Lighting with LED Strips*
- **Mark Albert** – *Modeling the Historic Crosley Building*
- **Greg Albert** – *Steel Mill Modeling with a Twist*
- **Charlie Getz, Gerry Leone, Frank Koch, Mike Brestel, Bob Weinheimer** – *Meet the NMRA Leaders*

Special Train Control Systems (TCS) Booth

TCS representatives will have a special booth in the hotel to provide free installations of their discount priced TCS Decoder, Speaker and Keep Alive sets. To partake in this **you need to sign up for a specific time slot before the convention plus pre-purchase your discounted installation-included component set(s) – both via the TCS website at www.tcsdcc.com**. You select from a variety of locomotive specific install sets, then bring your loco and enjoy seeing the installation while interacting with the TCS experts.

LAYOUT TOURS AND GUEST OPERATING SESSIONS

The Greater Cincinnati area is blessed with an abundance of quality model railroads. We're pleased to share a diverse selection of 67 layouts, including 13 club layouts, 6 museum and 4 hotel pikes, and 21 layouts open for guest operations. Virtually all 67 of the layouts are new or improved since our 2003 regional and 2005 national conventions. Most of these layouts have stunning scenery, equipment, design or operations, with 35 having been featured in model railroad magazines, including 10 in Model Railroader's annual **Great Model Railroads** magazine! **You must show your convention name badge to participate in any of these layout events.**

In order to help you enjoy as many layouts as possible, we have spread the opportunities over all 4 days of the convention. We have a large range of layout tours and operating sessions designed to meet everyone's needs. Most layouts have a general open house, 8 are only accessible via mini-bus tours and 21 have guest operating sessions (ops). See the **Registration Form, Layouts Matrix, and Ops Selection Sheet** for times, mini-bus fee and ops details. The **Layouts Matrix** shows when each of the 67 layouts is open, which events they are on and which other layouts are open at the same time. See the Layouts & Clubs tab on our **website** at <http://www.cincy-div7.org/clubs-layouts.html> for pictures of most of the layouts. Descriptions and maps will be in your registration desk check-in packet.

Thursday Afternoon Premier Layouts – Exclusive early-bird open house visits to the stunning and large transition era layouts of **Bob Lawson** and **Larry Bonhaus**. This is an included cost event. Reservations are requested, and you must first check in to the registration desk at the hotel and get your convention name badge. Bob's HO scale Southern Ry layout features hundreds of expertly crafted scenes and structures, including a new Cincinnati waterfront scene. Larry's scenic N scale PRR pike is expanded and re-located into a nearby historic home. The only other time you can see these incredible layouts during the convention is via a GMR bus tour.

Thursday Pizza Dinner at EnterTrainment Junction (EJ) – Private bargain-priced full access to EJ, including pizza dinner (with salad, chips, pop, cookie), roaming their huge G scale *Train Journey* layout, special at-your-pace behind-the-scenes tour, Neil Young's famous traveling O scale layout, and 2 large N & HO Modular Layouts in the Expo Center. Also, if you visit EJ other times during the convention you have discounted admissions for Train Journey/Expo Layouts (\$10) and scheduled behind-the-scenes tours (\$4) – just show your badge and pay at EJ. All other convention activities are closed during this extended dinner event featuring 5 layouts.

Great Model Railroads Mini Bus Tours - Special guided mini-bus tours of 12 premier scenicked layouts, most featured in *Great Model Railroads* magazine. This will be the only showing of 8 of these 12 premier layouts during the Convention. There are 4 tours, each covering 3 layouts, and you can book all 4 tours. There will be 1 or 2 mini-buses per tour, per demand, each limited to 20 lucky attendees. This is an excellent way to experience these premier layouts, while still enabling you to enjoy the many other layouts you'll want to see throughout the 4 days. Reservations will be filled in the order received, as well as by lowest pre-registration number. You won't want to miss these very special GMR tours.

NORTH (Fri AM) – featuring **Bob Lawson's** incredible late 40's era HO scale Southern Ry, **Bob Bartizek's** amazing transition era O scale Pennsylvania & Western (PRR) and **Dave Davenport's** fantastic mid 80's era HO scale Tennessee Midland

NEAR (Fri AFT) – featuring 3 superb HO scale layouts - the **Eastern Loggers'** HO/HOn3 1920's era PA Logging pike, with new locos and cars, and the beautiful transition era PRR layouts of **Curt LaRue** and **Ed Swain**, both including new additions

EAST (Sat AM) – featuring 3 wonderful HO scale layouts – **Matt Snell's** modern era Conrail pike, **Rick Crumrine's** 1956 era Waynesburg and Washington RR (PRR), including new additions, and **John Listermann's** mid-50's era B&O Ry

CENTRAL (Sat AFT) – featuring **Gerry Albers'** fantastic 1959 era HO scale Virginian Ry, **Jerry Strangarity's** incredible recently expanded 1940's era HO Reading RR and **Larry Bonhaus'** large N scale transition era PRR complete with 4 track Horseshoe Curve

In-Hotel Layouts – Four layouts will be located in the hotel – 3 scenicked and 2 with informal guest operations. These include the **Cincinnati Northern Club's** award winning HO portable layout, **Mark Albert's** HO historic Cincinnati Trolley pike, **Greg Albert's** clever N scale steel mill layout and **Steve Montgomery's** fun timesaver switching pike. Steve's pike and the Cincinnati Northern layout will host short duration informal guest operations during the convention. Come and join the fun.

General Layout Open Houses – Besides the 4 hotel layouts, and the 6 layouts in museums having fees, 47 other layouts will be open for your self-guided viewing pleasure. These 47 pikes are open during one of five 3 to 4 hour time slots during one of the 4 days of the convention (see **Layouts Matrix**). Transportation is up to you on these layout tours. The packet you pick up at check-in will contain all the details, descriptions and maps. Many of these inspirational layouts are of publication quality, including **Perry Simpson's** large HO L&N pike featured in *Great Model Railroads* magazine.

Guest Operating Sessions – As a special treat for those enjoying operations, we'll have 21 layouts open for guest operations, with sessions during each of the 4 days of the convention. There is no extra charge, you are on your own for transportation and only one layout requires operating experience. Use the **Ops Selection Sheet** to register for this and to rank your layout preferences. We'll assign you one or more layouts and provide directions in your packet when you check in at our registration desk in the hotel. Positions are filled in the order received, as well as by lowest pre-registration number. Come enjoy this special layout experience!

PROTOTYPE AND INDUSTRIAL TOURS

We've arranged a great mix of prototype rail-related industry tours. You need to wear **long pants and closed-toe, hard-soled shoes** on all these tours. Please be prepared so everyone can enjoy the venues and be safe. See the registration form for times and fees.

The Steel Tour: Matandy Steel + Precision Strip (Fri AM) – Rare access inside 2 different steel coil and sheet toll processing companies, plus a picturesque photo stop at a modern coke oven operation. Matandy Steel receives steel coils and sheets, then slits them into various widths and lengths on an automated slitting machine, with inside outbound shipping by truck or rail (CSX). Precision Strip features incredible coiled steel operations, including 3 custom slitting lines, 4 giant bays of roll storage with “lights out” placing and picking cranes, inside rail access using a vintage GE diesel switcher and service by both NS and CSX. These “loads-in / loads-out” industries are sure to inspire your modeling and operations. We’ll also make a brief photo stop at an incredible modern coke operation.

Tropicana + Brighton Tru-Edge (Fri AM) – This tour visits 2 fascinating industries. Ever wonder how your orange juice gets to your local market? By rail of course! At Excel Logistics/Tropicana you’ll see “loads-in” of Tropicana orange juice coming from Florida via solid blocks of Tropicana reefers, then transloaded to trucks for regional destinations. This is one of only 2 locations in America this is done! At Brighton Tru-Edge you’ll see some truly special “loads out” at this heavy manufacturing industry using rail to ship huge curved metal heads/lids that it makes for pressure vessels. Both these industries will provide many modeling possibilities for loads and load manufacturers on your model railroad.

Cincinnati Barge & Rail Terminal (Fri AFT) - “Transloading” is the latest thing in railroad freight handling. Typically this is rail-to-truck, but in this tour, you’ll see river-to-rail and river-to-truck transfer, and the tallest crane on the Ohio River. Incoming barge loads of pig iron, packaged materials, steel coils, and many other commodities are all handled in this operation. The siding is incorporated as the “Fulton Railroad” and interchanges with the Indiana & Ohio RR (Div. of Genesee & Wyoming). The land west of the crane was once the home of the Fulton Steam Boat Co. which claimed to have built 80% of all steamboats ever built in the USA. Truly a unique industrial tour, with tons of modeling ideas.

Cincinnati Railfanning (Sat AFT) - Once home to 7 major railroads, Cincinnati continues to host tons of local railfan action, including Norfolk Southern, CSX and Indiana & Ohio. We’ll take you to local railroad hotspots and historic industrial structures so you can get a taste of Cincinnati railfanning, all narrated by an expert NS intermodal agent. Destinations include, but are not limited to, historic Baltimore and Ohio structures, special access overlooking CSX Queensgate yard, former Chesapeake and Ohio trestles and bridges, and a spectacular overview of downtown Cincinnati and it’s many bridges. This tour is not to be missed by railfans and historians alike.

GENERAL INTEREST TOURS

We’ve arranged 2 fabulous half-day general interest tours, each featuring 2 fun venues apiece. All events are “rain or shine”. Please wear comfortable closed toe walking shoes. **See page 2 of the registration form for times, fees and enrollments.**

Findley Market + Krohn Conservatory Tour (Fri AFT) – A short bus ride takes us to the “Over the Rhine District” for our guided tour of Findley Market. Our tour includes food tastings from several specialty merchants while learning the history of Ohio’s oldest public market. From there we head over to Eden Park to visit the Krohn Conservatory. We will enjoy a tropical rainforest and an arid desert re-creation. The popular seasonal Butterfly Show and 3,500 plant species from around the world bring visitors in from far and wide. Both venues are largely under cover, but be sure to bring rain gear for the parts where we walk outside.

American Sign Museum + Spring Grove Arboretum/Cemetery (Sat AM) – We begin this adventure at the incredible American Sign Museum for a special guided walking tour. You will see a half century of sign history from the gold-leaf glass signs of the early 1900’s, through the pre-neon era of lightbulb signs to neon’s heyday in the 30’s and 40’s, and on into the plastic era of the funky ‘50s. This is a fascinating place, and has been described as “Route 66 on steroids, except for no cars”. Next we travel nearby to the world famous Spring Grove Cemetery for a guided bus tour. We’ll see giant Champion Trees, beautiful blossoms, lush foliage, art, architecture and wildlife. Spring Grove is the second largest cemetery in the United States and was designated a National Historic Landmark on March 29, 2007. Come enjoy the fun!

NON-RAIL CLINICS AND LUNCHEON

We’ve arranged 5 fun in-hotel events. None of these events overlap with each other or the General Interest Tours, so you can attend all if you wish. Please see the **Master Schedule** and **Registration Form** for times, fees (if any) and enrollments (where applicable).

Meet & Greet with Wine Tasting (Thu EVE) – After the EnterTRAINment Junction dinner event, come join us for a fun “Meet and Greet” including a Wine and Cheese Tasting. Fine wine purveyor Mary Beth Meyers will teach us the finer points of wines. *Pre-registration and a small fee are required* - see page 2 of the registration form.

Genealogy Clinic (Thu EVE) – After the Meet & Greet, neighboring NMRA division member Judy Gliebe will teach us about genealogy. Ever wonder about those blank spaces in your family’s history? Judy can help you fill in those blanks and more.

Water Fitness (Fri AM) – Looking for a chance to get wet? Please join us for this water fitness class, including an inspiring discussion on exercise and diet, both led by noted Cincinnati fitness instructor Karoll Castillo. This is a nice way to relax and have fun at the same time, so bring your bathing suit! If you’d rather not get in the water, please come anyway and participate in the discussion. *Pre-registration is requested for planning purposes* - see page 2 of the registration form.

Greeting Card Making (Fri EVE) – While the others are talking trains, you can learn from expert Paula Matri how to make your own greeting cards. The recipients of your home-made cards may think they came from Hallmark! *Pre-registration and a small fee are required* - see page 2 of the registration form.

Ladies Luncheon with Cookie Decorating (Sat AFT) – We will conduct our Ladies Luncheon in the Tri-County Room starting at 1:30 pm. The meal will be a Fresh Deli Buffet featuring fresh fruit salads, green salads, meat and cheese sandwiches on bread or rolls, potato chips, dessert, water and ice tea. You can purchase other drinks at the Starbucks kiosk near the room (or bring your own). Immediately following the Luncheon we'll learn how to decorate cookies as we crank up our fabulous "Delicious Design Cookie Workshop". Our hostess will be legendary cookie design maven Arin Bonk. Once you have finished decorating your cookies they are ready to be eaten, taken home or maybe shared with a hungry model railroader! And YES!!!... there will be door prizes. *Pre-registration and a fee are required* - see page 2 of the registration form.

OTHER IN-HOTEL ACTIVITIES

Banquet with Reception

The convention banquet will be held on Saturday evening. Cash bar will be open at 6:00 pm, with the plated dinner starting at 7:00 pm. Please indicate on the **Registration Form** your choice of the 4 entrees: Chicken, Short Ribs, Salmon, or a Vegetarian dish. Our banquet speaker is Gerry Leone, HLM, MMR. Gerry is the NMRA Vice President-Special Projects and also a contributor to Model Railroader magazine, where he is an Editor and Host for the Model Railroader Video Plus series.

Raffle – There will be a sizable raffle with lots of nice donated prizes from manufacturers, dealers and individuals. Tickets will be for sale throughout the convention until 1 PM on Saturday, via roaming agents as well as in the separate room dedicated to the raffle.

Hospitality Suite

The Hospitality Suite will be open all day Thurs and Fri, plus Saturday morning. Drop in for light refreshments, games and fellowship.

Friday Night MCR BOD Meeting – MCR Region officers, trustees and committee leaders will conduct their BOD business meeting on Friday night beginning at 9 PM in the hotel's Tri-County Room. Other MCR members are welcome to attend as there should be plenty of standing room in the back.

Contest

Contests will be conducted for Models, Photography and Arts and Crafts. Based on MCR guidelines (found at <http://archive.midcentral-region-nmra.org/ContestForm.html>), entries may be submitted in the following categories -

MODELS – Steam Loco, Diesel or Other Loco, Traction, Pass. Car, Freight Car, Caboose, Non-Rev. Car, Structure, Display
PRINT PHOTOS – B&W Model, Color Model, B&W Prototype, Color Prototype
ARTS & CRAFTS – General, Needlepoint, Railroadiana

Three awards will be given for Best of Show based on judging points (1 each for Models, Photos and Art & Crafts), sixteen 1st Place Awards will be given (1 per category) based on judging points, and 7 People's Choice Awards will be given based on attendee popular voting. Ribbons and certificates will be given for 2nd Place, 3rd Place and Honorable Mentions.

All entrants must use the MCR Entry Form (found at <http://archive.midcentral-region-nmra.org/ContestForm.html>). Any entrant presenting a National Entry Form will be required to fill out the appropriate MCR form before the entry will be accepted. Entries will be accepted during the times the Contest Room is open on both Thursday and Friday (see the convention master schedule). No entries will be accepted on Saturday.

Contest judging will begin on Saturday between 8:00 and 9:00 AM. Convention attendees will be allowed in the room during judging but silence must be observed at all times and there is to be no interaction with the judges. Once the judging has been completed the room will be closed while results are tabulated and winning entries photographed. Once that is done the room will be reopened until 5:00 PM for viewing and to give those contestants who are departing the opportunity to retrieve their entries. After the banquet the room will be opened from about 9:00 PM to 11:00 PM for viewing and removal of entries. Please make every effort to leave your models for viewing until after the banquet.

White Elephant Sales

This year's convention will again offer attendees the opportunity to dispose of surplus model railroading items (NO magazines) and to acquire some treasures from other attendees. The rules are simple:

1. Prepare an inventory (electronic is preferred, but paper is fine as long as it is legible) showing your name, address, and telephone number. Please see <http://www.cincy-div7.org/convention.html> for a printable electronic inventory entry form.
2. List **each individual** item with a brief description and code so we can match it back to you and your **firm** asking price in **whole dollar amounts only with a \$5.00 minimum price**. We will only sell at the marked price and will not negotiate pricing.
3. **Each individual item must be clearly marked and priced as shown below**. The price on the item's sticker and the inventory must match. If there is more than one of an item, list them **separately**. If you have more than 25 items, just extend the sheet or add another sheet and continue the numbers.

FJK – 12 \$10.00

4. Put all your items in a bag or box and bring them to the White Elephant room at any time it is open. A copy of the inventory sheet must accompany your items (and/or send it to me electronically before the convention starts)

5. We will log your items in, sell them, reconcile sales with left-over material, and calculate how much you earned. The Division will keep 10% of actual sales (whole dollar fee) and we will pay either with cash or by check depending on the amount since we will be accepting credit cards for sales (\$25 minimum sale).
6. You must pick up your unsold material and money on Saturday afternoon before we shut down for the night. If you do not claim your unsold material, it will be considered a donation to Cincinnati Division 7.
7. If you would like an electronic inventory form, go to our <http://www.cincy-div7.org/convention.html> webpage or send Frank Koch an e-mail at fjkoch@hotmail.com with "elephant inventory" in the subject line. When you download the file, save it and substitute your last name for "MASTER" in the file name, i.e., sales inventory-KOCH, to identify it as your inventory. Email the file back to Frank at fjkoch@hotmail.com and then make two printouts – one for you and one to accompany your items.

Items are placed in the White Elephant Sale entirely at your own risk. Division 7 assumes no liability for any items damaged or stolen during the Convention, though we will provide due diligence for their safety. We will not accept items that are not prepared as indicated here. We cannot accept magazines. We reserve the right to refuse any material that we deem unsuitable.

Divisions or Regions wishing to place their merchandise for sale during the convention need to place them in the Company Store. **Individuals** selling items should enter them in the White Elephant Sale. Division 7 will keep a 10% commission on both these booths.

Company Store

Convention shirts are available for order along with your registration. There are two short-sleeve and one long-sleeve versions to choose from. Sizes and styles (mens or ladies, fabric types) vary by version. Shirts ordered with your registration will be delivered at the convention. Details can be found at <http://www.cincy-div7.org/company-store.html> and <http://www.cincy-div7.org/convention.html>.

Our convention car is a 36' wooden boxcar kit from Accurail. These limited edition HO scale car kits were designed by W. Allen McClelland, MMR and produced with his permission by Division 7. The cars are available in four versions. Two are lettered for Virginian & Ohio revenue service, one for Virginian & Ohio MOW service, and one for the Miami Valley Railroad, a V & O predecessor railroad. The cars are available for purchase directly from Division 7 (with applicable shipping charges), or by including them along with your convention registration to be picked up at the convention (no shipping charges). Photographs and historical details for these and other Division 7 car projects can be found at <http://www.cincy-div7.org/projects.html>.

Cincinnati Express Shirts



Cornerstone Short-Sleeve
100% polyester, 3-button
6.8 oz industrial pique polo
Men's or Ladies styles



Jerzees Short-Sleeve
50/50 cotton/poly, 2 button
5.6 oz Jersey knit polo
Men's Style



Generation Long Sleeve
6.5 oz 65/35 poly/cotton,
Stain/wrinkle resistant,
Teflon-coated, adjustable cuffs
Men's or Ladies Styles

All convention shirts have the 2018 Cincinnati Express logo on the wearer's right. Men's styles have a pocket on the wearer's left. Ladies styles are without pocket, with spread collar without buttons, curved bottom hem and Ladies fitted style. Cincinnati Division 7 shirts and hats will also be available.

Limited Edition Virginian & Ohio 36' Wooden Boxcar Kits

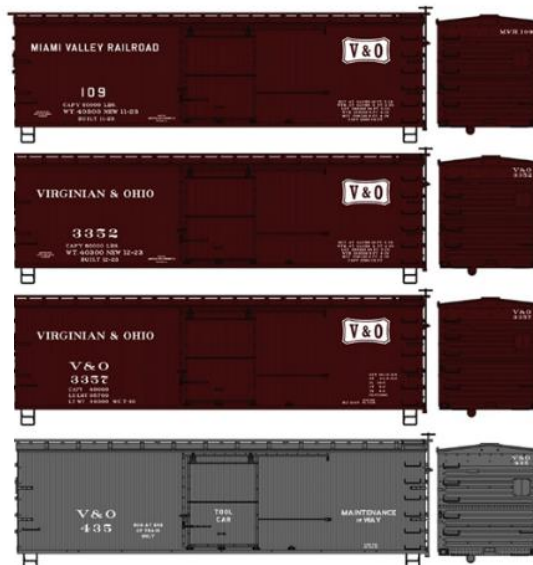
In 1923, the Miami Valley Railroad, a subsidiary of the Virginian & Ohio, ordered 50 boxcars from American Car and Foundry. These cars had an inside length of 36' 5", an inside height of 8' 4", an inside width of 8' 6", and a capacity of 2580 cubic feet. They featured Hutchinson steel roofs, 7/7 inverted rib steel ends, seven-foot wooden doors, Andrews trucks, and K-style air brakes. The cars were delivered with MVR reporting marks.

The V&O also ordered 34 of these cars, which were delivered in V&O livery and carried V&O reporting marks. Some of these cars were rebuilt at the West Carrollton shops in July, 1940 in the buildup to World War II. The last of these cars continued in service until late 1952. V&O Tool Car No. 435 was rebuilt at West Carrollton in December, 1946. It continued in service on the V&O into the late 1960s.

Manufactured in the USA by Accurail, these Limited Edition HO Scale Car Kits were designed by W. Allen McClelland and produced with his permission by Cincinnati Division 7, Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc. Four different cars are offered:

Red MVR #109 dated 1923
Red V&O #3352 dated 1923

Red V&O #3357 dated 1940
Gray V&O MOW #435



Cincinnati Express Refund Policy

Upon cancellation by an attendee, the appropriate refund will be issued in like payment. Please see specific refund criteria below. Allow up to 6 weeks processing time. Refunds applied for after May 1, 2018 will not be processed until 6 weeks after the end of the convention. Please note that payment made by credit card will be refunded to your credit card.

All refunds will be approved by the Convention Committee and made ONLY by the Treasurer. No refunds will be made at the convention.

Separate policies have been established for registration fees, tours, events, merchandise, etc. Please read each section carefully for cancellation/refund criteria.

Cancellation of Extra Fare Event, Store Merchandise, Extra Fare Clinic or Tour by the Convention

- In the case of a cancellation by the convention, if an extra fare event, store merchandise, extra fare clinic or tour is canceled prior to the start of the convention; a notice will be sent to the attendee informing them of the cancellation. A full refund, in kind, will be processed after 30 days of the notice if no other selection is made by the attendee.
- Last minute cancellations by the convention may be exchanged for other available events, tours, etc. If no alternatives are available or identified, full refunds will be processed after the convention. Please allow up to 6 weeks processing time.

Registration Refunds

Cancellation requests should be received in writing either by standard mail (Convention Registrar Roy Hord, 6526 Hollowview Ct., Liberty Township, Ohio 45011-1205) or by e-mail (rhord@fuse.net). The following registration refund schedule applies to each individual registrant:

- Prior to April 1, 2018 - a refund of the full registration fee.
- After April 1, 2018 and prior to start of convention - A refund of the full registration fee less \$25.00, per individual primary registrant, will apply.
- No refund of the registration fee will be provided after the opening of the convention (Wednesday, May 16, 2018) except upon approval of the Convention Committee.

Tour and Non-Food Event Refunds for Cancellations by Registrant

- Prior to April 1, 2018 - 100% refund of paid tours.
- After April 1, 2018, and prior to the opening of the convention, tour fees will be fully refunded only if the tour has sold out, the tickets have been resold, or if the tour was canceled by the convention.
- On and after May 16, 2018 - all tickets eligible for resale must be presented to the Tour Desk (at the convention) on a consignment basis only. The Convention does not guarantee consigned tickets will be resold. If the tickets are resold, the refund will be processed within six weeks of the end of the convention. If the tickets are not resold, there will be no refund.

Extra Fare Food Events Refunds for Cancellations by Registrant

- Banquet tickets and other food event tickets will be fully refunded until May 10, 2018. No refunds for the banquet or other food events will be issued after May 10, 2018 or the final food commitment is made by the convention manager (whichever date comes first).
- After the start of the convention, food event tickets may be presented to the Registration Desk for reselling on a consignment basis only. The Convention does not guarantee consigned tickets will be resold. If the tickets are resold, the refund will be processed within six weeks of the end of the convention. If the tickets are not resold, there will be no refund.

Merchandise Refunds for Cancellations by Registrant

- 100% refund of paid merchandise if a request is received by April 25, 2018, the advance order cut-off date.
- If the refund request is received after the cut-off date of April 25, the merchandise will be shipped to the registrant and appropriate shipping charges will be added to their account.
- There will be no refunds for merchandise order cancellations received after the cut-off date of April 25, 2018.

Extra Fare Clinic Refunds for Cancellations by Registrant

- 100% refund of paid clinics if received prior to April 1, 2018.
- Cancellations after April 1, 2018 are eligible for a refund only if the Extra Fare clinic space is subsequently resold. During the convention, Extra Fare Clinic tickets may be presented to the Registration Desk for resale on a consignment basis only.
- The Convention does not guarantee consigned tickets will be resold. If the tickets are resold, the refund will be processed within six weeks of the end of the convention. If the tickets are not resold, there will be no refund.

White Elephant Event and Company Store Refunds

The convention offers no guarantee on the condition of the merchandise offered at the White Elephant Event and the buyer is purchasing the merchandise "as is" and at their own risk. No refunds are provided under any circumstance for the White Elephant Event or the Company Store.

Other Refunds and Exceptions

All other requests for refunds will be made in writing and then be considered by the Convention General Chairman.



CINCINNATI EXPRESS

Mid-Central Region Convention
West Chester, Ohio, May 17-20, 2018

Hosted by Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

Mail to: CX Registrar

Questions to:
 rhord@fuse.net

6526 Hollowview Ct.
 Liberty Township, OH 45011

YOUR INFORMATION - Registration date sets priority for Extra Fares and Guest Operations

Name _____

NMRA # _____ Region _____ Division _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

REGISTRATIONS & NMRA MEMBERSHIP

Item	Quantity	Price	Amount
Full Regular Registration *		\$75.00	\$
Family Member (Teenager, Spouse or Non-Rail Guest)		\$25.00	\$
Family Member (Child 12 or Under)		Free	\$
NMRA Full Annual Membership, with NMRA Magazine ***		\$75.00	\$
NMRA Full Annual Membership, without NMRA Magazine ***		\$47.00	\$
NMRA RailPass Membership (9 months, with NMRA Magazine) **		\$19.95	\$

* Primary Registrant must be an NMRA member
 ** Eligible if never used RailPass before and not member for last 2 years - see NMRA.org
 *** See NMRA.org for other membership classes

Registrations & Membership Total		\$
Extra Fares Total (from next page)		\$
Merchandise Total (from next page)		\$
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED		\$

Names for Badges:

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Make **Checks Payable** to *Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA*. Check # _____

Credit Card: Visa _____ MasterCard _____ Card # _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Expiration Date: (MM/YY) _____ / _____ CVV: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Make your **hotel** reservation directly with the **Cincinnati Marriott North** at 6189 Mulhauser Rd, West Chester, OH 45069, (877) 739-9460. Use Code "**National Model Railroad Assoc.**" Special pre-tax pricing before May 3, 2018 is \$109 King Bed, \$119 Double Beds, \$119 King Bed w/ Sofa

OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Processed: _____ Reg. Number(s) _____

EXTRA FARE ITEMS - see full registration package at www.cincy-div7.org/convention.html						
Item #	Item Name	Day	Time	Quantity	Price	Amount
LAYTH	Lawson & Bonhaus Open Layouts	Thu Aft	1:00 - 4:00		Free	\$ - 0 -
EJUNC	EnterTrainment Junc. Reception	Thu Eve	4:30 - 6:30		\$19	\$
MGWINE	Meet & Greet w/ Wine Tasting	Thu Eve	7:00 - 8:30		\$15	\$
LAY1	Great Model RRs Tour 1 - North	Fri AM	7:30 - noon		\$44	\$
RAIL1	Steel Tour - Matandy & Precision	Fri AM	8:00 - noon		\$38	\$
RAIL2	Tropicana & Brighton Tour	Fri AM	8:00 - noon		\$38	\$
WAERO	Ladies Water Aerobics	Fri AM	9:30 - 10:30		Free	\$ - 0 -
GEN1	Findlay Mkt & Conservatory Tour	Fri Aft	12:30 - 5:30		\$49	\$
LAY2	Great Model RRs Tour 2 - Near	Fri Aft	1:00 - 5:00		\$44	\$
RAIL3	Cincinnati Barge & Rail Tour	Fri Aft	1:00 - 5:00		\$38	\$
GCARD	Greeting Card Making Workshop	Fri Eve	7:00 - 8:30		\$10	\$
LAY3	Great Model RRs Tour 3 - East	Sat AM	7:30 - noon		\$44	\$
GEN2	Sign Mus. & Spring Grove Tour	Sat AM	8:00 - noon		\$47	\$
LAY4	Great Model RRs Tour 4 - Central	Sat Aft	1:00 - 5:00		\$44	\$
RAIL4	Cincinnati Railfan Tour	Sat Aft	1:00 - 5:15		\$38	\$
LLUNCH	Ladies Luncheon w/ Cookie Dec.	Sat Aft	1:30 - 4:00		\$35	\$
BCHICK	Receptn & Banquet - Chicken	Sat Eve	6 - 7 - 9:30		\$54	\$
BRIBS	Receptn & Banquet - Short Ribs	Sat Eve	6 - 7 - 9:30		\$54	\$
BSALM	Receptn & Banquet - Salmon	Sat Eve	6 - 7 - 9:30		\$54	\$
BVEG	Receptn & Banquet - Vegetarian	Sat Eve	6 - 7 - 9:30		\$54	\$
Extra Fares Total						\$

PRE-ORDER MERCHANDISE * (pick up at convention, April 25 shirt pre-order cut-off date)					
Item #	Item Name	Circle Size(s)	Quantity	Price	Amount
SGM	Mens Long Sleeve Shirt	S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL		\$32	\$
SGL	Ladies Long Sleeve Shirt **	S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL		\$32	\$
SCM	Mens Cornerstone Short Sleeve	S, M, L, XL		\$30	\$
SCM	Mens Cornerstone Short Sleeve	2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL, 6XL		\$32	\$
SCL	Ladies Cornerstn Short Sleeve **	S, M, L, XL		\$28	\$
SCL	Ladies Cornerstn Short Sleeve **	2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL, 6XL		\$30	\$
SJM	Mens Jerzees Short Sleeve	S, M, L, XL		\$20	\$
SJM	Mens Jerzees Short Sleeve	2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL, 6XL		\$24	\$
CSET	Custom Accurail 36 ft Box Car - 4 Car Set (1 ea of below)			\$80	\$
C109	Custom Accurail 36 ft Box Car - 1923 Red MVR #109			\$21	\$
C3352	Custom Accurail 36 ft Box Car - 1923 Red V&O #3352			\$21	\$
C3357	Custom Accurail 36 ft Box Car - 1940 Red V&O #3357			\$21	\$
C435	Custom Accurail 36 ft Box Car - Gray V&O MOW #435			\$21	\$

* See cincy-div7.org website for photos/details & other merchandise - best to pre-order here as limited stock may be available at the Convention
 ** Ladies shirts have no pocket - long sleeve version has ladies fitted style, spread collar w/o buttons, curved bottom to wear in or out

Merchandise Subtotal			\$
7% Sales Tax			\$
Merchandise Total			\$
Your Name:			



Cincinnati Express Guest Operating Layouts - Preferences Selection Sheet

Your Name:

Region	Approx. mins from hotel	Layout Number	Size	Levels	Era	Approx. % Scenery	Scale	Owner(s)	Layout Name	Publications	Train Control	Car Routing	Common-ications	Rigor	Control System	Other Op Features	Number of Guest Operators		Guest Op Session Day and Time	Your Selection Ranking - use sequential numbers starting at 1 = your highest wish
																	Min	Max		
C	30	9	XXL	1	Summer 1959	99%	HO	Gerry Albers	Deep Water District Virginian Railway	GMR, MRP	CTC	Car Cards, Signals by Spreadsheet	Phones, Radios, Signals	Proto Attempt	Wireless DCC	Yard & Industry Switching, Fast Clock, Helpers	5	15	Thu Eve 7-10:30	
N	15	34	L	2	1947	30%	HO3/HO	Ric Case	East Broad Top Railroad		T&TO	-	Verbal	Proto Attempt	Wireless DCC	Yard & Industry/ Interchange Switching	8	12		
N	30	47	XL	3	1958	10%	N	Paul Miklos	B&O Chillicothe Sub.		T&TO	Car Cards	TT&TO	Proto Attempt	Wireless DCC	Yard, Industry, Interchng Switching, 3:1 Fast Clock	7	10		
N	15	59D	L	1	1945-1950	70%	HO	Ed Swain	Pennsylvania Railroad Middle Division	MR	T&TO, Sequencing	Car Cards	Phones, Signals, Towers	Proto Attempt	DCC	Yard & Industry/ Interchange Switching	8	14		
E	40	71	L	1	1952	35%	HO	Keith VandeStadt	Suffolk Northern Railway		Warrant or DTC	Switch List, via own Software	Phones	Proto Attempt	Wireless DCC	Yard & Industry Switching, Helper Operations	3	5		
E	30	73	XL	1	Now	99%	HO	Matt & Debbie Snell *	Conrail New Jersey Division <i>* experienced operators only</i>	GMR	CTC, Warrant or DTC	Car Cards	Phones, Signals	Rigorous Proto	DC	Yard, Industry, Interchng Switching, Fast Clock	2	4		*
N	30	37	L	2	Sep 26, 1956	10%	HO/On30	Bob Chapman	Great Western Trunk Railroad (ATSF)		Warrant or DTC	Car Cards	Verbal	Proto Attempt	Wireless DCC	Yard & Industry Switching, Helper Operations	10	12	Fri Eve 7-10:30	
N	10	56	L	1	late 40's - 50's	75%	HO	Curt LaRue	Pennsylvania Railroad Panhandle Division	GMR, RMJ	Train Order	Manual Switch Lists	Radios	Proto Attempt	Wireless & Wi DCC	Yard & Industry/ Interchange Switching	10	18		
N	30	33A	L	2	mid 1950's	40%	HO	Cincinnati Northern Club	Cincinnati Northern (Permanent Layout)		T&TO	Car Cards	Verbal	Informal	Wireless & Wi DCC	Fast Clock	8	14		
C	30	17	XL	2	1950's	90%	HO	Rick Stern	Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe - Southern California	MR	CTC	Car Cards	Phones, Signals	Informal	WT throttle DCC	Yard & Industry Switching, Fast Clock, Helpers	8	15	Sat AM 8:30-noon	
N	50	50	L	1	1950	50%	HO	Jim Rollwage	Denver Pacific	MRG	Warrant or DTC	Computer Switch Lists	Phones	Proto Attempt	Wireless DCC	Yard & Industry/ Interchange Switching	8	10		
N	10	43A	XL	2	2010+	20%	HO	Andre Stone	Norfolk Southern 1st District		CTC	Computer Switch List, via JMRI	Radios, Signals	Informal Proto	Wireless & Wi DCC	Yard & Industry Switching, Helpers	4	6		
N	10	52B	L	1	1960's	20%	HO	Ed Bley	PRR Monongahela Branch	RMJ	T&TO	Manual Switch Lists	Phones, Verbal	Informal Proto	Wireless & Wi DCC	Yard & Industry/ Interchange Switching	4	7		
S	55	80	M	1	1956-1965	75%	N	Bob Adams	Whistle Creek Division of Norfolk & Western	RMJ	CTC	Car Cards	Phones, Signals	Proto Attempt	Wireless DCC	Yard, Industry, Interchng Switching, Fast Clock	7	11		
C	30	19	XL	2	1947	60%	HO3/HO	Ron Pearson	East Broad Top Railroad	MR	T&TO	Manual Switch Lists	Verbal	Proto Attempt	Wireless DCC	Yard & Industry/ Interchange Switching	5	10	Sun AM 8:30-noon	
C	30	24	L	1	early 1970's	50%	HO	Dan Hadley	Sierra Northern		Informal w/ Dispatcher	Car Cards	Radios	Proto Attempt	Wireless DCC	Industry/ Interchange Switching	4	8		
E	40	65	XL	1	mid 1950's	90%	HO	John Listermann	Baltimore & Ohio Railroad	MR, RMJ	Informal, Form 19 Orders	Car Cards, Manual Switch Lists	Radios	Proto Attempt	Tethered DCC	Industry/ Interchange Switching	6	10		
E	30	74	L	1	1985-1995	25%	HO	Dan Mack	Ohio Valley & Eastern	MM	Informal	Computer Switch List, via Excel	Verbal	Informal	DCC	Yard & Industry/ Interchange Switching	8	12		
N	35	50A	XL	2	1949-1953	95%	O	Bob Bartizek	Pennsylvania & Western (PRR Sub.)	RMC, MRH, OS	Verbal Warrants w/ABS	Computer Switch List, via RailOp	Radios	Proto Attempt	Wireless TMCC Command	Yard & Industry/ Interchange Switching	8	13		

Cincinnati Express
LAYOUTS MATRIX

revised Jan. 20, 2018

Great Model RR Bus Tours
Guest Operating Sessions
Openings (other times noted)
Hotel Layouts Open

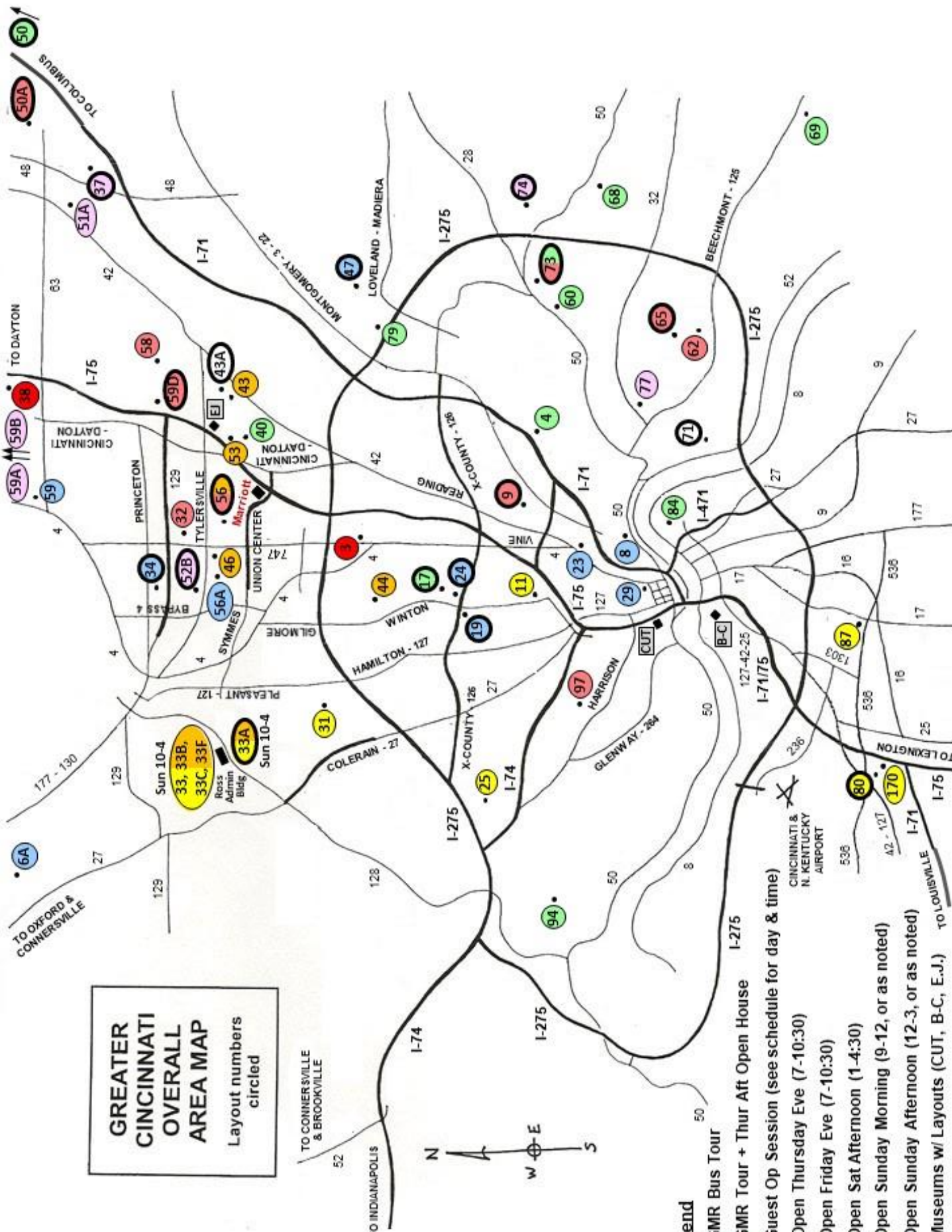
Region	Layout #	Scale	Owner(s)	Publications	Thu, May 17		Fri, May 18		Sat, May 19		Sun, May 20			
							7:30-12	1-5:30			7:30-12	1-5:00		
					12:30-4:30	7-10:30			7-10:30	8:30-12			8:30-12	
					1:00-4:00	7:00-9:30	10:00-5:00		6:30-9:30	10:00-2:00		9-12	12-3	
					AFT	EVE	AM	AFT	EVE	AM	AFT	AM	AFT	
C	3	N	Larry Bonhaus		open						GMR 4			
C	4	HO	Jim Stewart								open			
N	6A	HO	John Miller	RMJ					open					
C	8	HO/HOn3	Pat Homan						open					
C	9	HO	Gerry Albers	GMR, MRP		ops					GMR 4			
C	11	O	Cincinnati Model Railway Club										open	
C	17	HO	Rick Stern	MR						ops	open			
C	19	HOn3/HO	Ron Pearson	MR					open				ops	
C	23	On30/HOn3	Sam Swanson/Nancy Windes	NG, NMRA, ...					open					
C	24	HO	Dan Hadley						open				ops	
C	25	HO	Randy Seiler	MRH									open	
C	29	HO	Frank Fieler	MR					open					
N	31	HO	Steve Montgomery - Home	MR									open	
N	32	HO/HOn3	The Eastern Loggers	GMR,RMC,NMRA				GMR 2						
N	34	HOn3/HO	Ric Case			ops			open					
N	37	HO/On30	Bob Chapman			open			ops					
N	38	HO	Bob Lawson	GMR, MR, Video	open		GMR 1							
N	40	HO	Don Leedy								open			
N	43	HO	Sam Parfitt	RMJ									open	
N	43A	HO	Andre Stone							ops				
N	44	HO	Dave Puthoff	MR, NMRA									open	
N	46	HO	Gary Ossenschmidt										open	
N	47	N	Paul Miklos			ops			open					
N	50	HO	Jim Rollwage	MRG						ops	open			
N	50A	O	Bob Bartizek	RMC, MRH, OS			GMR 1						ops	
N	51A	O	Jerry Michael			open								
N	52B	HO	Ed Bley	RMJ		open				ops				
N	53	HO	Patrick Stanley	RMJ									open	
N	56	HO	Curt LaRue	GMR, RMJ				GMR 2	ops				open	
N	56A	HO	Pete Forbes						open					
N	58	HO	Dave Davenport	MR			GMR 1							
N	59	HO	Todd Smalley	NMRA					open					
N	59A	OO	Greg Simpson	GMR, MR		open								
N	59B	HO	Noah Powers	Newspaper		open								
N	59D	HO	Ed Swain	MR		ops		GMR 2						
E	60	Fn3	Roy Allan								open			
E	62	HO	Rick Crumrine	GMR, MR, RMJ						GMR 3				
E	65	HO	John Listermann	MR, RMJ						GMR 3			ops	
E	68	HO	Bob Shaw								open			
E	69	HO	Peter Weiglin								open			
E	71	HO	Keith VandeStadt						ops					
E	73	HO	Matt & Debie Snell *	GMR					ops *	GMR 3	open			
E	74	HO	Dan Mack	MM		open							ops	
E	77	HO	Tom Patterson	RMC, MRH		open								
E	79	HO	Donald Docter								open			
S	80	N	Bob Adams	NMRA						ops			open	
S	84	HO	Ed Kuhr	RMJ							open			
S	87	HO	Perry Simpson	GMR									open	
W	94	HO	Jack & Suzi Sibert								open			
W	97	HO	Jerry Strangarity	GMR, MR							GMR 4			
S	170	G	Dan and Pam Stenger	NMRA, GR									open	
N	33	HO,HO	Black Diamond Lines Club (2)										open 10-4	
N	33A	HO	Cinti Northern Club - Home						ops				open 10-4	
N	33B	HO	Ross Rails Club										open 10-4	
N	33C	O	Queen City HiRailers Club										open 10-4	
N	33F	N	Queen City Nginers Club										open 10-4	
N	Hotel	HO	Cinti Northern Club - Portable	MRP										
N	Hotel	HO	Mark Albert		1pm-4pm Liberty Room	7pm-9pm Liberty Room	10am-5pm Liberty Room	6:30-9:30 Liberty Room		10am-2pm Liberty Room				
N	Hotel	N	Greg Albert											
N	Hotel	HO	Steve Montgomery - Portable											
N	EJ	G	EnterTrainment Junction (3)	MR	4:30-6:30 X-fare Pizza Dinner Open House & Behind Scenes Event		\$10 Convention Discounted Fee Open 10am-6pm			\$10 Convention Discounted Fee Open 10am-6pm			\$10 Fee Open 12-6pm	
N	EJ	N	Tri-State N-Trak Club											
N	EJ	HO	Ohio Valley Sip. & Sw. Society											
S	Mus.	G	Ber.-Crow. Mus./Ray Faragher	GMR	Fee 10-5		Fee 10am-5pm			Fee 10am-5pm			Fee 1-5	

* experienced guest operators only

Open House open

Great Model RR Bus Tours GMR #

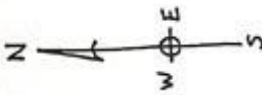
Guest Operating Session ops



GREATER CINCINNATI OVERALL AREA MAP
 Layout numbers circled

- Legend**
- GMR Bus Tour
 - GMR Tour + Thur Aft Open House
 - Guest Op Session (see schedule for day & time)
 - Open Thursday Eve (7-10:30)
 - Open Friday Eve (7-10:30)
 - Open Sat Afternoon (1-4:30)
 - Open Sunday Morning (9-12, or as noted)
 - Open Sunday Afternoon (12-3, or as noted)
 - Museums w/ Layouts (CUT, B-C, E.J.)

TO INDIANAPOLIS
 TO CONNERSVILLE & BROOKVILLE



CINCINNATI & N. KENTUCKY AIRPORT

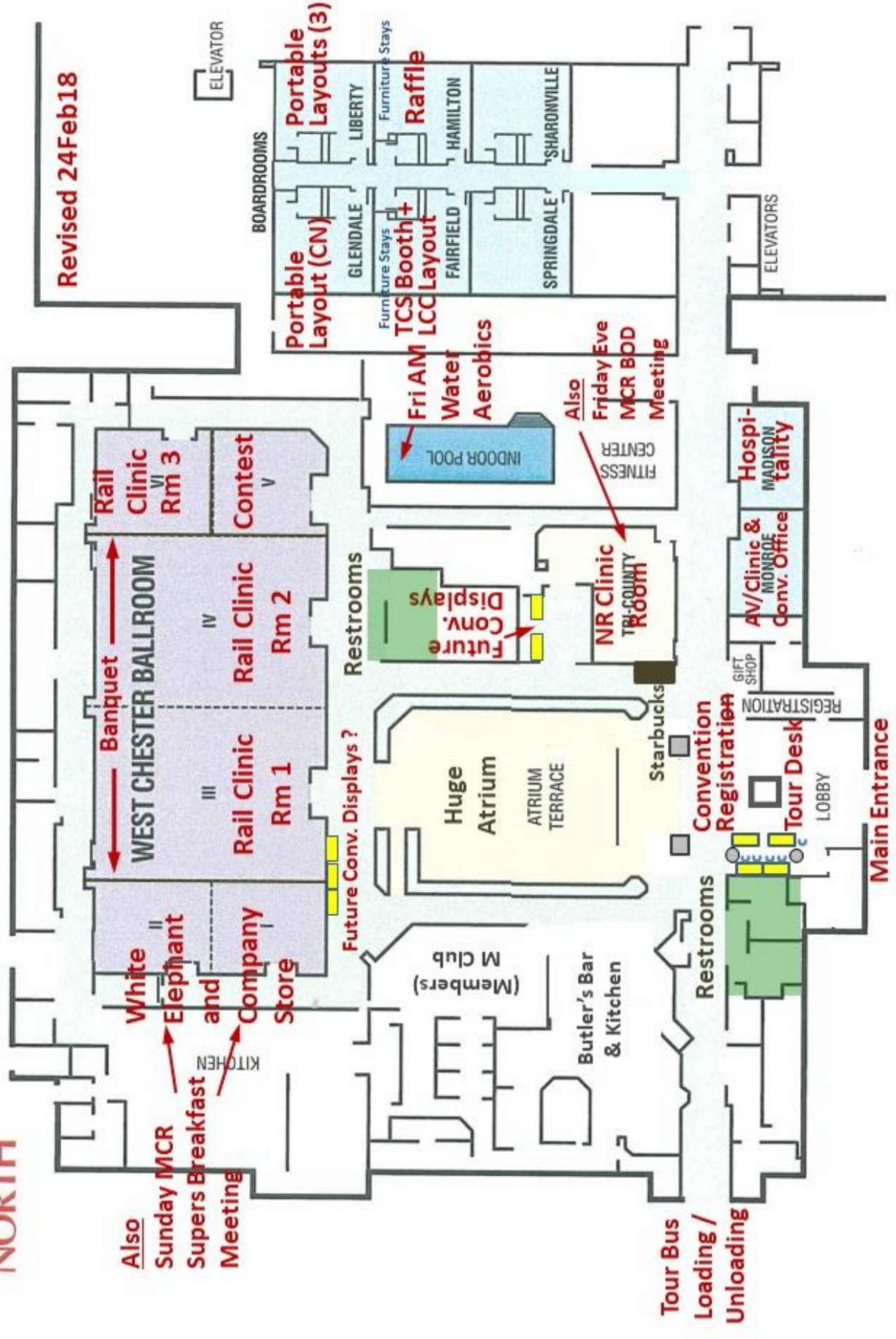
2018 Cincinnati Express - Master Events Schedule

as of April 11, 2018

	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11							
THURSDAY	Hospitalsity Room																							
	Registrations/Tour Desk																							
	White Elephant + Co. Store										W. Elept + Co Store													
	Contest										Contest													
	Hotel Portable Layouts										Hotel Port. Layouts													
	Raffle										Raffle													
											setup		TCS/LCC											
	Rail Clinic										Rail Clinic		Rail Clinics		Rail Clinics									
											Meet/Wine		Geneology											
	Lawson & Bonhaus Open House										EJ Pizza Recep		Layout Open Houses Grp 1											
											Thursday Guest Op Sessions													
FRIDAY	Hospitalsity Room																							
	Registrations/Tour Desk																							
	White Elephant + Company Store										W. Elephant + Co Store													
	Contest										Contest													
	Raffle										Raffle													
	Hotel Portable Layouts										Hotel Portable Layouts													
	TCS/LCC Booth										TCS/LCC Booth													
	Rail Clinics		Rail Clinics		Rail Clinics		Rail Clinics		Rail Clinics		Rail Clinics		Rail Clinics		Rail Clinics		Rail Clinics							
	Water										Aerobics		Make						Cards		setup		MCR BOD Mtg	
	RAIL 1 Steel:Matandy+Precision					GEN 1 Findlay Mkt + Conservatory Tour																		
	RAIL 2 Tropicana+Brighton Tour					RAIL 3 Cinti Barge & Rail Tour																		
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											Layout Open Houses Grp 2													
											Friday Guest Op Sessions													
	SATURDAY	Hospitalsity Room																						
		Registrations/Tour Desk																						
White Elephant + Company Store					Close Books		Settle/Pickup					Settle/Pkup												
Contest Open Judging					Tally/Photograph		View					Pickups												
Raffle					Tally/Post Results		Winner Pickups					Win Pickup												
Hotel Portable Layouts										Takedown														
TCS/LCC Booth										Takedown														
Rail Clinics		Rail Clinics		Rail Clinics		Rail Clinics		Rail Clinics		R. Clinics		Recptn		Banquet										
										Lunch/Cookie Decor.														
GEN 2 Sign Mus Tour + Spring Gr					RAIL 4 Cincinnati Railfan Tour																			
LAY 3 GMR Bus Tour (East)					LAY 4 GMR Bus Tour (Central)																			
Saturday Guest Op Sessions										Layout Open Houses Grp 3														
SUN	MCR Super Bkft																							
	Layout Openings Grp 4					Layout Openings Grp 5																		
	Sunday Guest Op Sessions																							

Cincinnati Express Hotel Space Plan

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NMRA Mid Central Region Annual Convention 2018

Layout Tours Packet

We're pleased to present 67 wonderful layouts for your enjoyment at this convention. 35 of these have been published, with 10 in *Model Railroader's* annual *Great Model Railroads (GMR)* magazine. Nearly all 67 are new or significantly improved since our 2003 MCR and 2005 NMRA conventions. This diverse selection includes N, HO, O, F and G scales, narrow gauge, 13 club pikes, 6 museum layouts, 4 hotel pikes and 21 hosting guest ops.

This packet is designed to help you sort out, prioritize and find each model railroad you may want to visit. Maps and descriptions of all the layouts are attached. The overall map in color shows relative locations between each layout and is keyed to show which events each is participating in, their timings and map number. Tabular snapshots share descriptions and key features of each model railroad. The **Layouts Matrix** is your master scheduling guide. For those with smart phones, we've included a page with a link and color legend to a Google Map having all layout locations pre-loaded for you. If you still manage to get lost, call John at _____.

LAYOUT TOUR OFFERINGS

Thursday Afternoon Premier Layouts – no cost - reservation and ticket required – **Bob Lawson** and **Larry Bonhaus**.

Guest Operating Sessions (Thu eve, Fri eve, Sat am, Sun am) – 19 layouts, no cost, reservations and ticket required. Also, there are short informal op sessions at 2 of the hotel layouts (Cincinnati Northern Club and the timesaver puzzle)

Thursday Pizza Dinner at EnterTrainment Junction (EJ) – Private full access to EJ, including pizza dinner, their huge G scale *Train Journey* layout, at-your-pace behind-the-scenes tour, Neil Young's O scale layout and 2 large guest N & HO Modular Layouts. If you visit EJ other times during the convention show your badge for admissions discounts.

Great Model Railroads Bus Tours - Commercial bus tours of 12 premier scenicked layouts, most featured in *Great Model Railroads*. Four tours, each covering 3 layouts, and you can book all 4 tours. Reservations and ticket required.

NORTH (Fri AM) – layouts of **Bob Lawson**, **Bob Bartizek** and **Dave Davenport's**

NEAR (Fri AFT) – layouts of **The Eastern Loggers**, **Curt LaRue** and **Ed Swain**

EAST (Sat AM) – layouts of **Matt and Debie Snell**, **Rick Crumrine** and **John Listermann**

CENTRAL (Sat AFT) – layouts of **Gerry Albers**, **Jerry Strangarity** and **Larry Bonhaus**

In-Hotel Layouts – Four layouts – 3 scenicked and 2 with informal guest operations, including those of the **Cincinnati Northern Club**, **Mark Albert**, **Greg Albert** and **Steve Montgomery's** fun timesaver switching pike. Steve's pike and the Cincinnati Northern layout are hosting short duration informal guest operations during the convention.

General Layout Open Houses – Besides the 4 hotel layouts and 6 layouts in museums having fees, 47 other layouts are open for your viewing pleasure. These are open during one of five 3 to 4 hour time slots during one of the 4 days.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- You must show your name tag to partake in any of these events - some events are by reservation and require a ticket
- Visit the convention Registration/Tour Desk at the hotel if you have questions or wish to inquire about ticket availability
- You need to arrange your own transportation for all the operating sessions and self-guided open houses
- Visit layouts **ONLY** during the official times published here and in your convention timetable/program
- Wear your name tags (neck wallets) and ask permission before taking flash photos
- Please be courteous to your hosts and fellow visitors, and sign the guest registers at each layout
- Please do not smoke inside, or anywhere near someone's home
- Please do not touch anything on the railroad or work benches, unless instructed to do so by the owner
- Layout access usually requires negotiating steps, unless noted otherwise, and sometimes duck-unders
- Please flatter your hosts by asking lots of questions, and be sure to thank them as you leave
- Please drive safely, watch out for small children and children on bikes, and enjoy yourselves!

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Cincinnati Express White Elephant Sale 2018

(10% of actual sales retained by Division 7)

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Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Initials	Item #	Short Description	Firm Price (\$)	Sold	Office
	1				
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		Total			
		10% Fee			
		Net Due To Seller			