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The Editors Corner:

Dave Puthoff

Winter is fast approaching. Soon we will have our annual Pot Luck Digital Photo Show and Food Fest, at the December meeting to be held at Westwood United Methodist Church.

So bring some of your favorite photos, in electronic form, to share.

November marked the formal re-opening of the Museum Center at Cincinnati Union Terminal. Some exhibits will not open until next year, but (7) model train layouts are in operation for the holidays. Here are a couple of Internet sites that highlight the restorations:

Cleveland Plain Dealer: <https://www.cleveland.com/expo/life-and-culture/erry-2018/11/39ca14b5096768/cincinnati-historic-union-ter.html>

Kevin Keefe of *Classic Trains Magazine:*
<http://cs.trains.com/ctr/b/mileposts/archive/2018/11/29/cut-shines-again-for-the-moment-without-tower-a.aspx>

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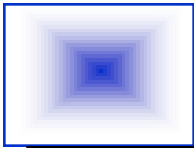
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Scene from Bob Shaw's HO-scale Layout

Photo by John Shields



Our November meeting was at the Eastgate Holiday Inn. Peter Weiglin gave the clinic on Pullman cars. Thank you to Dan Mack and Bob Shaw for opening their home layouts for us to see. We also had a talk presented by Bruce DeMaeyer, Bob Belt, and Larry Smith from Division 10 in Lexington on the Mid-Central Region's focus on using T-Trak modules for promoting the hobby in new and creative ways.

Since it is Thanksgiving as I write this column, let me use that excuse to mention one of the things we can be thankful for this year, and that is the reopening of Union Terminal after its two year restoration. One of the key exhibits for this grand reopening is the Holiday Junction train displays. Like many of us from Cincinnati, seeing the B&O layout was always a holiday tradition in my family. We'd go downtown to shop at Pogue's and McAlpin's, see the Elves in the windows at Shillito's, get the mandatory picture with Santa Claus, AND watch the trains run in the lobby at CG&E.

So now after two years, the B&O layout (sorry, to me they were never the "Duke Energy trains") is back, along with a number of other model train displays. First is the large Lego trains display, including a lot of replicas of Cincinnati structures. Santa is right next door. Then one enters the actual Holiday Junction exhibit. There are two G gauge displays in the upper room, one featuring Thomas; along with the train ride for the kids. From there, one proceeds down the ramp into the second room which has the B&O layout and three other operating layouts. That first view of the layout from above is really spectacular. The fake snow and fantasy scenery are gone, returning the layout to more of how it looked in the 50's although with updated structures. While the track plan is unchanged, all of the wiring and every tie and piece of rail has been replaced to hopefully keep it running for another 80 years. Additionally, there are pre- and post-war Lionel layouts; and perhaps the true star attraction – the Carlisle & Finch train set.

Did you know that Carlisle & Finch, a Cincinnati company, made the first electric train set in 1896? Lionel, Marx, American Flyer all came along later. The display at Union Terminal is a 1904 set. That makes these particular model trains 114 years old. I used the term "display", but I should have said "layout" because these trains run! There is a freight train on the lower level and a trolley car on an upper level.

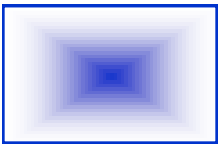
If you have family in town this holiday season, make sure to include a visit to Union Terminal and the Holiday Junction train display in your plans. The unified Museum pass includes admission to the Public Landing exhibit on the History Museum side, and to the new Dinosaur Gallery on the Natural History and Science Museum side, as well as the Children's Museum. [I have to admit, the dinosaurs are VERY COOL as well.]

At the beginning of this article, I mentioned the presentation that Bruce DeMaeyer and friends made on T-Trak. In Lexington, they are using a set of T-Trak modules to do model train talks at the county libraries. Many of us have been concerned about where the next generation of model railroaders would come from. I think this is an issue that the NMRA needs to better address and I think the Mid Central Region is on to something here in terms of outreach to the public. I want to challenge our Division to look at doing more to "sell" our hobby locally.

Certainly, we're already doing some things right. We have a great Train Show and Flea Market. We sponsor the merit badge program with the Scouts. We donate books to a dozen local libraries. But I'll bet we could do more. Other divisions are trying various outreach programs and I want us to be learning about these and reapplying the best ideas out there locally. If you have ideas or know of activities that are working in other regions; please let me know. I think we have the people and the resources to promote this hobby we all love and just maybe answer the question of where that next generation will come from.

I hope to see you in Westwood on December 9th.

John



SECOND SECTION

Chuck Endreola
Asst. Super

November's meeting was held at a new venue, the Holiday Inn in Eastgate. I hope all enjoyed the environs. I know a few attendees had some difficulty in navigating the new road scheme. Please forward your frustrations to ODOT. LOL.

Since we had two presenters scheduled, Superintendent Shields implemented a truncated business meeting. I think the same format should be used every meeting. It might allow us to have a longer break in which to visit with more friends and/or get to the open layouts sooner.

Bruce DeMaeyer gave us a look at the N scale "T-Trak" concept. Although I do not model in N scale, I do like making dioramas, and I hope to build one sometime in 2019 (maybe I'll discover the virtues of tiny wheels). If you missed the meeting, Bruce's Power Point presentation slides will be in "Modeler's Aid" on our website for your perusal. Thank you, Bruce for your time and informative presentation.

Peter Weiglin offered a seamless and informative presentation on "The Pullman Car Co." Thanks Peter. Can't wait to schedule another of your superb clinics. We had the opportunity to visit the layouts of Dan Mack and Bob Shaw. Dan's is a sprawling layout designed for operations serving several industrial areas, one of which is a beautiful steel mill. Bob's layout has an impressive number of computerized animated scenes, sounds, and weather effects. Thank you both for sharing your accomplishments with us.

Looking ahead...all regular meetings begin at 2pm:

Dec. 9th, we will meet at the Westwood United Methodist Church, 3460 Epworth Ave., Cincinnati OH 45211. The festivities will feature our annual Snack Fest and Slide Show. Please bring your slides in groups of 10 to 20 if you wish to present. Contest for both models and photos is "Anything Goes". We have been invited to see the layouts of Jack Sibert and Jerry Strangarity after the meeting.

Jan. 13th, our meeting will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7701 Kenwood Rd., Kenwood, OH 45236. Sam Swanson will deliver a clinic on "Making Trees". Contest subject for both models and photos is Passenger Cars and Cabooses (or Cabeese if you prefer!). Layout visits at Tom Brueggeman and Pat Homan.

Feb. 10th, will find us at Anderson Township Center, 7850 Five Mile Rd., Anderson, OH 45230. Ted Goodman will give a presentation on the "Age of Steam Roundhouse". Both model and photo contest will be for Hoppers or Gondolas. Layout visits to Rick Crumrine and one to be named.

No meeting in March.

Mar. 9th, a Saturday, is our Annual Spring Flea Market at Lakota West Freshman School, 5050 Tylersville Rd., West Chester, OH 45069.

Apr. 14th, We return to Harmony Lodge, 646 E. Epworth Ave., Cincinnati. (Spring Grove Village) OH 45232. Our clinician will be modeler, author, and MR photographer Lou Sassi. Contest for both models and photos will be for MOW Equipment. Layouts to be announced.

Non-Division Events:

Dec. 2, Springfield Model Train Show, Clark County Fairgrounds, 4401 S. Charleston Pike, Springfield, OH. Sun 11-4 (84 mi.)*

Dec. 8, 64th Buckeye Model Train & RR Artifacts Show, Lausche Bldg., Ohio Expo Ctr., 717 E 17th Street Columbus, OH. 9-4 (117 mi.)

Chuck



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA
NOVEMBER 2018 CONTEST RESULTS**



MODELS: FREIGHT CARS

Box Stock:

- 1st Place: Bruce Knapp: RSX Vinegar Car #1
- 2nd Place: Bruce Knapp: Poultry Car #507
- 3rd Place: Shirley Gregory: Pacific Great Eastern Reefer #818

Kitbashed:

- 1st Place: Bruce Knapp: UTLX Tank Car #6004
- 2nd Place: Roy Allan: D&RGW Box Car #3234
- 3rd Place: John Listermann: B&O Stock Car #112122

Scratch Built:

- 1st Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Poultry Car #507
- No Other Entries in this Category

PHOTOGRAPHY: FREIGHT CARS

Print Prototype:

- 1st Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Vermont Granite Flat Car Museum Car Side #1
- 2nd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Vermont Granite Flat Car Museum Car Side #2
- No Other Entries in this Category

Print Model:

- 1st Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Tonopah Tidewater Box Car #103
- 2nd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Tennessee Central Box Car #79302
- 3rd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Red Box Car #32419

JUNIOR DIVISION:

No Entries in either Category

2018 OVERALL STANDINGS – through November

MODELS

Bruce Knapp	45	Gary Orcutt	04	David Wynne	02
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	27	Rick Stern	03	Rodger Henn	02
Roy Allan	12	John Listermann	03	Doug Campbell	02
Tom Brueggeman, MMR	07	Warren Ossman	02	Shirley Gregory	01
Frank Fieler	04	Jim Rollwage	02		

PHOTOGRAPHY

Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	41	Jim Rollwage	05	Brian West	01
John Listermann	20	Joe Stuber	02		
Tom Brueggeman, MMR	09	David Wynne	01		

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS

No Entries So Far This Year

JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOGRAPHY

Seth Massmann 09

DECEMBER CONTEST CATEGORIES:

MODELS and PHOTOGRAPHY: ANYTHING GOES

Brad Jonas

NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair

LAYOUT VISIT to Bob Shaw's HO-Scale Layout



LAYOUT VISIT to Dan Mack's HO-Scale Layout



NMRA MCR DIV. 7 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Northern Railway operating session on December 15 at 7 PM (Saturday)

The GNRW has been updated to handle DCC operations!

As I used to do in the 80's and 90's, should you have a DCC engine, you may bring it to operate on the GNRW.

Failure on my part to list op functions:

Please email me which you would like to do:

- Mainline operator(4)
- Local mainline operator
- Seattle freight yard: 14 tracks, 550 car capacity.
- Seattle roundhouse: 24 stalls
- St. Paul freight yard: 12 tracks, 420 car capacity
- St. Paul roundhouse: 24 stalls
- Swan river logging railroad: operator (2)
- Ore dock: 120 car capacity.
- Main panel dispatcher.

NEW PROJECTS:

Still adding decoders to engines (and painting them) with the usual LED's to classification/head lights to engine and tender on steam locomotives.

Decoder added engines:

PRR T-1 4-4-4-4, SF 4-8-4, B&O EM-1, SF E-1 A/B units, GN C-1 0-8-0, PRR S-1 6-4-4-6

Testing all 'spurs' along the mainline so local switching can be done.

For pictures see: <http://ogrforum.ogaugerr.com/topic/great-northern-railway?page=1>

Junk food and beverage will be available

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DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

As a benefit to Division 7 members, the Oil Can 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 editor@cincy-div7.org

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. Oil Can 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 Oil Can).

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.

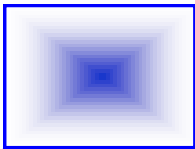
Seller shall email Oil Can Editor if item is sold so it can be removed from page.

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.

DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email	Listing No.
	Accurail – C&O USRA 55-ton 2-bay rib-side hoppers, rebuilt RA 1936, no. 62087, 62537, 62642, 62933, 63008, 63286. <u>set of 6 kits</u>	\$60	Jim MacKnight	513 733-1246 home (preferred) or 513-633-6882 cell	48-Jan 19
	Bachman Spectrum – C&O USRA 2-6-6-2. Class H5, articulated steam locomotive, no. 1524, New	\$195	Jim MacKnight	513 733-1246 home (preferred) or 513-633-6882 cell	49-Jan 19
	Kato EMD PRR GP35 phase Ia, w/dynamic brakes, #2308, New	\$60	Jim MacKnight	513 733-1246 home (preferred) or 513-633-6882 cell	50-Jan 19
	Kato EMD PRR GP40, w/dynamic brakes, #6057 New	\$60	Jim MacKnight	513 733-1246 home (preferred) or 513-633-6882 cell	51-Jan 19
	Kato EMD PRR NW2, phase I, switcher, #5912 New	\$60	Jim MacKnight	513 733-1246 home (preferred) or 513-633-6882 cell	52-Jan 19
	Proto 2000 - Southern E6A and E6B locomotives (set) A-2802, B-2953, green passenger paint scheme. Sealed in boxes (2-pack)	\$80	Jim MacKnight	513 733-1246 home (preferred) or 513-633-6882 cell	53-Jan 19
	Proto 2000 Heritage Collection - C&O USRA 2-8-4, Class K-4 Berkshire steam locomotive, no. 2724. Never removed from box.	\$195	Jim MacKnight	513 733-1246 home (preferred) or 513-633-6882 cell	48-Jan 19
	Rivarossi – Monon AICo C-420 diesel locomotive, no.505, sealed in box.	\$50	Jim MacKnight	513 733-1246 home (preferred) or 513-633-6882 cell	54-Jan 19
	Stewart Hobbies – B&O F3A powered, F3B unpowered, phase IV, B&O capitol dome, diesel locomotives in gray/blue paint, set of 2 in box. New.	\$100	Jim MacKnight	513 733-1246 home (preferred) or 513-633-6882 cell	55-Jan 19
	Stewart Hobbies – NYC F3, phase II (powered) and F3B, phase II (unpowered) diesel locomotives w/ cigar band paint scheme. New. for set	\$75	Jim MacKnight	513 733-1246 home (preferred) or 513-633-6882 cell	56-Jan 19
	Walthers – C&O 25' wood cabooses, For Progress logo, yellow, nos. 90751 and 90778. New. <u>Set of 2</u>	\$30	Jim MacKnight	513 733-1246 home (preferred) or 513-633-6882 cell	57-Jan 19
	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 ea	Dave Puthoff	depuhoff@yahoo.com	58-Jan 19



KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

Thanksgiving

Well, I'm filled with prime-rib and dressing, sitting in front of the fire and enjoying a McEwan's Scotch Ale (in fact, I may have two) and enjoying some relaxing time-off. Two weeks ago, was rough, since it was the anniversary of Margaret's death, I am reminded how much I really miss her. As I mentioned in an earlier *Knapp's Notes*, I am helping-out at Taylor, since they have a new and very talented band director. It's nice to be back, where I spent 28 years teaching young musicians the basics of playing, marching, and becoming adults. I am working with band administration, freeing Mrs. Burton to actually spend time teaching. (Administration is a royal pain, especially inventories and state mandated forms). As I did have a chance to travel with the band to two area contests, I realized that there were some things I missed --- but I am not sure bus trips are included. It did help make the anniversary a bit less painful. The one positive outcome from all of this is that my interest in the hobby and building the Raton Pass is happily renewed. The Thanksgiving break has been a wonderful chance to get restarted.

Raton to Trinidad

I laid out some of the Trinidad yard along with the coaling tower, roundhouse, diesel house, and turntable. Just in case you wondered, the pass continued to host coal burning locomotives, until the mines were closed in the late 1940's. Since I am modeling summer 1951, I am running both oil and coal power. The beauty of modeling 1951 is that the Korean war traffic made steam power financially attractive, so a majority of trains were behind steam as primary and helper power. Along with laying track-work, I am adding DCC/sound to most of my motive roster, and preparing structures for Trinidad, Starkville, Morley, and Raton. Just a reminder --- Trinidad was also a major stop for the CB&Q/C&S, so I am also servicing C&S motive power.

Division Monthly Contest

Our monthly model contests have been another very valuable motivator, as the level of modeling in this division is very high. Georgia Dahlberg, Chuck Endreola, Roy Allan, and several other members consistently enter outstanding models, which forces me to improve my entries. Brad Jonas has really re-invigorated this monthly event; I now have some award-winning structures and rolling stock for the layout. In fact, Georgia is giving a clinic at Tim's; I am going to learn some of her magic. I suspect in Georgia's case it's not magic --- it's skill and patience.

The Monthly [honest] Raffle

I can prove that the monthly raffle is truly on the up-and-up because not all the officers and committee chairs won prizes. (ok, the Superintendent, the Secretary, and Company Store chair were winners). I can't think of a more honest, dedicated, and hard-working raffle chair than Russ Poynter. Quit whining and buy tickets --- in fact buy a lot of tickets! December is the locomotive raffle month, so buy several locomotive raffle tickets; each one is a winner, would I lie?

December Meeting

December is crazy month for musicians, especially conductors. The day of our December meeting is a joint concert with both my New Horizon Band and the Sycamore Community Band, so I will unfortunately be absent. When you add in my work at Taylor High School, The Cincinnati Community Orchestra, The 275 Brass Quintet, and my church choir --- December is impossibly hectic; I'll see everyone in January. Have a safe and meaningful Holiday season; don't overdo the punch.

Keep 'em rolling

Bruce

Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday December 9

Westwood United Methodist Church
3460 Epworth Ave.

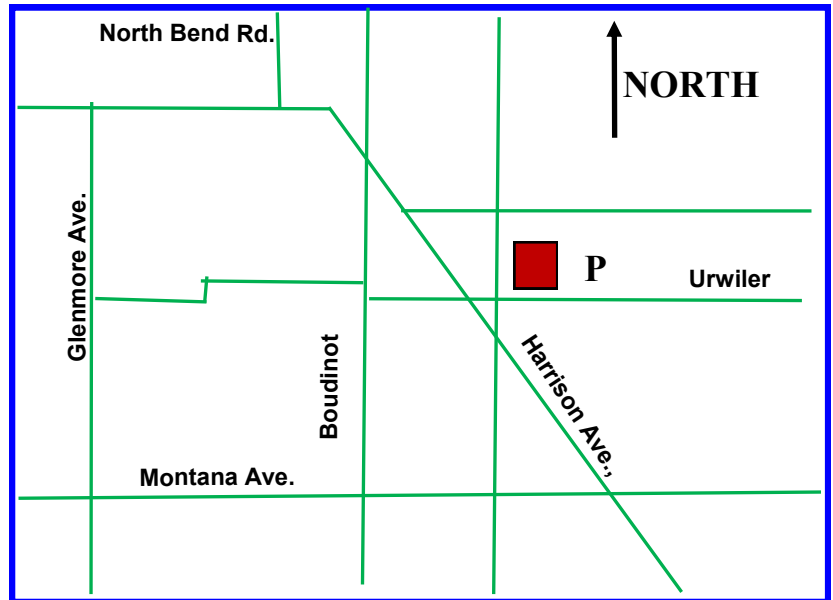
Directions:

Epworth crosses Harrison Ave. just North of Montana

From I-74: Take Montana west to Harrison Ave, turn right to Epworth, turn right to Urwiler, turn left.

From Cincy: Take Harrison Ave., turn right on Epworth

From the North: Take North Bend to Harrison, turn left to Urwiler, turn left



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2018-2019 Schedule

NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM
(Unless otherwise notified)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Layout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
12/9	Westwood Methodist Church Westwood	Annual Potluck Slide Show	Jack Sibert Jerry Strangarity	<u>Models:</u> Anything Goes <u>Photos:</u> Anything Goes
1/13	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Kenwood	Sam Swanson <i>Making Trees</i>	Tom Brueggeman Pat Homan	<u>Models:</u> Caboose or Pass. Cars <u>Photos:</u> Caboose or Pass. Cars
2/10	Anderson Township Center Anderson Township	Ted Goodman <i>Age of Steam Roundhouse</i>	Rick Crumrine TBA	<u>Models:</u> Hoppers or Gondolas <u>Photos:</u> Hoppers or Gondolas

Around the Division
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11/15 **Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH**

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5/2-5/5 **MCR Regional Convention - Boardman OH**
7/7-7/13 **NMRA National Convention - Salt Lake City UT**

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