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December Meeting

We will have a December Meeting — but it will be a “**Virtual Meeting**” via *Zoom Meetings*. See the Instructions on Pages 14 and 15 of this issue. Our usual Holiday Snacks are optional — and you’ll have to provide your own!

We typically show members’ favorite slides and photos at our December meeting. This year we will instead publish them in January’s Oil Can. Email your Photos with short Descriptions to editor@cincy-div7.org.

Are you busy doing projects on your layout during our COVID19 staycation? Email your Photos and/or Descriptions to editor@cincy-div7.org.

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 Sam Parfitt’s HO Scale Layout



Our November virtual meeting featured a clinic by guest clinician and Regional President Bob Weinheimer MMR, entitled “Evolution of an Operating System”. Bob walked us through the evolution of his layout (in multiple locations) and the operations on it. The evolving operations frequently led to the changes in the layout, especially the amount of and location of staging. In a number of cases, the changes were based on feedback from the operating crew. The other frequent cause of changes was the acquisition of additional rolling stock! We often hear the statement that a layout is never really done. Bob’s talk made it abundantly clear that this is not only true, but a really good part of our hobby.

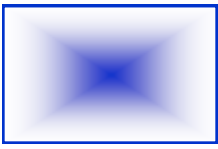
We also had another great virtual contest with a lot of interesting entries in the category of freight cars. We ended again with a virtual layout tour based on John Burchnell’s photos of layouts we have visited on our tours over the years. Nine months into this pandemic and six months into converting to virtual programming, it is quite clear that Division 7 is alive and well.

We have a great program that Chuck has set up for December. Our clinician is none other than Tony Koester, *Model Railroader* contributing editor. Tony is justifiably famous for his modeling, writing, and knowledge of railroad history. He will treat us to a talk about his HO Nickel Plate Railway. And speaking of upcoming programs, our February clinician Gary Hoover has the cover story in the December *Model Railroader*! While on the subject of connections with the magazines, I forgot to include in last month’s column that our own Bill Doll’s HO Forest Park Southern was the cover story in the October *Railroad Model Craftsman*.

It’s still the weekend before Thanksgiving as I write this, and a little more than a week before our December Division 7 BOD meeting. I’ll be looking for Peter Weiglin, Roy Hord, and the other key players to have an update on the status of the March Flea Market. The news reports on Covid are continuing to worsen, so it would come as no surprise if we vote to cancel that event too. We chose to delay the decision back in September because we did not need to notify folks that far in advance, and there was still some hope that positive changes could happen by year end. That flexibility is pretty much gone now. The Regional Convention scheduled for May in Erie Pennsylvania was cancelled last week. (If you check out our website regularly, you already know that). They were forced to make the call now because of cancellation charges that would kick in if they waited until later. For us, there are no economic issues to worry about. We just want to provide our members with as much enjoyment of the hobby as we can, while also doing our part to keep you, and our potential show attendees, safe.

I’ll once again say that I hope to “see” you on Zoom in December. Continue to hang in there and be safe; until we can actually meet in person again. The vaccine(s) are coming, so there is light at the end of the tunnel. As model railroaders, I think even we can say we are glad that, in this case, it is not an oncoming train!

John



We are on the brink of seeing another year slip away. To many, the passing of 2020 cannot come soon enough. It has been a most eventful 12 months. The Covid-19 pandemic, the Presidential Election and its aftermath have dominated the news in the media, our conversations, and how we go about our daily lives. We will not soon forget 2020! Not believing the “light at the end of the tunnel” is an onrushing 2-6-6-2, I have great hopes for 2021. Vaccines are close at hand. I look forward to joining my fellow Division 7 members in an “in the flesh, hand shaking, wise cracking meeting”. By nature, we are social animals. Model railroaders want and need to socialize, share ideas, and offer hands-on layout help. We may well lose the March Flea Market, but I envision a great Fall Train Show!

Many divisions have persevered, through the implementation of “virtual meetings” to sustain their modeling interests and to keep our organizations alive. On that note, we must realize that the foundation of the NMRA is the local division. Whether you have enjoyed the benefits of being a Division 7 member for many years or just a few months, you have found value on many levels. And just how has this Division provided that value? Through the efforts of dozens of volunteers through the years. Events such as the Fall Train Show, Flea Market, our Oil Can newsletter, our website and social media, and even the monthly meetings and raffle could not be offered without the dedicated efforts of member volunteers. But it appears to me that the same core of 15 or 20 members have been working for years to maintain Division’s existence at such a high level. If you, and I mean all 221 members, have come to embrace what the NMRA, and particularly Division 7 provides, don’t you think you should become more actively involved and give back a little? Volunteers are the lifeblood of our division. It is up to YOU to sustain and perpetuate an organization of which you value.

I will step off my soapbox now, but remember, “Uncle John Wants YOU”!

By the way, the gremlins causing my DCC short circuits and dead rail were rooted out with the guidance of the DCC guru Terry Luginbuhl who was here on visit. Thank you, Terry.

Upcoming:

December 13th, 2pm meeting via ZOOM. Our guest clinician will be modeler, author, speaker and editor Tony Koester. His presentation is entitled “Update on the NKP Railway.”.

The contest subject for both models and prototype are “Refrigerator or Box Car”. John Burchnell will treat us to more of his layout photos.

January 10th, 2021, A virtual ZOOM meeting at 2pm. We will host a clinician from the Gateway Division in St. Louis, Dave Ackmann, presenting “3-D Printing”.

The contest subject for both models and prototype will be “Caboose or Passenger Car”. John Burchnell will again dig into his fabulous collection of outstanding layout photos.

February 14, A ZOOM meeting featuring Gary Hoover and his “1950’s N&W HO Layout” featured in both the April and December issues of Model Railroader. Gary is an outstanding modeler, photographer and author also from the Gateway Division.

The contest subject will be “Gondola or Hopper Cars” for both categories. Layout tour substitute TBD.

Check your email for the ZOOM invite a few days before each meeting. (If not found, check your SPAM).



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA
NOVEMBER 2020 VIRTUAL CONTEST RESULTS**



MODELS: Any Freight Car

Model Photos:

1st Place: Patrick Stanley: GRDX 101 Wood vats pickle tank car
 2nd Place: Roy Allan: Fn3 Scratch built RGS stock car
 3rd Place Tie: Roy Hord: Lumber transfer between CPL flat and PRR box
 3rd Place Tie: Paul Miklos: HO Lumber load box car on Eastern Loggers

Junior Division Models: No entries this month

PHOTOGRAPHY: Any Freight Car

1st Place Tie: Roy Hord: D&RGW Drop bottom gondola
 1st Place Tie: John Burchnall: EBT Weed-infested 3ft gauge steel hopper car
 3rd Place: Roy Hord: DT&I Outside braced wood sheathed box car

Junior Division Photography: No entries this month

2020 STANDINGS – Through November

MODELS

Roy Hord	11	Patrick Stanley	6	Perry Simpson	4
Roy Allan	10	Paul Miklos	5	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	3
Bruce Knapp	8	Mike Reynolds	4	Gary Orcutt	3
John Burchnall	8	Rick Stern	4	Tom Brueggeman, MMR®	1

PHOTOGRAPHY

Roy Hord	19	David Wynne	4	John Shields	1
John Burchnall	13	John Listermann	3	Bob Shreve	1
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	11	Perry Simpson	1		
Bob Adams	8	Dan Mack	1		

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS

Caleb Sherwood 3

JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOGRAPHY

No entries so far this year

DECEMBER CATEGORIES:

MODELS (Model Photos if Virtual Contest): Box or Refrigerator Cars

PHOTOGRAPHY (Prototype Photos if Virtual Contest): Box or Refrigerator Cars

Jim Rollwage

Contest Chair
Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

November 2020 DIVISION 7 VIRTUAL CONTEST RESULTS

Any Freight Car



Patrick Stanley

1st

Model

2nd

Roy Allan



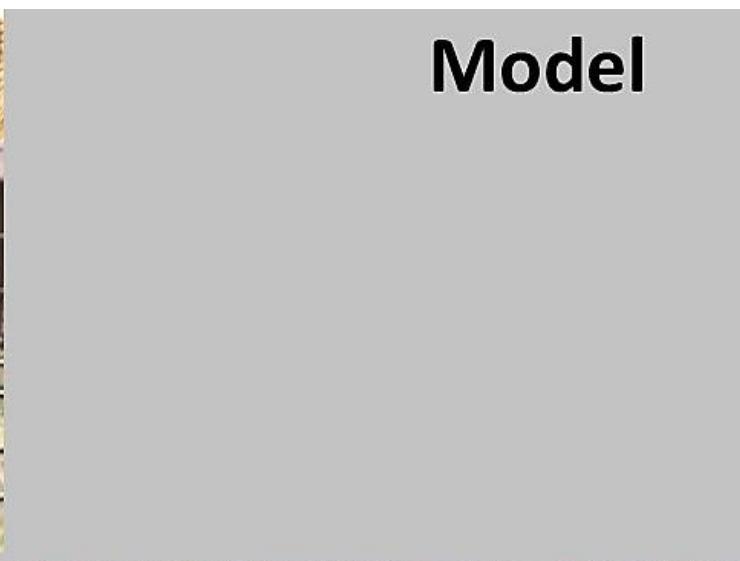
November 2020 DIVISION 7 VIRTUAL CONTEST RESULTS

Any Freight Car



Paul Miklos

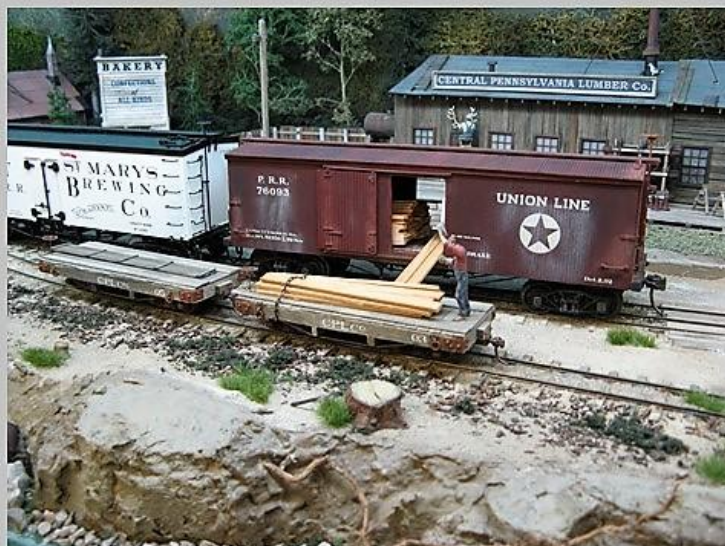
3rd Tie



Model

3rd Tie

Roy Hord



NOVEMBER 2020 DIVISION 7 VIRTUAL CONTEST RESULTS

Any Freight Car



Prototype

John Burchnall

1st Tie

1st Tie

Roy Hord



Prototype

Roy Hord

3rd



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7
MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA
MODEL AND PHOTOGRAPHY
CONTEST THEMES FOR 2021**



MONTH	MODELS	PHOTOGRAPHY
January	Caboose or Passenger Car	Caboose or Passenger Car
February	Hopper or Gondola Car	Hopper or Gondola Car
March	- No Contest -	- No Contest -
April	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment
May	Flat Car(s) with Load	Train on Bridge or Trestle
June	Steam Locomotive	Steam Locomotive
July	- No Contest -	- No Contest -
August	Tank Car	Tank Car
September	Non-Steam Locomotive - any type of non-steam motive power on rails (internal combustion, electric, turbine ...)	Non-Steam Locomotive - any type of non-steam motive power on rails (internal combustion, electric, turbine ...)
October	Non-Bridge Structure or Diorama	Non-Bridge Structure
November	Freight Car - any revenue producing cars not intended to carry passengers	Freight Car - any revenue producing cars not intended to carry passengers
December	Box or Refrigerator Car	Box or Refrigerator Car

October 18, 2020

All Aboard *Holiday Junction* 2020

Holiday Junction, featuring the Duke Energy Holiday Trains, is scheduled to arrive back at the Cincinnati Museum Center on November 13, 2020. Admission to *Holiday Junction* is included with regular museum admission (free for Members, or \$10.50-\$14.50 for non-members).

2020 marks the 74th year for one of Cincinnati's most loved holiday traditions, the Duke Energy Holiday Trains. This historic B&O layout has been delighting Greater Cincinnatians since 1946 when it first graced the CG&E lobby. As most reading this are aware, in 2011 Duke Energy donated the layout to the Cincinnati Museum Center (CMC) so that future generations can enjoy the historic display.

In addition to the historic B&O layout, you will also find Lionel pre-war and Super O layouts, Thomas the Train layout, a garden railway layout created by the Greater Cincinnati Garden Railway Society, an operating c.1904 Carlisle & Finch locomotive and cars, as well as railroad and model railroad related displays throughout. Brickopolis also returns this year with the impressive city scenes and operating trains made from LEGO bricks.

There are a few changes this year due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Most notable is that *Holiday Junction* will only be open on weekends (Friday thru Sunday). The museum center is also utilizing timed entry tickets for all visitors so you'll definitely want to plan ahead and possibly purchase tickets via their website. Keep in mind that even members need to secure a timed entry ticket. The children's train ride will not be leaving its station this year, replaced with a scavenger hunt for items hidden throughout the garden railway display.

Even Santa has a change of address. When the big guy arrives on Nov. 27 he'll be working down in the Public Landing, available for chats and photo ops with guests while safely separated by a plexiglass barrier.

Also new this year is a no-touch interactive experience designed to allow visitors to learn more about the history of the Duke Energy Holiday Trains by projecting historic photos and stories about the historic B&O layout onto a giant storybook.

NOTE: Union Terminal's Tower A will **NOT** be open during *Holiday Junction* (late decision made in November).

Exhibit Hours

November 13, 2020 – January 3, 2021

Holiday Junction: 10:00am-4:00pm *Friday, Saturday, Sunday*

Tower A: **CLOSED**

Visit cincymuseum.org/holiday-junction for more information and special holiday hours.

Pam Moleski

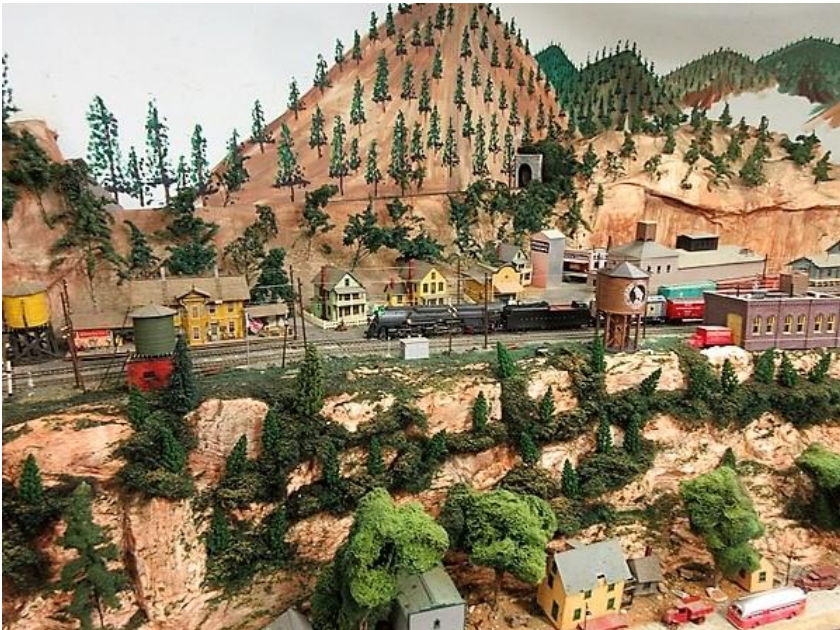
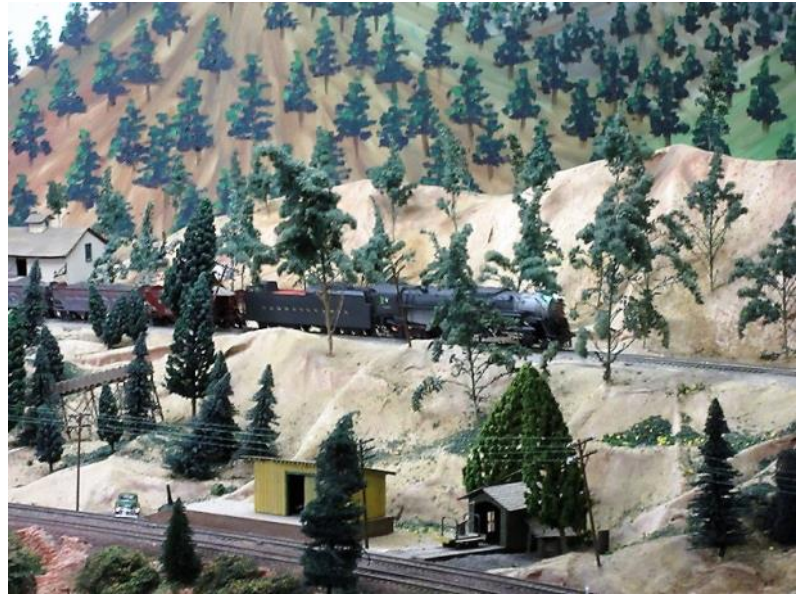
LAYOUT VISIT to Sam Parfitt's HO-Scale Layout

November 21 Operating Session



Ed. Note: Do you have some favorite railroad photos that you wanted to share at the December Meeting?

Send them to editor@cincy-div7.org and we will show them in January's Oil Can!



What is NMRAx and How Do I Watch?

Have you seen emails and/or social media posts about NMRAx and found yourself wondering “What is NMRAx?” Simply put, NMRAx is a new virtual/online NMRA experience bringing some of the NMRA member benefits directly to your home, live on your computer or mobile device (tablet, iPad, cell phone).

When the Covid-19 pandemic necessitated halting in-person meetings in early 2020, a small, dedicated team of NMRA member volunteers began assisting NMRA regions and divisions with how to get started providing virtual/online member meetings. This then evolved into an idea to offer a day of free clinics, broadcast live on the NMRA Facebook page; an experiment per se to see if it could even be done.

Why Facebook?

Well, the team knew the NMRA Facebook account had a built-in audience of over 10k and that there was a very short lead time to publicize the initial event. So why not utilize the live broadcast capabilities available on the free Facebook platform?

The first NMRAx event on April 24, 2020 which broadcast 20+ hours of live clinic presentations, demonstrations, and layout tours was a success. Statistics showed over 1100 viewers for all or part of the live event, with tens of thousands of views of the archived video recordings of the live event.

NMRAx was officially born following the success of that first event! . The team thought this would be a good way to reach and keep members engaged during the pandemic, but also reach those members who are not able to attend in-person meetings and events for any number of reasons. There have now been multiple NMRAx events, including 2 episodes of “Ask the Master Model Railroader[®]” and GatewayX (our first ever virtual national convention!). GatewayX concluded July 18, 2020 and brought 105 hours of live clinic content right to the comfort of your home!

Maybe you found it difficult to find more information or view the NMRAx content because you don't use Facebook? All NMRAx events are included on the NMRA calendar (available on the NMRA website) and typically are announced via the NMRA email list, social media channels, eBulletin, and/or Turntable. In addition, we will be sure to share information about future NMRAx events with Cincinnati Division 7 members via our website, Facebook page, and/or email list.

NMRAx events are now broadcast live simultaneously on the NMRA Facebook page and YouTube channel allowing members without Facebook accounts to view the clinics. In fact, you don't even need a Facebook account to view the live broadcasts on the NMRA Facebook page (or view any content on our division Facebook page for that matter) – you just need a link to the content or page to view. Links to the various Facebook pages, groups, websites, and YouTube channel are listed at the end of this article for your convenience.

What if you can't watch the NMRAx events live?

Don't worry! All presentations will remain available on the NMRA Facebook page and YouTube channel so you can watch as your schedule allows. Plus, each individual clinic or presentation will be broken out of the complete livestream recording & uploaded to the YouTube channel once editing has been completed.

Ways you can be a part of NMRAx

The NMRAx team is always looking for more model railroaders to assist with and/or present at future NMRAx events. Have a clinic you could present? Want to be part of a virtual roundtable discussion? How about recording an operating session or tour of your layout or your club's layout? Maybe you're someone who can help with some of the behind-the-scenes work (broadcast host, monitoring chat rooms, etc.) that goes into these virtual events? Have a topic you would like to see covered or a clinician you would like to present at a future NMRAx event? Drop an email to the NMRAx team at nmrax@nmra.org.

You can also find more information about NMRAx in the July 2020 issue of *NMRA magazine*.

RECENT NMRAx EVENTS:

August 2020 – National Leadership Roundtable (details, including date & time to be announced once finalized)
September 26, 2020 12:00pm-11:59pm EDT (details to be announced once finalized)

LINKS:

Cincinnati Division 7 Facebook Page - <https://bit.ly/CincyDiv7-facebook>
Cincinnati Division 7 Events - <https://bit.ly/CincyDiv7events>
NMRA Events Calendar - <https://bit.ly/eventsNMRA>
NMRA Facebook Page - <https://bit.ly/NMRA-facebook>
NMRA Facebook Group - <https://bit.ly/NMRAGroup>
NMRA YouTube Channel - <https://bit.ly/youtubeNMRA>

CINCINNATI DIVISION 7 VIRTUAL MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

Exciting news! We've restarted our monthly meetings using the popular virtual meeting technology, called Zoom. Now, any of us with a computer, notebook or smart phone should be able to participate, and there are no biological contamination dangers. The only catch is we must have your email id in order to send you the link to each virtual meeting. If you don't receive our full e-Oil Cans via email, then we don't have your id. If so, please email our e-Oil Can distributor Bob Shreve at eoilcan@cincy-div7.org to give it to him. The next sections share how this all works.

Virtual Monthly Meeting Procedures

About a week before the meeting date, we'll email you an invitation that includes a **link** to the meeting, and two attachments - one our 1-page [Zoom Meetings Quick Guide](#) and the other these instructions. Those will also be on our website. We recommend you print them out. We'll open the meeting about 30 minutes early so everyone can have time to join in and work any issues, especially joining for the first time. After clicking on the link in the email, and possibly being asked to make a short download, you might be in the waiting room. We'll then admit you to the session. Email John Burchnall at webmaster@cincy-div7.org if you're stuck.

Virtual Monthly Contest Procedures

Within the meeting invite email, we'll also share instructions on how to submit and vote on entries for the contest. The contest is simplified for these virtual meets, with all entries being electronic photos (preferably JPEGs) and only two categories: model(s) or prototype(s), i.e. real trains. The entries must feature either the model or the photo contest topics given for that month within the current program or contest tables. When the model and photo topics are different, you can use either for these virtual contests. The model photos can be taken either with or without scenery and/or either on or off a layout or diorama. Each contestant can have up to 3 entries per month. Entries will be closed at the end of Thursday prior to the meeting. Next, by the end of Friday prior to the meeting, one or two pdf files containing sequentially numbered and similarly sized entries will be posted on the contest tab on our website. About 2 days before the meeting, all members will receive a meeting reminder and contest voting instructions email. Any member that wishes can vote any time on the Friday night or all-day Saturday before the meeting. Participants and winners will then be tabulated, reported and displayed at the meeting, then posted afterwards on the website and in the next Oil Can.

Step-by-Step Summary Procedures

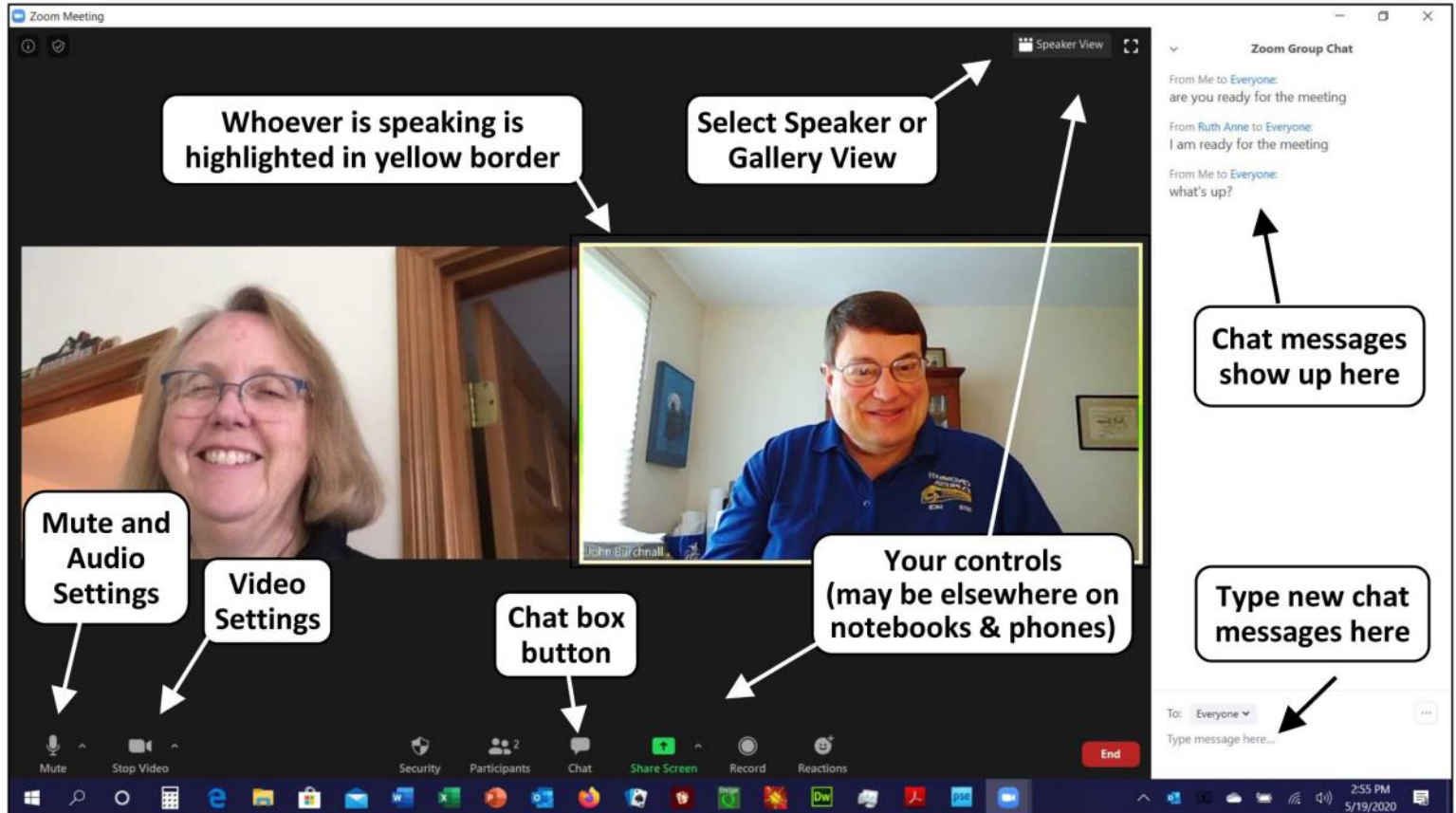
- About **a week prior**, members we have email ids for, will receive a **meeting & contest invitation** via email
- By end of Thursday, contest entries must be emailed to webmaster@cincy-div7.org. All entries must be noted as either model or prototype, feature either topic for that month, with up to 3 allowed per person
- We will number, size and anonymously **post the pictures** on 1 or 2 pdf files on the website contest page
- About **2 days prior** to the meeting, each member will receive a **meeting and contest voting reminder email**
- Those wishing to vote have all day on the calendar day before the meeting to view the prototype and model entries on our website and **email one number from each category** to webmaster@cincy-div7.org
- Starting about **30 minutes prior**, you can join our Zoom meeting **using the link provided** in both emails
- Make sure you have the most recent [Zoom Meetings Quick Guide](#) handy for reference during the meeting
- We'll show contest participants and winners at these meetings, then post on the website and next Oil Can
- At the end, our host will terminate the meeting for everyone, and you can exit and/or close the Zoom app

We're looking forward to "seeing" everyone via Zoom at these meetings! Let's set an attendance record!

Zoom Meetings Quick Guide

Joining the Session

- A few minutes before the meeting, click on the link within your invite email
- Zoom will ask for or show your default name - please enter/edit your real name so we can recognize you
- If you have never run Zoom before, Zoom will ask you to download their software or app – this goes quick
- At some point, Zoom may ask you to “Enter With or Enable Your Video and/or Audio” – say “Yes” to both
- Zoom will then either put you in the meeting or into a waiting room until the host lets you join the meeting



Once in the Meeting

- Once in the meeting, make sure your video and audio are initially enabled (on) using the lower left buttons
- Adjust your in/out sound volumes within the audio settings under the Audio/Mute button
- Initially set your view to Gallery View to see everyone the same size before the meeting
- Select the Chat button to activate a chat area next to your viewing window(s)
- Type “text” questions to others at the base of the chat area – especially useful during presentations
- Option: use a photo as a virtual background via setting in Video button (must have green screen capability)

During the Meeting

- Set your audio to “mute” so all your background noises will not interrupt the meeting/presentation
- Set your view to Speaker View to see the speaker larger
- Do not share your screen, unless the host specifically asks you to, using the Share Screen button
- Anyone sharing PowerPoint must first select “set up slide show” then “browsed by an individual (windows)”
- Most meetings will be recorded – act responsibly – the host can unilaterally kick out unruly participants
- Ask silent questions using the chat box – the host will group those and ask the presenter at the end
- After the host terminates the meeting for everyone, you should exit and/or close the Zoom app

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Northern Railway Operating Session on December 19 at 7 PM (Saturday)

NOTE: Contact Sam Parfitt prior to attending, in order to confirm the Operating Session. --- Ed.

Got some new bushes made by Bachmann which should be good for creating the 'scrub' vegetation found along the 'right of way'.
The PRR K-4 streamlined version arrived. A classic that PRR had hundreds of and found everywhere along their mainline.
Pizza at 6:30-7:00.
Please email if attending.

NEW POLICY:

Since there's not a lot to do outside our homes related to railroading, those who wish to have a 'one-on-one' or with own friends to operate the layout during the month, please email or call.
Being retired, I spend the bulk of my time in the basement so visitors are always welcomed. Thanks.
New arrivals and updates:
PRR K-4 streamlined, 4-6-2
C&O K-4 2-8-4 and H-6 2-6-6-2 painted, lighted, new motors and decoder installed.
The N&W Y-3 2-8-8-2 was painted with a new motor, decoder and lights installed.
Ditto for the Texas & Pacific 2-10-4.
A DM&IR S-7 0-10-2 arrived. One of the few engines that I've been looking to purchase.
C&O M-1 steam turbine: very unusual engine 2-D-2 + 2-D-2. I've installed a decoder in the engine so it has the turbine sound. Also, added extra weight and, so far, it easily pulled 30 cars.
UP M-10,000 4 car set. The first streamline diesel train set. Two decoders were installed in this engine. One front(sound) and one rear (no sound).
ACL 4-8-4: A two tone black and grey.

I've moved all my vintage metal Athearn/Varney and wood Silver *Streak*/Ambroid freight cars to Seattle, so freight drags will dominate, plus passenger trains of your choice.

NEW PROJECTS:

Installed decoders in several more engines. A selection of 45 engines can now be done. Began installing hardware needed to, remotely, control turnouts via the track schematic on the PC's monitor screen: Along with the signaling system, this is also LCC.
Most testing done with passenger trains seems to be ending, as the longer passenger cars are about twice the length of a regular freight car and pose different problems, but they seem to be finally resolved.
New vintage metal Athearn/Varney and wood Silver *Streak*/Ambroid freight cars have been tested, and are working well over the mainline.
Finished adding the last tunnel portals that I failed to do, 40 years ago.
Got to do some PM on 3-4 engines.

New passenger yard completed.
The signaling system using LCC is complete along with monitor showing train positions on the layout.

Mission Statement: Main theme of my railroad (besides modeling the Great Northern Railway): when building the railroad, I wanted to model mainline running with big time steam and 'scale like' trains of 25-45 cars on single track mainline with passing sidings.

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.

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
- Cascade tunnel electrics: operator (2)
- Ore dock: 120 car capacity.
- Main panel dispatcher.
- Swan river logging railroad: operator (2)

USUAL STATS:

Time: 1938. All steam and electrics. The GN railway is a point to point railroad, 400' mainline with two 400-500 car yards at Seattle, Wash and St Paul, Minn, each having 20+ track turntables and one staging yard holding 300 cars. Minimum radius, 48" with #10 turnouts; Track all hand laid on individual wooden ties. 100% scenery.
Four track 12' ore dock.
Interface railroads: NP, SP&S, Milwaukee, DM&IR, UP, SP, D&RGW, SF and CN.
Swan Lake logging railroad: Has interface with GNRW, yard, John Allen's 'time saver' and double switchback into the valley.

For pictures see:

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

Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOb7SgZTLWA>

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.

Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email	Listing No.
	Pacific Mountain Scale Shops CHK-3, B&O I-5 wood caboose, polyurethane resin kit, 1950's-1980's New, Retail: \$49.50	\$32	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	152-Nov 20
	Intermountain, L&N USRA twin bay open hopper, no. 86285, RTR. New, Retail: \$32.95	\$20	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	141-Nov 20
	Intermountain, WM 1937 AAR 40' boxcar, 6' door, no. 28255, RTR. New, Retail: \$27.95	\$16.75	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	142-Nov 20
	Branchline/Blueprint Series, 40' ACF/URTX wood reefer kit, Kraft Cheese, yellow, no. 10547. New, Retail: \$14.98	\$10	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	143-Nov 20
	Branchline/Yardmaster Series, C&O 40' AAR boxcar kit, no. 3258, no. 1498. New, Retail: \$14.98	\$9	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	144-Nov 20
	Smoky Mountain Model Works, L&N "Little woody" NE-class wood cupola caboose, polyurethane walls, flat kit w/photo-etched railings and ladders, thin-film decals, New. Retail: \$39.00	\$25	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	153-Nov 20
	Bowser, PRR H-21A, shadow keystone, 4-bay open hopper car kits, oxide, set of 3 cars , rebuilt 3/57, serial numbers 723050, 909521, 924106 New. Retail: \$29.85	\$20	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	154-Nov 20
	Red Caboose, BAR 40' wood reefer, State of Maine potato, no. 6531, red/white/blue, RTR. New, Retail: \$30.00	\$18	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	147-Nov 20
	Proto 2000, C&O 50-ton, 2-bay, war emergency hopper, no. 55297, RTR. New, Retail: \$22.95	\$15	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	148-Nov 20
	Atlas, WM ACF 60' auto parts car, 10' door, no. 495980, 12/69, RTR. New, Retail: \$19.95	\$12	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	149-Nov 20
	Walthers, C&O 25' wood caboose, yellow Progress scheme, no. 90740, RTR. New, Retail: \$24.98	\$15	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	150-Nov 20
	Bowser, PRR H-21A, modern keystone, 4-bay open hopper car kits, black, set of 3 cars , repainted 12/60, serial numbers 183448, 723027, 730896 New. Retail: \$29.85	\$20	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	155-Nov 20
	WANTED: Code 100 NS flex track, used or new. Preferably Atlas		Paul Maciulewicz	pmacdaddy@cinci.rr.com	156-Jan 21
	WANTED: Peco Medium, code 100 Insulfrog turnouts, used or new		Paul Maciulewicz	pmacdaddy@cinci.rr.com	157-Jan 21

Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2020 Program Schedule

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Month	Date	Location	Program / Speaker	Contests *	Layout Visits
Jan	Sun, Jan 12	Central – Kenwood – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Peter Weiglin – “Pennsylvania Railroad Diesel Hodgepodge”	Model & Photo: Caboose or Passenger Car	Bill Bramlage + Matt Snell
Feb	Sun, Feb 9	North - Four Points by Sheraton Cinti North – W. Chester, OH	Sam Swanson, MMR “Delving into Details”	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	Ric Case + Sam Parfitt
Mar	Sat, Mar 14 CANCELLED	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 19 CANCELLED	East – Anderson Township Center	Special Guests Lou & Cheryl Sassi “Scenery Along the Right of Way”	Model & Photo: Maintenance of Way Equipment	Peter Weiglin + John Listermann
May	Sun, May 17 CANCELLED	Central – Spring Grove Village Harmony Lodge	Special Guests Lou & Cheryl Sassi “Scenery Along the Right of Way”	Model: Flat Car(s) with Load Photo: Train on Bridge/Trestle	Jack Sibert + Cinti Model Ry Club
May	May 28 to 31 CANCELLED	Mid Central Region Convention Pittsburgh (Greentree), PA	THIS CONVENTION RESCHEDULED to May 18-21, 2023 at the same hotel	Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
Jun	Sun, Jun 7 CANCELLED	Family Picnic/Social at Sharon Woods Park, Sharonville, OH	EVENT POSTPONED INDEFINITELY to a later date	None	None
Jun	Sun, Jun 14 Virtual	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Bruce Knapp “Adding Passenger Service”	Model & Proto Photos: Flat Car(s) w/ Load or Train on Bridge/Trestle	Virtual: David Powell + Howard Clark
Jul	Jul 12 to 19 CANCELLED	NMRA National Convention St. Louis, Missouri	National Convention Clinics, Tours, Programs, Show and Banquets	Convention Contests CONV. & SHOW CANCELLED	Convention Tours & Train Show Layouts
Jul	Sun, Jul 19 (note date)	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Special Guest Mike Tylick, MMR “Quick Interiors for Structures”	Virtual Contest - Model & Proto Photos: Steam Locomotive	Virtual: John Ottman + Chris Broughton, MMR
Aug	Sun, Aug 9 Virtual	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	John Burchnall – “Comparison of Premier Passenger Trains in NA”	Virtual Contest - Model & Proto Photos: Tank Car	Virtual: Skip Luyk + Brian Sheron
Sep	Sun, Sep 13 Virtual	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Sam Swanson, MMR “Finishing Models - Painting & Weathering Techniques”	Virtual Contest - Model & Proto Photos: Non-Steam Locomotive	Virtual: Suncoast Mus. + Scale Rails SW FL
Oct	Sun, Oct 4 Virtual	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Steve Zapytowski, MMR “Do I really need to fill out this form?”	Virtual Contest - Model & Proto: Non-Bridge Structure/Diorama	Virtual: John Bowling + Ray & Renee Grosser
Oct	Sat 10 – Sun 11 CANCELLED	53rd Annual Fall Train Show ENTIRE SHOW CANCELLED	Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show Booths, Layouts and Slide Show	None ENTIRE SHOW CANCELLED	Train Show Portable Layouts
Nov	Sun, Nov 8 Now Virtual	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Bob Weinheimer, MMR “Evolution of an Operating System”	Virtual Contest - Model & Proto. Photo: Any Freight Car	Virtual: Matt Hewitt + Ron Lane, MMR
Dec	Sun, Dec 13 Now Virtual	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Tony Koester “Update on the NKP Model Railway”	Virtual Contest - Model & Proto. Photo: Box or Refrigerator Car	Virtual only – from photoshoot collection

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Jan	Sun, Jan 10 Virtual	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Dave Ackmann, Gateway Division (St. Louis) – “3D Printing”	Virtual - Model & Proto Photos: Caboose or Passenger Car	Virtual
Feb	Sun, Feb 14	Tentatively Virtual	Gary Hoover – “1950’s N&W HO Scale Layout with O. Winston Link Scenes”	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	tbd or Virtual
Mar	Sat, Mar 13 10 am to 3 pm	? Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School ?	? Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths ?	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 11	Tentatively Virtual	Ed Swain – “Modeling the Louisville Lift Bridge”	Model & Photo: Maintenance of Way Equipment	tbd or Virtual
May	Sun, May 16 (note date)	Tentatively Virtual	John Shields – “Railfanning Greater Cincinnati”	Model: Flat Car(s) with Load Photo: Train on Bridge/Trestle	tbd or Virtual
May	May 20 to 23 CANCELLED	Mid Central Region Convention “Northern Express” Erie, PA	ENTIRE EVENT CANCELLED Convention Clinics, Banquet, Tours	ENTIRE EVENT CANCELLED Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
Jun	Sun, Jun 13	tbd	John Burchnall – “Modeler’s Guide to Timelines in Selecting Eras”	Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	tbd
Jul	Sun, July 4 to Sun, July 11	NMRA National Convention Santa Clara, California	National Convention Clinics, Tours, Programs, Show and Banquets	Convention Contests	Convention Tours & Train Show Layouts
Jul	Sun, Jul 18 1-5 pm	Family Picnic/Social at Sharon Woods Park, Sharonville, OH	Catered Fellowship/Social Event (stay tuned for more info)	None	None
Aug	Sun, Aug 8	tbd	tbd	Model & Photo: Tank Car	tbd
Sep	Sun, Sep 12	tbd	tbd	Model & Photo: Non-Steam Locomotive	tbd
Oct	Sun, Oct 3 (note date)	tbd	tbd	Model & Photo: Non-Bridge Structure/Diorama	tbd
Oct	Sat 9 – Sun 10 11 am to 5 pm	53rd Annual Fall Train Show	Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show Booths, Layouts and Slide Show	None	Train Show Portable Layouts
Nov	Sun, Nov 14	tbd	tbd	Model & Photo: Freight Car	tbd
Dec	Sun, Dec 12	tbd	tbd	Model & Photo: Box or Refrigerator Car	tbd



Sunday's Meeting

I really enjoyed Bob Weinheimer's presentation on the evolution of his operating system and how it developed with the growth of his railroad and how it also helped develop the layout. I was especially interested in how his staging developed and how his operators contributed to the process. I also noted, with great interest, how it seemed to encourage the purchase of more rolling stock. I passionately believe one cannot have too much rolling stock. Thanks, Bob, for your insightful presentation. Now lets see how many more Santa Fe stock cars, and reefers I can order.

Local Layouts in RMC

"One of the reasons that Division 7 modeler's get so much coverage in MR and RMC is the outstanding quality being produced in individual models and contest quality layouts." Is a quote from my December 2019 "*Knapp's Notes*". Well the September issue of RMC had an excellent article about member, Bill Doll's, Forest Park Southern, with outstanding photos by member Chris Wermuth. The story and the pictures tell a story of Appalachia in 1955.

The article follows a local on Bill's layout, powered by one of my favorite locomotives, an ex-Russian 2-10-0. The pike, which is set in 1955, shows the final days of steam power. I enjoy the transition period, as I prefer steam, but also enjoy early diesel power, especially Alco. I enjoy Bill, and his groups modeling skills and Chris' outstanding photography. John Burchnell often claims our area as a real hot bed of outstanding layouts; you know, I think he is right.

My Annual Complaint (or here it comes again!)

Four years ago, Broadway Limited Imports advertised the impending release of the 4000 class 2-8-2, which were the backbone of Santa Fe's freight roster. Two years ago, at the National Train Show BLI announced the release was on hold until they got more orders. How can Santa bring me two of these wonderful models if they are not released, yet? I WANT MY 2-8-2's! Come on, let's get busy at BLI's Chinese supplier, Christmas is almost here! Santa, I have been good (or at least partially good) all year. I WANT MY 2-8-2's!!!

Your Santa List

I am sure you are filling out your Santa list; you can see part of mine above. But as we all sit down to Thanksgiving dinner, it is time for all of us to thank God for all the blessings of living in the U.S.A. I am thankful for my family, my friends, Lydia, our new cat, and for health. Also for the many men and women, who have served to keep us free, and for you all, my Division 7 family. A Blessed Holiday to All!

Keep 'em rolling

Bruce

Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2020—2021 Schedule

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Layout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
12/13	Virtual Meeting	Tony Koester <i>Update on the NKP Model Railway</i>	None	<u>Models:</u> Box or Refrigerated Cars <u>Photos:</u> Box or Refrigerated Cars
1/10	Virtual Meeting	Dave Ackmann <i>3D Printing</i>	None	<u>Models:</u> Caboose or Passenger Cars <u>Photos:</u> Caboose or Passenger Cars
2/14	Virtual Meeting (tentative)	Gary Hoover <i>1950s N&W HO Scale Layout with O. Winston Link Scenes</i>	None	<u>Models:</u> Hopper or Gondola Cars <u>Photos:</u> Hopper or Gondola Cars

Around the Division
2020

12/17 **Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH**
(confirm date with Bob Chapman)

Region / National
2021

5/20-23 **MCR Convention - Erie PA CANCELLED**

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