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The Editors Corner:

Dave Puthoff

We will soon have our annual Pot Luck Digital Photo Show and Food Fest, at the Mt. Carmel American Legion Post 72.

So dig out some of your favorite electronic railroad photos, and bring them to share at our December meeting.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

If you have a photo, or a useful tip, or maybe just a useful website that you would like to share, the Oil Can 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 Tony Michel's O-Scale Layout

Photo by John Burchnall



If you attended November's meeting, you were introduced to a new attendance procedure. We are trying out a welcoming table. In lieu of passing the attendance clipboard around the room, members are asked to stop by the table and check their name off. And if you don't have or have forgotten your name tag, please fill out a temporary stick-on tag. But the core purpose of the welcoming table is exactly that. We want new members and guests to register and don a colored name tag. This will make it easier for you to identify and welcome them. This is just a small part of our revamped membership recruitment and retention plan.

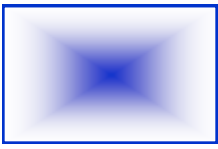
Your Board of Directors will be meeting via Zoom on Wednesday December 6th at 7:00 pm. That's right, YOUR B.O.D. ALL members are welcome to join whether you have something to present to the Board or just want to audit the meeting. If interested, contact me, Tony Valerius, or John Burchnall for the Zoom link (see page 2 for our contact info). Instructions are easy to follow. We look forward to seeing you!

Division 7 has been asked to participate in Kenton County Erlanger Library's Christmas Wonderland event on Friday and Saturday, December 8 and 9. At our November meeting, Division 7's Community Service Chair Larry Bonhaus described our role in the "meet Santa" event and how the library pursued us. While waiting to see Santa, the children, parents, grandparents and friends will be able to watch trains run on a few layouts. This is a two-day event, running from 4 to 8 pm on Friday and 2 to 8 pm on Saturday. At 3 pm on Saturday afternoon John Burchnall will share an introductory presentation about our wonderful hobby of model railroading. Our participation is being coordinated by John Shields and Larry (see their contact info on page 2). They are seeking volunteers to run and talk trains or to staff our NMRA Membership Booth. It is our hope that we add enjoyment for the attendees and use the exposure to promote model railroading and the NMRA.

I want to thank the membership for their vote of confidence in Tony Valerius and myself by electing us to a second term. I appreciate all the support I've received, and I know Tony does as well. I look forward to the next two years, continuing my efforts in maintaining Division 7's reputation as one of the best in the NMRA.

"Don't wait for people to be friendly, show them how." --- Henry James

Chuck



SECOND SECTION

Tony Valerius
Asst. Super

Well, how quickly time flies and my first term as your Assistant Superintendent is coming to an end. I want to thank everyone who has been of so much assistance to me in carrying out the duties of my office. Most of these are behind the scenes where most of you have no idea it is happening. Members have stepped forward in moments when I really needed some advice or assistance. That assistance was especially necessary when I was first learning the ropes of being your Assistant. I have come to know so many of you so much these past two years which I consider the greatest benefit I could receive from this experience. Chuck and I greatly appreciate the overwhelming vote of support given by everyone at November's meeting. I look forward to continuing to serve you in this same role for the next two years.

I hope many of you will take in the various local holiday model train events during the Christmas Season. A few of those include the Cincinnati Museum Center, Krohn Conservatory, and EnterTrainment Junction model trains plus train rides like the Lebanon Railway's North Pole Express event. At the Museum Center, you have the Duke Energy Holiday Trains plus the Carlisle & Finch of Cincinnati electric toy train which predates Lionel as the first electric toy train. It's just not the holidays without trains being a part of our activities!

Our November meeting was held at the Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio where Ed Swain presented a clinic on "Coal Mines of the Middle Division." Next April, we'll get a chance to see Ed's latest work up close as he is one of our April layouts to visit. Our AV team of Chris Boylan, Merlyn Jarman, and Phil Wilkin again provided us with great support both at the meeting and on Zoom. Our after-meeting layout tours were to the homes of Sam Swanson MMR®, and Tony Michel, with lots of wonderful modeling to be seen at both locations. Thanks to everyone for making it another great meeting day.

Coming Up:

December 10th – Our meeting will be at the Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall with our annual Potluck Electronic Slides and Snackfest Celebration. Remember to bring your electronic slides to share! Great food will be provided by the same caterer who has worked our last two June picnics and last December's meeting. John Burchnall will again manage the slide shows. The model and photo contest topic will be "Box or Refrigerator Car." Our after-meeting layout tours will be to the homes of Dan Mack and John Listermann.

January 14th – Our meeting will be at the American Legion Hall Post 194 in Mason, Ohio. Our clinic will be presented by Cincinnati Museum Staff on the "Planning & Construction of Cincinnati Union Terminal." Our after-meeting layout tours will be to the homes of Bob Chapman and the late Ron Gribler, MMR® (courtesy of grandson Chris Shackleton).

Happy Modeling!

Tony

LEADERSHIP CONTINUITY PLAN STATUS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>Present Holder</u>	<u>Back Up(s)</u>
Treasurer	Frank Koch	John Shields
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Secretary	Bruce Knapp	Tony Valerius
Membership	John Shields	Mike Tener
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Raffle	Russ Poynter	Chuck Endreola
Publicity	Merlyn Jarman	Randy Kerka
Email Notices	Bob Shreve	open
Social Media Chair	Pam Moleski	Nancy Windes
Registrar	Roy Hord	open
Fall Show Chair	Rick Crumrine	open
Spring Flea Market	Gary Ossenschmidt	open
Table Sales/Floor Plan	Roy Hord	open
Street Signs Distributor	John Burchnall	open
Contest Chair	Roy Allan	John Listermann
Car Projects	Paul Maciulewicz	open
Community Service	Larry Bonhaus	open
Company Store	Paul Musselman	open
Video Library	Gary Orcutt	open
Modelers Aid	Bruce Knapp/Sam Parfitt	open
A/V Meeting Operators	- several -	open

If you are interested in volunteering to back-up any of these open positions, please contact Chuck Endreola or the "Present Holder" for a description of duties.

Both New, and Veteran members are encouraged to become active in Division operations. Participation is rewarding!



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA
November 2023 Contest Results**



MODELS: RAIL BUILDING OR BRIDGE

Kit-Built	1st Place:	Jim Rollwage	Denver Coal Shute
	2nd Place:	Jim Rollwage	Country Feed Tower
	3rd Place:	Jim Rollwage	Saint Brains Station
Kit-Bashed:	1st Place:	Larry Goodridge	Lehigh Valley Coal Company Tower
	2nd Place:	Larry Goodridge	Union Pacific F3 Shell Structure
	3rd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	Prarie Star Feed Mill
Scratch-Built:	1st Place:	Bob Kress	Baltimore & Ohio Midland City Depot
	2nd Place:	Roy Allan	RGS Line Car Shed
Junior Div:	No entries this month		

PHOTOGRAPHY: RAIL BUILDING OR BRIDGE

Prototype:	1st Place:	Jim Rollwage	Bridge at Ft Madison
	2nd Place:	John Burchnall	Cumberland Maryland Station
	3rd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	Baltimore & Ohio Mt Claire Roundhouse
Models:	1st Place:	John Burchnall	Multi-Track Concrete Coaling Tower
	2nd Place:	John Burchnall	Timber Trestle at Colorado Model RR Museum
	3rd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	Tumi Water Canyon Trestle
Junior Div:	No entries this month		

2023 STANDINGS THROUGH NOVEMBER:

MODELS

Larry Goodridge	28	Tom Brueggeman, MMR®	9	Bruce Knapp	2
Jim Rollwage	25	Mike Reynolds	8	Dale Brown	2
Ben Hallenbeck	20	Chris Shackleton	7		
Roy Allan	16	Bob Kress	3		

PHOTOGRAPHY

John Burchnall	52	Bob Shreve	3	Pam Moleski	2
Larry Goodridge	16	David Wynne	3	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	2
Jim Rollwage	14	Tom Brueggeman, MMR®	3	Roy Allan	1
Ben Hallenbeck	11	Joe Stuber	2		
John Listermann	3	Dan Mack	2		

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS No entries this year

JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOS Shane Stephens 12

DECEMBER CATEGORIES

MODELS: REFRIGERATOR OR BOX CAR

PHOTOGRAPHY: REFRIGERATOR OR BOX CAR

Roy Allan
Cincinnati Division Contest Chair



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7
MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA
2023 CONTEST THEMES**



MONTH	MODELS	PHOTOGRAPHY
January	Caboose	Caboose
February	Hopper or Gondola Car	Hopper or Gondola Car
March	- No contest (Flea Market) -	- No contest (Flea Market) -
April	Steam Locomotive	Steam Locomotive
May	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment
June	- No contest (Picnic) -	- No contest (Picnic) -
July	Non-Rail Building or Bridge	Non-Rail Building or Bridge
August	Dirt or Road Vehicle	Dirt or Road Vehicle
September	Tank Car	Tank Car
October	Non-Steam Locomotive	Non-Steam Locomotive
November	Rail Building or Bridge	Rail Building or Bridge
December	Box or Refrigerator Car	Box or Refrigerator Car

Contest Sub-Classes

MODEL (up to 3 total entries permitted) – Kit-Built, Kit-Bashed or Scratch-Built

PHOTO (up to 3 total entries permitted) – Model or Prototype



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7
MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA
2024 CONTEST THEMES**



MONTH	MODELS	PHOTOGRAPHY
January	Caboose (any EOT device freight train car)	Caboose (any EOT device freight train car)
February	Hopper or Gondola Car (open or closed)	Hopper or Gondola Car (open or closed)
March	- No contest (Flea Market) -	- No contest (Flea Market) -
April	Steam Locomotive	Steam Locomotive
May	Non-Steam Locomotive	Non-Steam Locomotive
June	- No contest (Picnic) -	- No contest (Picnic) -
July	Passenger Car (including head end cars)	Passenger Car (including head end cars)
August	Dirt or Road Self Propelled Vehicle	Dirt or Road Self Propelled Vehicle
September	Tank or Flat Car (with or without load)	Tank or Flat Car (with or without load)
October	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment
November	Building or Bridge	Building or Bridge
December	Box, Refrigerator or Stock Car	Box, Refrigerator or Stock Car

Contest Sub-Classes

MODEL (up to 3 total entries permitted): Kit-Built, Kit-Bashed or Scratch-Built

PHOTO (up to 3 total entries permitted): Model or Prototype

Sept 2, 2023



DIVISION 7 - COMMITTEE REPORTS December 2023



Superintendent (Chuck Endreola): As a member in good standing of Division 7, you have the opportunity to attend BOD (Board of Directors) meetings. You may voice your opinion and/or introduce new ideas and suggestions. **At this time, the BOD meets via Zoom.** The meetings are held each quarter, and each has a different Zoom link. **The next meeting is December 6.** Contact Tony Valerius, John Burchnall or me each time and we'll gladly email you the link. Hope to see you there.

Recruitment and Retention (John Shields): The "latest" information from National (as of November 1) shows our current count is 213.

We have six new members to welcome this month.

Tom Hutchins added a family membership to his individual membership.

David Esposito of Batavia OH

Matthew Lawson of Colerain Township

Justin Leiwig of Middletown OH

Gary Held of Florence KY

Richard O'Brien of Felicity OH

Thank you to the 8 people who chose to renew their memberships last month.

I am looking for more volunteers to man the membership booth at the Erlanger Library event on December 8 and 9 (just before our monthly meeting in December on the 10th). If you would like information, or know you can help, email me.

John Shields

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MCR Report (John Shields): No report this month

National Report (Frank Koch / Pam Moleski): No report this month

Achievement Program (Frank Koch): See Photos in this issue

Car Projects (Paul Maciulewicz): See the Car Project Announcement elsewhere in this Oil Can

Oil Can (Dave Puthoff): Submissions for the January Oil Can are due by December 22.

Monthly Raffle (Russ Poynter): No report this month

Community Service (Larry Bonhaus): No report this month

Modelers Aid (Bruce Knapp / Sam Parfitt): No report this month

Fall Train Show (Rick Crumrine): No report this month

Spring Flea Market (Gary Ossenschmidt / Roy Hord): No report this month

Operations Activities (Rick Stern): No report this month

Facebook Page (Pam Moleski): No report this month

Web Site (John Burchnall): No report this month

Video Library (Kevin Orcutt): No report this month

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robert Kress earns NMRA Certificate of Achievement—*Master Builder Structures*



Photo by John Burchnall

Local source for Hydrocal Plaster

I had a hard time finding a source here in the Cincinnati area for USG Hydrocal white gypsum cement. If you're not familiar with it, it's an alternative to regular plaster of paris and is used (mostly) for basic landforms and rock castings, etc. Through persistence, I found that Star Building Materials (on Symmes Road) in Fairfield has 50 lb bags of it in their inventory for \$26.45.

Paul Maciulewicz

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Division 7 Car Project (Limited Edition!)

Cincinnati Division 7's Car Project Committee is pleased to announce the availability of our latest, limited-edition car project!

Using Accurail's 2200 Series ACF 2-Bay Covered Hopper as the basis, we are offering it in a Norfolk & Western repaint scheme.

These cars are N&W class HC-46 and are from an original batch of fifty built in 1966 by ACF and were painted in the Round Herald paint scheme.

Sometime subsequent to that some cars went through a general maintenance program where they were repainted in the block N&W livery. Photos were found showing that at least three of these cars (road numbers 170753, 170768 and 170794) were reweighed at some later date because that area is "patched out" on the car with the new data displayed. Those same photos place these three cars as being in service in 1992 and 2004! It is these three, highly unique, road numbers that Cincinnati Division 7 is now offering for sale.

As with all Accurail cars, they are in kit form only.

Pricing is \$25 per car, or a 3-car set at \$70. Shipping (via USPS Priority) is \$9.20 for one car and \$16.25 for two to three cars.

Ohio residents, please add 7.8% sales tax on the **total price of the kits and the shipping and handling fee.**

I received these cars the week of 9/12. Heritage and purchasing details are posted on our Division 7 web site.

You can also send me a check or money order in US dollars, payable to Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA, to:

Cincinnati Division 7 Car Projects

c/o Paul Maciulewicz

9151 Congress Court

West Chester, Ohio 45069



DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Northern Railway Operating Session on December 16 at 7 PM (Saturday)

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

GNRW ops is on the 3rd W/E Saturday.

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 PROJECTS:

Installed decoders in several more engines. A selection of 100 engines can now be done.

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.

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.

For pictures see:

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

Video:

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

The Operating session is also listed in the NMRA MCR div 7 web site:

<https://cincy-div7.org/events.html>

Junk food and beverage will be available

Thanks

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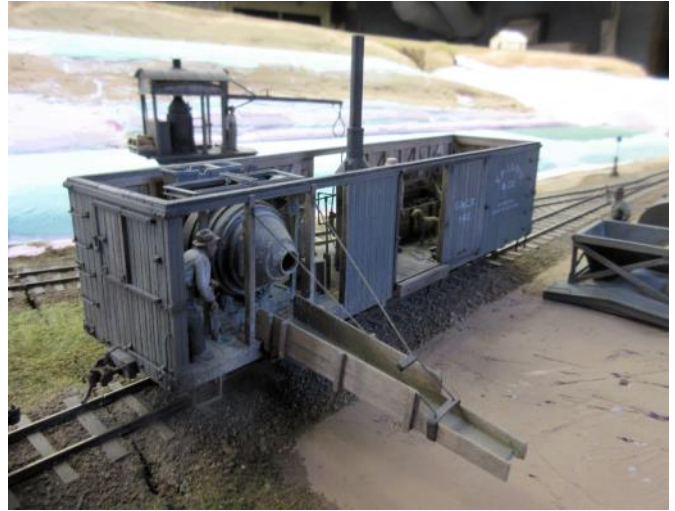
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LAYOUT VISIT to Sam Swanson's Layouts



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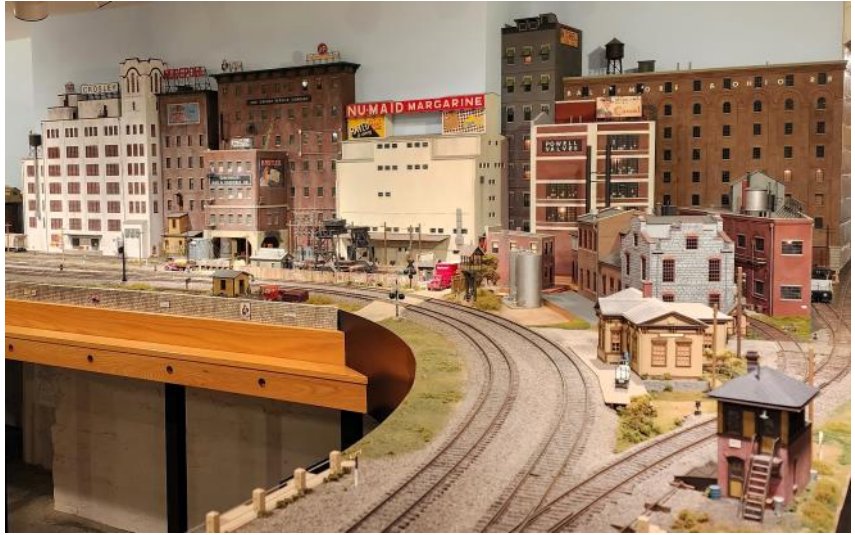
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LAYOUT VISIT to Tony Michel's O-Scale Layout



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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 will periodically re-evaluate the program. 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.
	Athearn EMD SD40-2, undec, dynamic brakes Retail: \$32.50	\$15	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	288-Sep 23
	Athearn EMD GP40-2, undec, dynamic brakes Retail: \$33.00	\$15	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	289-Sep 23
	Athearn FM H24-66 Trainmaster, PRR, powered, Brunswick green, #8704 Retail: \$27.50	\$15	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	290-Sep 23
	Atlas ALCo C-424, PRR, non-dynamic, Brunswick green, #2415 Retail: \$79.95	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	291-Sep 23
	Proto 2000 EMD GP18, B&O, w/dynamic, blue w/yellow stripe, #6599 Retail: \$80.00	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	292-Sep 23
	Proto 2000 EMD SD7 phase II, B&O, non-dynamic, blue w/yellow stripe, #1830 Retail: \$100.00	\$55	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	293-Sep 23
	Proto 2000 EMD SD7, B&O, non-dynamic, blue w/yellow stripe, #763 Retail: \$85.00	\$55	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	294-Sep 23
	Stewart GE U25B, phase IV, PRR, Brunswick green, #2651 Retail: \$69.95	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	295-Sep 23
	American Model Builders 2-story farmhouse, laser-cut basswood Retail: \$42.95	\$30	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	296-Sep 23
	Detail Assoc NP ACF 2970 cf, 2-bay covered hopper, #75075 (flat kit) Retail: \$17.50	\$10	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	297-Sep 23
	Crossing Signal Detector & Flasher Circuit - 12 volts DC. With 2 HO Crossing Signals. Ebay price is \$39	\$33	Dave Puthoff	parkdale111@yahoo.com	298-Feb 24

Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2023 Program Schedule

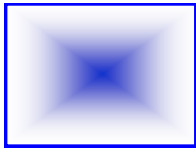
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Month	Date	Location	Program / Speaker	Contests *	Layout Visits
Jan	Sun, Jan 8	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Patrick Stanley “How I Modeled Donner Pass”	Model & Photo: Caboose	Bob Bartizek + Bob Chapman + Mike Rottenberger
Feb	Sun, Feb 5 (note date)	West – Dunham Recreation Center (near Queen City Ave)	John Burchnall “Great Midwest Rail Circle Tour”	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola	Jack Sibert + Dennis Malloy
Mar	Sat, Mar 11 10 am – 3 pm	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 2 (note date)	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	Bernard Kempinski, MMR® “Military Railroads”	Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	Gary Ossenschmidt + Ed Bley
May	Thu, May 4 to Sun, May 7	Pittsburgh MCR Convention – Keystone Div. 2 Pittsburgh	“Rails to Pittsburgh” Convention Clinics, Banquet, Show, Tours	Doubletree by Hilton Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
May	Sun, May 21 (note date)	South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library	Dan Mack “Fire Engines and Fire Stations”	Model & Photo: Maintenance of Way	Perry Simpson + perhaps another tbd
Jun	Sun, Jun 11 1 – 5 pm	Family Picnic/Social at Fernbank Park in Cinti, Ohio	Catered Social Event (Food, Games, Door Prizes) - must register by June 1	None, except Team Trivia	None
Jul	Sun, Jul 9	Central – Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio	Larry Goodridge “Use of Color in Model Railroading”	Model & Photo: Non-Rail Building or Bridge	Tom Brueggeman, MMR® + Bill Bramlage
Aug	Sun, Aug 13	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Mike Hauk “Static Grass Tips & Techniques”	Model & Photo: Dirt or Road Vehicle	David Lamb + Rick Crumrine
Aug	Sat, Aug 19 to Sun, Aug 27	NMRA National Convention Grapevine (Ft. Worth), TX	2023 Texas Express – Clinics, Tours, Programs, Banquet, Show	Gaylord Texan Resort Convention Contests	Tours & Show Layouts
Sep	Sun, Sep 10	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Mike Tylick, MMR® “Scenery Construction”	Model & Photo: Tank Car	Sam Parfitt + Jim Rollwage
Oct	Sun, Oct 8	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	Lou and Cheryl Sassi “Modeling South Strong”	Model & Photo: Non-Steam Locomotive	Steve Montgomery + Dave Puthoff
Oct	Sat 14 & Sun 15 11 am to 5 pm	55th Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West High School	Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show Booths, Layouts and Slide Show	None	Train Show Portable Layouts
Nov	Sun, Nov 12	Central – Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio	Ed Swain “Coal Mines of the Middle Division”	Model & Photo: Rail Building or Bridge	Sam Swanson, MMR® + Tony Michel
Dec	Fri 6 & Sat 7	Winter Wonderland (?2p-8p?)	Erlanger, KY - Kenton County Library	(Intro Clinics + NMRA Booth)	QC NGrS, T-Trak + tbd
Dec	Sun, Dec 10	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Potluck Electronic Slides and Annual Snackfest Celebration	Model & Photo: Box or Refrigerator Car	John Listermann + Dan Mack

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Month	Date	Location	Program / Speaker	Contests *	Layout Visits
Jan	Sun, Jan 14	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Cinti Mus Center Staff – "Planning & Construction of Cin. Union Terminal"	Model & Photo: Caboose or any EOT device freight car	Ron Gribler, MMR + Bob Chapman
Feb	Sun, Feb 4 (note date)	West – Dunham Recreation Center (near Queen City Ave)	Bob Frankrone "How to add Scene in 15 Easy Steps"	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	Jerry Strangarity + Keith Corman
Mar	Sat, Mar 9 10 am – 3 pm	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 14	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	Bernard Kempinski, MMR® "Modeling Ships on Model Railroads"	Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	Ed Swain + Patrick Stanley
May	Sun, May 5 (note date)	Central – Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio	Gerry Albers "Virginian & Ohio Tribute"	Model & Photo: Non-Steam Locomotive	Cinti Model Ry Club + Dan Hadley
May	Thu, May 16 to Sun, May 19	Cleveland MCR Convention – North Coast Ltd, Cleveland, OH	Clinics, Banquet, Show, Tours	Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
Jun	Sun, Jun 9 1 – 5 pm	Family Picnic/Social at Fernbank Park in Cinti, Ohio	Catered Social Event (Food, Games, Door Prizes) - must register by June 1	None, except Team Trivia	None
Jul	Sun, Jul 14	South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library?	John Burchnell & Rick Lach "Bob Fink's Dayton & Western RR"	Model & Photo: Any Passenger Train Car	Bo Sis + another tbd
Aug	Sun, Aug 4 to Sun, Aug 11	NMRA International Convention Long Beach, CA	Clinics, Tours, Programs, Banquet, Show	Convention Contests	Convention Tours & Show Layouts
Aug	Sun, Aug 18 (note date)	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Mike Hauk "Weathering with Oil Paints"	Model & Photo: Dirt or Road Self Propelled Vehicle	Matt & Debie Snell + another tbd
Sep	Sun, Sep 8	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	Mike Tylick, MMR® "Chester & Becket Fn3 RR Story"	Model & Photo: Tank or Flat Car	Bill Doll + another tbd
Oct	Sun, Oct 6 (note date)	Central – Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio	Terry Luginbuhl "Programming DCC Locos"	Model & Photo: Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment	tbd
Oct	Sat 12 & Sun 13 11 am to 5 pm	56th Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West High School	Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show Booths, Layouts and Slide Show	None	Train Show Portable Layouts
Nov	Sun, Nov 10	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Chuck Endreola "Carved Foam Rock Scenery"	Model & Photo: Any Building or Bridge	Paul Maciulewicz + Mike Tener
Dec	Sun, Dec 8	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Potluck Electronic Slides and Annual Snackfest Celebration	Model & Photo: Box, Stock or Refrigerator Car	tbd



KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

I am back again

Again, I have been missing from our last two issues of the *Oil Can*, as, (A) I have had some progression of my Parkinson's and (B) This is a very busy time for my many musical activities. The Cincinnati Metropolitan Orchestra and The New Horizon Concert Band have holiday programs, and our Annual *TubaChristmas* is returning to Newport on the Levy. I suspect I will be very busy preparing for these wonderful events.

Our last two meetings were excellent and our annual train show was easily one of our best. I need to thank Zach Riggins, Russ Poynter, and John Burchnall for their valuable assistance. The test track ran very well until the MRC throttle for the AC power gave up. On a very positive note, the rebuild of the DC and DCC portion of the test track worked flawlessly for the show. Now we have to replace the AC controller for the Flea Market. I really had a great time at the show and appreciated everyone's contributions.

Well now I have returned and it's time to get back to my Raton Pass project. There is so much left to do, I am not sure where to begin. I am starting to organize my huge collection of motive power and rolling stock. I soon realized I have far more 2-8-2's, and F units than I can ever use. I was planning on using Dan Miller to assist in the disposal of all the extra items, but Dan has passed away, so I am looking for another source. Anyone need some Santa Fe power? I am beginning to realize that age and Parkinson's are going to really slow down my progress, and probably will have a very negative impact on any further development. As one of my college profs stated, "Old age isn't for sissies."

Russ does it again

Russ Poynter, our outstanding Raffle Chair, did another outstanding job with our November raffle. Besides the normal wonderful array of prizes, he somehow managed to make sure I won the book on West Virginia Logging Power. Of course, John Burchnall questioned the event's honesty. What??... the raffle being crooked?? See you at our next meeting; save your money for the raffle!

Keep 'Em Rolling,

Bruce

Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday December 10

Mt. Carmel

American Legion Post 72

497 B Old State Route 74

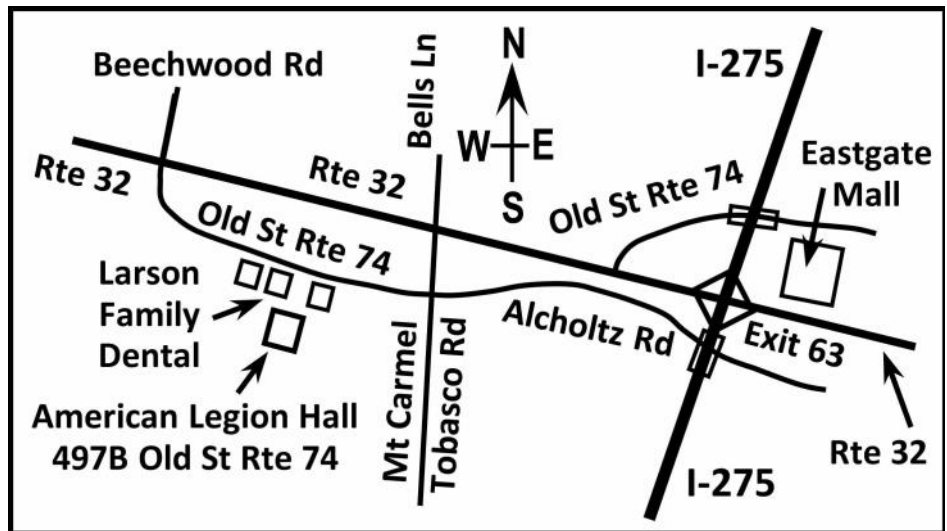
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Directions:

From I-275, take Exit 63B
Then State Route 32 West
Turn Left onto Mt.Carmel Tobasco Rd.
Turn Left onto Old Stste Route 74
Hall is on your left

From Route 32 West, take Old State Route 74
Hall is on your right

NOTE: Some GPS devices may incorrectly locate the address as "Outside" of I-275. The correct location is "Inside" of I-275, toward Anderson Twp./ Mt. Washington



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

2023-2024 Schedule

NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM

(Unless otherwise notified)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Lavout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
12/10	Mt. Carmel Amer. Legion Mt. Carmel OH	Potluck Electronic Slides & Annual Snackfest	John Listermann Dan Mack	<u>Models:</u> Box or Refrig. Car <u>Photos:</u> Box or Refrig. Car
1/14	Mason American Legion Mason OH	Cinti. Museum Ctr.Staff <i>Planning & Constuction of CUT</i>	Ron Gribler MMR® Bob Chapman	<u>Models:</u> Caboose, or EOT Car <u>Photos:</u> Caboose, or EOT Car
2/4	Dunham Recreation Center Cincinnati OH	Bob Frankrone <i>Add Scene in 15 Easy Steps</i>	Jerry Strangarity Keith Corman	<u>Models:</u> Hopper or Gondola Car <u>Photos:</u> Hopper or Gondola Car

Around the Division

2022

12/14 7:15 pm Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

Region / National

2024

5/16-5/19, 2024 NMRA Mid-Central Region Convention,
North Coast Limited, Cleveland, OH.

8/4-8/11, 2024 NMRA National Convention,
Surfliner National at Long Beach, CA

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