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The Editors Corner:

Dave Puthoff

In this issue you will find information and a Registration Form for the upcoming Division 7 Bus Trip, The Buckeye Steam Express, on May 9.

This trip includes an unusual visit to Jerry Jacobson's Age of Steam Roundhouse complex and locomotive collection. It's unusual because tours are typically not allowed. But our Excursion Committee Chairs, John Burchnall and Merlyn Jarman, have secured a tour of the facility. More information can be found at www.ageofsteamroundhouse.com, where you will note their prominent and specific request to mot contact them regarding tours!

This bus trip promises to be a sellout!

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.



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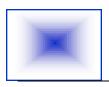
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<u>Space permitting</u>, **The Oil Can** welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

18-stall roundhouse at the Age of Steam Roundhouse complex at Sugarcreek Ohio, prime destination of Division 7 bus trip on May 9

Photo: John Burchnall



HEADLIGHTS

Well, we're about halfway through winter and so far it hasn't been too bad. Hopefully, you've been able to get some work done on your model railroads. Gerry Albers has provided lots of work to keep our Friday evening work crew busy while waiting for them to get their own layouts started. It keeps us off the street and out of trouble.

Last month I told you about an IRS audit of Division 7 which was conducted this past December. Treasurer Frank Koch spoke again with the IRS agent who conducted the audit. Frank reports that the IRS appears to have concluded that there are no issues with Division 7. The agent will likely recommend that we closely monitor payments to non-corporate entities and issue 1099 forms as appropriate. We will provide another update after the final findings are issued sometime in the next three months.

Over the last several weeks, you should have received election ballots from 2 sources. The ballot for the national elections is in the February issue of the NMRA.Org magazine. It looks like most of the offices that we vote for have more than one candidate, so your vote is important. I also just received the latest edition of the Kingpin, the Mid Central Region newsletter. 2015 is an election year at the regional level, so this issue contains a ballot and candidate statements for those elections. While the positions are not so hotly contested, it's still important to return the ballot to show your support for the people running for office. Also included in this issue of the Kingpin is information on the 2015 regional convention in Lexington, Ky. This looks like a fun weekend they have planned. There are many Division 7 people on the schedule to give clinics.

Speaking of conventions, our own convention committee is currently conducting visits to prospective venues to use as the host hotel for the 2018 regional convention. The plan is to have the venue and date nailed down by the time of the Lexington convention.

As promised, John Burchnall and Merlyn Jarman have come up with a super destination for the Division 7 bus trip in May. This year's trip is to the Age Of Steam roundhouse facility. This facility is not open to the general public, so this is one of the limited opportunities to see it. Also included in the tour are three excellent model railroads. This should be another great trip. The trip is going to be the weekend before the regional convention, so May will be a busy month again this year. See the registration form elsewhere in this copy of the Oil Can for more info.

There are a couple of train shows coming up over the next two months. On February 7th, Andy Wartman's American Eagle Rail group is sponsoring a show in Ft Wright Kentucky. They are planning to have operating layouts as well as dealer tables. We'll have the division membership booth there. Here are the particulars:

Ft Wright Elementary School 501 Farrell Dr, Ft Wright, Ky Saturday, Feb 7th 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Be sure to save some money for the Division 7 Spring Swap Meet on March 7th at the Lakota West Freshman School. This is our only activity in March. We need our members to help with table setup, admissions table, and membership booth to make this show a success. There will be sign-up sheets at the February meeting.

Each year at our fall show we have attendees fill in an entry blank for the hourly door prizes and the give-away trainset. On that form is a box the person can check to request more information about the NMRA and Division 7. After the show Randy Kerka goes over these entry blanks and harvests the names and addresses for the postcard data base and to generate the list of people requesting more info. In January, I sent a letter to these people describing what our division does and inviting them to one of our meetings. Also included on the letter is an application for one of the 6 month Rail Pass trial memberships. This year, I sent out 200 letters. Several people attended the January meeting after receiving the letter. Hopefully, we'll get more new members because of this letter.

All for now. See you in February.





SECOND SECTION

The January meeting was on Sunday January 11th, at Hyde Park United Methodist Church. Our clinician was Peter Weiglin. His topic was the story of the Harvey Houses along the Santa Fe, and elsewhere. (Who knew that there was one in Cleveland!) Afterward, we visited Frank Fieler's layout downtown and Jim Stewart's layout in Madeira.

In February, we will be meeting at the Wingate Hotel off Tylersville Road in West Chester on Sunday February 8th. Our clinician is the acclaimed W. Allen McClelland MMR giving us his latest V&O clinic entitled "Trendsetting, The V&O Story". The V&O really has been a thought leader in our hobby, and has inspired tons of modelers over the years through the many articles about it that have been published (and books, and clinics, etc). We are very fortunate to be so close to this famous layout and to be able to bring Allen down to share information with us locally. Most modelers would have to go to a National Convention to get to a clinic like this. The contest topics for both models and photos for February will be cabooses.

The layout visit after the meeting in February will be to Larry Bonhaus' Pennsylvania Railroad, located in Glendale. This is a very large and largely complete N scale layout; which features the famous Horseshoe Curve near Altoona. If you think of N scale as "little" trains in small spaces (which by the way it IS very good for! – editorial comment from your N Scale Asst. Super), this layout will demonstrate what can be done in a space HOers and even O scalers would like to have. Parking is a little bit challenging at Larry's; so be sure to get a map and listen to the instructions at the meeting.

Remember that in March there is no regular meeting due to the annual Flea Market and Swap Meet at Lakota West Freshman School. At the February meeting we will be needing to sign up lots of volunteers to help at the event; so check your calendars so you know what time you have available. Also, Frank Koch will be selling white elephants as usual, so be sure to get in touch with him at the February meeting or separately if you have some things that need to be "recycled" so you can afford new stock.

In April, we will be at Harmony Lodge in Winton Place (Spring Grove Village, if you are not a railroad fan) on Sunday April 12th. The clinician at this meeting will be our own contest winning Sam Swanson. He will be giving a clinic on "Scratchbuilding a Critter in On30". The contest topics are models and photos of Maintenance of Way Equipment. And of course we will be visiting the O Scale Club downstairs at Harmony Lodge afterwards, plus one or two more.

In May, there will be our MidCentral Region Convention in Lexington - "The Thoroughbred Limited" from May 14-17th. Additionally, we will have our annual Division 7 Bus Tour on May 9th; and therefore no regular meeting that month either. The bus tour was announced at the January meeting, and this year we are headed to the Age of Steam in northeastern Ohio for a seldom allowed tour of the facility. Plus, there will be three model railroads to see along the route. Look for details elsewhere in this Oil Can. In June, we will be at the Anderson Senior Center on June 14th. And finally, in July we will be in Mason at the St. Susanna Church on July 12th.

When I took over the assistant super role, Bob passed on to me a very good list of clinics and clinicians, and Merlyn provided the even better list that the Region maintains. After a year or so in the role, I am realizing that what I do not have is any good way to know what the rest of you guys out there know and might be willing to share with the rest of us. If any of you would like to present a topic, PLEASE let me know so I can work with you. [email: qcngineers@aol.com] If you've never done one, I'll try to help or find someone else who knows more than me to help you. And the second thing I have realized I need is feedback on what kind of clinics you would like to see. From the monthly descriptions above, I hope you can tell that we try to offer topics about both models and modeling as well as about prototypes, and subjects relevant to and about all the major scales. But if we are missing something that you would really like to see or learn about, let met know.

See you at the Wingate on February 8th.





NMRA MCR DIV. 7 JANUARY 2015 CONTEST RESULTS



MODELS: REPURPOSED RAILROAD CARS W/O TRUCKS (on or off railroad property)

Box Stock:

1st Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Box Car Converted to Storage Shed

No Other Entries Submitted In This Category

Kitbashed:

1st Place: Ron Gribler, MMR: 2 Tank Cars Converted to Sunoco Bulk Oil Storage

No Other Entries Submitted In This Category

Scratch Built:

No Entries Submitted In This Category

PHOTOGRAPHY: REPURPOSED RAILROAD CARS W/O TRUCKS (on or off railroad property)

Print Prototype:

1st Place: Tom Brueggeman, MMR: Alaskan Railroad Passenger Car w/o trucks waiting for conversion

No Other Entries Submitted In This Category

Print Model:

No Entries Submitted In This Category

Junior Division - No Entries Submitted in Any Category

2015 OVERALL STANDINGS (through January 2015)

MODELS

Ron Gribler, MMR 03 Georgia Dahlberg, MMR 03

PHOTOGRAPHY

Tom Brueggeman, MMR 03

JUNIOR DIVISION - MODELS

JUNIOR DIVISION - PHOTOGRAPHY

FEBRUARY CONTESTS:

MODELS: CABOOSES

PHOTOGRAPHY: CABOOSES

Brad Jonas

NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair Laddie Henninger, Assistant Chair

Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati MODEL RAILROAD SHOW 501 Farrell Drive Ft. Wright, KY

Ft. Wright Elementary School



Adults \$5.00 Children Over 5: \$3.00 Children Under 5: \$Free Questions & Reservations Call 859-394-4579 Email: nktrainshow@yahoo.com

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LAYOUT VISIT to Jim Stewart's HO Scale



Photo by Dave Puthoff

WHITE ELEPHANTS at the 2015 Spring Show

(Frank Koch) – I'm back again for any individual Division 7 members with items they wish to sell, but not enough to justify the cost of a table. Prepare an inventory showing your name, address, and telephone number and listing each individual item with a description and code so I can match it back to you, and your <u>firm</u> asking price (I won't negotiate to a lower price.). Each individual item must be clearly marked and priced as shown below. <u>If there is more than one of an item, list them separately.</u> Put all your items in a bag or box and bring them to the flea market before the show starts on Saturday morning. I'll log them in, sell them, calculate how much you get back (The Division will keep 10% of actual sales.), and you can, preferably, pick up your unsold material and money on Saturday right after the show closes or after the show at a later meeting. If you need an inventory form, send me an e-mail at <u>fikoch@hotmail.com</u> with "elephant inventory" in the subject.

FJK #12 \$10.00

Items are placed in the White Elephant Sale at your own risk. Neither Division 7 nor Frank Koch assumes any liability for any items damaged or stolen during the flea market, though we will provide due diligence for their safety. We will not accept items that are not prepared as indicated here...and no magazines. If you want to help out at some time during the flea market, let Frank know. We reserve the right to refuse any material that we deem unsuitable.

2015 Division 7 Spring White Elephant Sale (10% of actual sales retained by Division 7)

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May 9 "Buckeye Steam Express" Division 7 Bus Tour

Incredible Age of Steam Complex

Guided tour of 18 stall roundhouse, turntable, shops, grounds, locos (for more info and photos see www.ageofsteamroundhouse.com)



Exquisite Maine On30 Layout

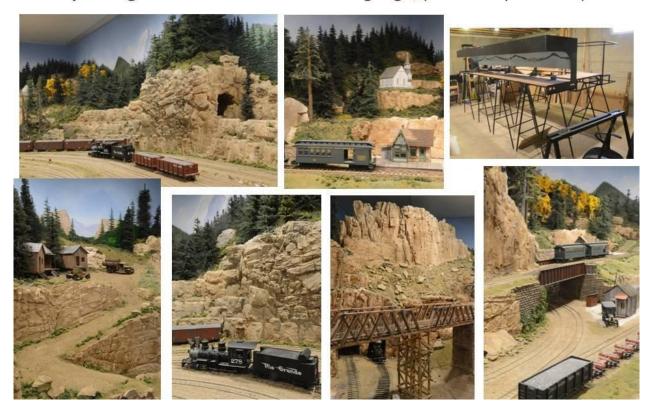
Michael Yoakam - beautiful scenes + O scale details manufacturing



May 9 "Buckeye Steam Express" Division 7 Bus Tour

Beautiful Colorado On30 Layout

Gary Young – 1930's Colorado narrow gauge, plus new portable pike



Huge HO Scale Club Layout

Coshocton Club – must see TWV&O pike, including incredible diamond interface to real 32 lever interlocking machine, plus 2 real cabooses



"The Buckeye Steam Express"

Saturday, May 9, 2015

Deluxe Motor Coach Tour to Age of Steam Roundhouse & Locomotives Complex + Three Columbus/Coshocton Area Premier Model Railroads

Departing 7:00 AM and Returning by about 7:00 PM, from and to Mason, OH Venue Restrictions Limit this Trip to the First 47 Registrants that Sign Up Registration Deadline Sunday, April 12, 2015 – No Refunds after this Date

Exclusive Tour Package

Rare Tour Inside the Age of Steam Complex! Guided tour of shop complex with diesel and steam locos First authentic steam servicing complex built in 60 years

Single Departing Location - Mason, Ohio Exact location disclosed later only to registrants Park at own risk - Provide car and license info below View Three Premier Model Railroad Layouts! Mostly scenicked superb layouts - in On30 and HO scales One near historic Roscoe Village in Coshocton, Ohio

Fantastic Inspirational Day for a Great Price! Deluxe motor coach transport, scenic roads, bottled waters Experienced guides, Panera Bread Company deluxe box lunch

Michael Yoakam – exquisite Maine narrow gauge On30 pike, featuring beautiful scenes, complex handlaid track, mountains, wharves, painted backdrops, curving profile boards and light valances, plus manufacturing operation for O scale detail castings Gary Young – beautiful partly scenicked On30 Colorado narrow gauge layout, featuring wonderful painted backdrops, huge mountains, vehicles, bridges, log camp, Berrett Hill touch toggle switch panels, new portable island layout under construction Coshocton Club – must see, nice partly scenicked huge HO pike with 700 ft long 2 trk main, 250 ft long single track DT&I, all handlaid code 83 rail, DC and DCC, incredible interface with restored 32 lever interlocking machine, plus 2 real cabooses

Fares and Registration

Basic Fare of \$72 per person includes -

- Deluxe Motor Coach round trip transportation from Mason, Ohio area to all included Central Ohio area attractions
- Transport and admission to Age of Steam complex, 3 premier model railroads, deluxe box lunch, waters
- Exclusive guided tour inside Jerry Jacobson's incredible Age of Steam roundhouse complex and loco collection
- Photos permitted NOTE: images of AOS are for personal use only and may not be posted or shared anywhere
- Visits to three premier model railroads plus drive thru historic Coshocton all never seen before on our tours!

Other Terms and Conditions -

- Long pants & fully closed shoes required umbrellas not permitted bring caps, hooded jackets or ponchos instead
- All must sign/return <u>Release Form</u> at least 2 wks before boarding bus Registrar provides form upon registration
- Do not delay in registering due to venue restrictions this trip is limited to the first 47 registrants that sign up!
- A waitlist will be maintained when full refunds given after registration deadline only if replaced from waitlist
- Registration limited to Cincinnati Div 7 members and their spouse/guest all must be 18 years of age or older
- Participants agree to promptly obey all directives of tour guides and stay with your tour sub-group during AOS tour
- Cincinnati Division 7 reserves the right to modify or cancel this event, especially due to matters beyond our control

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Further information: John and Ruth Anne Burchnall burchna@fuse.net Phone: (513) 860-3852



Thoroughbred Limited 2015

2015 Mid Central Region Convention May 14-17, 2015 Lexington, Kentucky

\$99 Super Room, Renovated and Updated Hotel
Charlie Getz Banquet Speaker
Great Tours, Company Store, New Clinics
Contests, OPS, Layouts
Bourbon Cooking, Horse Farms
And Much More

Plan a family vacation around this first-ever convention in historic, beautiful, laid-back Lexington. Stay a while; see and operate layouts for the first time; relax and enjoy.

Deadline Rapidly Approaching for the 2015 NMRA/MCR Convention

The folks at Division 10 in Lexington want to remind you that the cutoff date for the discounted rate for early registration at the 2015 MCR Convention is rapidly approaching.

The early bird rate of \$70 will become \$80 on February 1, 2015. We also want you to know that we have several early reservations that are causing the tours to fill up and we want to make sure that you aren't disappointed if you should miss out on them. They are really great tours.

In addition, we would also like to remind you that the early reservation (\$99/night) with the Campbell House will expire on <u>April 12</u>. The rate is also good for three days before and three days following the convention. The newly renovated hotel has a best available room rate of \$169 per night for the period of our convention, don't miss this opportunity.

For registration forms and information, please check out our website at:

http://thoroughbredlimited2015.yolasite.com/

KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

A Huge Thank-You

The Division 7 monthly raffle folks want to thank all of you who made 2014's monthly raffle a huge success. First of all, for your continued financial support as many of you bought tickets for every raffle. And then there are some anonymous donors, who generously supplied some excellent prizes, and of course to my hardworking partner, Russ Poynter. The raffle actually wound up in the black again because of this active support. I enjoy this portion of the meeting and look forward to the many remarks about our efforts; some are actually positive. I think even John Burchnall participates; he doesn't win, but does buy tickets. But again, thanks for everyone's support.

New Products

The new year is here and the many hobby manufacturers and suppliers are posting their latest products; 2015 should be another great year for the hobby. I just received BLI's updated Santa Fe 3800 class 2-10-2 and am very impressed. The upgraded version is what the Santa Fe used in helper service system wide (including Raton). The drifting valves, #3 disc driver set, and back-up lights were some of the distinctive features of the upgraded version; all are included in this new issue. BLI also added a smoke unit to this model; I am not sure if I will ever use this feature.

Athearn is rerunning the Roundhouse/MDC EMD model 40 4 wheel "Critter" switcher. This little (24 foot) switcher weighed in at 40 tons, which allowed to by operated by one person. Production of this little giant ended in 1943 with 11 units produced (mostly military). The new issue is analog, but several N scale decoders are available. I supect one will wind up working in Starkville, CO.

If you are into "Critters" Bachmann is releasing a two-truck, side-rod, center-cab, Whitcomb in 0n30, with DCC and optional sound, it's neat enough to tempt me into 0n30. And last, but not least are the new DCC/sound (Soundtraxx) GP7's also from Bachmann; they are a real bargain for the money. I look forward to the National Train Show in Portland.

Progress on Raton

There actually is some progress to report this month, as the SOB's came over and helped me clear out the disaster that my railroad room had become. One tough decision I had to make was my planned outdoor, garden railway, (1) Margaret's health prevents her planning a new garden, (2) at 72, I will be lucky to finish my Raton Pass; so, Dan Miller will be receiving a lot of very nice N-I-B G scale, and I will reclaim a lot of storage space.

So keep watching, I may actually get something done, and maybe even earn some Merit Awards. See you at the February meeting where we will be entertained and educated by one of hobbies greatest master modelers.

Keep 'em rolling



Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday February 8

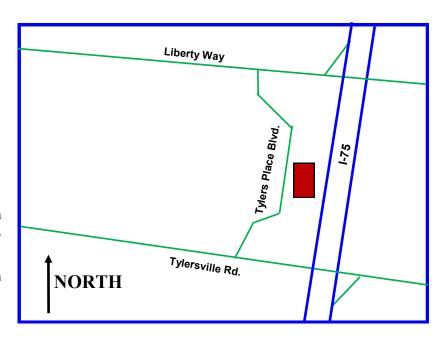
Wingate Inn

7500 Tylers Place Blvd. West Chester OH 45069

Directions:

From I-75 North: Tylersville Road Exit, Go West on Tylerville Rd. Turn Right onto Tylersville Place Blvd., Wingate Inn is on your right.

From I-75 South: Liberty Way Exit, Go West on Tylersville Rd. Turn Left onto Tylersville Place Blvd.. Wingate Inn is on your Left.



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA 2014 - 2015 Schedule

NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM

(Unless otherwise notified)

<u>Date</u> 2/8	Location Wingate Hotel West Chester	Program/Speaker V & O Update W. Allen McClelland	<u>Layout Visits</u> Larry Bonhaus	Contest Topic Models & Photos: Cabooses (Cabin Cars, Way Cars, etc.)
2/19	Resurrection Church Lebanon OH	Lebanon Sub Meeting	N/A	Show & Tell
3/7	No Division 7 Meeting	Spring Flea Market at La	akota West Freshmar	1 School in West Chester
3/19	Resurrection Church Lebanon OH	Lebanon Sub Meeting	N/A	Show & Tell
4/12	Harmony Lodge Spring Grove Village	Scratchbuilding a Critter C Sam Swanson	inti. Model Rwy. Clu	b <u>Models & Photos</u> : Maintenance of Way (MOW) equipment
5/9	Division 7 Bus Trip "Buckeye Steam Express"	Age of Steam Complex	Coshocton Club G. Young, M.Yoaka	None nm
5/10	No Division 7 Meeting -	Division 7 Bus Trip on 5/9	9	

Around the Region 2015

2/7 Ft. Wright Train Show Ft. Wright KY Div. 7 Spring Flea Market **West Chester** 3/7 5/14-17 **MCR 2015 Convention Lexington KY**

National

8/23-29 Portland Daylight Express Portland Oregon

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