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## The Editors Corner:

**Dave Puthoff**

Ballots for electing Division 7 Officers were recently mailed to all current members of Division 7, along with a copy of Officer Bios, plus the proposed Regulations for our newly created non-profit organization, Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA Inc..

This Ballot must be returned to the Teller, Dianne Rowland, for counting. Ballots must be returned no later than January 7, 2016. (Due to late mailing beyond our control, the deadline for returning ballots was extended by one week).

**MEMBERS MUST WRITE THEIR NMRA MEMBER NUMBER ON THE RETURN ADDRESS SPACE IN ORDER FOR THEIR VOTES TO BE COUNTED.**

A majority of votes cast decides the outcomes of both the election of Officers, and adoption of the Regulations.

Your participation is needed. So, please vote!

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](mailto:editor@cincy-div7.org).

*Dave*

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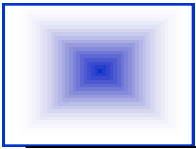
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*Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.*

**Cover:**

**Scene from Jerry Stangarity's HO Scale Layout**

Photo by Dave Puthoff



# HEADLIGHTS

Bob Shreve  
Superintendent

Wow, another year has gone by and it's January again. It seems like it wasn't that long ago I was making plans for everything I was going to get done on my own layout in 2015. HA! I guess you can guess how far those plans got. The basement is still full of non-railroad stuff, although I did make some new additions to the various boxes of model railroad items I have been collecting over the years. I'm still working with the CADRail program to develop a track plan that will provide a long main line run, on-line switching, and staging yards. I keep going back and forth between "Well a duck-under / lift out section / swing bridge would be OK" to "No, no make it a walk-in design." Each time I start with an existing design and start modifying it, I save it in a new file and increment the iteration number in the filename. I'm now up to iteration 95 with the oldest versions dating back to 2004. Oh well, maybe this year.

My wife and I recently went down to the Museum Center to see the Holiday Junction exhibit. It had been several years since we had gone to see the trains. We also paid a visit to the folks up in Tower A. I remember long ago as a child I would go with my family to see the B & O train layout in the C G & E lobby. After viewing the trains, we would go have dinner at the Mills Cafeteria on Fourth St. Ah, childhood memories.

If your Email address is current with the National office, you should have received an Email in mid December with a link to the 2016 MCR Convention information packet. You should also have received a paper version in late December. Based on the information in the packet, it should be an enjoyable convention with lots of activities for everyone. The trip to the Age of Steam roundhouse is limited to 55 people, so if you didn't make the Division 7 trip up there last year, and want to go during this convention, you better get your registration in quickly. A lot of the clinic titles look interesting and I see a lot of Division 7 members are listed as clinicians.

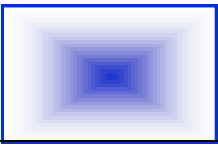
Speaking of bus tours, John Burchnall and Merlyn Jarman made the grand unveiling of the 2016 Division 7 bus trip to Fostoria, Ohio at the December meeting. Once again, John and Merlyn have organized a bus trip to somewhere I have been hoping to visit (Marion Ohio was another place). Along with the stop at the Iron Triangle Railfan Park in Fostoria, there will be 3 model railroads to see, and a tour through the Allen County Museum. Get your registration form (included in this copy of the Oil Can) in as soon as possible to ensure your seat on the tour.

The color postcards for our latest car project, a C & O outside braced wood boxcar, have been distributed. About 250 postcards were sent out to individuals who have purchased our car projects in the past. Jim MacKnight reports he is already receiving orders from people who received one of the postcards. While these cars are a little old for what I intend to model (late 80's to 90's), they should fit right in on any layout modelling the steam and steam / diesel transition periods. Paul Musselman carries the kits in the company store and would love to sell you some at the next meeting.

Recently, my daughter purchased a book titled "Fading Ads of Cincinnati" by local author Ronny Salerno. (Full disclosure: my daughter knew Ronny from her days working at Kings Island.) The book contains photographs and descriptions of many of the hand painted signs found on buildings around Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. Some of the more interesting photos show signs that, as they became worn and faded, revealed evidence of signs previously painted on the buildings. While the subjects of most of the signs are specific to Cincinnati, they do provide good references for anyone modelling an urban scene on their layout and want to add these types of signs to the buildings. After looking through the book, I'll probably pay more attention to the sides of the older buildings the next time I'm in the downtown area. Ronny also has a blogspot titled Queen City Discovery, which has photos and stories about interesting and little-known locations in the Cincinnati area (including some railroad-related locations).

That's it for this month. See you at the January meeting in Kenwood

*Bob*



# SECOND SECTION

John Shields  
Asst. Super

Our December meeting was in Westwood with our annual pot luck slide show and foodfest at Westwood United Methodist Church on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Afterward, we visited Jerry Strangarity's HO Reading RR layout. Among the highlights in the slides were pictures of the Age of Steam Roundhouse (from our 2015 Bus Tour), the little known Cincinnati and Westwood Railroad, and some pictures of the behind the scenes tour areas at Cincinnati Union Terminal.

In January, we will be in Kenwood at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Our clinician will be John Listermann who will be giving a clinic entitled: "Painting Backdrops for Model Railroads". This is actually the second of John's clinics, following up on the one he gave back at our June meeting. The contest topic is "Cabooses" for both the models and the photos. Afterwards, we will be visiting Gerry Albers' Virginian layout and Dan Mack's Ohio Valley & Eastern (both HO).

In February, we plan to return to West Chester Library on February 14<sup>th</sup> for a clinic by Charlie Atkinson on the Hocking Valley Railroad. The contests will be for models of hopper cars and photos of people working on the railroad. The layout visits will be to Sam Parfitt's and hopefully one more.

There is no Division meeting in March due to the Spring Flea Market on March 12<sup>th</sup>. For the April meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>, there will be a change to the previously planned location. Thanks to a suggestion and contact from Tom Brueggeman, we will be meeting in Tower A at Cincinnati Union Terminal, hosted by the Cincinnati Railroad Club. We are working on a plan to be able to do "back stage" tours of the terminal in lieu of the normal clinic. More on that should be known and shared at the January meeting. Our layout tours will be to Dan Hadley's and one more tbc. At the end of April is the Regional Convention in Columbus, running from April 28 to May 1.

There is no Division meeting in May either, due to the annual Bus Tour. As announced at the December meeting, this year's tour is to the "Iron Triangle" in Fostoria, with stops in Lima as well. In June, we will be at the Anderson Senior Center on June 12<sup>th</sup>, with a clinic presented by Gerry Albers on "How to Design Your Basement for Operations". In July, we will be at St Susanna Church in Mason.

As mentioned, we are taking advantage of an offer to return to Tower A. As you may know, the tax levy to do major repairs to Union Terminal was passed by Hamilton County voters. However, this major restoration project will close access to much of the building for as much as 2-3 years. So this Spring is the last chance to have a visit to Tower A before the Cincinnati Railroad Club has to vacate the space. It's been a couple of years since we last visited and we did not want to miss the chance. If we can also pull off the plan to include some tours of some of the normally off limits areas of the building, that will be even better. This iconic building is certainly the image of railroading in this area [and the reason we use it in our Division 7 logo]. I'm guessing almost everyone in the Division has at least been to CUT. Many of us have personal stories connected to this building, and perhaps some of our earliest railroad memories.

However, even our knowledgeable members may not have had a chance to see some parts of this building. The president's office and the adjoining board room are beautiful. The dining room is elegant. But as Dave Puthoff showed with his pictures at the December meeting, there are other less frequently visited places that are only seen on some of the infrequent back scenes tours. These include the private dining rooms and balcony above the large dining room, the walkways *between* the front glass windows and the interior windows of the rotunda facing the front of the building (including the access to the large clock high on the front of the building); and especially the cat walks that take one up and over the ceiling of the rotunda underneath the actual roof. This lets one see how the massive half dome is actually built and supported. I did this tour some years ago and really enjoyed it. I'd rank it right up there with the Subway Tour as the two special tours I would recommend to anyone interested in Cincinnati history.

The fact that both are somewhat railroad related is probably purely a coincidence!

See you in Kenwood on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

*John*

# DIVISION 7 - 2016 OFFICER ELECTIONS

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of candidates for the upcoming election.

**Superintendent:** Bob Shreve  
**Asst. Superintendent:** John Shields  
**Secretary:** Bruce Knapp  
**Treasurer:** Frank Koch

In accordance with our By-Laws, nominations for the above Division 7 offices were closed as of the November 8 meeting.

Official ballots were mailed to Division 7 members in December, and must be returned no later than January 7, 2016.

Don Phillips

## Advance Orders for "Cincinnati Express" Short Sleeve Shirts



Both in Royal Blue with pocket and new "Cincinnati Express" embroidered logo



Indicate **Logo Side:**  
 above pocket (default)  
 opposite pocket



**Regular Shirt** (Jerzees)

2 button, 50/50 cotton/poly, 5.6 oz. Jersey Knit Polo

S, M, L, XL = **\$22 + tax**  
 2XL, 3XL, 4XL = **\$24 + tax**

Ladies version available w/o pocket for **\$2 less**

**Premium Shirt** (Cornerstone)

3 button, polyester, 6.8 oz Industrial Pique Polo

S, M, L, XL = **\$30 + tax**, 2XL = **\$32 + tax**, 3XL = **\$34 + tax**,  
 4XL = **\$36 + tax**, 5XL = **\$38 + tax**, 6XL = **\$40 + tax**

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Mail with check or money order to:  
**Cincinnati Division 7 Company Store**  
 P.O. Box 76010  
 Highland Heights, KY 41076

Circle/check above the **Shirt Type, Size, Price** and **Logo Side**  
 Email Paul at [company-store1@cincy-div7.org](mailto:company-store1@cincy-div7.org) for **shipping costs**  
**All** must add **7% sales tax** to total (after shipping if needed)  
 Make check payable to: **Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA**

## **DIVISION 7 CAR PROJECT SALES REPORT - DEC. 2015**

The C&O boxcar project was announced by sending out about 250 postcards to previous customers, with the car in brilliant color. Thanks to Peter Weiglin for the postcard design, Randy Kerka for organizing the mailing list and addressing and mailing the postcards, and John Burchnell for car photographs.

We have sold 19 C&O boxcars, 2 AM gondolas, and 6 V&O USRA hoppers through December 21st. The AM and V&O sales were from e-bay, thanks to Roy Hord's posting them and collecting payments for our Division. Car projects provide just over \$2,900 net income each year, and 90% of the sales are through mail orders. We could sell out our projects more quickly if more members would purchase our cars. Please see Paul at the Company Store.

Announcements for the C&O boxcars should appear in the model railroading magazines soon. Our BOD authorized a new car project for 2016, with cars likely available in April. This will be a striking car, and we hope it will sell out quickly.

Jim MacKnight  
Car Projects Chairman

## **FORMING A NEW 3-RAIL LAYOUT**

Daniel Lazarus, a fellow NMRA member, would like to form a new O three rail club in his home in Forest Park. He has locomotives, cars, transformers, and other equipment to get started. He would like the new layout to be operations oriented. Contact him at 513-851-0452 if you are interested.

Robert Chapman.

## **MERIT CERTIFICATATE**



**Frاند Koch presents Golden Spike Award to Division 7's Merlyn Jarman**



**NMRA MCR DIV. 7  
DECEMBER 2015 CONTEST RESULTS**

**MODELS: DIORAMAS – ON OR OFF LINE**

**Box Stock:**

No Entries in this Category

**Kitbashed:**

1st Place (Tie): Chuck Endreola: Gold Mine

1st Place (Tie): Don Phillips: Tool Shed

No Other Entries in this Category

**Scratch Built:**

No Entries in this Category

**PHOTOGRAPHY: DEPOTS**

**Print Prototype:**

No Entries in this Category

**Print Model:**

No Entries in this Category

**Junior Division** – No Entries Submitted in any Category

**2015 OVERALL STANDINGS - END OF THE YEAR**

**MODELS**

Ron Gribler, MMR	35	Frank Hermanek, MMR	03	Bob Chapman	01
<u>Jim MacKnight</u>	14	Rick Stern	03	Perry Simpson	01
Bob Lawson	11	Chuck Endreola	03	Norb Price	01
Tom Brueggman, MMR	09	Don Phillips	03	Roy Allan	01
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	07	Chris Boylan	02		
Warren Ossman	07	Pete Weiglin	02		

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

<u>Jim MacKnight</u>	17	Tom Brueggeman, MMR	04	Randy Seiler	02
John Listermann	14	Mike Brestel	03	Joe Ross	02
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	08	Jim Rollwage	03	Frank Hermanek, MMR	01
David Wynne	07	Don Ledy	03		

**JUNIOR DIVISION – MODELS** – No 2015 Entries to Date

**JUNIOR DIVISION – PHOTOGRAPHY** – No 2015 Entries to Date

**JANUARY 2016 CONTEST CATEGORIES -**

**MODELS: CABOOSE(S)**

**PHOTOGRAPHY: CABOOSE(S)**

Brad Jonas  
NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair



**NMRA MCR DIV. 7  
MODEL AND PHOTOGRAPHY  
2016 CONTEST THEMES**



<b>Month</b>	<b>MODELS</b>	<b>PHOTOGRAPHY</b>
<b>Jan.</b>	<b>Caboose(s)</b>	<b>Caboose(s)</b>
<b>Feb.</b>	<b>Hopper Car(s) - with or without loads</b>	<b>People Working on RR</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment</b>	<b>Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>Flat Car(s) with Load(s)</b>	<b>RR Bridges/Trestles with or without trains(s)</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>Passenger Train Car(s) – any car found in a passenger train (not in mixed freights)</b>	<b>Passenger Train Car(s) – any car found in a passenger train (not in mixed freights)</b>
<b>Aug.</b>	<b>Off-line Structure(s) – not RR served (homes, city buildings, rural, industry, etc.)</b>	<b>Off-Line Structure(s) - not RR served (homes, city buildings, rural, industry, etc.)</b>
<b>Sept.</b>	<b>Locomotive(s) – any type of motive power on rails (steam, diesel, electric, etc.)</b>	<b>Locomotive(s) – any type of motive power on rails (steam, diesel, electric, etc.)</b>
<b>Oct.</b>	<b>On-Line Structure(s) – rail served/owned structure (if industry, must include track)</b>	<b>On-Line Structure(s) – rail served/ owned structure (if industry, must include track)</b>
<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Freight Car(s)</b>	<b>Freight Car(s)</b>
<b>Dec.</b>	<b>Anything Goes</b>	<b>Anything Goes</b>



# **Cincinnati Div. 7 NMRA**

*Spring Bus Trip*  
***Iron Triangle  
Express***

***Saturday, May 21, 2016***

**Div. 7 Members + Spouse/Guest  
Don't Miss Out - Sign Up Today !**

## **Deluxe Motor Coach Tour**

**Fostoria's Iron Triangle Rail Park!  
6 Tracks with over 100 trains daily**

**2 Allen County Museum Tours!  
Mansion, Rail Collection/Archives**

**Visit 3 Premier Scale Model RRs!**

**Great Fellowship and Scenic Roads  
Enjoy Deluxe Box Lunch & Waters**

# Fostoria's Iron Triangle Rail Park

3 dual track mainlines with over 100 NS and CSX trains per day



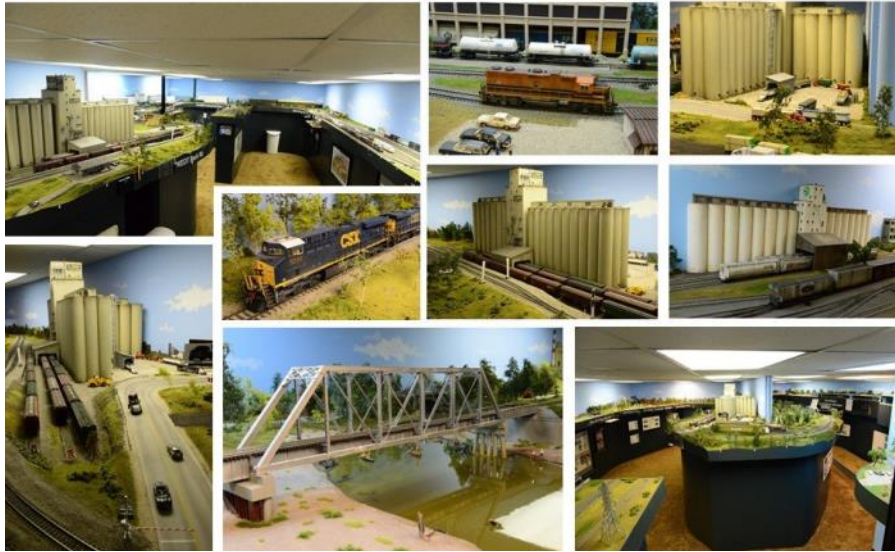
# Lima's Superb Allen County Museum

See award winning displays + RR archives + historic house guided tour



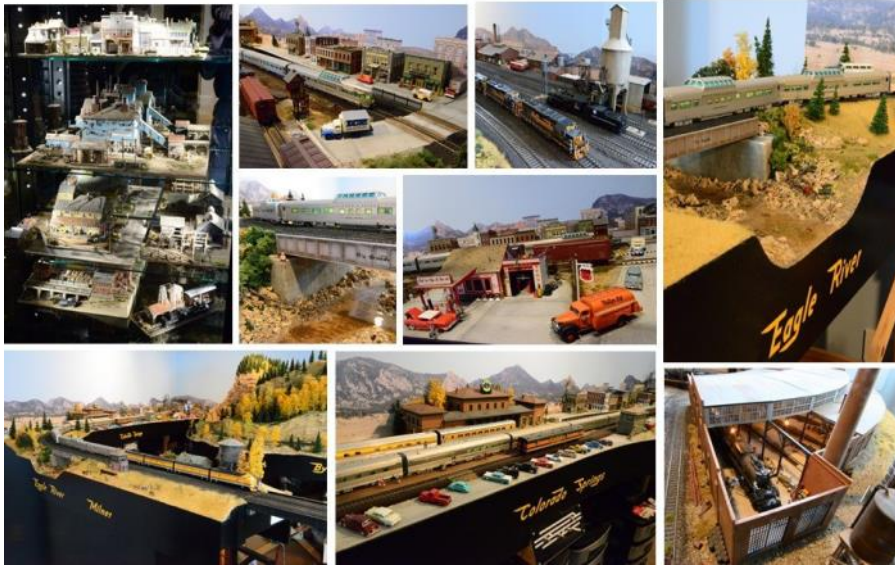
# Large Modern CSX Midwestern Pike

Chip Cole – must see, including “signals by flashcard” and shortline ops



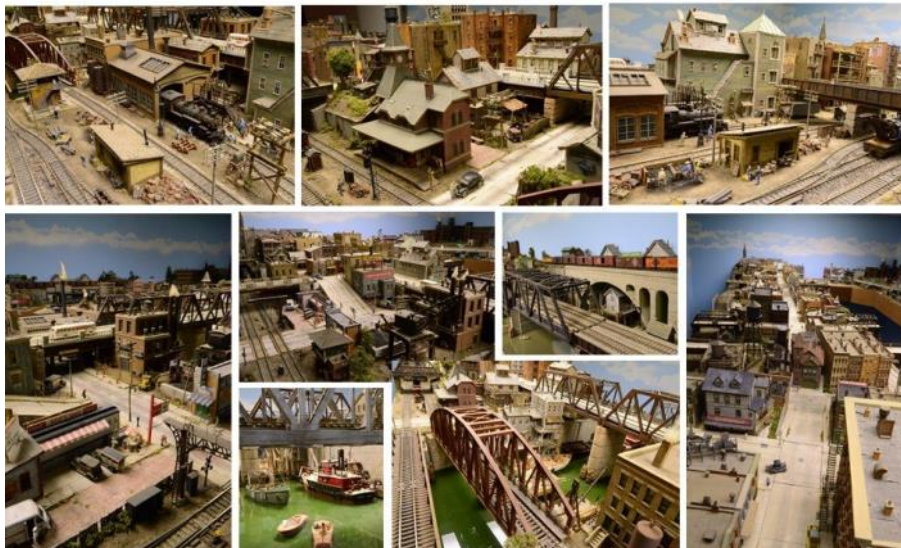
# Beautiful D&RGW Colorado Layout

David Powell – 1950's/60's standard gauge “Mainline thru the Rockies”



# Incredible Must See Circa 1955 Layout

Howard Clark – packed with exquisite custom craftsman structures



# "The Iron Triangle Express"

**Saturday, May 21, 2016**

**Deluxe Motor Coach Tour to Fostoria, Ohio "Iron Triangle Rail Park" + Allen County Museum + 3 Area Premier Model Railroads in Lima, Ohio**

**Departing 7:00 AM and Returning by about 7:20 PM, from and to West Chester, OH  
Bus Restrictions Limit this Trip to the first 44 Registrants that Sign Up  
Registration Deadline Sunday, April 10, 2016 – No Refunds after this Date**

## Exclusive Tour Package

### Dual Tour Inside the Allen County Museum!

Special tours of the historic mansion and railroad archives  
Shay loco, streetcar, fire, auto, Dillinger, miniatures exhibits

### Single Departing Location – West Chester, Ohio

Exact location disclosed later only to registrants  
Park at own risk - Provide car and license info below

### Iron Triangle + 3 Premier Model Railroad Layouts!

New rail park in 6 track "Iron Triangle" with ~100 daily trains!  
3 superb scenicked layouts – diverse eras/locales – all HO scale

### Fantastic Inspirational Day for a Great Price!

Deluxe motor coach transport, scenic roads, bottled waters  
Experienced guides, Panera Bread Company deluxe box lunch

**Chip Cole** – large modern era CSX Toledo to Detroit to Chicago layout designed for operations, featuring huge classification yard, Ford plant, Genesee & Wyoming shortline, CVP EasyDCC, "signals by flashcard", nice structures built by Howard Clark

**Howard Clark** – must see, incredible NKP/ NYC/B&O circa 1955 layout inspired by George Sellios, packed with exquisite wood craftsman style structures, featuring bridges, wharfs, roundhouse and wonderfully detailed multi-level city scenes

**David Powell** – beautiful 1950's/60's era D&RGW "Mainline thru the Rockies" pike in a beautiful home, featuring detailed roundhouse, mountains, aspens, nifty fascia lettering, plus several other nice model displays, including Howard Clark structures

## Fares and Registration

### Fare of \$65 per person includes -

- **Deluxe Motor Coach** round trip transportation from West Chester, Ohio area to all included Ohio area attractions
- **Transport and admission** to Rail Park, Allen County Museum, 3 premier model railroads, deluxe box lunch, waters
- Visits to **3 premier model railroads** plus the **Allen County Museum** complex - all never seen before on our tours!
- **Exclusive guided tour** inside the **McDonnell House**, including 2 floors of furnishings and incredible woodwork
- **Photos permitted everywhere** – however no tripods, bags/packs or flashes permitted in the museums or layouts

### Other Terms and Conditions -

- **Fully closed shoes required** - umbrellas not permitted - bring caps, hooded jackets or ponchos instead
- Registration limited to **Cincinnati Div 7 members and their spouse/guest** – adult must accompany those under 18
- **Do not delay in registering** - due to bus restrictions this trip is **limited to the first 44 registrants that sign up!**
- A **waitlist** will be maintained when full - refunds given after registration deadline only if replaced from waitlist
- Participants agree to promptly obey all directives of tour guides and stay with your tour sub-group during group tours
- Cincinnati Division 7 reserves the right to modify or cancel this event, especially due to matters beyond our control

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Parked Car Make & Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Lic. Plate: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of persons \_\_\_\_\_ x \$65 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of minors (under 18 years old) \_\_\_\_\_

Pay by cash, check or money order to: Cincinnati Division 7, NMRA

### Mail to:

Iron Triangle Registrar  
7367 Wheatland Meadow Ct  
West Chester, OH 45069

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

## DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

As a benefit to Division 7 members, the Oilcan 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](mailto: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. Oilcan 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 Oilcan).

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 Oilcan 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.

NO ADS SUBMITTED THIS MONTH!

# LAYOUT VISIT to Jerry Stangarity's HO Layout



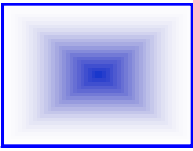
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# KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

## But Santa, I've Been Good ALL Year

Like last year at this is the time of appropriate gifts for a certain Santa Fe modeler. I already purchased two of BLI's updated Santa Fe 3800 class 2-10-2's, so what else would be nice? At this point our parents would remind us that Santa keeps a naughty or nice list, and I am afraid I know which list am I on. I began to review my record over the past year and wondered how I would rate on Santa's list. Well let's start with the monthly raffle; like last, I thought I did well here. I hope Santa ignores the few (?) disparaging remarks from John Burchnall and look at the big picture. There was never a question about the raffle's honesty; in fact, I never heard it mentioned. Most of the executive board and committee chairs should be pleased.

We need to review the work done by Pat Homan and I with the Modeler's Aid Committee, and again like last year, I thought we did a very good job of avoiding giving any assistance to anyone (at least we were consistent). I also think that our obnoxious comments at the monthly meetings showed our commitment to assisting new modelers. I hit new highs (lows) in journalism with Knapp's Notes this year, as I tried to offend everybody. A few examples of my work include WMPA, where I was ably assisted by Chuck Endreola, Pat Homan, Merlyn Jarman, and Keith Corman. Were there any Appalachian Modelers we didn't offend? Sorry, we will try harder next year.

As I look at my record of accomplishment, I am starting to see a delivery of coal from the jolly old Elf; which is really too bad, as the Santa Fe had converted a majority of steam power to oil by 1951 (my layout era). I could try to change my behaviors; forget that nobody would believe it. Oh well, no new Santa Fe items this year.

## More Awe and Wonder

Our quintet played at the Museum Center on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> as part of their annual holiday celebrations. One of the most exciting parts of the afternoon was watching families coming to see Holiday Junction, the B & O O-scale train exhibit, that was originally in the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Lobby. The motive power and track work date from the 1940's, and still manages to amaze and captivate all who see it. I first visited the exhibit in December of 1954, when we first moved to Cincinnati, I still get thrilled every time I see it running.

The many model railroads being shown during the Holidays are still one of the best tools available to recruit new modelers. Despite what the media says, railroads are still an integral part of our society and still the backbone of American economy. Speaking of our quintet, I was pleased to discover Charlie Jacobson, our trombonist is also a model railroader and collector.

## Some Ideas for the New Year

As we look ahead to 2016, there are a few things to try. First, if you haven't been to one of Dan Miller's Auctions, you need to experience one. Dan's next auction is in early January, check his website for date and time. I really recommend attending at least one. Make every effort this season to visit each of our local hobby dealers, as they not only promote the hobby, support our division, but are an excellent place to meet other local modelers.. A list of our local dealers is on the Division 7 Website.

If you didn't participate this year, plan to support the model and photo contest by entering something this year. There are a large number of really excellent modelers and photographers in this Division, so share your talents with the rest of us. AND buy plenty of raffle tickets; I don't want to question John Burchnall's veracity, but would my trusty cohort, Russ Poynter lie?. And lastly, have fun and enjoy the hobby!

May the joy of the Holiday Season be with each and every one of you and with your families also. See you in January!

**Keep 'em rolling**

*Bruce*

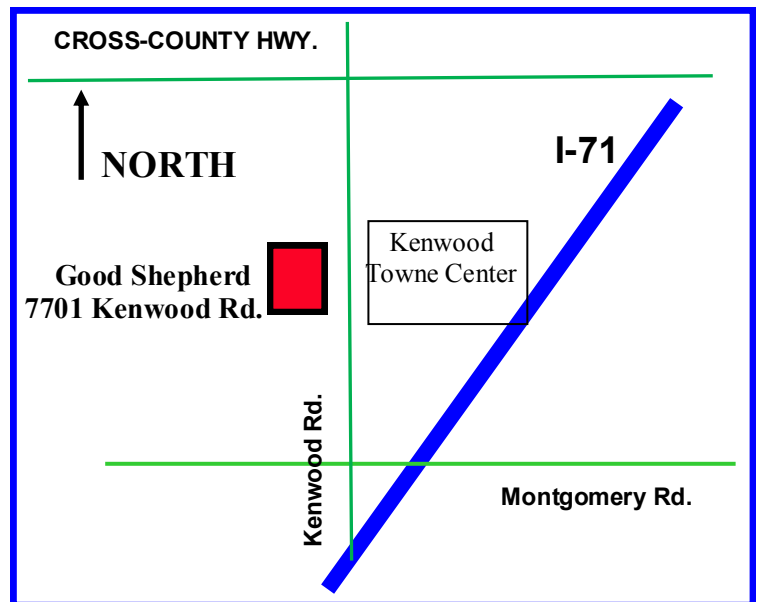
## Next Meeting

**2 PM Sunday January 10**

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
7701 Kenwood Road 45236

### Directions:

- From North:** I-71 Montgomery Rd. Exit  
Right on Montgomery Rd.  
Right on Kenwood Rd.  
Church is on your left.
- From South:** I-71 Kenwood Rd Exit  
Left onto Kenwood Rd.  
Church is on your left, past  
Montgomery Rd.
- From East/West:** Cross-County Hwy.  
Exit Kenwood Rd.  
Go South on Kenwood Rd.  
(past Galbraith Rd.)  
Church is on your right.



## Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

**2016 Schedule**

**NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM**

(Unless otherwise notified)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Layout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
1/10	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Kenwood	<b>Painting Backdrops</b> John Listermann	Gerry Albers Dan Mack	<u>Models:</u> Cabooses <u>Photos:</u> Cabooses
2/14	West Chester Library West Chester	<b>Hocking Valley RR</b> Charlie Atkinson	Sam Parfitt other TBD	<u>Models:</u> Hopper Cars <u>Photos:</u> People Working on RR
3/12	<b>NO DIVISION 7 MEETING --- Spring Flea Market at Lakota West Freshman School in West Chester</b>			

### Around the Region 2016

- 1/21 **Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH**
- 2/18 **Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH**

### Around the Division 2016

- 4/28 - 5/1 **Rails to the Capital MCR Convention - Columbus OH**
- 7/3-7/10 **Highball to Indy National Convention - Indianapolis IN**

### Modeling Problems? - Ask the Member Aid Committee

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