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July Meeting

We will have a July Meeting — but it will be a “**Virtual Meeting**” via *Zoom Meetings*. See the Instructions on Pages 9 and 10 of this issue. If you’re still unsure, find the nearest young person who should be able to guide you!

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

I recently received an email from my oldest semi-retired brother, who said that he was getting a bit tired of seeing a particular ad on TV. It reminded me again to be grateful that I enjoy a hobby that takes me away from TV, and its now tiresome virus-related messaging!

If you have a photo, or a useful tip, or maybe just a useful website that you would like to share, the Oilcan is an opportunity to share it with your fellow model railroaders.
Email it to editor@cincy-div7.org.

Dave

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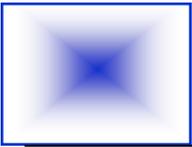
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Model of Cincinnati Union Terminal, on the Cincinnati-In-Motion S-scale layout, at the Cincinnati Museum Center (set to re-open July 17, except Tuesdays & Wednesdays)

Photo by Dave Puthoff



Our June meeting was held virtually using Zoom, with Bruce Knapp giving the clinic (on passenger trains) and included a virtual contest and a virtual layout tour. In the business meeting we discussed the impacts of the pandemic on our local division as well as the region and national. This included the decision to cancel our Fall Show at Lakota. Unfortunately, and because of the four month gap since our last meeting, we had four deaths to report. Charlie Atkinson's death in March had been a topic in the Oil Can, but more recently we lost Jim Ossman, Dick White, and Bill Whittle; and Kevin Orcutt's mother (Gary's wife) also passed away. While none of these were due to Covid 19, it served to remind us how true it is that our group is "at risk" when discussing the pandemic issues.

Our July meeting will be virtual-only as well. Our clinician will still be Mike Tylick MMR®, but he will present virtually instead of traveling here from Boston. Further, we lost the planned venue for that month, and have not found a replacement given the uncertainties for events during May and June when we needed to complete plans. Of course now, basically all three states around here have opened up meetings and events; so it now depends on the specific facilities and their policies.

With this in mind, Chuck is continuing to focus on the August meeting, which we will do live, with a guest clinician traveling here to present a whole afternoon's worth of clinics. We had invited folks from the surrounding divisions to this event; so we want to make it happen. Since most model railroad events have been cancelled, our "Clinicfest" could be one of the first chances for us modelers to get together.

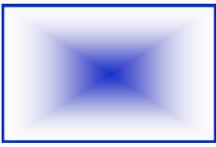
[I note that several of the operations groups in the area are resuming their activities, but those are generally groups of less than 10 which were never under blanket statewide restrictions anyway]. Also, just today (6/22 as I write this) the Ross Schools accepted the plan for reopening for the train clubs that have their homes out there.

We still need to confirm our technology, but we hope to offer the August meeting virtually as well as live. As I previously discussed, the "do both" option is the most complicated approach and requires more equipment and possibly technical skills (a good video camera and someone to operate it, multiple mics, a "director" to toggle between software and speakers, etc); but if we can figure it out, it also could be the on-going normal for us.

I continue to push for this because I believe we now have a wider range of "needs" and "desires" from you all, and we need to meet as many of those as possible. Some of you, for very good reasons, will not want to attend any event outside of your home and family until a proven vaccine or cure is available. Conversely, some of you need to get out for your "mental health" and want/need your hobby to help you cope. I want to let people have the choices that make sense to them. Four years ago, when Marsha was most compromised with IPF, I would not have left the house. From March through late May, my son stayed away from me - because **I** was now the one at risk. So I get it. But I also get that you all are not only "at risk" but, generally, more responsible than the general public at-large and will make good choices if we provide you with options.

Hope to "see" you again on Zoom in July; and once again, hang in there and be safe until we can actually meet in person again.

John



SECOND SECTION

Chuck Endreola
Asst. Super

A belated happy Father's Day! I hope all you dads were lucky enough to visit with your children as I did.

Our first virtual meeting was held on June 7th and attended by over 40 members. It was gratifying to again share the camaraderie of my friends. The process went exceedingly well thanks to the efforts of our host and technical engineer, John Burchnell. I am aware of only positive feedback from the participants. Bruce Knapp did a great job in presenting his informative clinic on "Passenger Service". We were even able to ask questions at the end of the clinic, through our host, by posting them in the messaging section. Along with the results of the model and photo contest, images of the winning entries were shown. To replace our usual tour of a member's layout, John Burchnell presented a slide show of two outstanding out of town layouts with commentary. If you didn't join us in June, don't be shy about getting your feet wet in this virtual format. I am the poster child for "computer illiteracy" and found the process exceedingly simple.

Our next meeting on Sunday July 19th at 2 pm will again be a "virtual meeting" using a 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 this virtual meeting. If you didn't receive the June e-Oil Can 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 outline 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, plus an attachment containing our 1-page Zoom Meetings Quick Guide. That guide is also in this Oil Can and on our website. Our host will 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'll be in the waiting room. We'll then admit you to the session. Email John Burchnell at webmaster@cincy-div7.org if you need help.

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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: models or prototypes (real trains). The entries must feature either the Model or the Photo Contest topics given in the monthly program table. When these topics are different, you can use either. Each contestant can have up to 3 entries per month. Entries will be closed about 2 days prior to the meeting. One or two pdf files containing sequentially numbered and similarly sized entries will then be posted within the contest tab on our website. About 2 days before the meeting, all members will receive a meeting reminder email, including email voting instructions. Winners will be reported at the meeting and afterwards, as usual, on the website and in the next Oil Can.

Always check the Cincinnati Division 7 website for the most current info on programs and events.

July 19th-(note date) – Meeting will again be conducted "100 % virtually" on Zoom (see instructions above). Clinician Mike Tylick, MMR, will make a live remote presentation of "Quick Interiors for Structures". Contest topic for both models and photos will be "Steam Locomotive(s)". John Burchnell will present a layout slideshow.

July 12th to 19th- NMRA National Convention **CANCELLED**

August 9th – 12:30 pm (note time) Business Meeting, 1:00 Clinics Returning to a meeting "In the Flesh", at the Cincinnati Marriot North Hotel.

The meeting will also be available virtually, on Zoom, using the same procedure described above. Our "live" guest will be Rich Mahaney, presenting THREE hour long clinics:

1 pm- "Quick Industries for Your Model RR".

2:10 pm-"Follow the Tracks of the Great Northern Ry. From Skykomish, WA to Shelby, MT".

3:20- "1950's Refrigeration Car Operations on Model RR Layouts". Model and photo contest will both be on Tank Cars. Layout visits TBA.

Chuck



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



MODELS: Flat cars with loads or trains on bridges or trestles

Model Photos:

- 1st Place: Roy Hord: Climax #952 crosses cribbed trestle
- 2nd Place: Roy Hord: RGS Goose #7 crosses high trestle
- 3rd Place: Roy Allan: 1937 truck on scratch-built D&RGW flat car

Junior Division Models: No entries this month

PHOTOGRAPHY: Flat cars with loads or trains on bridges or trestles

Prototype Photos:

- 1st Place Tie: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®: Diesels on skewed bridge in Walton Ky.
- 1st Place Tie: John Burchnall: CSX diesels cross ex L&N steel trestle
- 3rd Place: John Burchnall: Alaska RR diesels on reinforced trestle

Junior Division Photography: No entries this month

2020 STANDINGS – Through June

MODELS

Bruce Knapp	8	Perry Simpson	4
Roy Allan	7	Gary Orcutt	3
Roy Hord	5	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	3
Mike Reynolds	4	Tom Brueggeman, MMR®	1

PHOTOGRAPHY

Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	11
Bob Adams	8
John Burchnall	4
John Listermann	3

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS

Caleb Sherwood	3
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JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOGRAPHY

No entries so far this year

JULY CONTEST CATEGORIES:

MODELS (Model Photos if Virtual Contest): Steam Locomotives

PHOTOGRAPHY (Prototype Photos, if Virtual Contest): Steam locomotives

Jim Rollwage

Contest Chair

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

DIVISION 7 MEMBERS' "COVID19 ACTIVITIES"

Don Rigling's Flat Car Loads



Photos by Don Rigling

DIVISION 7 MEMBERS' "COVID19 ACTIVITIES"

Randy Seiler's HO Scale Layout



George Roos spreading ballast in Sedamsville



Bob Shreve and Paul Maciulewicz are doing some fine woodworking trim

DIVISION 7 MEMBERS' "COVID19 ACTIVITIES"

Randy Seiler's HO Scale Layout



Merlyn Jarman set up a tree factory and began production



Jack Sibert spreading ballast near North Bend



Gerry Albers fishing bus wires over to the Whitewater Branch

CINCINNATI DIVISION 7 VIRTUAL MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

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Step-by-Step Summary Procedures

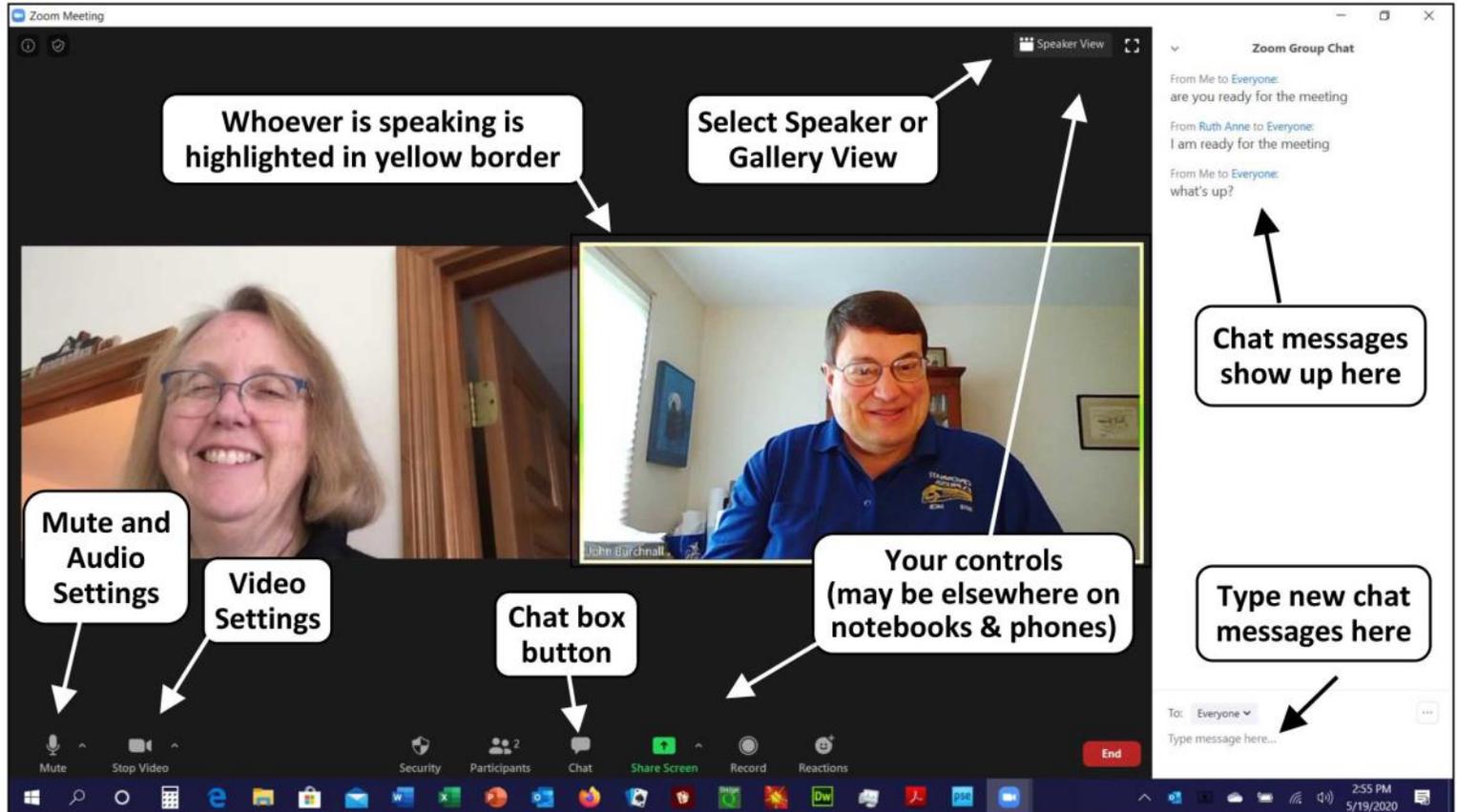
- About **a week prior**, members we have email ids for, will receive a **meeting & contest invitation** via email
- By end of Thursday, contest entries must be emailed to webmaster@cincy-div7.org. All entries must be noted as either model or prototype, feature either topic for that month, with up to 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

Humorous Eastern Logger Stories

Recently, while writing a new article on the Eastern Loggers layout, we recalled several humorous stories. These stories occurred during our 40-year journey of constructing and refining the layout. A few are recanted here for your enjoyment. Of course, the names have been disguised to protect the innocent.

Humorous episodes included lots of corny jokes shared each Thursday night when we met, plus some wild “woodhick” costumes and hats we wore during early shows. For several years Paul Miklos wrote a humorous “period-inspired” recap of each work session and emailed it to us as the “Sawdust Review”.

There were at least four notable funny incidents, two involving “ground-cover” and two involving one of our last two sections. One of our more frugal members decided to use coffee grounds as the ground-cover “dirt” on his section. It looked great, but then a year later we started having derailments there. This was puzzling as we had meticulously hand spiked all that track in perfect gauge. Upon examination, we discovered the rail was loose in places. Closer inspection revealed the spikes were heavily rusted and many had their heads missing. Then it dawned on us, coffee grounds are acidic and they had eaten away the spikes. We had to remove that track, scrape out all the coffee grinds, and then relay everything.

On one of the last two sections we built, we decided to include a small coal mine tipple. To make that spur track look realistic, we sprinkled real ground up coal all around the ground of the tipple area, including as “ballast”. We dutifully used wet water and diluted white glue to fasten it all down. A few weeks later, after cleaning out all the flanges, we attempted to run a test train. However, we encountered an electrical short every time we lined the turnout to that spur. This was very puzzling as just like all the other sections, we were very careful to solder the correct wires everywhere. Nevertheless, we proceeded to disconnect all the wires from that spur, but still had the short. We then cut both those rails from the rest of the layout and placed an ohm meter across them. We still had a short. It was then that a light bulb went off in our heads – coal is carbon and a great electrical conductor. Still, we had used particles of coal, not solid chunks, so presumably there would have been enough void space and/or white glue between each particle to prevent creating a continuous circuit between each rail. Turns out there were enough densely packed particles to indeed short those rails together. We ended up tearing out that whole spur and abandoned the coal mine idea. It seems our railroad was always meant to feature 100% wood products industries.

A third humorous event involved a new addition to one of our three sawmills. The owner of that section was adding some more details and proudly showed us the highly detailed log skidder he had just finished installing. We all looked at it, looked at him, then stared at it again. We then asked him what color he used to weather the steam boiler? He responded rust. It was then that we remembered he was color-blind. He had painted the boiler a Pepto-Bismol pink color! This was easily fixed with some added washes of grimy black and true rust color, but we’ll always remember that funny story. By the way, that same person beautifully painted all the terrain on our backdrops, while we told him which colors were which.

Another episode occurred a few months after we moved the layout into the basement of John Burchnall’s new house and resumed our work sessions. The two new sections were detached from the layout proper for some track-laying, although no one was working on them that night. A Logger happened to glance over at one of them and saw a coiled-up snake on top of it. He thought it was one of John’s kid’s rubber snakes and reached over to remove it. Just as he was about to grab it, a forked tongue came out of the snake’s mouth. He instantly screamed and backed off. Another Logger came to the rescue and grabbed the snake by its neck and took it outside. Turns out it was a harmless garter snake. We suspect the snake entered the house via the intake air pipe for the gas furnace or water heater. We still laugh about that to this day.

John Burchnall, for The Eastern Loggers

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's your NMRA Story?

Tell us your story!

The NMRA is looking for members willing to share their NMRA experiences:

Does being a NMRA member enhance your enjoyment of model railroading?

How has the NMRA had a positive effect on your life?

Are you a woman in model railroading? Tell us about your experience for our Women in Model Railroading series.

These stories will be published in future issues of the NMRA Magazine and may also be featured on our social media channels and in small ads in the various model railroad industry magazines. Send your stories and/or questions via email to the NMRA Marketing Department at marketing@nmra.org or via private message to the [NMRA Facebook Page](#).



Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA
Triple Clinic Event Invitation



MINI MEET CLINICS

Sunday, August 9, 2020 from Noon to 4:30 pm

at either Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel, 6189 Muhlhauser Rd, West Chester, Ohio 45069 or virtually via Zoom, depending on crowd gathering considerations (see <https://cincy-div7.org/> for all details and latest venue status)

All 3 clinics presented by *special guest Rich Mahaney*
With a *popular vote contest* open to all NMRA members
Followed by one or more *layout open house(s)* *

Noon - Doors and Contest entries open - Model & Photo topics are both “Tank Car(s)”

12:30 - Abbreviated Business Meeting

1 pm - “Quick Industries” For Your Model Railroad - This presentation is designed give model railroaders industry ideas for their model railroad that can be assembled in several evenings (or days) of work. These industries can quickly increase railroad traffic and new customers. Examples of real facilities and model railroads are used to make the points. Includes a look at other details associated with industries such as track work, loading docks, industry placement along the tracks and building concepts.

2 pm - 2:10 pm Break and Contest Voting

2:10 pm - Follow the tracks of the Great Northern Railway from Skykomish, WA to Shelby, MT - Take a “ride” through the camera lens and images of Rich Mahaney as he follows the Great Northern Railway tracks from Skykomish, WA through WA, ID and MT to Shelby, MT. See sights and views that you have heard about and cities and areas that are modeled on many GN model railroad layouts. These images were taken during a trip in July 2011.

3:10 pm - 3:20 pm Break and Pick-up Contest Entries

3:20 pm - 1950’s Refrigerator Car Layout Operations on Model Railroad Layouts - After looking at and photographing refrigerator cars, icing platforms, cold storage and other buildings and operations on many layouts, this clinic presents some of the best ideas and modeling that capture the feel and operations involved with refrigerator car operations in the 1950’s.

4:30 pm - Adjourn, Pick-up contest entries, Visit layout(s)* on way home

* layout opening(s) available only if the meeting is held in person and layout owners agree

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.
	Durango & Silverton poster. Frame 12" x 35"	Free	Paul Miklos	paul.miklos1@gmail.com	140-Sep 20
	Accurail, Berwind 55-ton USRA 2-bay open hopper car kits, set of 8 cars, rebuilt 11/41, serial numbers 2000, 2003, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2027, 2031, 2034 New. Retail: \$95.60	\$80	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	128-Aug 20
	Stewart, PRSL Baldwin AS-16 diesel locomotive, powered, black (Seashore Lines) no. 6013, New. Retail: \$99.98	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	129-Jul 20
	Stewart, Clinchfield EMD F-7 phase I late, diesel <u>A/B set</u> , gray w/yellow trim, no numbers. New. Retail: \$150.00	\$100	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	130-Jul 20
	Stewart, SOU F3B phase I, diesel, powered, green w/white band, no number. New. Retail: \$75.00	\$40	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	131-Jul 20
	Proto 2000, C&O EMD SW9, non-dynamic, blue w/yellow stripes, no. 5093. New. Retail: \$75.00	\$40	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	132-Jul 20
	Proto 2000, SOU EMD SW9, non-dynamic, black w/white/gold trim, no. 1136. New. Retail: \$75.00	\$40	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	133-Jul 20
	Proto 2000, C&O EMD GP30 phase II, dynamic brakes, blue w/yellow trim, no. 3015. New. Retail: \$90.00	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	134-Jul 20
	Red Caboose, B&O 40' steel-sheathed boxcars (Class M-26), nos. 265294, 265320, 265831, 266445, 266484, 266993, built 1925, rebuilt 1946. Retail: \$14.95 each. Kits.	6 for \$75	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	135-Jul 20
	American Model Builders, Interlocking Tower kit no. 702, laser-cut basswood Retail: \$26.95	\$20	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	136-Jul 20
	American Model Builders, Two Story Farm House kit no. 140, laser-cut basswood. Retail: \$42.95	\$30	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	137-Jul 20
	Magnuson Models, Tickner's Watchworks, kit no. M524, polyester castings, wood, metal details Retail: \$34.00	\$17	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	138-Jul 20
	Magnuson Models, Cyclops Railway Supply, kit no. 439-549, polyester castings, wood, metal details Retail: \$39.95	\$20	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	139-Jul 20

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

See website for most recent [printable landscape PDF](#). Dates, times and events can change. Most meetings begin at 2:00 PM

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 Only	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 only – from photoshoot collection
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 only – from photoshoot collection
Aug	Sun, Aug 9 12:30 – 4:15+	North – Cinti Marriott North (Union Ctr Blvd) + Virtual?	Special Mini-Meet Triple Clinic Event With Special Guest Rich Mahaney	Model & Photo: Tank Car (popular vote during first break)	None or tbd
Sep	Sun, Sep 13	South – Erlanger, KY Kenton County Library + Virtual?	John Burchnall – Comparison of Premier Passenger Trains in NA	Model & Photo: Non-Steam Locomotive	Bob Adams or none?
Oct	Sun, Oct 4 (note date)	North – Four Points by Sheraton Cinti North + Virtual?	Steve Zapytowski, MMR (Virtual) “Do I really need to fill out this form?”	Model: Structure or Diorama Photo: Non-Bridge Structure	Gary Ossenschmidt + Don Leedy
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	Central – Spring Grove Village Harmony Lodge + Virtual?	Bob Weinheimer, MMR “Evolution of an Operating System”	Model & Photo: Freight Car	tbd
Dec	Sun, Dec 13	West – Westwood United Methodist Church + Virtual?	Annual Celebration/Snackfest and Potluck Computer Slide Show	Model & Photo: Box or Refrigerator Car	Dennis Malloy + Jerry Strangarity

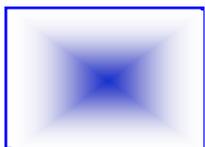
Easter, April 12

Mother's Day, May 10

Father's Day, June 21

*See Contest Tab on Div7 Website for detailed info

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Old Friends Lost

This has been a very tough time for our Cincinnati Division 7, as we have lost four members, including three very close friends. Charlie Atkinson is an old friend from the music education world. Charlie was an administrator for the Princeton City School District, who designed the district's fine arts program, which is now the state model.

I remember Dick White from my high school years, as he was a member of the Westwood Town Hall group. My pal, Gordon Brady, from the West Hi and YMCA bands, was also a member of the club. I got to be his guest several times and got to know Dick very well. I had the distinct pleasure of working three conventions with these gentlemen; they were both instrumental to the success of these Conventions.

On June 4th, I got a call from my Rector (I am Episcopalian) — that my good friend Bill Whittle lost his battle with lung cancer. I wrote a column about Bill and his Christmas Train Display at St. James Church. Bill was an excellent modeler and had his layout open for the 2005 national Convention. I have one of Bill's models, a C&O wood cabooses, numbered 90212, proudly on display. I will miss all three of these friends very much.

A New Friend

To balance the loss of these fine gentlemen, I made a new friend, Zach Riggins. I first met Zach when he joined our New Horizon Band's trumpet section. Zach is a Withrow graduate, and particularly good friends with Bob Shreve. You can imagine a confirmed westsider and someone from the eastside. In rehearsal the trumpets sit in front of the tuba section, so you can imagine the interesting (?) conversations. Zach also turned out to be an excellent vocalist and now sings with our Dixieland band.

Last Wednesday I discovered Zach has another talent, he is a talented model railroader. Zach is currently building a huge Fn3 layout in his back yard, and it is going to be outstanding. I am going to try to include some photos of his work. I am going to give Zach a one-year membership to the NMRA as I feel he will be an asset. Zach is currently rebuilding the fine arts program at Withrow with the addition of beginning band, choruses, and a theater department. I suspect he will bring some of those skills to our group.

Lions, Tigers, and Conventions, Oh My!

OK, no NMRA National Convention or Train Show, plus no SFH&MS Albuquerque this summer, now what? The division has settled on virtual meetings for June and July. Did you ever run a clinic where you could not see the audience? COVID-19 is the real thing, especially to you older folks. The NMRA, the MCR, and Division 7 have erred on the side of safety, and as a member of the executive board I agree. It was great to see some of you last week (some of you have not gotten any better looking), and it will be remarkably similar next month. I suspect until a dependable cure (for you old folks), or a reliable vaccine comes along, this will be the new normal. I am sorry to say no baseball, soccer, football, or any large crowd activities. I hope I am totally wrong.

Keep 'em rolling

Bruce

Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2020 Schedule

NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Layout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
7/19	Virtual Meeting	Mike Tylick MMR <i>Quick Interiors for Structures</i>	None	<u>Models:</u> Steam Locos <u>Photos:</u> Steam Locos
8/9 12:00 pm	Cincinnati Mariott North West Chester <i>(also as Virtual Meeting)</i>	Rich Mahaney (3 topics) <i>Quick Industries for Model RRs</i> <i>Tracks of the Great Northern Railway</i> <i>1950's Refrig. Car Oper. on Model RRs</i>	TBD	<u>Models:</u> Tank Cars <u>Photos:</u> Tank Cars
9/13	Kenton County Library Erlanger KY	John Burchnall <i>Premier Pass. Trains in N. America</i>	TBD	<u>Models:</u> Non-Steam Locos <u>Photos:</u> Non-Steam Locos

Around the Division 2020

7/16 Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH
(confirm date with Bob Chapman)

Region / National 2020

May 28-31 MCR Convention—CANCELLED

July 12-18 Gateway 2020 National NMRA Convention
CANCELLED

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