

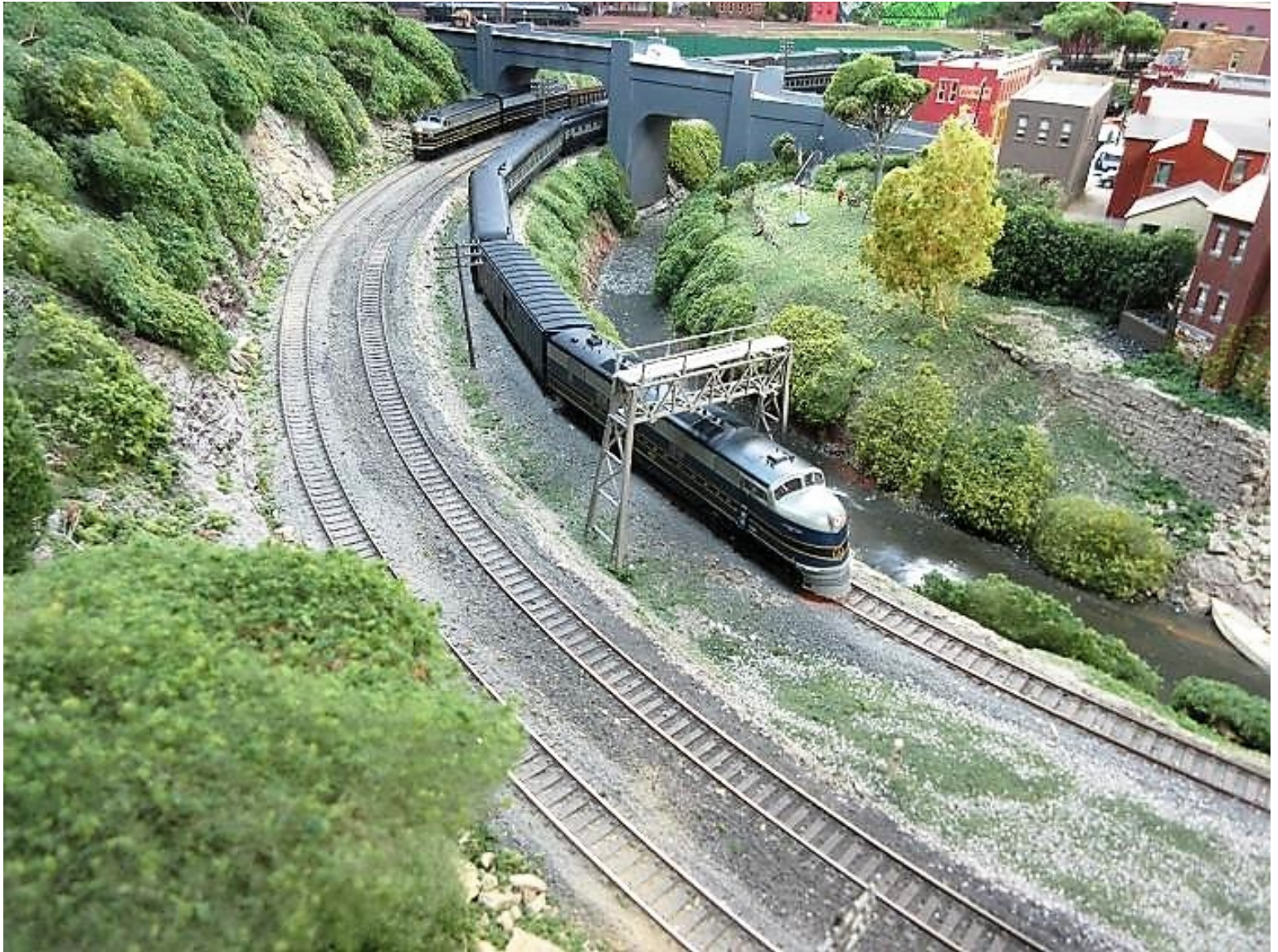


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The Editors Corner:

Dave Puthoff

Perhaps you've got an item or two that you would like to sell or give away. Our recent MCR Convention had White Elephant sales, and our annual Train Show will again have White Elephant sales. But every Oil Can issue offers an opportunity to clear out your unneeded model railroad items by listing them in the Classified Ads. — and comes without the 10% contribution to the Division. Just follow the simple Guidelines.

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

Email it to editor@cincy-div7.org.

Dave

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

Cover:

Scene from John Listermann's HO-scale Layout

Photo by Sam Parfitt



I hope you were all able to attend the June meeting at the new venue in Anderson Township. It's a great replacement for the Senior Center and the cost is right (free)! Thank you also to Peter Weiglin and John Listermann for hosting us at their layouts afterwards. The highlight of the meeting was the clinic by Alex Kolesnikov of DCC Trains; giving an update on what is happening in DCC and with Sound. Even if you are not currently deeply involved in these subjects, it's good to try to stay abreast of all that is happening.

As I write this in mid-June, I am getting ready to go to Salt Lake City for the National N Scale Enthusiasts Convention. Last year the convention was in Pittsburgh and I am looking forward to seeing how Salt Lake compares. Pittsburgh did a good job hosting. Of course, I will now be looking with an altered perspective, comparing these "National" conventions to our little regional that we just staged. Other than the airport, I have never "been" to Utah, so this will be a new experience. A highlight of the convention is a tour to Promontory Summit to the Golden Spike National Monument. In a sense, this convention will be a "preview" because the NMRA will have its 2019 National Convention in Salt Lake City, timed to correspond to the 150th anniversary of the Golden Spike next year.

And since I ran out of time writing the above ...

Having just returned from Salt Lake City, I can definitely say it was a great trip and a great convention. And based on the "clinic" given by the host group, the NMRA convention in Salt Lake next year should be even better. Salt Lake City has both a light rail system (called TRAX); and heavy rail (the FrontRunner) serving Ogden to the north and Provo to the south. Convention registrants will get a week pass to ride all of these. The hotel is right on the light rail; so one can arrive at the airport and take the TRAX right to the hotel. The National Train Show will be a short ride from the hotel on the TRAX, as well.

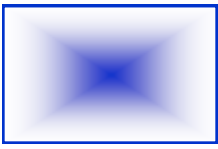
My favorite part of the N Scale Enthusiasts convention was the tour to Promontory. I am admittedly a history buff; so this should be no surprise. While the site is no longer connected by rail to anything, it does have operating trains! Each morning, the recreated Central Pacific Jupiter and Union Pacific 119 steam from the engine house out to the actual point where the golden spike was driven. But interestingly, neither one of these engines was supposed to be there. They were both substitutes, pressed into service because of problems encountered by both railroads before the event. There is also a story about the flag flown for the ceremony (I won't spoil that story either). And finally, there are actually two lines at Promontory, because the two railroads built PASSED each other (by about 100 miles in each direction) before finally agreeing on where to officially "join". (The government was paying them by the mile for track laid. Some things don't change over time as much as we think).

The twelve layouts we toured will all be open for the NMRA, along with dozens of others. The two best were N scale, but there were also several outstanding HO layouts (I might be biased!). I found several good restaurants within walking distance of the downtown hotels, and I assume more can be accessed on the light rail. The only thing I did not have a chance to sample were the local hobby shops, although I understand there is at least one good one. Now I can start looking forward to Kansas City for this year's NMRA Convention and National Train Show.

I understand that these national conventions may not be on everyone's agendas; but it is one of the benefits of membership in the NMRA, as well as the specialist societies in the hobby (like the railroad historical societies and the Narrow Gauge and N Scale Enthusiasts groups). Division 7 has lots to offer its members, but I encourage you to consider the possibility of sampling some of these regional and national events.

I hope to see you in Mason on July 8th.

John



SECOND SECTION

Chuck Endreola
Asst. Super

The June meeting was held at The Anderson Township Center. This was a new venue for us and feedback from those who attended was very positive. The township staff was very accommodating and provided a projector, screen and laptop at no cost. I hope to secure the venue for future meetings. I'd like to thank Alex Kolesnikov for his presentation on new DCC components and to John Listermann and Peter Weiglin for hosting our layout visits.

Kudos to Bob Lawson. He has generously donated dozens of new car and structure kits to be used in our monthly raffle.

Four new members attended their first Division 7 meeting in June. That prompted me to reflect upon my first NMRA division meeting.

EVERYONE IS PART OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Do you remember the first division meeting you attended? Were you approached and warmly greeted by a member? Or, were you ignored and left to figure out how to fit in and what you could glean from the NMRA? Both of these scenarios have occurred at our division meetings. And I would wager in many other divisions as well. It is natural and understandable that one wants to "catch up" with friends at the meeting break. But think about how you became friends? When a new member or a visitor interested in joining raises his/her hand and is introduced, take notice. At the break, introduce yourself and inquire about his/her modeling interests. Answer their questions about how the meetings and division work. Introduce him/ her to other members who you know have similar interests.

At every level of the NMRA, there is dialogue and some hand wringing about our shrinking membership. There are several ideas being employed to promote the hobby and the NMRA. The discounted trial membership is one tool that has had positive results. But getting people to join is only step one. It is getting that new member engaged at the division level that is paramount. And it all starts with a smile and a handshake.

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

Upcoming meetings and events: (Note the date of our August meeting):

July 8th – We will meet at St. Susanna Church, 616 Reading Rd., Mason OH, 45040. Our clinician will be the venerable Bruce Knapp presenting "Upgrading Vintage Brass". Layout visits are being hosted by Bob Chapman and Bob Lawson.

August 19th – Our meeting will be at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7701 Kenwood Rd., Cincinnati OH, 45236. Jack Sibert will present "Train Crew Jobs". Our layout hosts will be Roy Allan and Jim Stewart.

September 9th – A return visit to the Cincinnati Marriott North, 6189 Muhlhauser Rd., West Chester OH, 45069. Curt LaRue will give a clinic on "Early Piggyback Trailers". We will be visiting the layouts of Gary Ossenschmidt and Don Leedy.

Chuck



**NMRA MCR DIV. 7
JUNE 2018 CONTEST RESULTS**



MODELS: Flat Cars with Loads

Box Stock:

- 1st Place: Bruce Knapp: Rock Island Flat Car #90089 with Load of Pipes
- 2nd Place: Jim Rollwage: Rio Grande Flat Car #22317 with Load of Lumber
- 3rd Place: Bruce Knapp: Rock Island Flat Car #91172 with Load of Ties

Kitbashed:

- 1st Place: Rick Stern: ATSF Flat Car #92308 with Load of Lumber
- 2nd Place: David Wynne: Pennsylvania Flat Car #425500 with Load of Boxes
- 3rd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Borden's Flat Car #FIX 538 with milk container

Scratch Built:

No Entries in this Category

PHOTOGRAPHY: Trains on Bridges or Trestles

Print Prototype:

- 1st Place: Tom Brueggeman, MMR: Union Pacific Loco #8444 on bridge
- 2nd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Norfolk & Western Loco #9839 on bridge
- 3rd Place: David Wynne: Loco on Georgetown Loop in Colorado

Print Model:

No Entries in this Category

JUNIOR DIVISION: No Entries this Month in either Model or Photography Categories

2018 OVERALL STANDINGS – through June

MODELS

Bruce Knapp	20	John Listermann	02
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	11	Warren Ossman	02
Roy Allan	06	Jim Rollwage	02
Tom Brueggeman, MMR	04	David Wynne	02
Rick Stern	03		

PHOTOGRAPHY

Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	14	Tom Brueggeman, MMR	03
John Listermann	13	David Wynne	01

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS

No Entries So Far This Year

JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOGRAPHY

Seth Massmann 03

JULY CONTEST CATEGORIES

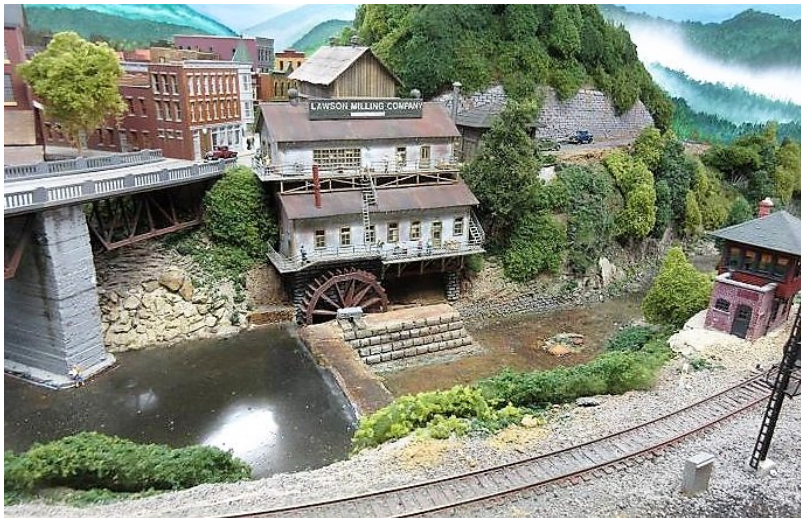
MODELS: Anything Goes

PHOTOGRAPHY: Anything Goes

Brad Jonas

NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair

LAYOUT VISIT to John Listermann's HO Scale Layout



LAYOUT VISIT to John Listermann's HO Scale Layout



LAYOUT VISIT to Peter Weiglin's HO Scale Layout



DIVISION 7 NMRA AWARDS



Georgia Dahlberg receives “Best of Show — Model” Award of the Cincinnati Express MCR Convention



Georgia Dahlberg receives NMRA Merit Award for Master Builder—Structures



Chuck Endreola receives NMRA Merit Award for Master Builder—Structures

Cincinnati Express Newsletter Report

Wow, the ***Cincinnati Express*** has left the station. We had fun hosting this convention and from the feedback we've received our guests loved it as well. We're very proud of Cincinnati Division 7, our city and our area's layouts. We could not wait to share them with everyone.

When we started planning this convention three years ago we were hoping for 220 registrants, maybe 250, and had a wild idea of 300. We ended up with an incredible 365 registrants from 19 states, including 90 spouses (the MCR average is about 50) and 13 children. We're planning to survey attendees to try to determine why we had such great attendance. We expect there will be many reasons, including great planning/design, great layouts/attractions, great team, great hotel, relatively low registration fee, great publicity/transparency and great execution.

Our guests were treated to 67 amazing layouts, 10 bus tours, 52 clinics, 150 guest operator positions (across 19 layouts), layout open houses and op sessions all 4 days, and a wonderful hotel. 117 attended the special EnterTRAINment Junction event and 167 came to our Saturday night reception and banquet. It was wonderful to see all the hard work pay off for our leaders and volunteers.

Charlie Getz (President), Pete Magoun (Incoming President), Gerry Leone (Vice President), Frank Koch (Chief Financial Officer), Mike Brestel (At Large World-Wide Director), Bill Neale (Central District Director), Don Phillips (Publication Manager), and Christina Ganzer-Zambri (Marketing Consultant) all participated from the NMRA Headquarters Team.

Hal Miller, Editor of Model Railroader Magazine, Lou Sassi, Contributing Editor of Model Railroader Magazine and Gerry Leone made wonderful presentations as our featured clinicians. Gerry also kept us all in stitches as our banquet speaker. That talk can be viewed on MCR's Facebook page.

There were an incredible number of planning and execution activities done to make this convention a success. While we still have a few wrap-up activities to do, we are all taking a deep breath now. Thanks to all of you that came, and all of you that welcomed our many out-of-region friends. Please enjoy the following photos from the event. We hope to see all of you next year as we renew old friendships and make new ones in Boardman, Ohio when Division 1 hosts our next convention.

Rick Crumrine

Chair

John Burchnall

Vice Chair



NMRA President Charlie Getz fields a question



Others in the Leadership Team participate



Charlie Atkinson, Chair of the 2005 Cincinnati Limited National Convention



Attendees plot their strategy while studying the convention program and layouts packet



Relaxing in the Atrium



Vice Chair John Burchnell relaxes



Lots of White Elephants to buy



Paul Musselman and the Company Store



Attentive attendees at Asst. Super. Chuck Endreola's Clinic



Bus tour group staging in the Atrium



Boarding one of 10 comfortable buses



Two of our 13 young modelers having fun

Photos by Don Phillips



Enjoying the Wine Tasting at the Meet and Greet



Zumba demo at the Meet and Greet



Happy customers at the greeting card making clinic



Charlie Getz brown bagging it into the Wine Tasting?



Larry and Hildy Bonhaus treating us to great music



Neil Young's layout at EnterTRAINment Junction



Tri-State N-Trak guest layout at EnterTRAINment Junction



Water Fitness Aerobics in the hotel pool



Tri-State N-Trak guest layout at EnterTRAINment Junction



Ohio Valley Sipping & Switching Society guest layout at EnterTRAINment Junction



EnterTRAINment Junction's "Train Journey" model railroad



Behind the scenes at EnterTRAINment Junction



Matandy Steel on the "Steel Tour"



The American Sign Museum tour



Tropicana plant and "Juice Train" tour



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.

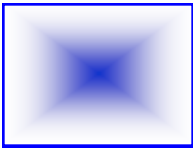
Limit of three (3) listings from same Seller at any one time.

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.
NO CLASSIFIED ADS WERE SUBMITTED FOR JULY					



KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

Back to Normal (Sort of)

Margaret passed away on Monday, November 9th; it's now approaching 7 months since her death. We were married for 49 years; counting our dating and working together at Taylor High School. We were together over 50 years. Right after the funeral, I found I had lost interest in many of my activities, especially model railroading. I also found being humorous with this column very difficult. Fortunately I found many caring and supportive friends in my many musical activities, my church family, and here in Division 7. John Shields had been through the very same experiences with his wife and is a wonderful listener. Chuck Endreola was always available, along with my unique (read here less than normal) work group.

One of the side benefits of our recent convention was a renewal of my urge to resume work on my Raton Pass. I was inspired by the many wonderful entries in the contest room, especially by local modelers, Chuck Endreola, Georgia Dahlberg, Peter Weiglin, and Bob Lawson. I was motivated by several outstanding clinics and realized I am much happier participating in building a layout. That said, I suspect the Raton Pass is a huge undertaking for one person, so if any of you would like to assist, please contact me.

My Humor (?)

I realized as I was rethinking my column in this newsletter, sometimes my attempts at humor are hurtful and certainly not funny. If I have in any way insulted, offended, or made hurtful comments, I sincerely apologize. I am aware I have certainly been very unprofessional to my friend John Burchnall; again I apologize. One area I would like to clarify is the Modeler's Aid, which I was very quick to make sarcastic and inappropriate remarks, is a wonderful and very satisfying activity. Pat and I are more than willing assist any Division member, so please contact us. If either one of us can't assist you, there are many members who can help.

While on the subject of sarcastic humor, I am going to ease up on the humor about our raffle. Russ Poynter does a very nice job with the raffle, in fact the raffle earned \$601.00 at the MCR Convention. Thanks Russ, Rick Crumrine, Linda Crumrine, and the volunteers who helped in the raffle room.

I am not sure I am ready to let go of my favorite group, WMPA, the Western Modeler's Protective Association; we will have to see. I am going to use my column to highlight new trends in the hobby and, of course, new products. I hope my column will be an extension of our Modeler's Aid.

Next Meeting

I will see everyone July 9th, for our meeting at St. Susanna Church. The clinician will be me, doing an updated (and hopefully) power point clinic on Brass Locomotive Upgrades. Russ Poynter promises this monthly raffle will be up to its consistently high (?) standard, and the layout visit is to Bob Lawson's fantastic layout. By the way, getting back to the raffle, I am tired of hearing that winners are always officers or committee chairs. I am here to tell you the raffle is [cough, cough] honest, and if you don't believe me, just ask Russ Poynter.

Keep 'em rolling

Bruce

Next Meeting

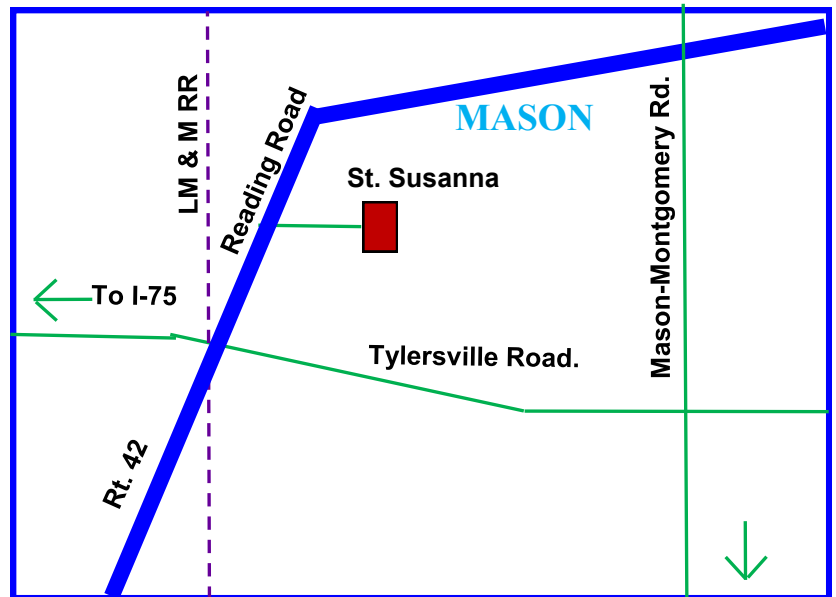
2 PM Sunday July 8

St. Susanna Church
500 Reading Road
Mason OH 45040

Directions:

From I-75: Take Tylersville Road Exit.
Go East to Reading Road.
St. Susanna is on your right.

From I-71 Take Fields Ertel Exit.
Turn left onto Mason-Montgomery Road.
Go north to Tylersville Road.
Turn left to Reading Road.
St. Susanna is on your right.



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2018 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>
7/8	St. Susanna Church Mason OH	Bruce Knapp <i>Upgrading Vintage Brass</i>	Bob Chapman Bob Lawson	<u>Models:</u> Anything Goes <u>Photos:</u> Anything Goes
8/19	Good Shepherd Church Kenwood	Jack Sibert <i>Train Crews & Their Jobs</i>	Roy Allan Jim Stewart	<u>Models:</u> Tank Car(s) <u>Photos:</u> Tank Car(s)
9/9	Cincinnati Mariott North West Chester OH	Curt La Rue <i>Early Piggyback Trailers</i>	Gary Ossenschmidt Don Leedy.	<u>Models:</u> Locomotives <u>Photos:</u> Locomotives

Around the Division 2018

7/19 **Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH**
8/16 **Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH**

Region / National 2018

8/5-12 **2018 NMRA National Convention — Kansas City**

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