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Dave Puthoff

Buy or sell Model Railroad items! We've got an opportunity to buy and sell model railroad items at our MCR convention. There is an expanded version of White Elephant sales during the 4-day convention, with 10% of proceeds go to Division 7.

Details, including an Inventory Sheet, are included in this month's issue, as well as in the Convention information packets. For email, rename the spreadsheet file to contain your last name before sending it. Filling out the separate spreadsheet will greatly help Frank keep track of your sales!

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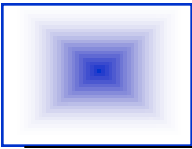
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Space permitting. *The Oil Can* welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Scene from the Cincinnati Model Railway Club O-Scale Layout

Photo by Dave Puthoff



HEADLIGHTS

John Shields
Superintendent

Our April meeting was at Harmony Lodge, hosted by the O scale Cincinnati Model Railway Club. Thank you to Georgia Dahlberg for a hands-on clinic demonstrating a number of techniques around modeling with styrene. Technically, this was done in HO; but the techniques apply to any scale. In fact, did you notice that this was sort of our non-HO meeting. We visited the club there at Harmony – in O Scale – and then visited Larry Bonhaus’ Pennsylvania (Laurence and St. Andrews) – in N Scale. Not to worry, there’s plenty of HO action in the coming months based on the schedule that Chuck has laid out; along with prototype clinics as well. (See Chuck’s article in the following pages for details).

Speaking of plenty of HO action, and O, and N, and prototype, and non-rail, etc.: Have you heard that we have a convention coming up this month? If for some reason, you have not registered; Do It Now! I’ll wait.....
I’m not kidding. Don’t read on until you have registered.
.....). OK, now that we’ve got that straight, who else do you know that is not planning to go? Talk to them! Convince them that this is not one to miss. Yes, they have to join the NMRA (which is actually a good thing anyway, especially with all we have to offer here in Division 7); but there is the great Railpass offer that will give non-members a really cost effective way to try us out starting with this great convention. (Check for this on the NMRA website, under “Membership”).

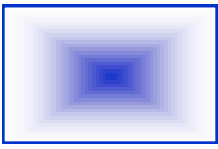
So far, ALL of the planned events at our convention are a “go”, meaning that our guests are signing up for the great selection of events that the convention committee has been putting together. Some of the most popular op sessions and layout tours have actually sold out more than a month in advance. The final clinic schedule is now available on-line. We have national clinicians like Gerry Leone and Charlie Getz from the NMRA, Hal Miller from Model Railroader, MR photographer Lou Sassi, John Forsythe of TCS, and a total of 6 MMRs including Allen McClelland. You are bound to find a topic you want to know more about.

Since this is “our” convention, that also means we still need everyone’s help in pulling this off. Randy Kerka has the master list of volunteers. If you have signed up to help, please double check with him for what and when you are scheduled --- so we are not left short. And if you have not done so, find a place to volunteer. Randy can help you fit your available time to our volunteer slots. Frank Koch will be running our famous White Elephant sale as we do at the Flea Market and the Fall Show. If you have stuff that needs to be moved along (to make space for the great new things hitting the stores), then go to the website and get the e-form, and fill it out for Frank, and bring your stuff to the hotel to hopefully find new owners. There is no trade show with this convention, so there should be a lot of potential captive buyers wanting to spend their money.

I’m personally looking forward to the prototype tour to the Tropicana facility in Springdale. This is the Midwest terminal for the famous “Juice Train” that runs out of Florida. The other one, serving the Northeast, is in New Jersey. It is likely you have seen either the prototype cars, the large white or orange refrigerator cars with the Tropicana name in billboard letters on the side; or have seen (and maybe even own) the models. But you likely did not know the Cincinnati connection. My interest is actually less about the train operations and more about the juice business because in my former P&G life I worked on Citrus Hill Orange Juice for about 10 years, and had my own experiences with rail transport in the juice business. I know some of the Tropicana business model; but would never have been allowed in their facility back then; so this is a neat chance for me to see what I still kind of think of as “the competition.” (no conflict now – P&G got out of this business years ago).

That’s about it for this month. Since there is no regular meeting, I expect to see you at the Cincinnati Express Convention between May 17th and 20th.

John



SECOND SECTION

Chuck Endreola
Asst. Super

Well, this is it! The month we have been awaiting 3 years for. In just 17 days, Division 7 will host a spectacular Regional Convention, "*The Cincinnati Express*". The Convention Committee and many volunteers have been working diligently to make this convention the benchmark all other divisions will aspire to. Several of our members will be conducting interesting clinics and dozens have been preparing their impressive layouts for a plethora of tours, op sessions and open houses.

The committee has also done a great job in securing famous outside clinicians, fantastic prototype tours, wonderful non-rail and general interest programs, and 4 terrific food events – Thursday pizza dinner reception at EnterTrainment Junction, Thursday night Meet & Greet with Wine Tasting, Saturday Ladies Luncheon and Saturday night's banquet. Add to that the raffle, white elephant sale, company store, in-hotel and EnterTrainment Junction layouts, Train Control Systems/LCC booth, photo/model/arts/crafts contest, registration/tour desk, convention office, hospitality rooms, free parking and the beautifully renovated Cincinnati Marriott North hotel and you have the makings for an outstanding convention.

I urge those members who haven't volunteered to do so immediately by contacting Randy Kerka. You will still have time to enjoy the convention and your involvement will only enhance your experience. Even if you are helping one or more layout owners host their sessions you should still have time to come to the hotel and enjoy the clinics and other activities. Rail clinics start at 8 am on Friday and Saturday and run until 10 pm on Thursday, and 11 pm on Friday. There are no breaks for lunch, and only a short break for dinner. Make sure you also register with Roy Hord to fully partake in this rare opportunity. We likely won't host another convention until about 12 years from now!

Upcoming Meetings and Events

May - No regular meeting. "*The Cincinnati Express*" Mid Central Regional Convention from the 17th thru the 20th, at the Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel, 6189 Mulhhauser Rd., West Chester OH 45069.

June 10th - Regular meeting at a NEW VENUE, the Anderson Twp. Center, 7850 Five Mile Rd., Anderson Twp. OH 45230. This is **NOT** the Senior Center. we have used in the past.

Guest clinician will be Alex Kolesnikov of DCC Trains who will discuss the "Latest Advancements in On-Board Sound".

Home layouts will be hosted by Peter Weiglin and John Listermann.

July 8th - Meeting held at St. Susanna Church, 616 Reading Rd. (Rt 42), Mason OH 45040.

Bruce Knapp will present a clinic on "Upgrading Vintage Brass".

Layout visits to be determined.

August 19th - Meeting is one week later than normal because of the National Convention, held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7701 Kenwood Rd., Cincinnati OH 45236.

Jack Sibert will discuss and field audience questions about "Train Crew Jobs & Responsibilities".

Layout visit to Roy Allen. 2nd layout TBA

September 9th - Meeting at the West Chester Library off Union Center Boulevard.

Clinician will be Curt LaRue presenting "Early Piggyback Trailers".

Layout visit to Gary Ossenschmidt. 2nd layout TBA.

Chuck



NMRA MCR DIV. 7
APRIL 2018 CONTEST RESULTS



MODELS: Maintenance of Way Equipment

Box Stock:

- 1st Place: Bruce Knapp: Pennsylvania Blacksmith Car #5585
- 2nd Place: Warren Ossman: Pennsylvania R.R. Snow Plow #97788
- No Other Entries in this Category

Kitbashed:

- 1st Place: Tom Brueggeman, MMR: D&RGW Rotary Snow Plow
- 2nd Place: Bruce Knapp: Maintenance of Way Scrap Gondola
- 3rd Place: Bruce Knapp: AT&SF Crane Tender #191595

Scratch Built:

- 1st Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Tonapah & Tidewater Construction Box Car #501
- No Other Entries in this Category

PHOTOGRAPHY: Maintenance of Way Equipment

Print Prototype:

No Entries in this Category

Print Model:

- 1st Place: John Listermann: Large Pennsylvania Crane in Yard
- 2nd Place: John Listermann: B&O Maintenance of Way Bull Dozer
- No Other Entries in this Category

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

2018 OVERALL STANDINGS – through April

MODELS

Bruce Knapp	16	Tom Brueggeman, MMR	04
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	10	John Listermann	02
Roy Allan	06	Warren Ossman	02

PHOTOGRAPHY

John Listermann	13
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	12

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS

No Entries So Far This Year

JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOGRAPHY

Seth Massmann	03
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No Regular Meeting in MAY – Please enter your models and photos in the contest at the *Cincinnati Express MCR Convention*

JUNE CONTEST CATEGORIES

MODELS: Flat Car(s) with Load

PHOTOGRAPHY: Train on Bridge or Trestle

Brad Jonas

NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair

Would you like to become a NMRA Contest Judge?

I received a request from Steve Zapytoyski (our Regional Contest Chairman) to see if any of our Division Members that are interested in learning how to be judge or are willing to be judges for our convention.

In either case please contact me and I will forward your name to Steve for inclusion in the process.

Brad Jonas

bjonas@fuse.net

DIVISION 7 — 2017 FINAL CONTEST AWARDS



Jim MacKnight
Overall Combined Points Champion

Jim MacKnight & David Wynne
1st Place (Tie) Photography



Georgia Dahlberg, MMR
3rd Place Photography

DIVISION 7 — 2017 FINAL CONTEST AWARDS



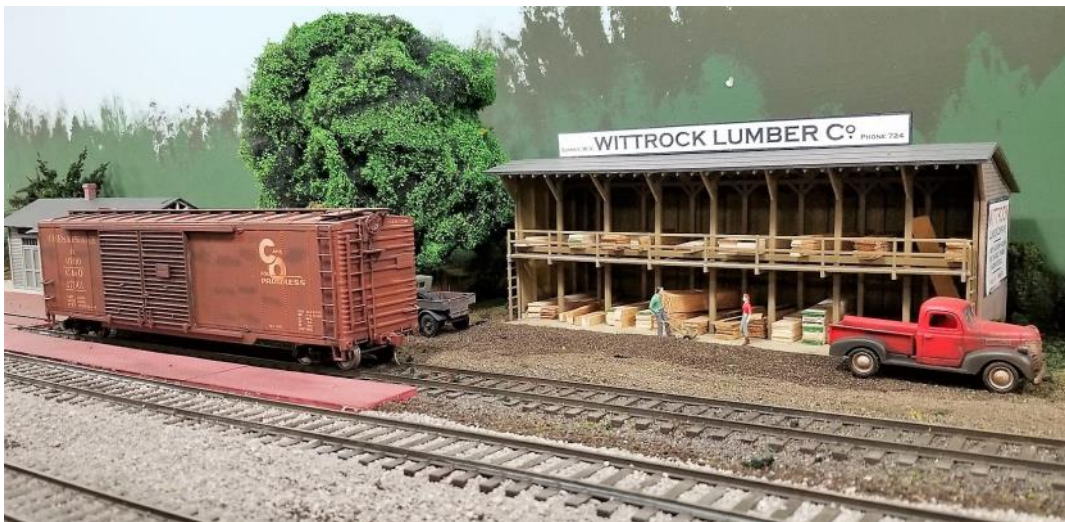
Bruce Knapp
1st Place Models

Chuck Endreola
2nd Place Models



**Jim MacKnight &
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR**
3rd Place (Tie) Models

LAYOUT VISIT to Cincinnati Model Railway Club O-Scale Layout



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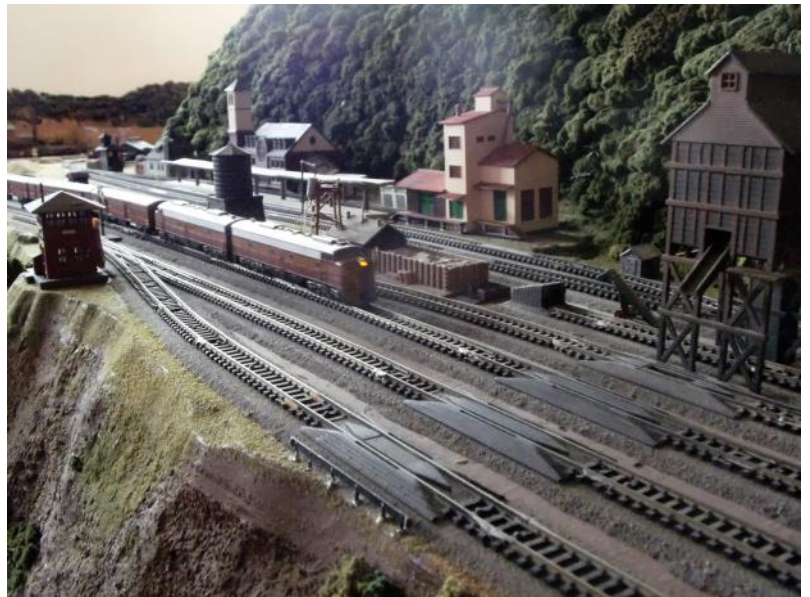


LAYOUT VISIT to Larry Bonhaus's N-Scale Layout



Photos by Dave Puthoff

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Photos by Dave Puthoff

AWARDS presented to Division 7 Members



Jim MacKnight
Division 7 Recognition Award
Community Service Chair

Dave Puthoff
George Roos
Brad Jonas
Laddie Henninger
NMRA Achievement Award
Association Volunteer



Roy Allan
NMRA Award
Golden Spike

2018 Cincinnati Express White Elephant Sales

This year's convention will again offer attendees the opportunity to dispose of surplus model railroading items (NO magazines) and to acquire some treasures from other attendees. The rules are simple:

1. Prepare an inventory (electronic is preferred, but paper is fine as long as it is legible) showing your name, address and telephone number. For a printable electronic inventory form, please see <http://www.cincy-div7.org/convention.html>.
2. List **each individual** item with a brief description and code so we can match it back to you and your **firm** asking price in **whole dollar amounts only with a \$5.00 minimum price**. We will only sell at the marked price & will not negotiate pricing.
3. **Each individual item must be clearly marked and priced as shown below.** The price on the item's sticker and the inventory must match. If there is more than one of an item, list them **separately**. If you have more than 25 items, just extend the sheet or add another sheet and continue the numbers.

FJK – 12 \$10.00

4. Put all your items in a bag or box and bring them to the White Elephant room at any time it is open. A copy of the inventory sheet must accompany your items (and/or send it to me electronically before the convention starts)
5. We will log your items in, sell them, reconcile sales with left-over material, and calculate how much you earned. The Division will keep 10% of actual sales (whole dollar fee) and we will pay either with cash or by check depending on the amount since we will be accepting credit cards for sales (\$25 minimum sale).
6. You must pick up your unsold material and money on Saturday afternoon before we shut down for the night. If you do not claim your unsold material, it will be considered a donation to Cincinnati Division 7.
7. If you would like an electronic inventory form, go to our <http://www.cincy-div7.org/convention.html> webpage or send Frank Koch an e-mail at fjkoch@hotmail.com with "elephant inventory" in the subject line. When you download the file, save it and substitute your last name for "MASTER" in the file name, i.e., sales inventory-KOCH, to identify it as your inventory. Email the file back to Frank at fjkoch@hotmail.com and then make two printouts – one for you and one to accompany your items.

Cincinnati Express White Elephant Sale

(10% of actual sales retained by Division 7)

2018

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Initials	Item #	Short Description	Firm Price (\$)	Sold	Office
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Total \$0.00
 10% Fee \$0.00
 Net Due To Seller _____



Welcome Back!
May 17-20, 2018

*Our first convention since
the 2005 NMRA National*



We've prepared tons of fun for everyone!



Abundant Premier Layouts!

Special Thurs Afternoon Early-Bird Layout
Open Houses - *Bob Lawson* and *Larry Bonhaus!*
Layout Tours & Operating Sessions All 4 Days!



Special *EnterTrainment Junction* Events!

Awesome Commercial Bus Tours!

Fantastic Rail Industry Prototype Tours
Fabulous General Interest Tours



4 'Great Model Railroad' Mini-bus Tours (12 layouts)!



Numerous Rail and Non-Rail Clinics

Special Guests *Gerry Leone*, *Lou Sassi* and
Hal Miller, Editor of *Model Railroader!*
Non-Rail Luncheon and Saturday Banquet



Plentiful Additional In-Hotel Attractions

Extra Large White Elephant Sale!
Model, Photo and Crafts Contests
Raffle, Company Store, Hospitality Room
Layouts at Hotel + *EnterTrainment Junction*
Special *TCS Booth* with *Loco Sound Free Installs!*



Register Now for Priority on Extra Fares & Ops

See form at our booth or www.cincy-div7.org

Abundant Layout Events

67 layouts, 30 published, 10 in GMR, 5 at EJ
Bob Lawson and Larry Bonhaus on Thurs Aft
Great Model RR Tours + Hotel, EJ Layouts,
Operating Sessions, Layout Open Houses



Fantastic Rail Industry Tours

Matandy Steel

Cincinnati Barge & Rail Terminal

Excel Logistics Tropicana

Enerfab Brighton Tru-Edge

Deluxe Cincinnati Railfanning



Fabulous Non-Rail Activities

Findlay Market & Conservatory Tour
Am. Sign Museum & Spring Grove Tour
Luncheon with Cookie Decorating Chef
Genealogy & Greeting Card Clinics
Meet & Greet w/ Wine Tasting

Water Aerobics Class



Wonderful Newly Remodeled Hotel

Cincinnati Marriott North (513) 874-7335

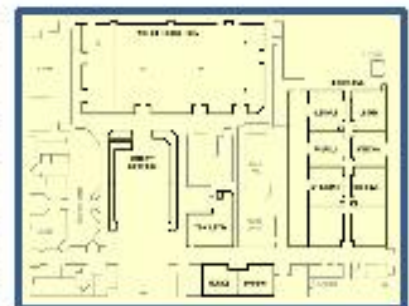
I-75 & Union Center Blvd, West Chester, Ohio

\$109 King Bed, \$119 Two Double Beds, Pre-Tax

Use code: "National Model Railroad Assoc."

Great Guest Speakers

Gerry Leone, Allen McClelland,
Lou Sassi, Hal Miller, Steve King,
Rick Tipton, Charlie Getz ...



Low Cost Registration Fees

Only \$75 Rail, \$25 Family (Spouse/Teen), Kids under 13 Free w/ Reg. Adult
Register Now for Extra Fares & Ops Priorities - See form or www.cincy-div7.org

CINCINNATI EXPRESS



2018

MCR

CINCINNATI EXPRESS

Mid-Central Region Convention

West Chester, Ohio, May 17-20, 2018

Hosted by Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

Mail to: CX Registrar

Questions to:

rhord@fuse.net

6526 Hollowview Ct.

Liberty Township, OH 45011

YOUR INFORMATION - Registration date sets priority for Extra Fares and Guest Operations

Name _____

NMRA # _____ Region _____ Division _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

REGISTRATIONS & NMRA MEMBERSHIP

Item	Quantity	Price	Amount
Full Regular Registration *		\$75.00	\$
Family Member (Teenager, Spouse or Non-Rail Guest)		\$25.00	\$
Family Member (Child 12 or Under)		Free	\$
NMRA Full Annual Membership, with NMRA Magazine ***		\$75.00	\$
NMRA Full Annual Membership, without NMRA Magazine ***		\$47.00	\$
NMRA RailPass Membership (9 months, with NMRA Magazine) **		\$19.95	\$

* Primary Registrant must be an NMRA member

** Eligible if never used RailPass before and not member for last 2 years - see NMRA.org

*** See NMRA.org for other membership classes

Registrations & Membership Total

Extra Fares Total (from next page)

Merchandise Total (from next page)

Names for Badges:

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

\$

\$

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PAYMENT INFORMATION

Make Checks Payable to *Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA*. Check # _____

Credit Card: Visa _____ MasterCard _____ Card # _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Expiration Date: (MM/YY) ____ / ____ CVV: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Make your **hotel** reservation directly with the **Cincinnati Marriott North** at 6189 Mulhauser Rd, West Chester, OH 45069, (877) 739-9460. Use Code "**National Model Railroad Assoc.**" Special pre-tax pricing before May 3, 2018 is \$109 King Bed, \$119 Double Beds, \$119 King Bed w/ Sofa

OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Processed: _____ Reg. Number(s) _____

EXTRA FARE ITEMS - see full registration package at www.cincy-div7.org/convention.html

Item #	Item Name	Day	Time	Quantity	Price	Amount
LAYTH	Lawson & Bonhaus Open Layouts	Thu Aft	1:00 - 4:00		Free	\$ - 0 -
EJUNC	EnterTrainment Junc. Reception	Thu Eve	4:30 - 6:30		\$19	\$
MGWINE	Meet & Greet w/ Wine Tasting	Thu Eve	7:00 - 8:30		\$15	\$
LAY1	Great Model RRs Tour 1 - North	Fri AM	7:30 - noon		\$44	\$
RAIL1	Matandy Steel/Hamilton Tour	Fri AM	8:00 - noon		\$38	\$
RAIL2	Tropicana & Brighton Tour	Fri AM	8:00 - noon		\$38	\$
WAERO	Ladies Water Aerobics	Fri AM	9:30 - 10:30		Free	\$ - 0 -
GEN1	Findlay Mkt & Conservatory Tour	Fri Aft	12:30 - 5:30		\$49	\$
LAY2	Great Model RRs Tour 2 - Near	Fri Aft	1:00 - 5:00		\$44	\$
RAIL3	Cincinnati Barge & Rail Tour	Fri Aft	1:00 - 5:00		\$38	\$
GCARD	Greeting Card Making Workshop	Fri Eve	7:00 - 8:30		\$10	\$
LAY3	Great Model RRs Tour 3 - East	Sat AM	7:30 - noon		\$44	\$
GEN2	Sign Mus. & Spring Grove Tour	Sat AM	8:00 - noon		\$47	\$
LAY4	Great Model RRs Tour 4 - Central	Sat Aft	1:00 - 5:00		\$44	\$
RAIL4	Cincinnati Railfan Tour	Sat Aft	1:00 - 5:15		\$38	\$
LLUNCH	Ladies Luncheon w/ Cookie Dec.	Sat Aft	1:30 - 4:00		\$35	\$
BCHICK	Receptn & Banquet - Chicken	Sat Eve	6 - 7 - 9:30		\$54	\$
BRIBS	Receptn & Banquet - Short Ribs	Sat Eve	6 - 7 - 9:30		\$54	\$
BSALM	Receptn & Banquet - Salmon	Sat Eve	6 - 7 - 9:30		\$54	\$
BVEG	Receptn & Banquet - Vegetarian	Sat Eve	6 - 7 - 9:30		\$54	\$
Extra Fares Total						\$

PRE-ORDER MERCHANDISE * (pick up at convention, April 25 shirt pre-order cut-off date)

Item #	Item Name	Circle Size(s)	Quantity	Price	Amount
SGM	Mens Long Sleeve Shirt	S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL		\$32	\$
SGL	Ladies Long Sleeve Shirt **	S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL		\$32	\$
SCM	Mens Cornerstone Short Sleeve	S, M, L, XL		\$30	\$
SCM	Mens Cornerstone Short Sleeve	2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL, 6XL		\$32	\$
SCL	Ladies Cornerstn Short Sleeve **	S, M, L, XL		\$28	\$
SCL	Ladies Cornerstn Short Sleeve **	2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL, 6XL		\$30	\$
SJM	Mens Jerzees Short Sleeve	S, M, L, XL		\$20	\$
SJM	Mens Jerzees Short Sleeve	2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL, 6XL		\$24	\$
CSET	Custom Accurail 36 ft Box Car - 4 Car Set (1 ea of below)			\$80	\$
C109	Custom Accurail 36 ft Box Car - 1923 Red MVR #109			\$21	\$
C3352	Custom Accurail 36 ft Box Car - 1923 Red V&O #3352			\$21	\$
C3357	Custom Accurail 36 ft Box Car - 1940 Red V&O #3357			\$21	\$
C435	Custom Accurail 36 ft Box Car - Gray V&O MOW #435			\$21	\$

* See cincy-div7.org website for photos/details & other merchandise - best to pre-order here as limited stock may be available at the Convention

** Ladies shirts have no pocket - long sleeve version has ladies fitted style, spread collar w/o buttons, curved bottom to wear in or out

Merchandise Subtotal

7% Sales Tax

Merchandise Total

Your Name:

\$
\$
\$

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.
	BOWSER, New York Central K-11 Pacific, Kit with all instructions. Includes tender (assembled).	\$25	Rex Settlemoir	513-505-6680 rsettlemoir@cinci.rr.com	31-Jun-18
	DCC Block Occupancy Detectors Built-in Adjustable Time-Delay-Off, Adjustable Sensitivity. 200 ma DC Open Collector & BiPolar Outputs with LED Indicator, 12 vdc. For DCC only.	\$12 each	Dave Puthoff	deputhoff@yahoo.com	32-Jun-18

CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA INC - BUDGETS & RESULTS

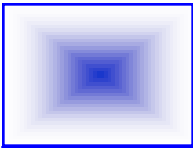
2017

	Budget		Actual Results		Comments
	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	
Fall Show	\$22,000.00	\$14,700.00	\$25,991.00	\$13,145.93	Great weather for show
Car Projects	\$7,000.00	\$7,200.00	\$5,007.60	\$5,398.14	New car project
Flea Market	\$5,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$6,341.11	\$3,170.31	Better than planned
Dividends & Interest	\$3,600.00	\$0.00	\$4,582.13	\$0.00	Better than planned
Company Store	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,566.49	\$2,403.50	Build convention shirt inventory
Convention (2018)	\$1,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$6,603.00	\$1,226.76	Early income, delayed expenses
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$1,400.00	\$348.78	\$0.00	No surprises
Raffle	\$400.00	\$500.00	\$516.00	\$340.44	Donations were helpful
BSA Merit Badge	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	No 2017 expenses
Excursions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	No excursions
Donations/Memorials	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	Only 2 memorials
Contest	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$114.48	As expected
Sales Tax	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$260.13	As expected
Video Library	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$352.98	Choiceful purchases
Community Service (Books)	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$932.51	Almost two years worth
Program (Rooms/ Clinicians)	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,764.69	GREAT programs
Oil Can/Post Cards	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,793.64	About as expected
Phone/PO Box/Website/ Locker	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$1,832.82	About as expected
Admin/Awards/ Memberships	\$0.00	\$1,700.00	\$0.00	705.76	Lower than expected
Revenue, Actual	\$40,700.00	\$39,850.00	\$50,996.11	\$33,642.09	
Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$148.63)	\$0.00	Off-set by strong dividends
TOTAL REVENUE/ EXPENSE	\$40,700.00	\$39,850.00	\$50,847.48	\$33,642.09	
ANNUAL NET	\$850.00		\$17,205.39		

Total Assets (as of 12/31)

Checking Account	\$28,501.63
Postal Account	\$1,029.41
Investment Account	<u>\$93,169.53</u>
Total Assets on 12/31	\$122,700.57

Frank Koch
Division 7 Treasurer



KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

April's Meeting

Sunday's meeting started with meeting my good friend, Keith Corman, for brunch at Frisch's in Winton Place. (THANKS for brunch, Keith). Keith and I caught up on the latest news from the transportation world, then we were off to Harmony Lodge for an enjoyable afternoon of fellowship and model railroading. I hope everyone is as excited about the upcoming MCR convention next month as I am, John Burchnall and Rick Crumrine's updates sound like it will be another Division 7 "Extravaganza". Everything about this event will be "FIRST CLASS"—clinics, trips, displays, layouts, and the super venue; I can't wait. Kudos to the Chairs, and their hard-working Committees.

The Division's Model Contest is continuing to grow, thanks to Brad and his Committee. What can I say about our wonderful, "honest" raffle, another great group of prizes, and satisfied customers. It's really too bad Russ and I have to put up with a certain un-named heckler (John Burchnall) every meeting. He must realize he probably won't win again until sometime in 2020.

I always rate a clinic by how many ideas I leave with. Our clinician, Georgia Dahlberg, MMR, gave me several valuable tips in her presentation. I like her point about looking for valuable materials in your daily scrap items. Georgia used several items from her diabetes testing, as examples. I test twice daily for type 2 diabetes, and have never realized the many useful items I've thrown away. Making jigs to assist with repetitive cutting and assembling was another super idea. After seeing Georgia's clinic, I understand how she produces so many award winning models.

No visit to Harmony Lodge would be complete without a trip to the O Scale empire downstairs. The club has made tremendous progress in bringing their vision of Appalachia to life. Even a devout Santa Fe modeler, appreciates excellent modeling. I did not try to visit Larry Bonhaus's excellent Pennsy N scale railroad, as I am saving that for a later time.

The NMRA Achievement Program

Division 7 has several MMR's, but with the quality of modeling in the division we should have many more. There are many extremely well done layouts in our division, nearly all have been featured in the national press.

We are blessed to have Frank Koch, who administers achievement on the national level, for our divisional achievement program. So what are we all waiting for? Of course, look who is pontificating about the achievement program --- Frank has mentioned my lack of progress several times. OK, I get it this is the year to start on my trek, wish me luck. I am going to challenge my WMPA fellow western modelers to give me a push.

Well that's all for now, I have to get this to John Burchnall for proofreading; see everyone at the June meeting. Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets. Russ and I need the money (oops) --- I mean the Division needs the money.

Keep 'em rolling

Bruce

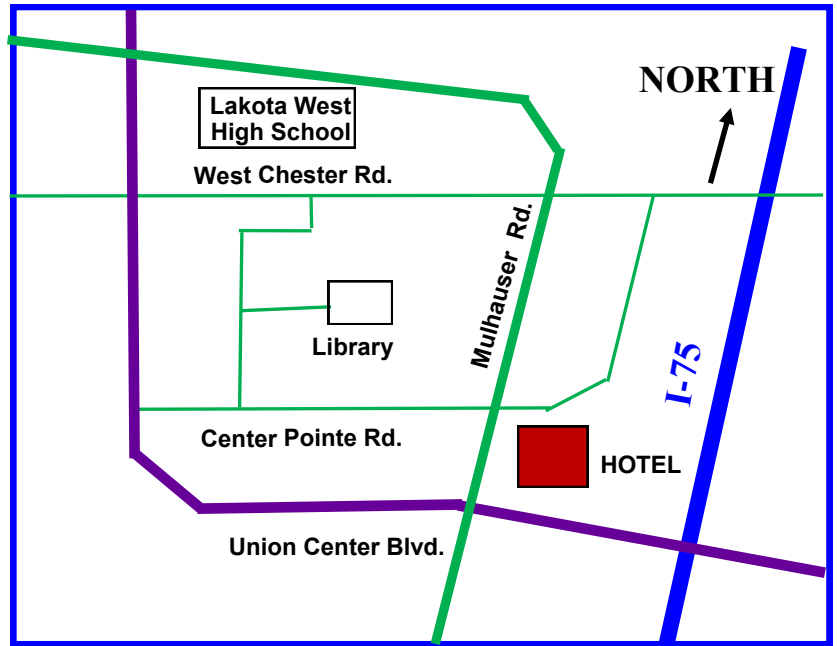
Cincinnati Express
MCR Convention

Thursday May 17 through
Sunday May 20

Cincinnati Marriott North
 6189 Muhlhauser Rd.
 West Chester 45069

Directions:

From I-75: Exit Union Center Blvd.
 Right to Muhlhauser Rd.
 Hotel is on your right.



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2018 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>
5/17-20 NO May Meeting	<i>Cincinnati Express Mid-Central Convention at Marriott Hotel in West Chester on Thursday May 17 through Sunday May 20</i>			
6/10	Anderson Township Center Anderson Township	Alex Kolesnikov <i>On-Board Sounds</i>	Peter Weiglin John Listermann	<u>Models:</u> Flat Car(s) with Loads <u>Photos:</u> RR Bridges/Trestles
7/8	St. Susanna Church Mason OH	Bruce Knapp <i>Upgrading Vintage Brass</i>	TBD	<u>Models:</u> Anything Goes <u>Photos:</u> Anything Goes

Around the Division
2018

- 5/17 **Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH**
- 6/14 **Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH**

Region / National
2018

- 5/17-20 **Mid-Central Region Convention — Cincinnati**
- 8/5-12 **2018 NMRA National Convention — Kansas City**

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