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The Editors Corner:

Dave Puthoff

The 2019 Division 7 Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show is over, and another success, due to the efforts of numerous Division 7 volunteers.

See the many photos of the show in this issue!

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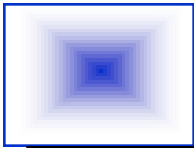
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Scene from Chuck Endreola's HO-Scale Layout

Photo by John Shields



Our October meeting was held at the Anderson Township Center. Jack Sibert was our clinician, giving a talk on how the “real” railroads do things. Actually, it was a very interactive question and answer talk which covered a wide range of descriptions of railroad practices AND how we modelers might learn from these practices and apply this learning to our modeling and operations. Thank you to Chuck Endreola and to John Listermann for opening their HO layouts for visits after the meeting.

The October meeting was followed by the 52nd annual Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show on October 12 and 13. Rick and company will have a formal report at the upcoming meeting, but everything I am hearing says this was another highly successful show. Attendance seemed strong both days. The dealers I talked to all said they were having strong sales. Thank you to all of you who once again volunteered to pull this off. Through this event, we introduce new people to our hobby, reinvigorate current hobbyists, support the dealers that help provide the materials we need, and benefit our current members and clubs with a venue for displaying their work (and getting access to these vendors). The success of this show continues to allow our Division to operate without having to ask for local dues.

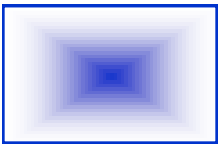
I have to admit that I missed most of the “fun” parts of this show. I worked Friday night and Saturday morning helping get the Queen City N-Gineers layout set up and running and the T-Trak layout set up; and Sunday evening getting everything taken back down and hauled out. In between, I only had about 2.5 hours of running trains (and talking to visitors at our layout). But that was OK, because Saturday evening was devoted to my son’s engagement party and Sunday was a post-party brunch for the two families. And I already know I will miss next year’s Show **entirely** because that is the weekend of the wedding! And again, I am very OK with that.

As a B&O modeler, when Bachmann came out with an N scale EM-1 2-8-8-4 articulated a few years ago, I had to have one. Or, to be more precise, I had to have **two**! I actually had images of running these double headed in front of a long string of hoppers. That was before I test ran one on the club layout and found that a single one of these units could pull over a hundred hoppers. [Yes, I have over a hundred hoppers. About 75 uniquely numbered B&O hoppers, plus about 30-40 N&W and Virginian; plus another 25-30 C&O.] So now I have just received my November *Model Railroader* and on the back cover Bachmann is advertising a new run of the EM-1s with sound! So they’ve got me again. I may be able to hold out until I see a good sale price at one of my favorite dealers, but it’s clear there is going to be at least a third one on my roster. They helpfully offer them in new road numbers as well. I remember the “good old days” when only 2-3 N scale steam engines of any design ran well enough to buy. We’ve come a long way.

BREAKING NEWS: Tower A at Union Terminal will indeed be open again, at least for a while. Tower A will be open as part of Holiday Junction (which starts on November 8) each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 11:00am to 4:00pm.

I hope to see you at the West Chester Library on November 10th.

John



SECOND SECTION

Chuck Endreola
Asst. Super

Well, it's over! Months and months of preparatory hard work resulted in yet another GREAT Division 7 train show. Kudos to members of the show committee. Thank you for your expertise and all the long hours spent. And thanks to all those who volunteered and pitched in wherever needed. I hesitate to list names as I will no doubt forget someone.

I am anxiously awaiting the reports of attendance. My guess is a great turnout. Throughout the show, I asked vendors how they were fairing. Most of them responded that they were very happy with the level of their sales. Many of our members did some heavy shopping. I know that I personally have endowed one of the Tool Man's children through two years of college! While manning the Membership Booth, I spoke to several prospective members. My hope is that at least a few will act on the invitation to come to a meeting or two as a guest and see firsthand what we have to offer. If a guest attends, it is up to all of us to make him/her feel welcome. Introduce yourself and engage the guest (or new member) in conversation. Invite him/her to visit your layout.

We do need more members to step forward and volunteer for Division 7's year long positions. Paul Musselman is seeking a co-chair for the Company Store, and I am looking for an A/V volunteer. Every level of the NMRA succeeds only because of the efforts of membership volunteers. If you enjoy the benefits of the NMRA, and particularly Division 7, share your talents and expertise. Become engaged in its operation by joining a committee, running for office or presenting a clinic.

The 2020 Program Schedule is coming along slowly. I am seeking clinicians and layout hosts. If you have a modeling or prototype presentation you would like to share and/or would open your layout for a visit, please give me a call or email. My contact info is on page one of this Oil Can.

I want to thank Jack Sibert for sharing his unique knowledge of prototype practices. Thank you, John Listermann for opening your layout. And thanks to those who visited my layout in progress. No one complained that I didn't reach my goal to have a train running.

Nov. 10th, we will be meeting at the Midpoint Library in West Chester, 9363 Centre Pointe Dr., West Chester, OH 45069.

Our clinician will be Ron Gribler, MMR, presenting "Power on Board (aka Dead Rail)". The contest subject is "Freight Car(s) for both models and photos. We will be visiting the layouts of Ed Bley and the Eastern Loggers (for the last time).

Dec. 8th, our meeting will be held at the Westwood United Methodist Church, 3460 Epworth Ave. (off Harrison Ave.) Cincinnati, OH 45211.

This is our "Annual Celebration/Snack-fest" meeting. The clinic is replaced by a "Potluck Computer Slide Show". The contest theme is "Anything Goes" for both models and photos. Afterward, we have been invited to the layouts of Bruce Knapp and Randy Seiler.

Non-Division:

Nov. 2nd & 3rd, Dayton Train Show, Div. 3. Saturday, 11 to 5, Sunday, 11 to 4. New Montgomery Fair Grounds, 645 Infirmary Rd., Dayton, OH

Nov. 9th & 10th, Tri-State N-Track Train Show. Sat 10-4, Sun 10-3. American Legion Post 72, 467B Cincinnati-Batavia Rd (Old Rt. 74), Cincinnati, OH 45241

Chuck



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA
OCTOBER 2019 CONTEST RESULTS**



MODELS: Structures

Box Stock:

1st Place: Frank Fieler: Freight shed
2nd Place: Bruce Knapp: ATSF station

Kit bashed:

1st Place: Bruce Knapp: Majestic Hardware
2nd Place: Roy Allan: Pawn shop

Scratch Built:

1st Place: Joe Suttman: Fort Wayne depot & tower
2nd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®: Concrete plant
3rd Place: Joe Suttman: Penn Tower

PHOTOGRAPHY: Structures

Print Prototype:

1st Place: Joe Stuber: Ore dock I
2nd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®: Coal dealer
3rd Place: Joe Stuber: Ore dock II

Print Model:

1st Place: John Listermann: Greenspring dairy
2nd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®: TAIT station

Junior Division:

No Model or Photography entries this month

2019 STANDINGS – Through October

MODELS

Bruce Knapp	39	John Listermann	4	Frank Fieler	3
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	29	Joe Suttman	4	Bob Chapman	2
Roy Allan	16	Rick Stern	3		
Tom Brueggeman, MMR®	14	Don Docter	3		

PHOTOGRAPHY

Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	31	David Wynne	6
John Listermann	18	Tom Brueggeman, MMR®	3
Joe Stuber	9	Scott Klein	2

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS

No entries so far this year

JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOGRAPHY

Seth Massmann 6

NOVEMBER CONTEST CATEGORIES:

MODELS: Freight cars

PHOTOGRAPHY: Freight cars

Jim Rollwage

Cincinnati Div. 7 Contest Chair, MCR, NMRA



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7
MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA
MODEL AND PHOTOGRAPHY
CONTEST THEMES FOR 2020**



MONTH	MODELS	PHOTOGRAPHY
January	Caboose or Passenger Car	Caboose or Passenger Car
February	Hopper or Gondola Car	Hopper or Gondola Car
March	- No Contest -	- No Contest -
April	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment
May	Flat Car(s) with Load	Train on Bridge or Trestle
June	- TBD or No Contest -	- TBD or No Contest -
July	Steam Locomotive	Steam Locomotive
August	Tank Car	Tank Car
September	Non-Steam Locomotive - any type of non-steam motive power on rails (internal combustion, electric, turbine ...)	Non-Steam Locomotive - any type of non-steam motive power on rails (internal combustion, electric, turbine ...)
October	Structure or Diorama	Non-Bridge Structure
November	Freight Car - any revenue producing cars not intended to carry passengers	Freight Car - any revenue producing cars not intended to carry passengers
December	Box or Refrigerator Car	Box or Refrigerator Car

LAYOUT VISIT to Chuck Endreola's HO-Scale Layout



Photos by John Shields

LAYOUT VISIT to John Listermann's HO-Scale Layout



DIVISION 7— 2019 Fall Train and Trade Show



Photo by Pam Moleski



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DIVISION 7— 2019 Fall Train and Trade Show



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Photo by Pam Moleski



Photo by John Burchnall



Photo by John Burchnall

DIVISION 7— 2019 Fall Train and Trade Show



Photos by Dave Puthoff

DIVISION 7— 2019 Fall Train and Trade Show



Winner of Show's Grand Prize G-Scale Train

Photo by Rick Crumrine



Photo by John Shields



Photo by John Shields



Photo by Pam Moleski

The "Miami Valley" Division 3 of the Mid-Central Region of the National Model Railroad Association proudly presents the 44th Annual



Dayton Train Show

**One of the Largest
Model Railroad Shows
in the Midwest**



**The New Montgomery County
Fairgrounds**

**645 Infirmary Road
Dayton, OH**

**Admission: \$8.00 per adult,
children 12 and under free
with paid adult.**



November 2 & 3, 2019

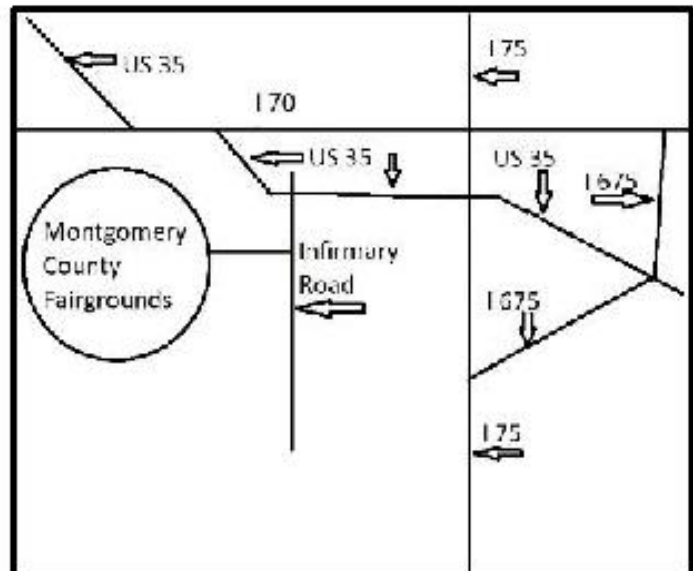
Saturday 11^{AM} To 5^{PM}

Sunday 11^{AM} To 4^{PM}

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

FREE PARKING

- Operating Layouts
- A train the kids can ride
- Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge
- Historical Societies
- Dealer Tables
- Special Drawings for Kids
- Hourly Door Prizes
- Stop and Learn Stations



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Beavercreek, OH 45434

Or call: 937-301-0746

VENDOR INQUIRIES ARE WELCOME

Division 3, Mid-Central Region, National Model Railroad Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.



Website

Want to know more?

Visit our Website: <http://www.DaytonTrainShow.com>

Like us on Facebook at NMRA Annual Dayton Train Show

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Northern Railway operating session on November 16 at 7 PM (Saturday).

New staging yard installed: 9 tracks, 15'-18' long so will handle long trains. The bulk of the trains will be passenger: present configurations: GN, NP, Milwaukee, Zephyr, SP, PRR and UP.

The signaling system using LCC is complete along with monitor showing train positions on the layout.

The GNRW has been updated to handle DCC operations.

As I used to do in the 80's and 90's, should you have a DCC engine, you may bring it to operate on the GNRW.

Please email me which you would like to do.

Mainline operator(4)

Local mainline operator

Seattle freight yard: 14 tracks, 550 car capacity.

Seattle roundhouse: 24 stalls

St. Paul freight yard: 12 tracks, 420 car capacity

St. Paul roundhouse: 24 stalls

Cascade tunnel electrics: operator (2)

Ore dock: 120 car capacity.

Main panel dispatcher.

Swan river logging railroad: operator (2)

USUAL STATS:

Time: 1938. All steam and electrics. The GN railway is a point to point railroad, 400' mainline with two 400-500 car yards at Seattle, Wash and St Paul, Minn, each having 20+ track turntables and one staging yard holding 300 cars. Minimum radius, 48" with #10 turnouts. Track all hand laid on individual wooden ties. 100% scenery.

Four track 12' ore dock. Interface railroads: NP, SP&S, Milwaukee, DM&IR, UP, SP, D&RGW, SF and CN.

Swan Lake logging railroad. Has interface with GNRW, yard, John Allen's 'time saver' and double switchback into the valley.

<http://ogrforum.ogaugerr.com/topic/great-northern-railway?page=1>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOb7SgZTLWA>

Junk food and beverage will be available

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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.

DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email	Listing No.
	Official Pullman-Standard Library (passenger cars), by David Randall and William Rose, Hardcover - Perfect Bound, mint condition, 12 volumes (less 1, 3, 5 and 6) of 16 volume set. Retail: \$30.95 each.	Best offer for 12 volumes, or \$25.00 per individual volume.	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	104-Dec 19
	Proto 1000 B&O EMD Budd RDC-3 diesel, no. 1951, coach/baggage/RPO, silver New. Retail: \$60	\$30	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	105-Dec 19
	Proto 1000 C&O EMD Budd RDC-1 diesel, no. 9061, coach, silver New. Retail: \$70	\$35	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	106-Dec 19
	Atlas (N-Scale) Southern EMD GP-7, diesel locomotive, no. 2190, black/gold/white paint. New. Retail: \$82.95	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	107-Dec 19
	Bachman (N-Scale) B&O USRA 2-8-0 Consolidation, steam locomotive, no. 2784, New. Retail: \$135	\$75	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	108-Dec 19
	American Model Builders Interlocking Tower kit no. 702, laser-cut basswood Retail: \$26.95	\$20	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	109-Dec 19
	American Model Builders Two Story Farm House kit no. 140, laser-cut basswood Retail: \$42.95	\$32	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	110-Dec 19
	Blair Line Company House kit no. 176, laser-cut basswood, (several kits available) Retail: \$26.95 each	\$20	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	111-Dec 19
	Magnuson Models VFWD Pumping Station kit no. 439-527, polyester castings, wood, metal details Retail: \$34	\$17	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	112-Dec 19
	Magnuson Models Burndout's Fireproof Warehouse kit no. 439-511, polyester castings, wood, metal details Retail: \$40	\$20	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	113-Dec 19
	California Model Co. Grain Elevator kit no. 12, corrugated metal Retail: \$17	\$8.50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	114-Dec 19
	Crossing Signal & IR Detectors for multiple tracks with electronic Crossing Bell Sound. Any room lighting. Alternately flashes LED's or lamp Signals. Signals NOT included. LEDs must be wired Common-Positive. 12 vdc. operation.	\$49 each	Dave Puthoff	deputhoff@yahoo.com	103-Oct 19

Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2019 Program Schedule

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Month	Date	Location	Program / Speaker	Contests *	Layout Visits
Jan	Sun, Jan 13	Central – Kenwood – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Sam Swanson, MMR "Making Trees"	Model & Photo: Caboose or Passenger Car	Tom Brueggeman + Pat Homan
Feb	Sun, Feb 10	East – Anderson <u>Township</u> Center	Ted Goodman "Age of Steam Roundhouse"	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	Rick Crumrine + Peter Weiglin
Mar	Sat, Mar 9 10 am – 3 pm	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 14	Central – Spring Grove Village Harmony Lodge	Author and Photographer Lou Sassi "Improving your Trucks and Trains"	Model & Photo: Maintenance of Way Equipment	Sam Swanson + Cinti Model Rwy Club
May	Thu, May 2 to Sun, May 5	Mid-Central Region Convention Boardman (Youngstown), Ohio	Convention Clinics, Tours and Banquet Speaker	Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
May	Sat, May 11	Annual Bus Excursion (No Regular Meeting)	Streetcar Shops/Ride, Sign Museum, Precision Steel, Coke, Cohen Scrap	None	Greg Simpson's 3 rd British OO Layout
Jun	Sun, Jun 9	Central – Kenwood – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR "Early LCL Shipping Containers"	Model: Flat Car(s) with Load Photo: Train on Bridge/Trestle	Pat Homan + Gerry Albers
Jul	Sun, Jul 7 to Sun, Jul 14	NMRA National Convention Salt Lake City, Utah	National Convention Clinics, Tours, Programs, Show and Banquets	Convention Contests	Convention Tours & Train Show Layouts
Jul	Sun, Jul 21 (note date)	North – West Chester Library	Bob Frankrone, Division 8 "Love Those Loads"	Model & Photo: Anything Goes	Ed Swain + Curt LaRue
Aug	Sun, Aug 11	South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library	Rick Stern "Exotic Trains of India"	Model & Photo: Tank Car(s)	Georgia Dahlberg + Perry Simpson
Sep	Sun, Sep 8	Central – Spring Grove Village Harmony Lodge	Modeler and Author Mike Tylick, MMR "Kitbash This"	Model & Photo: Locomotive(s)	Cinti Model Rwy Club + Rick Stern
Oct	Sun, Oct 6 (note date)	East – Anderson <u>Township</u> Center	Jack Sibert "Prototype Engine Operations"	Model & Photo: Structure(s)	Chuck Endreola + John Listermann
Oct	Sat 12 – Sun 13 11 am - 5 pm	52nd Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West HS – West Chester	Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show Booths, Layouts and Slide Show	None	Train Show Portable Layouts
Nov	Sun, Nov 10	North – West Chester Library	Ron Gribler, MMR "Power on Board (aka Dead Rail)"	Model & Photo: Freight Car(s)	Eastern Loggers + Ed Bley
Dec	Sun, Dec 8	West – Westwood United Methodist Church	Annual Celebration/Snackfest and Potluck Computer Slide Show	Model & Photo: Anything Goes	Bruce Knapp + Randy Seiler

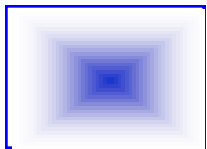
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Feb	Sun, Feb 9	North – West Chester Midpoint Library	Sam Swanson, MMR “Delving into Details”	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	Ric Case + Sam Parfitt
Mar	Sat, Mar 14 10 am – 3 pm	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 19 (note date)	East – Anderson Township Center	Author, Modeler and Photographer Lou Sassi (topic tbd)	Model & Photo: Maintenance of Way Equipment	tbd
May	Sat, May 17 (note date)	Central – Spring Grove Village Harmony Lodge (or tbd)	tbd	Model: Flat Car(s) with Load Photo: Train on Bridge/Trestle	tbd
May	Thu, May 28 to Sun, May 31	Mid Central Region Convention Pittsburgh (Greentree), PA	Convention Clinics, Tours and Banquet Speaker	Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
Jun	Sun, Jun 14	tbd	Catered Fellowship/Social Event (stay tuned for more info)	None or tbd	tbd
Jul	Sun, Jul 12 to Sun, Jul 19	NMRA National Convention St. Louis, Missouri	National Convention Clinics, Tours, Programs, Show and Banquets	Convention Contests	Convention Tours & Train Show Layouts
Jul	Sun, Jul 19 (note date)	Central – Kenwood – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	tbd	Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	tbd
Aug	Sun, Aug 9	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	Special Triple Clinic Event (stay tuned for more info)	Model & Photo: Tank Car	tbd
Sep	Sun, Sep 13	South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library	Bob Weinheimer, MMR (topic tbd)	Model & Photo: Non-Steam Locomotive	tbd
Oct	Sun, Oct 4 (note date)	North – West Chester Midpoint Library	Steve Zapytowski, MMR (topic tbd)	Model: Structure or Diorama Photo: Non-Bridge Structure	tbd
Oct	Sat 10 – Sun 11 11 am - 5 pm	53rd Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West HS – West Chester	Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show Booths, Layouts and Slide Show	None	Train Show Portable Layouts
Nov	Sun, Nov 8	Central – Spring Grove Village Harmony Lodge (or tbd)	tbd	Model & Photo: Freight Car	tbd
Dec	Sun, Dec 13	West – Westwood United Methodist Church	Annual Celebration/Snackfest and Potluck Computer Slide Show	Model & Photo: Box or Refrigerator Car	tbd

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KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

Awe and Wonder for 2019

Well, after months of planning, our annual Cincinnati Model Train Show has come and gone. Thanks to Rick Crumrine, Roy Hord, John Burchnell, Randy Kerka, and many other dedicated volunteers, it was another huge success. We had a wonderful collection of excellent vendors, super layouts, and knowledgeable hobbyists, all willing to share the magic and artistry of this wonderful endeavor. I was especially pleased to see many families, with young and excited children in attendance. Again, my annual comments about "Awe and Wonder" really applied again for our 52nd Annual Model Railroad Show.

Modelers Aid and the Division 7 serviced and educated many of the crowd. Sam and Nancy continue to be among our hobby's best teachers, and they, along with Pat Homan, demonstrated the fine art of structure building and detailing. The test track gave us an opportunity to share the skills of basic motive power maintenance. Our venue continued to give us a wonderful opportunity to interface with the attendees, both days. John and his intrepid crew with their signage did an outstanding job promoting the event, and, as in previous years, the signs worked very well, according to attendee feedback.

As in 2018, Sunday's crowds were larger than usual, which helped swell our attendance numbers. I did manage to keep my urge to purchase items in check, although I did obtain several structures, three Santa Fe Valley Flyer coaches, and a Proto 1000 Santa Fe DL-109. Another popular event from previous shows was a "post-setup" party with pizza and pop. Again, like last year, many of the vendors and volunteers were there; everyone likes pizza and camaraderie.

The weekend was a fantastic culmination to almost a year of planning and effort. Again, congratulations to all whose leadership and hard work made the 2019 Show a rousing success. Division 7 continues to excel in all we do.

The (in)Famous Sunday Outing Boys (Redux)

As I mentioned last year, we are hoping to expand the size and skill level of our work group, the slightly infamous Sunday Outing Boys. The plan is to continue the work on my Raton Pass layout. I am currently finishing the track plan and collecting trees (many, many trees). While the Santa Fe runs through some very barren territory, the Raton Pass is far from barren; we will be planting trees by the hundreds. No, Bill (Edwards), a Santa Fe layout is not a 4' by 8' plywood sheet with sand poured on it. We currently have Keith Corman, Merlyn Jarman, Pat Homan, and Chuck Endreola, but we can use more serious modelers. If this sounds like something you would like to share in, see me at the November meeting.

Music Still is a Passion

September and October have not only been hectic with the 52nd Fall Show, but this is the time of year I get back to work as a musician. We are currently preparing for our New Horizon Band 20th anniversary, and September also opens the new Cincinnati Community Orchestra season. CCO's first concert was Saturday, October 19th and the NHB concert is on October 27th. Taylor High School's competition season started on September 14th; no rest for the modeler/musician! The weekend of October 26th and 27th. I am judging a band contest and conducting on the New Horizon 20th anniversary concert. After all that, it's back to the Raton Pass.

See everyone at the November meeting (don't forget to purchase your winning raffle tickets)!

Keep 'em rolling

Bruce

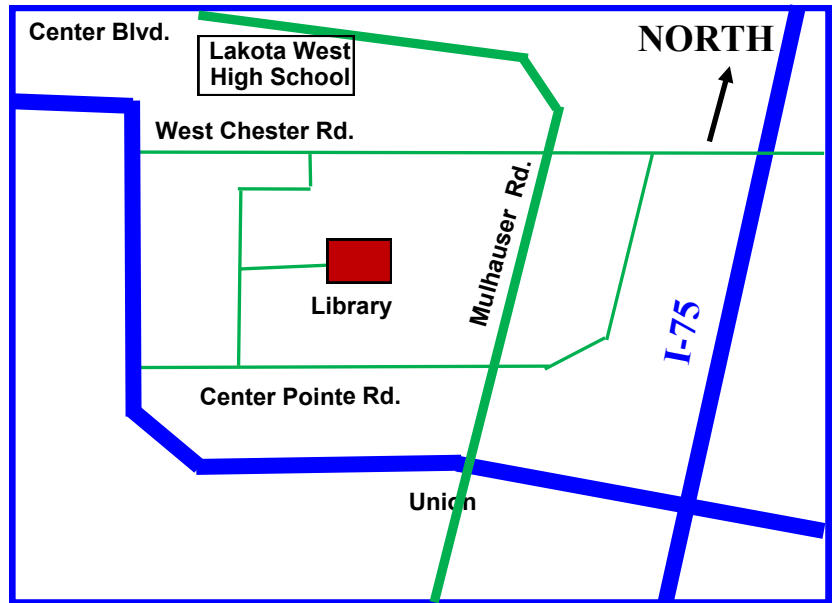
Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday November 10

West Chester Library
 9363 Center Pointe Drive
 West Chester OH 45069

Directions:

From I-75: Exit Union Center Blvd.
 Right to Mulhauser Rd.
 Left to Center Pointe Road
 Library is on your right.



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2019-20 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>
11/10	West Chester Library West Chester	Ron Gribler MMR <i>Power On Board (aka, "Dead Rail")</i>	Eastern Loggers Ed Bley	<u>Models:</u> Freight Cars <u>Photos:</u> Freight Cars
12/8	Westwood Methodist Church Westwood	Annual Potluck Slide Show	Bruce Knapp Randy Seiler	<u>Models:</u> Anything Goes <u>Photos:</u> Anything Goes
1/12	Good Shepard Lutheran Church Kenwood	Peter Weiglin <i>Penn. RR Diesel Hodgepoge</i>	Bill Bramlage	<u>Models:</u> Caboose or Pass. Car <u>Photos:</u> Caboose or Pass. Car

Around the Division
 2019

- 11/14 **Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH**
- 12/19 **Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH**

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11/2-11/3 **MCR Div. 3 Train Show - Dayton OH**

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