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November Meeting

We will have a November Meeting — but it will be a “**Virtual Meeting**” via *Zoom Meetings*. See the Instructions on Pages 16 and 17 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**](mailto:editor@cincy-div7.org).

Have you been doing any “channel-surfing”? I have found more railroad videos by searching on our Roku (TV Streaming service). Roku has a handy search feature that searches across multiple sites. By searching for “railway” “railroad” and “trains” I have found numerous videos of both railroad and model railroad topics. Many are free, some require an additional fee. But results seem to change frequently. And it’s nice to see things on a big screen TV, for the price of a \$35 Roku.

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

Dave

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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 2019 Holiday Junction Duke Energy O-Scale Layout



Our October virtual meeting featured a clinic by guest clinician and Regional contest chair Steve Zapytowski MMR entitled “Do I Really Need to Fill Out This Form?” Steve talked us through the paperwork for entering models in the regional contests, showing examples, and also gave insights into the use of the forms by the judges. It is hoped that better understanding the process will encourage more to enter. Also, some of you may be interested in learning how to be a judge, as well.

Both entering and judging can help you to become a better modeler. Did you know that judges never mark a model down? All points are “good” points meaning that your work gets more and more credit for all of the things that are recognized as having been done.

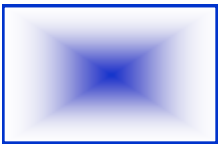
I’ll repeat the following from last month, as it is still relevant:

I’ve been asked to remind each of you to make it a habit to check your spam folder regularly as we seem to be seeing more of our email notifications (like the link to our virtual meetings!!) not showing up. The cause is unclear, but checking will prevent the missing of key communications. If you do find a “good” message from any of us, make sure to mark it as “not spam” or whatever your email system allows you to do to recover these messages. This can help defeat default settings that might be the cause..

Somehow, I got talked into giving a clinic early next year. (I’m tempted to say I got railroaded, but with this group that is likely to sound like a positive.) With so many good modelers in this division, I certainly would not add much value as an “expert” builder of anything. As a history buff, I like researching things that make my period modeling better, but I think I lack the references and pictures, etc. that would make for an interesting clinic. I’m no expert even on my favorite railroad (B&O), and again lack the examples to present with. So I have settled on the subject of railfanning, specifically railfanning in the local area. I’m pretty sure there is no “right” way to do it, so I am as much an expert as anyone. I’ve been at it for over 50 years, which counts toward some kind of expertise. And most importantly, and the real reason I chose this topic, is that it is something that can appeal to anyone of any level of expertise. It’s also something that I don’t remember us having a clinic about. So wish me luck. I’ve got some time to sort the pictures in my phone and computer, and go get more to fill in any gaps once I get an outline set up.

Speaking of clinics, this month I would like to give a shout out to Chuck for the great work he has been doing to line up the interesting clinics we have had the last couple of years. If you look back at the list you should be struck by the number of prominent guest clinicians he has been able to bring in for us (with more in the immediate future). Behind the scenes, John Burchnall and Mike Brestel also support this program. I know - from my time doing the job. I’ve always thought Division 7 monthly meetings were special because we offer content that many NMRA members can only get by traveling to conventions (as much fun as that is!). And it is. But the reason is all these great local members that make it possible. Thank you.

Hope to “see” you again on Zoom in November. Continue to hang in there and be safe; until we can actually meet in person again.



SECOND SECTION

Chuck Endreola
Asst. Super

Halloween is just around the corner and folklore has insisted that it is a time of frightful events, the boogiemer and spiritual despair. Balderdash! Let me relate a VERY frightful event that occurred a few days ago. No, not a visit by a ghost, nor Covid19, nor the IRS. It was a visit from the “DCC Goblin” (pause for the sounds of rattling chains and howling wolves).

I was expecting a model railroader as a weekend house guest. After spending the summer and early fall on outdoor house projects, it was time to fire up the old layout and clean a little track. Put the most reliable loco on the rails and off she went. As the little sure-footed diesel switcher began circumnavigating the mainline, the Goblin reared its ugly head and began taunting me with a maniacal laugh. The SW9 stopped dead. Track is clean, wheels are clean. The “five fingered” pusher loco began shoving her along for about 5 feet of track before she took off under her own power. Every pass in that area ended with the same results. OK, must troubleshoot that area later. Moving on, the loco entered one reverse loop over the drop leaf perfectly. Upon exiting, the turnout didn’t automatically realign. What now? Did the PSX board fail? Happened once before. Re-wired this loop to the PSX for the other loop. Still didn’t work. What are the odds that both boards failed at the same time? Pretty slim. Now to trouble shoot the Toroise machine. Doorbell ringing. Drat!

House guest has arrived! No time to solve the problems! I can’t let on that I have no idea why the layout has two major malfunctions. I’ll just concentrate activities and conversation on scenery and structures. Good thing he came to play golf and not play with trains. Naturally, he asked to operate a train. I suggested he work the classification yard, and all went well. Now that his stay is over, I will have a face to face battle with that Goblin. The outcome to follow.

I would like to thank Steve Zapytowski, MMR, for his informative clinic on entering NMRA model contests. I hope it dispelled some anxieties and encouraged Division 7 members to enter their work at Regional and National conventions.

Results of our virtual model and prototype contest entitled “Non-Bridge Structure/Diorama” are posted elsewhere in this Oil Can.

Upcoming Meetings:

November 8th, virtual Zoom meeting featuring MCR president and MMR, Bob Weinheimer, presenting “Evolution of an Operating System”. The virtual contest subject for both models and prototype is “Any Freight Car”. The layout tour replaced with out of town layout photos provided by John Burchnall.

December 13th, virtual Zoom meeting. Our guest clinician is nationally known modeler and author, Tony Koester. His clinic is entitled “An Update on the NKP Model Ry”. The virtual contest subject for both models and prototype is “Box or Refrigeration Car”. As a result of major arm twisting, John Burchnall will present more from his collection of layout photo shoots.

The 2021 Events Schedule is in development and available on our website, www.cincy-div7.org.org. Hope to “see” you all at the next meeting. Until then, stay healthy (after that, you’re on your own!)

Chuck



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



MODELS: Non-Bridge Structures or Dioramas

Model Photos:

1st Place: John Burchnall: HO Boat Harbor Scene
 2nd Place: Paul Miklos: Engine House in Leetonia, PA on HO EL Layout
 3rd Place: Roy Hord: Hart's Trading Company

Junior Division Models: No entries this month

PHOTOGRAPHY: Non-Bridge Structures or Dioramas

1st Place: Roy Hord: Crawford's Notch Station
 2nd Place: Roy Hord: Locomotive Servicing Water and Oil Tanks
 3rd Place Tie: John Shields: Midland City Abandoned Wood Station
 3rd Place Tie: David Wynne: Grain Silos in 2018 at Wall, SD
 3rd Place Tie: Bob Shreve: Coaling Tower at Pritchard, WV
 3rd Place Tie: John Burchnall: Wilmington, Delaware Train Station

Junior Division Photography: No entries this month

2020 STANDINGS – Through October

MODELS

Roy Hord	10	Perry Simpson	4	Patrick Stanley	3
Bruce Knapp	8	Mike Reynolds	4	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	3
Roy Allan	8	Rick Stern	4	Gary Orcutt	3
John Burchnall	8	Paul Miklos	4	Tom Brueggeman, MMR®	1

PHOTOGRAPHY

Roy Hord	15	David Wynne	4	John Shields	1
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	11	John Listermann	3	Bob Shreve	1
John Burchnall	10	Perry Simpson	1		
Bob Adams	8	Dan Mack	1		

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS

Caleb Sherwood 3

JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOGRAPHY

No entries so far this year

NOVEMBER CATEGORIES:

MODELS (Model Photos if Virtual Contest): Freight cars

PHOTOGRAPHY (Prototype Photos if Virtual Contest): Freight cars

Jim Rollwage

Contest Chair
 Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

SEPTEMBER 2020 DIVISION 7 VIRTUAL CONTEST RESULTS

Non-Bridge Structures or Dioramas



Model

1st John Burchnall



Model

Paul Miklos
2nd

3rd
Roy Hord



SEPTEMBER 2020 DIVISION 7 VIRTUAL CONTEST RESULTS

Non-Bridge Structures or Dioramas



Prototype

Roy Hord

1st



2nd



Prototype

John Burchnall

3rd Tie

3rd Tie

John Shields



SEPTEMBER 2020 DIVISION 7 VIRTUAL CONTEST RESULTS

Non-Bridge Structures or Dioramas



Prototype

David Wynne

3rd Tie

3rd Tie

Bob Shreve





**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7
MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA
MODEL AND PHOTOGRAPHY
CONTEST THEMES FOR 2021**



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	Steam Locomotive	Steam Locomotive
July	- No Contest -	- No Contest -
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	Non-Bridge 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

October 18, 2020

All Aboard *Holiday Junction* 2020

Holiday Junction, featuring the Duke Energy Holiday Trains, is scheduled to arrive back at the Cincinnati Museum Center on November 13, 2020. Admission to *Holiday Junction* is included with regular museum admission (free for Members, or \$10.50-\$14.50 for non-members).

2020 marks the 74th year for one of Cincinnati's most loved holiday traditions, the Duke Energy Holiday Trains. This historic B&O layout has been delighting Greater Cincinnatians since 1946 when it first graced the CG&E lobby. As most reading this are aware, in 2011 Duke Energy donated the layout to the Cincinnati Museum Center (CMC) so that future generations can enjoy the historic display.

In addition to the historic B&O layout, you will also find Lionel pre-war and Super O layouts, Thomas the Train layout, a garden railway layout created by the Greater Cincinnati Garden Railway Society, an operating c.1904 Carlisle & Finch locomotive and cars, as well as railroad and model railroad related displays throughout. Brickopolis also returns this year with the impressive city scenes and operating trains made from LEGO bricks.

There are a few changes this year due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Most notable is that *Holiday Junction* will only be open on weekends (Friday thru Sunday). The museum center is also utilizing timed entry tickets for all visitors so you'll definitely want to plan ahead and possibly purchase tickets via their website. Keep in mind that even members need to secure a timed entry ticket. The children's train ride will not be leaving its station this year, replaced with a scavenger hunt for items hidden throughout the garden railway display.

Even Santa has a change of address. When the big guy arrives on Nov. 27 he'll be working down in the Public Landing, available for chats and photo ops with guests while safely separated by a plexiglass barrier.

Also new this year is a no-touch interactive experience designed to allow visitors to learn more about the history of the Duke Energy Holiday Trains by projecting historic photos and stories about the historic B&O layout onto a giant storybook.

Union Terminal's Tower A will also be open during *Holiday Junction* (see below for hours). Be sure to head upstairs for the great views of the railyard activity.

Exhibit Hours

November 13, 2020 – January 3, 2021

Holiday Junction: 10:00am-4:00pm *Friday, Saturday, Sunday*

Tower A: 11:00am-2:00pm *Friday, Saturday, Sunday*

Visit cincymuseum.org/holiday-junction for more information and special holiday hours.

Pam Moleski

LAYOUT VISIT to *Holiday Junction* at CUT

Scenes from past years



2011



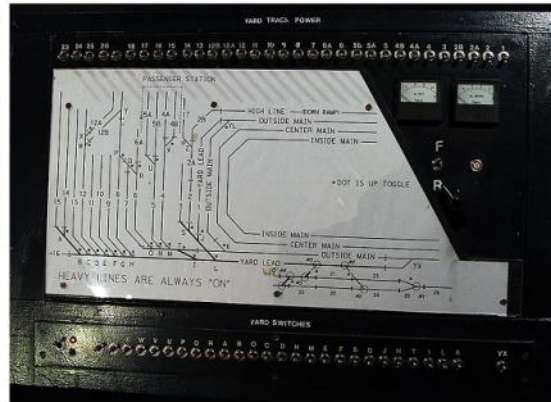
2012

LAYOUT VISIT to *Holiday Junction* at CUT

Scenes from past years



2013



2013

Photos by Pam Moleski

DIVISION 7 - COVID-19 Activities

Rick Stern's Santa Fe's M181 "Doodlebug" (continued from October *Oil Can*)

Modeling Help Needed

My article in last month's *Oil Can* was not really complete. Looking at some pictures I noted an odd silver device above the fireman's position.

It turns out it was a siren, like on a 1920's fire engine. So, in the interest of completeness I made up something that looked similar from scraps of plastic. So now, I'd like some help with figuring out how to make the sound work. The unit already has a nice Tsunami decoder, so I'm wondering if anyone has experience with the Digitrax "Soundbug" and could load a file to it?



Why, you ask, would a doodlebug need a siren?

After correspondence with other Santa Fe modelers, as near as anyone can determine, it was to prevent collisions with motorists. The Santa Fe bought the San Francisco and San Joaquin Railroad, which had built a number of secondary lines along the eastern side of the San Joaquin Valley. SF&SJ had a penchant for putting track on city streets in various towns like Fresno, Visalia, Stockton, etc. When the doodlebugs were introduced in the 1920's motorists were used to seeing big clouds of smoke announcing the train coming down the street, plus the motor cars seem to have run somewhat faster than steam trains (apocryphal?). So there were a number of collisions, and the railroad hit on the idea of a siren to announce the train's progress along the streets. (I recall being surprised by this street running during a fan trip over these lines in the 1970's.) All of the motor cars used in the California pool (five I think) had a siren applied, and they lasted until the 1950's; no other Santa Fe motor cars had a siren.



Request for Clinicians

The planning committee for the 2021 Mid Central Region Convention, *The Northern Express*, is looking for clinicians. We are looking for a variety of topics from prototype modeling, modeling methods, empire building, electronics, and well, you name it. Submitted clinics will be selected based on subject needs, timeliness, and the number of clinic slots.

The convention is being held at the Ambassador Center in Erie, Pennsylvania from May 20 through 23, 2021. The center will feature three well-lit clinic rooms with tables for clinicians and participants alike. The Ambassador was the site of our successful Mini-Meet last September, giving participants a chance to get a peek at our future convention center.

Contact Doug Sandmeyer at dsandme@stny.rr.com for more information and the submission form. Visit the *Northern Express* website at <https://www.div12mcr.org/northern-express/>.

What is NMRAx and How Do I Watch?

Have you seen emails and/or social media posts about NMRAx and found yourself wondering “What is NMRAx?” Simply put, NMRAx is a new virtual/online NMRA experience bringing some of the NMRA member benefits directly to your home, live on your computer or mobile device (tablet, iPad, cell phone).

When the Covid-19 pandemic necessitated halting in-person meetings in early 2020, a small, dedicated team of NMRA member volunteers began assisting NMRA regions and divisions with how to get started providing virtual/online member meetings. This then evolved into an idea to offer a day of free clinics, broadcast live on the NMRA Facebook page; an experiment per se to see if it could even be done.

Why Facebook?

Well, the team knew the NMRA Facebook account had a built-in audience of over 10k and that there was a very short lead time to publicize the initial event. So why not utilize the live broadcast capabilities available on the free Facebook platform?

The first NMRAx event on April 24, 2020 which broadcast 20+ hours of live clinic presentations, demonstrations, and layout tours was a success. Statistics showed over 1100 viewers for all or part of the live event, with tens of thousands of views of the archived video recordings of the live event.

NMRAx was officially born following the success of that first event! . The team thought this would be a good way to reach and keep members engaged during the pandemic, but also reach those members who are not able to attend in-person meetings and events for any number of reasons. There have now been multiple NMRAx events, including 2 episodes of “Ask the Master Model Railroader[®]” and GatewayX (our first ever virtual national convention!). GatewayX concluded July 18, 2020 and brought 105 hours of live clinic content right to the comfort of your home!

Maybe you found it difficult to find more information or view the NMRAx content because you don't use Facebook? All NMRAx events are included on the NMRA calendar (available on the NMRA website) and typically are announced via the NMRA email list, social media channels, eBulletin, and/or Turntable. In addition, we will be sure to share information about future NMRAx events with Cincinnati Division 7 members via our website, Facebook page, and/or email list.

NMRAx events are now broadcast live simultaneously on the NMRA Facebook page and YouTube channel allowing members without Facebook accounts to view the clinics. In fact, you don't even need a Facebook account to view the live broadcasts on the NMRA Facebook page (or view any content on our division Facebook page for that matter) – you just need a link to the content or page to view. Links to the various Facebook pages, groups, websites, and YouTube channel are listed at the end of this article for your convenience.

What if you can't watch the NMRAx events live?

Don't worry! All presentations will remain available on the NMRA Facebook page and YouTube channel so you can watch as your schedule allows. Plus, each individual clinic or presentation will be broken out of the complete livestream recording & uploaded to the YouTube channel once editing has been completed.

Ways you can be a part of NMRAx

The NMRAx team is always looking for more model railroaders to assist with and/or present at future NMRAx events. Have a clinic you could present? Want to be part of a virtual roundtable discussion? How about recording an operating session or tour of your layout or your club's layout? Maybe you're someone who can help with some of the behind-the-scenes work (broadcast host, monitoring chat rooms, etc.) that goes into these virtual events? Have a topic you would like to see covered or a clinician you would like to present at a future NMRAx event? Drop an email to the NMRAx team at nmrax@nmra.org.

You can also find more information about NMRAx in the July 2020 issue of *NMRA magazine*.

RECENT NMRAx EVENTS:

August 2020 – National Leadership Roundtable (details, including date & time to be announced once finalized)
September 26, 2020 12:00pm-11:59pm EDT (details to be announced once finalized)

LINKS:

Cincinnati Division 7 Facebook Page - <https://bit.ly/CincyDiv7-facebook>
Cincinnati Division 7 Events - <https://bit.ly/CincyDiv7events>
NMRA Events Calendar - <https://bit.ly/eventsNMRA>
NMRA Facebook Page - <https://bit.ly/NMRA-facebook>
NMRA Facebook Group - <https://bit.ly/NMRAGroup>
NMRA YouTube Channel - <https://bit.ly/youtubeNMRA>

CINCINNATI DIVISION 7 VIRTUAL MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

Exciting news! We've restarted our monthly meetings using the 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 each virtual meeting. If you don't receive our full e-Oil Cans 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 share 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, and two attachments - one our 1-page [Zoom Meetings Quick Guide](#) and the other these instructions. Those will also be on our website. We recommend you print them out. We'll 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 might be in the waiting room. We'll then admit you to the session. Email John Burchnall at webmaster@cincy-div7.org if you're stuck.

Virtual Monthly Contest Procedures

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: model(s) or prototype(s), i.e. real trains. The entries must feature either the model or the photo contest topics given for that month within the current program or contest tables. When the model and photo topics are different, you can use either for these virtual contests. The model photos can be taken either with or without scenery and/or either on or off a layout or diorama. Each contestant can have up to 3 entries per month. Entries will be closed at the end of Thursday prior to the meeting. Next, by the end of Friday prior to the meeting, one or two pdf files containing sequentially numbered and similarly sized entries will be posted on the contest tab on our website. About 2 days before the meeting, all members will receive a meeting reminder and contest voting instructions email. Any member that wishes can vote any time on the Friday night or all-day Saturday before the meeting. Participants and winners will then be tabulated, reported and displayed at the meeting, then posted afterwards on the website and in the next Oil Can.

Step-by-Step Summary Procedures

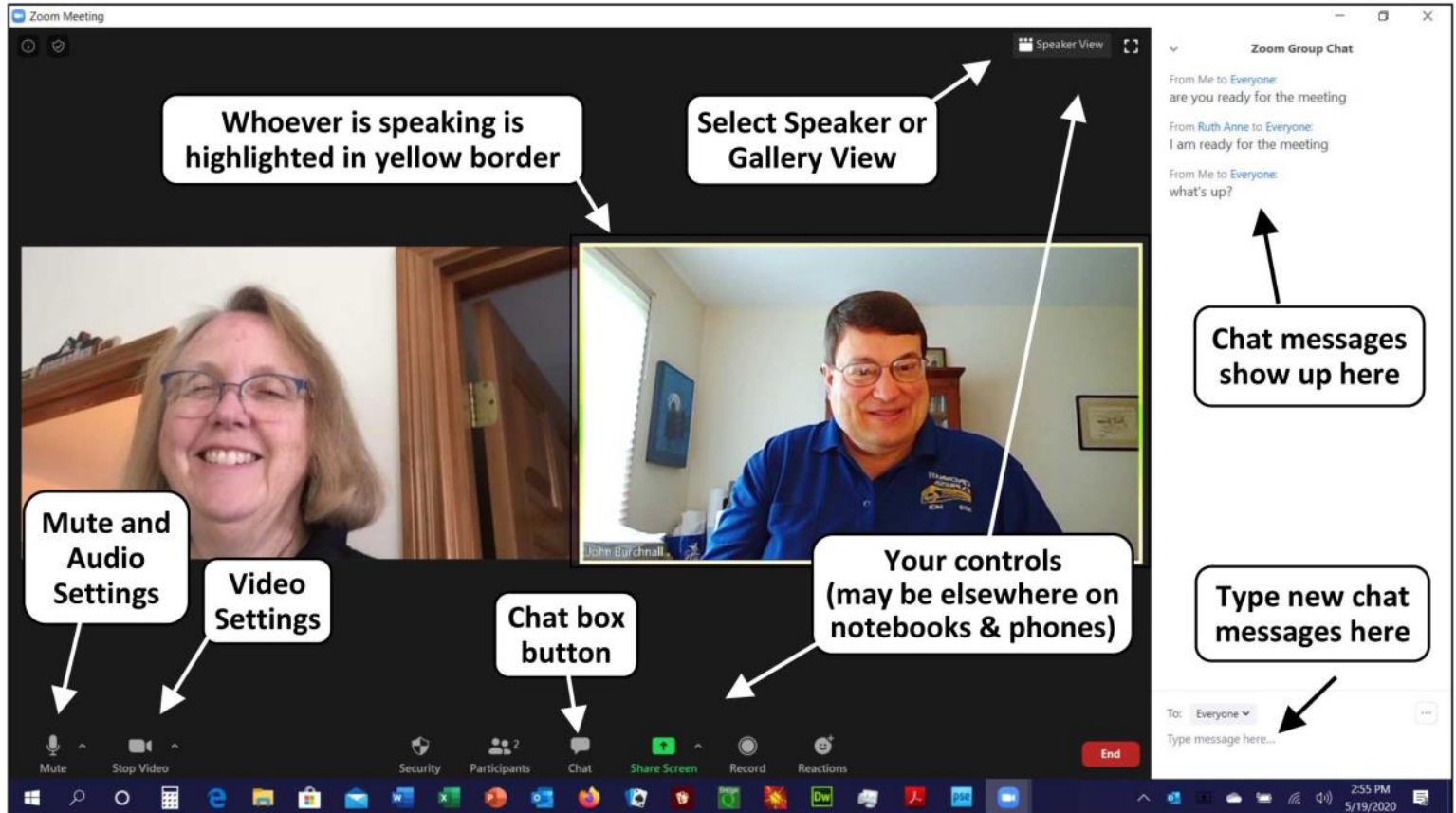
- About **a week prior**, members we have email ids for, will receive a **meeting & contest invitation** via email
- By end of Thursday, contest entries must be emailed to webmaster@cincy-div7.org. All entries must be noted as either model or prototype, feature either topic for that month, with up to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

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dayton Train Show — November 7 & 8

The Miami Valley Division is the host of The Dayton Train Show held the first full weekend of November.

For 2020 it will be held on November 7 and 8.

The show is from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday and 11:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sunday.

The show will be held at the Fairgrounds and Event Center of Montgomery County (the new Montgomery County Fairgrounds), 645 Infirmary Rd., Dayton, OH.

You can follow the train show by clicking [Dayton Train Show](#) to visit the train show web

CANCELLED

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Northern Railway Operating Session on November 21 at 7 PM (Saturday)

NOTE: Contact Sam Parfitt prior to attending, in order to confirm the Operating Session. --- Ed.

The last ops session, the crew operated the newly painted engines along with their favorites.

As usual, there's always some PM to be done after operating.

Pizza at 6:30-7:00.

Please email if attending.

NEW POLICY:

Since there's not a lot to do outside our homes related to railroading, those who wish to have a 'one-on-one' or with own friends to operate the layout during the month, please email or call.

Being retired, I spend the bulk of my time in the basement so visitors are always welcomed. Thanks.

New arrivals and updates:

C&O K-4 2-8-4 and H-6 2-6-6-2 painted, lighted, new motors and decoder installed.

The N&W Y-3 2-8-8-2 was painted with a new motor, decoder and lights installed.

Ditto for the Texas & Pacific 2-10-4.

A DM&IR S-7 0-10-2 arrived. One of the few engines that I've been looking to purchase.

C&O M-1 steam turbine: very unusual engine 2-D-2 + 2-D-2. I've installed a decoder in the engine so it has the turbine sound. Also, added extra weight and, so far, it easily pulled 30 cars.

UP M-10,000 4 car set. The first streamline diesel train set. Two decoders were installed in this engine. One front(sound) and one rear (no sound).

ACL 4-8-4: A two tone black and grey.

I've moved all my vintage metal Athearn/Varney and wood Silver *Streak*/Ambroid freight cars to Seattle, so freight drags will dominate, plus passenger trains of your choice.

NEW PROJECTS:

Installed decoders in several more engines. A selection of 45 engines can now be done. Began installing hardware needed to, remotely, control turnouts via the track schematic on the PC's monitor screen: Along with the signaling system, this is also LCC.

Most testing done with passenger trains seems to be ending, as the longer passenger cars are about twice the length of a regular freight car and pose different problems, but they seem to be finally resolved.

New vintage metal Athearn/Varney and wood Silver *Streak*/Ambroid freight cars have been tested, and are working well over the mainline.

Finished adding the last tunnel portals that I failed to do, 40 years ago.

Got to do some PM on 3-4 engines.

New passenger yard completed.

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

Mission Statement: Main theme of my railroad (besides modeling the Great Northern Railway): when building the railroad, I wanted to model mainline running with big time steam and 'scale like' trains of 25-45 cars on single track mainline with passing sidings.

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.

For pictures see:

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

Video:

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

Junk food and beverage will be available.

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DIVISION 7 - WHITE ELEPHANTS

White Elephant O/G Sales in November...AND "Maybe" December

We are in the midst of the pandemic and our shows have been canceled and yet the quantity of great trains in the White Elephant arena has continued to grow. In the past 10 months, I have picked up material in most scales. I have decided to have limited visitations and sales at my house in November and then possibly in December if the first one works out OK.

They will be of limited attendance (3-4 people at a time) and over a short time period (10-2), masks will be required, social distancing will be practiced, and anyone who is exhibiting any symptoms is asked to stay away. I will accept cash, personal checks, and credit cards. Negotiations will be welcome on all items, all sales are final, and "as is"....with no guarantees.

All sales will be at my house at 4769 Silverwood Drive, Batavia, OH.

Take I-275 to the east side and the Batavia exit, go east on Rte. 32 to the Stonelick-Olive Branch exit, carefully turn left, go 1.5 miles, turn right onto Silverwood Drive, and it is the first house on the left.

Use the basement entrance on the north-west corner of the house (follow yard signs), We're going to have to use appointment times to control the number of people, so send me an e-mail (fjkoch at hotmail.com) and select a time – top or bottom of the hour. I will confirm back to you.

The first test sale on November 14 will be ONLY of G/O: locomotives (G/2R/3R), rolling stock (O, mostly 3R), track (G), and turnouts (Aristocraft G). Prices will be attractive and negotiable.

Here are examples of the major offerings:

G – Aristocraft USRA Mallet 2-8-8-2 (runs, no tender) \$300
G – Aristocraft U25B PRR (not run) \$75
G – Aristocraft Alco RS-3 (runs) \$125
G – Aristocraft U25B PRR (runs) \$125
G – USA Trains SD70 MAC UP (runs) \$250
G – USA Trains EMD GP7 Chessie (runs) \$150
G – USA Trains (?) F7 PRR (runs) \$150
G – USA Trains (?) NW2 CSX (runs) \$150
G – LGB F7 NYC (runs) \$250
G – Aristocraft Turnouts \$25
G – Assorted track and rail – offers considered

O 3R Rolling Stock and Passenger Cars: Weaver, K-Line, Lionel, MTH, Rail King
O 3R Sunset 3rd Rail PRR N1s 2-10-2 \$600
O 3R K-Line C&O Mikado
O 3R Sunset PRR K4 4-6-2 (no tender) \$400
O 3R K-Line 2-6-6-6
O 3R Sunset 3rd Rail B&O T4 (4-8-2) TMCC
O 3R Weaver C&O RS3 \$150
O 3R K-Line WM RS3 \$150

O 2R Sunset E6s PRR Atlantic
O 2R Weaver Baldwin 2-8-0 \$300
O 2R Westside KTM C&O T-1 2-10-4 \$1,000
O 2R Sunset 3rd Rail B&O 0-8-9
O 2R Sunset #97 Docksider B&O 0-4-0
O 2R K-Line USRA B&O Pacific with TMCC
O 2R Sunset B&O T3 Mountain
O 2R Sunset Q4b Mikado (2 locomotives)
O 2R Sunset B&O E8 A-B-A set
...and more.

There is not enough room to spread everything out on tables, but I'll do the best I can and ask for your patience. We must all be safe so come only if you feel comfortable. If you want more info on any item, send me an e-mail.

Frank Koch

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.
	Pacific Mountain Scale Shops CHK-3, B&O I-5 wood caboose, polyurethane resin kit, 1950's-1980's New, Retail: \$49.50	\$32	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	152-Nov 20
	Intermountain, L&N USRA twin bay open hopper, no. 86285, RTR. New, Retail: \$32.95	\$20	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	141-Nov 20
	Intermountain, WM 1937 AAR 40' boxcar, 6' door, no. 28255, RTR. New, Retail: \$27.95	\$16.75	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	142-Nov 20
	Branchline/Blueprint Series, 40' ACF/URTX wood reefer kit, Kraft Cheese, yellow, no. 10547. New, Retail: \$14.98	\$10	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	143-Nov 20
	Branchline/Yardmaster Series, C&O 40' AAR boxcar kit, no. 3258, no. 1498. New, Retail: \$14.98	\$9	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	144-Nov 20
	Smoky Mountain Model Works, L&N "Little woody" NE-class wood cupola caboose, polyurethane walls, flat kit w/photo-etched railings and ladders, thin-film decals, New. Retail: \$39.00	\$25	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	153-Nov 20
	Bowser, PRR H-21A, shadow keystone, 4-bay open hopper car kits, oxide, set of 3 cars , rebuilt 3/57, serial numbers 723050, 909521, 924106 New. Retail: \$29.85	\$20	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	154-Nov 20
	Red Caboose, BAR 40' wood reefer, State of Maine potato, no. 6531, red/white/blue, RTR. New, Retail: \$30.00	\$18	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	147-Nov 20
	Proto 2000, C&O 50-ton, 2-bay, war emergency hopper, no. 55297, RTR. New, Retail: \$22.95	\$15	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	148-Nov 20
	Atlas, WM ACF 60' auto parts car, 10' door, no. 495980, 12/69, RTR. New, Retail: \$19.95	\$12	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	149-Nov 20
	Walthers, C&O 25' wood caboose, yellow Progress scheme, no. 90740, RTR. New, Retail: \$24.98	\$15	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	150-Nov 20
	Bowser, PRR H-21A, modern keystone, 4-bay open hopper car kits, black, set of 3 cars , repainted 12/60, serial numbers 183448, 723027, 730896 New. Retail: \$29.85	\$20	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	155-Nov 20
	WANTED: Code 100 NS flex track, used or new. Preferably Atlas		Paul Maciulewicz	pmacdaddy@cinci.rr.com	156-Jan 21
	WANTED: Peco Medium, code 100 Insulfrog turnouts, used or new		Paul Maciulewicz	pmacdaddy@cinci.rr.com	157-Jan 21

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

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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	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: David Powell + Howard Clark
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: John Ottman + Chris Broughton, MMR
Aug	Sun, Aug 9 Virtual	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	John Burchnall – “Comparison of Premier Passenger Trains in NA”	Virtual Contest - Model & Proto Photos: Tank Car	Virtual: Skip Luyk + Brian Sheron
Sep	Sun, Sep 13 Virtual	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Sam Swanson, MMR “Finishing Models - Painting & Weathering Techniques”	Virtual Contest - Model & Proto Photos: Non-Steam Locomotive	Virtual: Suncoast Mus. + Scale Rails SW FL
Oct	Sun, Oct 4 Virtual	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Steve Zapytowski, MMR “Do I really need to fill out this form?”	Virtual Contest - Model & Proto: Non-Bridge Structure/Diorama	Virtual: John Bowling + Ray & Renee Grosser
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 Now Virtual	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Bob Weinheimer, MMR “Evolution of an Operating System”	Virtual Contest - Model & Proto. Photo: Any Freight Car	Virtual only – from photoshoot collection
Dec	Sun, Dec 13 Now Virtual	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Tony Koester “Update on the NKP Model Railway”	Virtual Contest - Model & Proto. Photo: Box or Refrigerator Car	Virtual only – from photoshoot collection

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Jan	Sun, Jan 10 Virtual	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Dave Ackmann, Gateway Division (St. Louis) – “3D Printing”	Virtual - Model & Proto Photos: Caboose or Passenger Car	Virtual
Feb	Sun, Feb 14	Tentatively Virtual	Gary Hoover – “1950’s N&W HO Scale Layout with O. Winston Link Scenes”	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	tbd or Virtual
Mar	Sat, Mar 13 10 am to 3 pm	? Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School ?	? Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths ?	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 11	Tentatively Virtual	John Burchnall – “Modeler’s Guide to Timelines in Selecting Eras”	Model & Photo: Maintenance of Way Equipment	tbd or Virtual
May	Sun, May 16 (note date)	Tentatively Virtual	John Shields – “Railfanning Greater Cincinnati”	Model: Flat Car(s) with Load Photo: Train on Bridge/Trestle	tbd or Virtual
May	May 20 to 23	Mid Central Region Convention “Northern Express” Erie, PA	Convention Clinics, Banquet, Tours	Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
Jun	Sun, Jun 13	tbd	tbd	Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	tbd
Jul	Sun, July 4 to Sun, July 11	NMRA National Convention Santa Clara, California	National Convention Clinics, Tours, Programs, Show and Banquets	Convention Contests	Convention Tours & Train Show Layouts
Jul	Sun, Jul 18 1-5 pm	Family Picnic/Social at Sharon Woods Park, Sharonville, OH	Catered Fellowship/Social Event (stay tuned for more info)	None	None
Aug	Sun, Aug 8	tbd	tbd	Model & Photo: Tank Car	tbd
Sep	Sun, Sep 12	tbd	tbd	Model & Photo: Non-Steam Locomotive	tbd
Oct	Sun, Oct 3 (note date)	tbd	tbd	Model & Photo: Non-Bridge Structure/Diorama	tbd
Oct	Sat 9 – Sun 10 11 am to 5 pm	53rd Annual Fall Train Show	Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show Booths, Layouts and Slide Show	None	Train Show Portable Layouts
Nov	Sun, Nov 14	tbd	tbd	Model & Photo: Freight Car	tbd
Dec	Sun, Dec 12	tbd	tbd	Model & Photo: Box or Refrigerator Car	tbd

Easter, April 4

Mother’s Day, May 9

Father’s Day, June 20

*See Contest Tab on Div7 Website for detailed info

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No Awe and Wonder in 2020

Our 2020 Division 7 annual train show was a victim of the Coronavirus. That, along with many other train shows and related activities were also victims. Dayton cancelled its regular November Show, and our spring flea market is still in doubt. It is amazing how a miniscule virus can have such a huge impact. There are questions about our 2021 NMRA National Convention and Train Show. Currently we are holding "Zoom" virtual division meetings, complete with our monthly model/photo contest. Attendance has been surprisingly good, but virtual meetings are not like the real thing. While it is certainly comforting to see everyone during the meeting; I miss the camaraderie of a live get-together. (Some of you do not look great on TV, either).

The one activity missing is our famous, one-of-a-kind monthly raffle (BOO). On the positive side, the division has had the benefit of John Burchnall, whose computer skills have allowed us the ability to meet monthly, at least, virtually. The time is coming, we hope, that this pandemic will be conquered, thanks to medical science, and we can return to some sense of normalcy, and have live meetings. Here endeth the lesson.

New Products

Several years ago, I was spending a Saturday morning enjoying my usual visit to Western Hills Photo and Hobby. The normal crew was present, Keith Corman, Merlyn Jarman, Mike Brestel and me. The conversation soon turned to Stewart Models announcement of the pending release of a new EMD F-7. Our group reacted with complete disinterest, "Who needs another EMD F unit?" Athearn was producing (what we thought) was a very acceptable F unit in their blue box series, plus the Tyco F units had an excellent shell, with a lack-luster drive. Varney's historic F-3's were still available; so, again, "who needs another F unit?"

Well, the Stewarts F units arrived, with their drive designed by Kato. It was prototypically correct and was a fabulous runner; it was soon obvious, I needed some Stewart ATSF F units freight and passenger, both A & B. Now we have a large selection of EMD FT, F-3, and F-7s from Athearn, Stewart (Kato), BLI, Walthers, Intermountain, and MTH; each, in its own way an outstanding example of the prototype. Currently, with DCC, sound, and strict attention to the prototype, the choice is tough for us transition modelers. Similar things are happening to many other 1st and 2nd generation motive power. Scale Trains, Rapido, and Athearn have "raised the bar" on some old favorites like EMD's SD-40, EMD's BL-2, EMD's GEEP series. I cannot wait to see what is new on the designer's drawing boards!

Music Still is a Passion

Covid 19 has been difficult for us performers also; the Cincinnati Community Orchestra has been shut down since our March concert, New Horizon Band is meeting via Zoom (the Dixieland band is still rehearsing), and our quintet has still managed to obtain some outdoor gigs. But like my experiences with Division 7, it is not the same. Our church is still meeting outside or on Zoom; I miss the human contact. If there is any positive to this Pandemic, it is back to the Raton Pass. Stay safe and well, and wear your mask!

Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2020—2021 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>
11/8	Virtual Meeting	Bob Weinheimer MMR <i>Evolution of an Operating System</i>	None	<u>Models:</u> Freight Cars <u>Photos:</u> Freight Cars
12/13	Virtual Meeting	Tony Koester <i>Update on the NKP Model Railway</i>	None	<u>Models:</u> Box or Refrigerated Cars <u>Photos:</u> Box or Refrigerated Cars
1/10	Virtual Meeting	Dave Ackmann <i>3D Printing</i>	None	<u>Models:</u> Caboose or Passenger Cars <u>Photos:</u> Caboose or Passenger Cars

Around the Division
2020

11/19 **Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH**
(confirm date with Bob Chapman)

Region / National
2020

Nov. 7-8 **Div. 3 Dayton Train Show—CANCELLED**
May 28-31 **MCR Convention—CANCELLED**
July 12-18 **Gateway 2020 National NMRA Convention**
CANCELLED

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