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**Don Phillips**

# HAPPY TURKEY DAY

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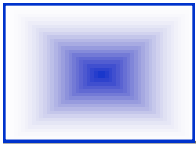
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*Space permitting, The Oil Can* welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroad and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

## Cover:

The scratch built engine house by Doug Campbell sits on the John Allen Replica built by the Lebanon Sub group and on display at the Division 7 Annual Cincinnati Model Train Show in October.



Another successful Cincinnati Model Train Show is in the books! This means that Division 7 will be financially solid for another year without having to dip into reserves. Forty-nine (49) intrepid volunteers are wholly responsible for this *success*. *The pay is horrible but the satisfaction is priceless!* Those Division 7 heroes (and more than a few spouses, are: Rick Crumrine, Roy Hord, Paul Mussleman, Pat Homan, Bruce Knapp, Frank Koch, Clayton Hilliard, Laddie Henninger, Brad Bove, Peter “The Voice” Weiglin, Jim MacKnight, Jane Hancock, Bob Shreve, Russ Poynter, Brad Jonas, Dave Read, Charlie Atkinson MMR, Rick Moleski, Pam Moleski, Bob Chapman, Bob Adams, Jim Hodde, George Roos, Ray Persing, Chuck Endreola, Dianne Rowland, Don Rowland, Tom Chace, Don Phillips, Randy Kerka, Linda Kerka, John Shields, John Burchnall, Ruth Anne Burchnall, Bill Mense, Sam Swanson, Nancy Windes, Jim Stewart, Rick Stern, Ed Wagner, Ruth Wagner, Bill Hofbrauer, Bob Barker, Georgia Dahlberg MMR, Dick White, Don Schuch, Keith Corman, Merlyn Jarman, and Bob Shaw. Special note should be made that many “new members” stepped up this year and we are particularly grateful for that. On behalf of Division 7, thank you for your service to our great club!

That said, I was not there for “Take-Down” so I apologize if I missed anyone. Many members were otherwise involved with vendor tables or club layout activities but there is no denying that their participation also contributed to another successful show.

As you have heard me say many times, the CMTS is the single biggest fund raiser of the year. Next year, it would be simply fantastic if even more of the 290 Division 7 members on our roster stepped up to help out and lighten the load of the aforementioned forty-nine! Volunteers traditionally get into the CMTS for free. Non-volunteers and vendors do not.

So -- what else is new?

You may be reading this article in the form of the old black and white US Mail version of the *Oil Can*. Reason... every two years we are required by the Division 7 By-Laws to mail an election ballot to all current members. When you mail your ballot back (yeah... it's gonna cost you 46 cents) you do not need to put your name on it. However, it is required that you dig out your NMRA card and put your member number on the ballot so the Teller can verify that you are authorized to vote. The Teller will not have a list of names – just active member numbers.

Big News! The NMRA Board of Directors has authorized the sale of the National Headquarters building in Chattanooga. Word is that the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum (the HQ's next door neighbor) will be purchasing the building for a whole lot of cash. The proceeds will probably be used to further fund the NMRA Life Fund and the investment program and to seek smaller, less expensive office space in the Chattanooga area. Space has never been fully utilized in the HQ building, and when the Museum and Gallery Exhibit as well as the Kalmbach Library move to Sacramento, CA, our staff would be rattling around in the old digs. It is my opinion that this is a bold yet wise move by the BOD.

With the ads now starting to appear in hobby magazines (maybe you saw the one in the *NMRA Magazine*) car sales are starting to take off! I won't steal Jim MacKnight's thunder as he will have something to share elsewhere in this issue.

We are currently investigating the purchase of a new membership booth. The venerable old gray “Monster” we have been using since the steam era (seems like it, anyway) is huge and heavy. As cars get smaller, it is getting impossible to find anyone to transport it! It has been reconditioned at least three times that I know of and, frankly, needs to be retired. The new booths all “pop-up” and can be very easily transported in any car back seat. Hopefully, our new Superintendent and his Board of Directors will be making this project a priority in 2014.

Ron Gribler, MMR, tells me that Video Library Chair Jerry Michael has just undergone a successful quadruple heart by-pass procedure. We all wish Jerry the best as he recovers.

Roy Hord kicked butt again this year at the CMTS with respect to number of vendor tables sold and squeezing them all into available space. Vendor comments were very positive... again! Great job, Roy! Thanks.

Lastly, buy Division 7 cars and buy raffle tickets.

That's it for now. See you all on November 10<sup>th</sup> at Partners In Prime, Hamilton!

*Randy*

November, 2013

# SECOND SECTION

Bob Shreve  
Asst. Super

The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Cincinnati Model Train Show is now history. Mother Nature cooperated on Saturday to make it a good day to stay indoors shopping for hobby supplies. Clearer weather on Sunday brought out the families. Thanks to all of the Division 7 members who helped make the show a success.

The week before the train show, we had our monthly meeting at the West Chester library. Several people described their rolling stock models during the Bring & Brag contest. Following the break and honest raffle John Burchnall and Mike Tener presented a couple of short mini clinics on scratch built log cars and reliability improvements for the geared locomotives they use on their logging layout. Larry Bonhaus had his relocated large N-scale layout up and running.

On November 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be in Hamilton at Partners In Prime (formerly known as the Hamilton Senior Center). Lou Sassi will give a presentation based on the information in his latest book. Included in the clinic will be methods used to model dirt, gravel, concrete, and asphalt roads, and a short video showing Lou mixing up his "ground goop" material. After the meeting, we can visit Ric Case's version of the East Broad Top and, fresh from the August *Model Railroader*, Jim Bonnett's Canadian Pacific themed Kettle Valley RR.

The last meeting of the year will be on December 8<sup>th</sup>. We will have our end of year snackfest and picture show at the Westwood United Methodist Church. As we have done the past couple of years, we are planning to present pictures in electronic format only. So start culling the best shots from your picture collection. The layout visits in December will be Jerry Strangarity and Dennis Malloy.

Happy Modeling. See you in Hamilton on November 10th.

*Bob*

## November 2013 Car Projects Report

**Jim MacKnight**

Our 2013 Division 7 car project, Merchants Despatch Transportation's 40' ice reefers, by Accurail, in wood or all-steel versions, are offered in two numbers for each type of reefer, priced at \$18 for singles, and \$70 for a four-car set, plus Ohio tax. We have sold 124 cars during the first 4-1/2 months, and have 379 car kits available. Our announcement appeared in the November issue of The NMRA Magazine. We sold 19 car kits at our Fall Train Show, and sold 12 car kits to Dayton Division 3, for their company store. We also purchased 12 V&O 40' reefers, in steel and wood configurations, for our company store to sell.

Our 2012 car project, Allegheny Midland 41'-6" steel gondolas, by Accurail, are offered in three numbers, priced at \$18 for singles, and \$51 for a three-car set, plus Ohio sales tax. We have sold 213 cars during the first 16-1/2 months. Recently, we have sold 13 kits on e-bay. We have 178 car kits available.

It may be of interest to note that while our custom-painted, limited-run Accurail reefers are offered at \$18.00 each, Accurail's production reefer kits have a retail price of \$16.95, or \$1.05 less than our car kits.

Our 2011 car project, Virginian & Ohio 50' plug-door boxcars, by Accurail, in V&O blue, with "The Ridge Runner" slogan in white lettering, were sold out as of October 17th. We sold the last 36 cars on e-bay, with Roy Hord's assistance, and sold a total of 480 V&O boxcars in 26 months. Our return on investment for this project was 85%.

*Jim*

## October Contest Results

### Models: Bring-n-Brag: Rolling Stock

**Box Stock** *No entries submitted*

#### **Kit bashed**

- 1st Pl. John Listermann** Western Maryland Gondola #5435  
**2nd Pl. Charlie Atkinson** Hocking Valley Caboose #90727  
**3rd Pl. John Listermann** Merchant Dispatch Transfer Reefer #22465

#### **Scratch Built**

- 1st Pl. Charlie Atkinson** 3 N-Scale Hocking Valley Freight Cars - Auto Boxcar, Boxcar, & Gondola

### Photography:

#### Print Model

- 1st Pl. Randy Seiler** Fork Lift Operator on Gerry Albers' layout  
**2nd Pl. Randy Seiler** PA RR 2-10-2 crew on Bob Bartizek's layout  
**3rd Pl. (tie) Jim Hodde** #3500 CC crew on Jim Hodde's layout  
**Randy Seiler** Allen McClelland dispatching on Gerry Albers' layout

#### Print Prototype

- 1st Pl. (tie) Jerry Baston** Road Crew at Hartwell, Ohio  
**John Listermann** Fireman at Dollywood, TN  
**2nd Pl. (tie) Jerry Baston** Tie replacement operator at Hartwell, Ohio  
**Georgia Dahlberg** DOD crewman using Geiger Counter on Flat Car #1758

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### 2013 Overall Standings (as of Oct. 31)

#### MODELS

Bob Lawson	15	John Listermann	04	Bruce Knapp	02
Frank Hermanek MMR	13	Ron Pearson	03	Michael York	02
Georgia Dahlberg MMR	09	Don Phillips	03	Rick Stern	02
Chuck Endreola	08	Butch Sage	03	Anton Zillich	02
Ron Gribbler MMR	07	Bob Adams	02	Jim Rollwage	01
Charlie Atkinson	05	Tom Brueggeman	02		
Perry Simpson	05	Bob Chapman	02		

#### Junior Division

Anthony Zillich 06

#### PHOTOS

Randy Seiler	26	Jim Hodde	05	Anton Zillich	03
Georgia Dahlberg MMR	15	John Listermann	05	Tom Bredestegge	02
Jerry Baston	15	Chuck Endreola	03	Bob Adams	01
Jim Rollwage	06	Jim Kreissinger	03	Frank Hermanek MMR	01
Tom Brueggeman	05	Butch Sage	03		

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### November Competition

**Models:** Servicing Facilities - i.e. Roundhouse, Sanding Facilities, Coaling Towers, etc.

**Photos:** Diesel Locomotives - (includes Electrics)



## October Meeting



October's Clinicians

John Burchnall

Mike Tener



1st place Kit bashed      John Listermann



1st Place Scratch Built      Charlie Atkinson

### Larry Bonhaus' N-Scale layout





# 2013 Cincinnati Model Train Show



**Business is Booming**



**Expert Row**



**I better get a spare**



**Are you sure they don't deliver?**



**Great way to baby sit**



## 2013 Cincinnati Model Train Show



Now that's different!



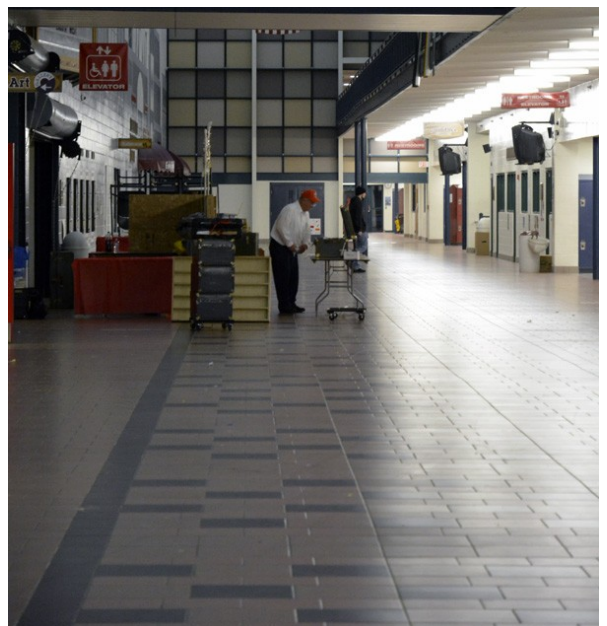
I know I've got another one of those somewhere.



We never had crowds this big.



That's neat!



Where did everybody go?



## Monthly Raffle

John Shields

In November we will have the regular HO and N scale choices. We will also continue our annual engine(s) raffle, with the drawing to be held at the December meeting.

In last month's Oil Can, I announced that the N scale engine this year is a Life Like Burlington Northern SD7 (in the green and black scheme). If you came to the October meeting, you also learned that the HO engine this year is a Bachmann Alco 2-6-0 – Pennsylvania RR # 3234. [DCC "ready"]

As in previous years, you do not need to be present at the December meeting to win in the engine drawing. Simply put your name and contact information on the ticket and I will "hunt you down" to present it to you. Remember that return address labels work really well as a way to put your info on the ticket. Also as in previous years, tickets are discounted if you buy multiple tickets.

One final point, at the October meeting I had an additional Christmas-themed item that was available in either HO or N. I will have another item like that at the November meeting, and an even larger Christmas item at the December meeting. Just a little holiday present from the raffle committee (me) and made possible, as are many of the raffle prizes, by a generous donation from one of our division members.

*John*

### Kinda Makes it all Worth While

Pictured at right is Rick Crumrine presenting the grand prize to the lucky winner Sunday after the show closed.

The following evening Rick received the following email which is self-explanatory.



Subject: Thank You!

I just want to write a quick note to thank you for the prize "Tweetsie RR Train Set" that we won at the Lakota show yesterday.

My grandson "Landon Estep", age seven, has been asking for an outside "garden" train since he saw one online last summer. He and my husband have a pretty extensive "O" gauge layout in the loft of our barn. He has turned into a real train nut at a very young age and we take trips to visit some of his favorites — particularly steam engines such as 1218, 611.

He also has been wanting to revisit one of our destinations in Boone, NC where we went to the Tweetsie RR amusement park. I can't believe that we will actually be able to provide this dream for him. We are trying to hold out until Christmas — we'll see!

Thank you so much, really enjoyed the train show also.

Barb, Mike and Landon Estep.

## Awe & Wonder; The 2013 Train Show

Well the 2013 edition of the Cincinnati Model Train Show is history. Congratulations to Rick Crumrine and all the Division 7 members, who make the event a success every year. I worked with my associate, Pat Homan, as we manned the Modeler's Aid table and the Modeler's Aid official test track. We met a lot of great people, answered a lot of questions, and enjoyed watching Sam and Nancy Swanson work their scenery and structure magic. One young lady, named Amanda, best exemplified what the show is all about. She had come with her father, who is an active model railroader, to visit the show. Amanda spent a majority of her time working with and learning from Nancy, who she referred to as the "brick lady". Watching Amanda and Nancy interact was very inspiring, as Amanda was enthusiastically learning about structure building and weathering. Amanda has a hobby, where she can excel, and share with her father. There were a lot of younger modelers at the show, which tells me we are doing an excellent job promoting the hobby. I am not sure, at this point, how we did in the area of attendance, but Pat, Nancy, Sam, and I certainly had a lot of fun, answered a lot of questions, and met a lot of really great people. I was pleased with the turnout of dealers, for the show, along with the great railroads. The Texas Tool Man was back with some new, "I GOT TO HAVE THAT" items, plus the Miami Valley S gauge layout made their first appearance at our show. Kudos to all who participated this weekend.

## Peter Weiglin

I know I have mentioned Peter before, but I got a chance to spend a lot of time with Peter the last two days. I am a bit worried about Peter, as he is one of those folks who honestly believes the hobby is supposed to be fun. [You all remember his triple hopper in the monthly contest earlier this year]. I am going to make Peter write, "Model Railroading is not supposed to be fun 1,000 times for punishment. If people think the hobby is fun, watch out, everyone will want to join the NMRA. Speaking of humor, please don't laugh at any of John Burchnell's attempts at humor, it only encourages him. John, some of your jokes at the show, bordered on awful, the rest were just bad.

## November Elections

November is the traditional time for elections, not only for local and state candidates and issues, but also for Division 7 officers. Voting is not just a right, but a responsibility. Make sure you make your voice heard and vote. See everyone at our November meeting.

Keep 'em Rolling

*Bruce*



**Next Meeting**

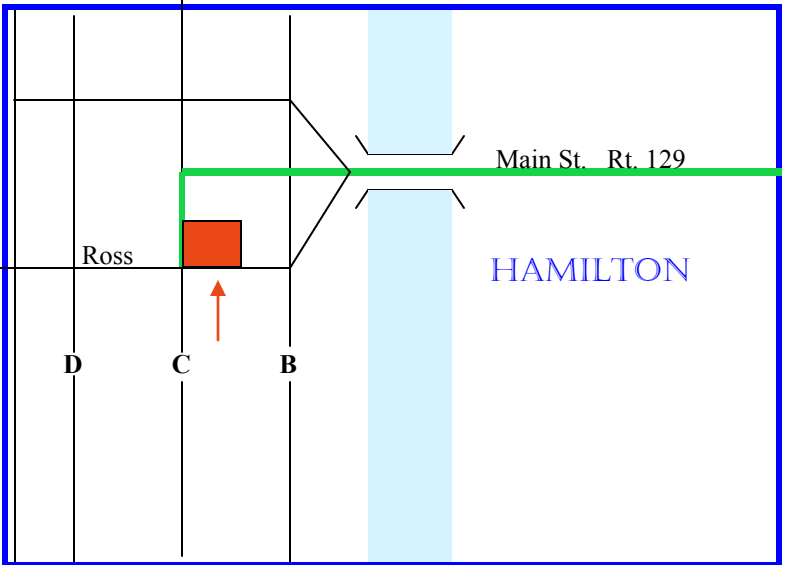
**2 PM Sunday November 10th**

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**Partners in Prime  
149 Ross Ave.  
Hamilton, OH**

**Directions:**

From downtown Hamilton, take Main St. (Rt 129) west across the river to C St. Turn left (south). Partners in Prime is on your left at the next corner. Parking on the North and East sides of the building.



**Coming Down the Line**

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA  
2013 Schedule

**NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2PM**  
(Unless otherwise notified)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Layout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
11/10	Partners in Prime 149 Ross Ave Hamilton, OH	Lou Sassi Scenery Methods	Ric Case Jim Bonnett	<u>Models:</u> Service Facilities <u>Photos:</u> Diesel & Electric Locomotives
10/17	Resurrection Lutheran Church	Lebanon Sub Meeting Lebanon, OH	NA	Show & Tell
12/8	Westwood United Methodist Church	Annual Pot Luck Digital Show	Dennis Malloy Jerry Strangarity	<u>Models:</u> MOW Equipment <u>Photos:</u> Fallen Flag Rolling Stock
12/19	Resurrection Lutheran Church	Lebanon Sub Meeting Lebanon, OH	NA	Show & Tell

<u>Around the Region</u> 2013			
11/2-3	Dayton Train Show	Hara Arena	Dayton, OH

<u>National</u> 2014	
6/25-29	National N Scale Conv.
7/17-20	NMRA National Train Show Cleveland, OH

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