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The Editors Corner:

Dave Puthoff

The Cincinnati 2015 Model Train & Trade Show is over, and another success, due to the efforts of numerous Division 7 volunteers.

Still looking for a few items? Don't forget that Division 3 hosts their annual Train Show on November 7 & 8 in Dayton!

I recently found a website that has some rail photos that should be of interest. It includes photos of the CL & N Tunnel and the Cincinnati Subway (many were new to me). It can found at http://zfein.com/photography.html By the way, the City of Cincinnati has at least temporarily abandoned tours of the abandoned subway. After 30 years of allowing tours, it is now considered to be a "confined space"!

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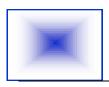
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<u>Space permitting</u>, **The Oil Can** welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Scene from the OKI LUG - LEGO Layout at the Cincinnati 2015 Model Train & Trade Show

Photo by Dave Puthoff



HEADLIGHTS

The tables and chairs are all put away, the last vendors' trailer has been packed up, and we'll call it a wrap for the 48th annual Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show. Thank you to all the Division 7 members who helped work the various jobs during the show. The vendors greatly appreciate the help we provide them in moving their wares in and out of the building. The preliminary results look like we ended up pretty much on budget for admissions, income, and expenses. The results should be more complete by the November meeting.

The show runs smoothly each year because of the great people we have in key positions. Rick Crumrine handles the overall organization. Roy Hord handles the vendor registrations and the physical layout of the show. Randy Kerka did another superb job handling the publicity for the show, getting ads in the newspapers and sending out the postcards to past show attendees. He also processes all of the door prize entry slips to find names to add to the attendee database. John Burchnall organized the team of people to deploy signs in the northern suburbs advertising the show. This year we added 2 sizes of signs with the specific dates of the show so the signs could be displayed for a longer time before the show. We also used some of the "This Weekend" yard signs we had from last year to augment the other signs during the week right before the show.

The weekend before the show was also very busy. In addition to our division meeting, there were lots of people visiting the area for the SWOOPS operating sessions. I spoke with several of them during a session at Gerry Albers' house and they were very impressed by the quality of the layouts in this area. Congratulations to Rick Stern for organizing the event, including working with David Keith on the website for that event.

At the Sept 4th BOD meeting, Jim MacKnight presented the results of his search for our next car project. The Board voted to move forward with Jim's recommendation to do a car project for a 40' C&O 1920's era single sheathed boxcar. Jim used his connections with Accurail to get the car kits manufactured and delivered to us in record time. We received the kits the week before the Fall show. That's 4 weeks from getting the 'go-ahead' to having the kits in hand. Jim, Randy Kerka, and Peter Weiglin are already creating a postcard advertising our new project to send out to people who have bought cars from us during past projects. Hopefully, these postcards will help kick-start the sales for this project. We will also have a picture and advertising in the next issue of the MCR Kingpin newsletter to help get the word out to other divisions in the Mid Central Region. The photo and description is already on our website.

The last weekend in September I attended the Regional BOD meeting in Columbus. These meetings give the division superintendents a chance to hear about activities in other divisions and other information relative to the region as a whole. The organizing committee for the 2016 regional convention gave a preview of the activities at the convention in Columbus next year. From what I heard, it should be a great weekend.

At the October meeting, Don Phillips presented the slate of candidates the nominating committee (Don, George Roos, and Roy Hord) has assembled for the upcoming elections. The current slate consists of: Superintendent – Bob Shreve; Asst Superintendent – John Shields; Secretary – Bruce Knapp; and Treasurer – Frank Koch. Additional nominations can be made from the floor at the November meeting, or by submitting to Don Phillips a nomination letter signed by 2 Division 7 members in good standing. Nominations will close at the November meeting, and the election ballot and candidate bios will be distributed in the December Oil Can.

If you haven't spent all of your model railroad allowance at our train show, you will have another opportunity on November 7th and 8th at the Division 3 train show at Hara Arena in Dayton, Ohio. Of course, I think you should go to the train show on the 7th and attend our division meeting in Hamilton, Ohio on the 8th. Lou Sassi always presents an interesting clinic when he comes to town, plus at least 6 layouts will be open afterwards for our viewing pleasure.

I'll wrap this column up now. I think I can get it submitted just before the deadline. I hope to see you in Hamilton or maybe we'll cross paths at the Dayton show.







SECOND SECTION

Our October meeting was in West Chester at the West Chester Library. Our clinician was Chuck White from Van Wert, Ohio, the Division Super for Division 3 of the North Central Region. His talk was about the specialized hobby of collecting and operating railcars (the full size ones!). Chuck, who models the Burlington Northern and BNSF in HO, was in town for the SWOOPS event and we were able to get him to stay a little longer to talk to us as well. After the meeting we visited the Eastern Loggers layout at John Burchnall's home. And the reason we met early in October was that the 48th Annual Cincinnati Model Train and Trade Show was the weekend of October 10th and 11th. In spite of the nice weather, we had a good turnout and everyone (dealers, attendees, and we the hosts) seemed to have a good time. Hopefully you were able to attend one or both days, and found some great additions to your modeling equipment, supplies, etc.

In November, we will be at Partners in Prime in downtown Hamilton on Sunday November the 8th. We will have national clinician Lou Sassi in to give his newest clinic entitled: "Woods to Walls, Fields to Fences". The contest subjects at the November meeting are both simply "freight cars". After the meeting, in addition to the Whistle Stop club there at the senior center, we will be visiting the layouts of the five clubs that share the Ross School facility. These are the O scale High Railers, the HO Ross Rails, the HO Black Diamond Lines, the HO Cincinnati Northern, and the N scale Queen City N-Gineers.

We will end the year as we always do in Westwood (assuming construction at the church is complete), with the annual pot luck slide show and foodfest at Westwood United Methodist Church on December 13th. Afterward, we will visit Jerry Strangarity's layout and Bruce Knapp's.

Looking ahead into 2016, in January we will be in Hyde Park on January 10th, and be visiting Gerry Albers' layout afterward. In February, we plan to return to West Chester on February 14th, and on April 10th we will be at Harmony Lodge. (There is no Division meeting in March due to the Spring Flea Market on March 12th).

We had an interesting discussion in my club during the Train Show and I thought it might be worth sharing with the rest of you. We have always found the train shows are a major way we recruit new members. So we were talking about why new people get into the hobby, and in our case, into N scale. I'm sure there are many reasons and we may not have been close to hitting even all the top ones; but we focused on two main reasons for choosing N scale based on our group. They are: #1- to model prototype trains; and #2- to maximize the amount of layout we can have in a given space.

These are not mutually exclusive. One supports the other, but they were different priorities. It made me think about how each scale has its own personality, and even reason for being. The larger scales provide more focus on individual cars (and engines!) and individual buildings. "Superdetailed" is a word often used. In N scale, I think we do focus on whole trains more. Kato sells whole passenger trains. Con Cor sold collector train sets that were an engine and a complete passenger train as early as 1980. The evolution has been in the adherence to prototype, but the idea of buying the whole train has continued. Also since the relatively early days in N scale, one could buy multiple packs of cars that would logically go together into a train. Why else would you buy 6 B&O 40 foot boxcars that were identical except for the road number? And conversely, I remember being frustrated that there were relatively few B&O hoppers available, and no decals to make extras. Why would I need decals for some minor shortline more than I needed more B&O hoppers? (And the same was true for C&O or N&W hoppers, or UP or Santa Fe stock cars).

When it comes to layouts, it clearly is possible to put more track into the same space in N scale, which then allows for longer, more prototypical, trains; but from many of the layouts I have seen, it is also possible to get a better balance of scenery to track. A typical round-the-walls shelf-style layout tends to be the same depth regardless of the scale we are modeling in. (armlength is constant!) While N scale might have more double track, in a space, usually what there is more of is the rest of the scene. There is more "ground" between the edge of the layout and the track; and more buildings and trees and ground between the track and the backdrop. There is not just more trains in the space, there is more other "stuff".

These are things we talk to potential new members about. I bring this up, because I suspect there are comparable unique reasons that can be used to support each scale. Model railroading is popular in part because it can appeal to so many interests. As ambassadors for this hobby, we should all think about what appeals to each of us about our choices, and talk to the new people getting into the hobby about ALL of these options. There is not one right answer. There are LOTS of right answers!

See you in Hamilton on the 8th.



THANKS to DIVISION 7 MEMBERS!

I received this nice letter from Ed Keck. This letter demonstrates why we do these shows. I want to say thanks to all who help make our show a success.

Rick Crumrine

Hello,

I just wanted to convey my thanks to your group for a wonderful experience that my son had visiting the show on Sunday.

In the past six months, he's become interested in model railroading, and acquired a small set with his birthday money, to supplement a few pieces that I had retained from my youth. (All H.O. scale). I'd sold a lot of what I had accumulated, to supplement our income during the economic downturn, and felt badly that he wouldn't have the same experience as I did with the hobby.

It was exciting to see the reaction he had sifting through bins and tables of used rail cars, picking up cars to supplement his small layout at a great price, with money that he earned and saved. (At 13, he is seeing the value of money, and how to get the most with the least amount.)

I want to thank the gentleman who let him run the H.O. scale train, taking the time to explain how it worked. His response, when asked if he wanted to run the train was an excited "Who me?" Secondly, I'd like to thank the gentleman who gave my son the H.O. scale log hauling car at no charge, which he had looked and thought over for a period of time whether he had enough money to purchase. This gesture was heartwarming, and the reaction from my son was one of "wow", this is great. We appreciated the words of advice about how to get up and running and advance his layout, and the time that the vendors and display operators spent to talk to him. You can surely tell that you want to see the hobby carried on by the upcoming generations.

This experience has surely encouraged the hobbyist in him to continue creating and adding to his love of model railroading.

Many thanks!

Ed Keck

DIVISION 7 - 2016 OFFICER ELECTIONS

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of candidates for the upcoming election.

Superintendent: Bob Shreve
Asst. Superintendent: John Shields
Secretary: Bruce Knapp
Treasurer: Frank Koch

In addition, written nominations signed by two members in good standing and presented to the nominating committee prior to the November stated meeting will be accepted. The nominee must agree to serve if elected.

The official ballot will appear in the December printed issue of the Oil Can.

Don Phillips

Advance Orders for "Cincinnati Express" Short Sleeve Shirts



Mail with check or money order to:
Cincinnati Division 7 Company Store
P.O. Box 76010
Highland Heights, KY 41076

Circle/check above the <u>Shirt Type</u>, <u>Size</u>, <u>Price</u> and <u>Logo Side</u>

Email Paul at <u>company-store1@cincy-div7.org</u> for <u>shipping costs</u>

<u>All</u> must add <u>7% sales tax</u> to total (after shipping if needed)

Make check payable to: <u>Cincinnati Division 7</u>, MCR, NMRA

MERIT CERTIFICATATES



Frand Koch presents Merit Awards in categories of Civil Engineer, and Electrical Engineer to Division 7's Rick Crumrine

FORMING A NEW 3-RAIL LAYOUT

Daniel Lazarus, a fellow NMRA member, would like to form a new O three rail club in his home in Forest Park. He has locomotives, cars, transformers, and other equipment to get started. He would like the new layout to be operations oriented. Contact him at 513-851-0452 if you are interested.

Robert Chapman.

CHRISTMAS LAYOUT HELP NEEDED (BATAVIA)

Requesting your assistance...looking for enthusiasts who could help assist with locating a group of individuals that would be interested in setting up a model train display in Batavia, Ohio. The time period is from Thanksgiving through New Years Day. Large commercial building with a large expanse of glass for outside viewing and possible selected open house evenings if so desired by the group.

Please contact Charles Ward, 513-374-2000 or clward@fuse.net for more particulars and if you may be of assistance in bring trains to downtown Batavia and Clermont County during the Christmas season. Thank you for your consideration.



NMRA MCR DIV. 7 OCTOBER 2015 CONTEST RESULTS



MODELS: DIVISION 7 PROJECT CARS

Box Stock:

No Entries Submitted in this Category

Kitbashed:

No Entries Submitted in this Category

Scratch Built:

No Entries Submitted in this Category

PHOTOGRAPHY: DIVISION 7 PROJECT CARS IN A TRAIN CONSIST

Print Prototype:

No Entries Submitted in this Category

Print Model:

No Entries Submitted in this Category

Junior Division – No Entries Submitted in any Category

2015 OVERALL STANDINGS (through October 2015)

MODELS

Ron Gribler, MMR	28	Warren Ossman	07	Bob Chapman	01
Bob Lawson	11	Frank Hermanek, MMR	03	Perry Simpson	01
Tom Brueggeman, MMR	09	Rick Stern	03	Norb Price	01
Jim MacKnight	08	Chris Boylan	02		
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	07	Peter Weiglin	02		
PHOTOGRAPHY					
John Listerman	11	Tom Brueggeman, MMR	04	Randy Seiler	02
Jim MacKnight	10	Mike Brestel	03	Joe Ross	02
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	08	Jim Rollwage	03	Frank Hermanek, MMR	01
David Wynne	06	Don Leady	03		

JUNIOR DIVISION – MODELS – No 2015 Entries to Date
JUNIOR DIVISION – PHOTOGRAPHY – No 2015 Entries to Date

NOVEMBER CONTEST CATEGORIES -

MODELS: FREIGHT CARS – Any revenue producing cars not carrying passengers PHOTOGRAPHY: FREIGHT CARS – Any revenue producing cars not carrying passengers

Brad Jonas

NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair



NMRA MCR DIV. 7 MODEL AND PHOTOGRAPHY 2016 CONTEST THEMES



Month	MODELS	PHOTOGRAPHY	
Jan.	Caboose(s)	Caboose(s)	
Feb.	Hopper Car(s) - with or without loads	People Working on RR	
April	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment	
June	Flat Car(s) with Load(s)	RR Bridges/Trestles with or without trains(s)	
July	Passenger Train Car(s) – any car found in a passenger train (not in mixed freights)	Passenger Train Car(s) – any car found in a passenger train (not in mixed freights)	
Aug.	Off-line Structure(s) – not RR served (homes, city buildings, rural, industry, etc.)	Off-Line Structure(s) - not RR served (homes, city buildings, rural, industry, etc.)	
Sept.	Locomotive(s) – any type of motive power on rails (steam, diesel, electric, etc.)	Locomotive(s) – any type of motive power on rails (steam, diesel, electric, etc.)	
Oct.	On-Line Structure(s) – rail served/owned structure (if industry, must include track)	On-Line Structure(s) – rail served/ owned structure (if industry, must include track)	
Nov.	Freight Car(s)	Freight Car(s)	
Dec.	Anything Goes	Anything Goes	

DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

As a benefit to Division 7 members, the Oilcan 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. Oilcan 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 Oilcan).

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 Oilcan 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.
	Stewart Products 25 ton diesel electric loco crane. White metal kit. Ratty box, nice castings	\$5.00	Chuck Endreola	chuckendreola@yahoo.com	09-Oct-15
	Styrofoam Sheets & Pieces, Pebble-Type	FREE	Tom Bredestege	jtbando@fuse.net 513 941-4769	10-Dec-15
	Model Railroader & Trains magazine Binders, used, but good condition	\$7 each	Dave Puthoff	deputhoff@yahoo.com	11-Dec-15
	DCC Block Occupancy Detectors Built-in Adjustable Time-Delay-Off, Adjustable Sensitivity. 200 ma DC Open Collector & BiPolar Outputs with LED Indicator, 12 vdc. For DCC only.	\$12 each	Dave Puthoff	deputhoff@yahoo.com	12-Dec-15

Division 7's - 48th Annual Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show



Crowd Forms a Line



All Set - It's 11:01 on Saturday



Operating Layouts



Queen City HiRailers Layout (Oops!)

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Queen City HiRailers Layout



Queen City HiRailers Layout

Photos by Dave Puthoff



Division 7 Modeler's Aid Test Track



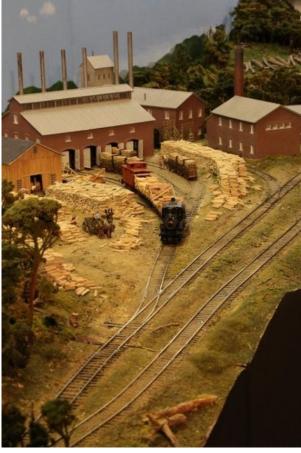
Ed --- the Winner of Door-Prize Train

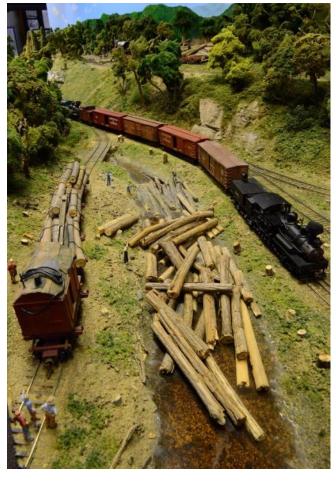
Photo by Dave Puthoff

Photo by Rick Crumrine

LAYOUT VISIT to Eastern Loggers Railroad









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KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

Amtrak's Coast Starlight

The next leg of my journey to the NMRA national convention in Portland started at 11:59, when I boarded the Coast Starlight in Sacramento. My room was already made up for the night, so I immediately went to bed; I had a long day in Sacramento. The diner on the Starlight was excellent, so breakfast was well worth getting up for. I soon discovered the Starlight has two lounge cars, one especially for the sleeping car passengers. That discovery led to a second one; the First-Class lounge was one of the original Santa Fe El Capitan cars from the early '60's. The car has been totally refurnished and served as my "office" for the majority of the trip to Portland. Sleeping car passengers can choose to have their meals in the lounge, so guess where I had lunch?

There some minor differences between the El Capitan double-deck cars and Amtrak's super-liners, especially floor heights; there is a step down into the El Capitan cars. As I understand from the Amtrak staff they still have 6 of the original lounge cars in service on the Coast Starlight.

Amtrak's route through northern California and Oregon winds its way through the various mountain ranges and provides some very impressive scenery. All too soon, we arrived in Portland and the Convention.

I enjoyed the Convention very much and think the organizers did a super job. I enjoyed the great variety of clinics, especially all the new developments in model railroad electronics and control. The National Train Show was very similar to Cleveland's, but the display layouts were much different, because of the geographical location. I did spend time with my friend from Sylvan models, so we could have a Possum Lodge meeting (you have to be an aficionado of The Red Green Show), complete with lodge oath and the Man's Prayer.

Awe and Wonder 2015

Well, the 2015 Cincinnati Train & Train Show is over and was another huge success. Rick Crumrine, Roy Hord, Randy Kerka, and many other hard-working division members give an outstanding weekend. I worked with Pat Homan, Sam and Nancy Swanson and made every effort to promote the hobby. Pat is great to work with on the Test Track as neither one of us accepts the concept that the item brought to the track doesn't run. We have gotten some pretty old and abused equipment to come alive and perform. There is something very rewarding about seeing a cherished memory come to life again. I am not sure if we are skilled repair technicians, or a couple of Dr. Frankenstein's (it IS ALIVE!).

Pat and I share some common attitudes about the hobby, the division, and the meaning of life, we could share them with you, but then we would have to execute you. Sam and Nancy are fantastic modelers and are amazing to watch. Sam was building a structure from frame up; what a meticulous effort. Nancy has the skills to make a plastic structure look like real brick, again, amazing. Pat was converting a Bachmann Spectrum 2-8-0 into a Burlington prototype. For you uninitiated eastern types, the Burlington was one of the mid-west and west's major railroads. I got a chance to add sound decoders to three locomotives, and program a BLI Santa Fe 2-10-2. While I don't anticipate using the live smoke feature, it sure got a lot of attention on the test-track. All in all, Division 7 has every right to be proud

Of our annual train shows, this year ranks as one of our best. Everybody, including dealers, workers, and displayers deserve a round of applause.

The Raton Pass will be open

Just a word of warning my Raton Pass will be open for the December meeting, which means I will have to break down and actually do something. I wonder if I will be able to motivate the SOB's to help. To be fair, both Keith and Merlyn have jobs and are staying out of trouble. Oh well, I guess I will actually have to lay some track, do some wiring and maybe, even a little scenery. See you at the November meeting. By the way, I am running the highly honest, (would I cheat you?) Raffle --- bring plenty of money.

Keep 'em rolling



Next Meeting

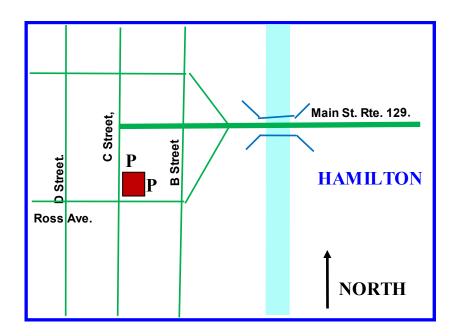
2 PM Sunday November 8

Partners in Prime

140 Ross Ave. Hamilton OH

Directions:

From Downtown Hamilton, Take Main Street (Rte. 129)
West across the River to C Street.
Turn Left (South) onto C Street
Partners in Prime is on your left at the next corner.
Parking is on the North and East sides of the building.



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA **2015-16 Schedule**

NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM

(Unless otherwise notified)

]	<u>Date</u>	Location	Program/Speaker	<u>Layout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
1	1/8	Parners in Prime Hamilton OH	Woods to Walls, Fields to Fences Lou Sassi	Whistle Stop Club Ross School layouts	Models: Freight Cars Photos: Freight Cars
1	2/13	Westwood Methodist Church Westwood	Annual Potluck Slide Show	Jerry Stangarity Bruce Knapp	Models: Dioramas (3D) Photos: Depots
1	/10 I	Hyde Park Methodist Church Hyde Park	Painting Backdrops John Listermann	Gerry Albers other TBD	<u>Models</u> : Cabooses <u>Photos</u> : Cabooses

Around the Region 2015

11/7 - 11/8 MCR Div. 3 Train Show - Dayton OH

11/19 Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

12/17 Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

National 2016

7/3-7/10 Highball to Indy Indianapolis IN

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