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## HEADLIGHTS

Randy Kerka, Superintendent

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### One more successful Annual Fall Train Show is in the books.

How do we continue to pull this off? Some of you may think you know but if your thought is that it is an automatic process that somehow replicates itself automatically year after year... you are way off the mark! The answer is planning, preparation and hard work. Those of you that so unselfishly volunteered your time and effort so that our Division can continue for another year are, in a word, amazing. As usual, the Herculean efforts of Rick Crumrine and Roy Hord were without equal. Ed Wagner and Frank Koch merit special recognition due to the long hours of preparation that goes into the publicity function and the White Elephant booth respectively. Clayton Hilliard, Brad Bove, Bruce Knapp, Pat Homan, Neil Rothe, Jim MacKnight, Sam Swanson and Nancy Windes again handled their respective duties with class and professionalism. And WOW! The White Elephant and the set-up and teardown crews worked their collective fannies off again this year. (Can I say that?) These twenty or so stout-of-heart "mules" are always an indispensable key to the Show effort. We can always use more help with teardown and I hope we will have a few more members step up next year. Please join me in thanking all the members that year in and year out help to insure the financial future of Division 7. We all benefit from their efforts.

### Show scuttlebutt...

Many of you are aware of rumors that the financial landscape with respect to Lakota West as a show venue has changed very recently. All I can say at this time is that yes, we have issues that need to be resolved relative to the cost of our Fall Show. Our Show Chairman is addressing those issues.

### Another successful Bring 'N' Brag...

It looks like the Bring 'N' Brag is growing in popularity. There is no doubt that this will become a yearly event. Regrettably, its popularity last month coupled with a "full-length" clinic caused the October program at St. Susannah to run long. In the future we will couple the Bring 'N' Brag with 15 minute Mini-Clinics to better gauge program length and get the membership on to the Layout visits on a timelier basis. We live and we learn!

### A focus on youth...

A current topic around the country by many divisions and regions of the NMRA is in large part focused upon our aging membership. There is a critical need to draw young people that are already immersed in the hobby into our great organization. This need is not limited to "kids" or even young adults. Even the twenty, thirty and forty-somethings would be a great place to start! Do you know any of them? Got any ideas?

### New member retention...

If we think hard, most of us can remember those first apprehensive moments when we walked into our very first Division meeting and were met with 80-100 faces totally unfamiliar to us. Today, it is at that very moment that we are positioned to make the critical first impression on a new member or guest. Are we best served by ignoring this opportunity to develop a new friend? I think not!

I therefore call upon you to take it upon yourself to be a "Division Ambassador". Am I talking to you? You bet! Go up to these unfamiliar faces and introduce yourself; chat a bit; offer to answer any questions and I think you will find yourself well on your way to making a new friend. Let's talk about it. The effort will pay dividends!

See you in November,

*Randy*



## SECOND SECTION

**Bob Shreve, Asst. Superintendent**

Many of you will remember the September, 2008 meeting as the “Hurricane Ike” meeting. I think we will call the October, 2010 meeting the “Perfect Storm” meeting. A change to the clinician schedule colliding with the Bring & Brag contest topic was bad enough. Then we threw in an emergency BOD meeting during the break which extended the break time. All in all, it made for a long afternoon. As it looks like the Bring & Brag contest will continue to be very popular, in the future we will pair that contest with short mini-clinics. We also recognize the need for better lighting of the models during the “Brag” presentations. My thanks to Mike Brestel for his presentation on C & O lines in West Virginia. Thank you to Bob Lawson and Sam Parfitt for opening their layouts open after the meeting and their understanding of the unusual circumstances.

At the time of this writing, the Fall show has just concluded. I talked to several first – time vendors who indicated they looked forward to coming back next year. Thanks to all of the members who gave their time and energy to make the show a success.

In November, the meeting will be at the old Ross High School, the current home of several model railroad clubs. Allen McClelland, MMR will make a return visit and talk about ways to make your railroad rights of way look more realistic. The various clubs will be open to visitors. Bill Doll and John Miller will also open their layouts after the meeting.

December will be our annual pot luck picture show and snack fest at the Westwood United Methodist Church. Start collecting your pictures now. Show us the places you’ve been and the things you’ve seen. The plan will be to support both 35mm slides and electronic format.

Upcoming clinics in 2011 include a structure clinic by Bob Lawson, Dan Hadley offering pointers on making your own model railroad video, and Dave Keith introducing us to the world of “Free-Mo” modular railroading.

The schedule for the rest of 2011 is in the formative stages. There are many slots open for clinicians and layout visits. Anyone wishing to try their hand at presenting a clinic (either full or mini) or hosting a layout visit should contact me to discuss the details. We are always on the lookout for new, undiscovered layouts, evolving layouts, and home – grown clinicians. If you have a suggestion for a meeting location, I would like to hear about that, too.

*Bob*

### John’s Honest Raffle

At the October meeting, we returned to our normal format with two sets of tickets, HO and N. In November and December we will once again conduct our special engine raffle, in addition to the regular fare. Actually I should say “raffles” as we have both an HO engine and an N scale engine to raffle.

The HO engine being raffled at the November and December meetings is a Bachmann Spectrum DCC equipped Southern light USRA 2-10-2 [ #5212 ]. The N scale engine is a Life Like Santa Fe GP38-2 [ #3500 ] in the freight warbonnet scheme (blue and yellow).

Tickets will be sold at both month’s meetings and the winner will be drawn at the December meeting. You do not need to be present to win.

*John*



## Fiction and Fact from Don's Almanac

### Maiden Run

By: Larry Lamb



A big thanks to Jack Laubisch, Rick Crumrine, Roy Hord, Jim Corbett, Frank Kammer, the Queen City Hi-Railers, David Lamb, and all who helped make it possible to run a special train for a special person at the Division 7 train show at Lakota West HS on October 23rd.

The train is a Weaver Reading Crusader passenger train. It belongs to a gentleman in his 80's, a retired minister and a long time Reading RR fan. Mr. Robert Holmes purchased the train some years ago but because of failing health had never seen it run

and badly wished to do so. Thanks to all those mentioned above, Mr. Holmes at last got to see his train run in all it's glory on the Hi-Railers layout at the Division 7 Fall Show. He watched from his wheel chair as it circled the layout, the first time he had seen it out of the box. His only comment: *"I think I'm going to cry"*.

***Editors note: We regret to report, Bob Holmes passed away early Sunday October 31st just one week later.***

### October Lebanon Sub Report

By Bob Chapman

The second meeting of the Lebanon Subdivision of the Cincinnati Division 7 on Thursday, Oct 21, saw 14 model rails gathered, with five "Show 'n Tell" presentations. Ron Gribler explained how he built three new control panel fronts he created for Bob Chapman's HO layout. Stephanie Pendergrass talked about how the SW switcher she brought was weathered. Mike Havron showed an O scale grain elevator he created from a Lionel kit. Bob Chapman told how he weathered a chemical hopper car using an article from last month's NMRA magazine. Last but not least, Phil Gliebe brought a kit-bashed On30 industrial switcher and explained how he did it, earning the most votes for **"Model of the Meet"**, and a \$20.00 hobby shop gift certificate.

The Lebanon Sub meetings are always held the third Thursday of each month from 7:15 – 8:15 PM at Resurrection Lutheran Church, just north of downtown Lebanon on N. Broadway. The next meeting will be Nov 18<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited, including kids and refreshments are provided. Bring a model you are working on or have completed and share how you made it. You might win the Model of the Meet \$20.00 gift certificate for your efforts.

### Division 7 Car Project

In case you missed the Fall Show, Jim MacKnight has received the V & O 70 ton hopper cars and had them available at the show. They are now available at the Company Store. The Price is \$17.00 for one or \$48.00 for three including tax. The cars come in three numbers. A photo and description are posted on the Division 7 Web Site.

### New Division 7 Badges



The new badges are now available at the company store. Besides the new style logo, we finally have choice of clip styles. You can also individualize your badge with the name of your railroad or whatever. (See the sample at left) Neil Rothe will happily take your money and order one for you or order one and then take your money or whatever.

**Competition Results for the October Meeting**

Models:

**Bring-n-Brag - Structures**

Box Stock:

**1st Pl. Jim Rollwage:** LaSalle Coal Chute on the UP

**2nd Pl. Perry Simpson:** Fire Station

*No other entries*

Kit Bashed:

**1st Pl. Don Phillips:** detailed Blacksmith Shop

**2nd Pl. Bob Chapman:** Santa Fe Pass. Sta. Eureka, CA

**3rd Pl. (tie) Tim Schreck:** Volunteer Fire Department  
**Perry Simpson:** Interlocking Tower

Scratch Built:

**1st Pl. Ron Gribler:** D&U Station at Greenville, OH

**2nd Pl. Randy Kerka:** Four-Fingered Tony's Market

**3rd Pl. Georgia Dahlberg:** Death Valley Multiplex Facility

Photos:

**Personnel - Workin on the Railroad**

Proto Slides:

*No entries*

Model Slides:

*No entries*

Prototype Prints:

**1st Pl. Bob Chapman:** Workman with Speeder

**2nd Pl. Pam Moleski:** # 765 fireman in cab

**3rd Pl. (tie) Pam Moleski** Crewman working on Steam Dome  
**Don Phillips:** Cass worker repairing a steamer

Model Prints:

**1st Pl. Bob Adams:** Crewman on an On30 layout

*No other entries.*

**2010 Point Standings for the year 2010 (as of November. 1st)**

Models

Georgia Dahlberg	-16	Barry Martz	-03
Perry Simpson	-15	Jim Rollwage	-03
Don Phillips	-09	Michael York	-03
Jon Barker	-08	Charlie Atkinson	-02
Frank Hermanek	-08	Randy Kerka	-02
Bob Chapman	-06	Warren Ossman	-02
Tom Brueggeman	-03	George Roos	-02
Ron Gribler	-03	John Listerman	-01
Bruce Knapp	-03	Tom Overton	-01
Bob Lawson	-03	Tim Schrek	-01
Jim MacKnight	-03		

Photos

Bob Adams	-35
Jim MacKnight	-20
Jane Hancock	-13
Jim Rollage	-09
Jerry Baston	-06
Bob Chapman	-06
Bob Lawson	-04
Pam Moleski	-03
Don Phillips	-01
Dave Reed	-01
Bob Shreve	-01

**Competition Categories for November**

Models: **Boxcars with Graffiti**

Photos: **Trains at Service Facilities (Steam or Diesel)**

*Jack Laubisch* Competition Chairman

P.S. Each month I have been posting a laminated copy of the rules for our competition, as outlined by the BOD of Division 7 on the contest tables. Hopefully this posting will help you should you have any questions.

## Op til You Drop 2011

The NMRA Division 7 Board has given approval for SWOOPS 2011. (the SouthWest Ohio OperationS weekend). I am now desperately searching for volunteers to help me with the event.

I am planning this for one of the last two weekends in September next year. The event will be pretty much the same format as we had in 2009, though I have some ideas from other recent “op til you drop” weekends we can discuss. But it will essentially be four operating sessions with one of Friday evening, two on Saturday with some sort of social event or layout open-houses Saturday evening, and the fourth operating session on Sunday morning.

The sort of help I need is:

- Identifying and recruiting the layouts (and their owners!) who will host the operating sessions
- For those layouts that haven't done a lot of operations, their owners will need some help and coaching in setting up for operations. This will involve going to one or more op sessions next Spring, possibly helping set up a car forwarding and train movement control system (if they don't already have such in mind) and working through the kinks with the owner. This is probably the most “labor intensive” part of the work, especially if we get a number of new layouts into the program. But it is also the most fun>
- A registrar to monitor the registrants and ensure that no layout is overburdened with too many operators.
- Help in setting up the web site (though I think Dave Keith will be doing this)

I'd be happy to talk with anyone who is interested in helping out – the more folks participate the easier it will be. Please feel free to call me at (513) 729-1054 at your convenience.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you and having a great event next fall.

*Rick Stern*

*Ed. Note:* SWOOPS 2011 is now scheduled for the last weekend in September (Sept. 30, Oct. 1 and 2)

## Open House

Division 7 member Jim Rollwage's Denver Pacific layout will be open from 3-5 PM Saturday, December 5 after the Springfield Train Show. The address is 3020 US Rt. 68 North, Wilmington, OH. Jim says look for the red cape cod on the left 2 miles South of I-71 on US 68

### Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. – 2010 / 2011 Program Schedule

Month	Date	Location	Program/Speaker	Layout Visits
Nov	11-14-10	Far North West- Old Ross School-Ross,OH.	“Railroad Rights-of-Way” Allen McClelland, MMR	Ross School Club Layouts Bill Doll / John Miller
Dec	12-12-10	West – Westwood U. Methodist Church	Annual Pot Luck Slide Show	Anton Zillich TBD
Jan	01-9-11	Central Harmony Lodge – Winton Place	“Structure Building” Bob Lawson	Cincinnati Model Railway Club TBD
Feb	02-13-11	North – West Chester Library	“Layout Video Production” Dan Hadley	TBD
Mar	03-12-11	Annual Spring Flea Market	None	None scheduled
April	04-10-11	East – Anderson Senior Center	“Free-Mo Modules” Dave Keith	Dave Keith John Listermann
April	4/28–5/1-11	MCR Regional Convention Geneva On The Lake, Ohio	Convention Clinics <a href="http://www.railsofages.org">http://www.railsofages.org</a>	Convention Layouts
July	7/3-7/9-11	NMRA National Convention Sacramento, CA	Convention Clinics <a href="http://www.x2011west.org">http://www.x2011west.org</a>	Convention Layouts <a href="http://www.x2011west.org">http://www.x2011west.org</a>

## Can you host an operating session for SWOOPS 2011 ?

By Rick Stern

SWOOPS 2011 is now scheduled for September 30 and October 1 and 2 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) 2011. For those not familiar with the event, this involves letting a group of operating enthusiasts “take over” your railroad for one or two three and a half to four hour operating sessions. The guys involved in this are familiar with a variety of operating methods and are always open to new systems. It’s also a great opportunity to (a) learn more about operations from these operations fans and (b) motivate you to finish that yard/mainline/switching area or whatever in time for the event. They come from various places (last weekend at CIRROPS in Indianapolis we had people from California, England and the Carolinas as well as the Midwest).

You can decide how many operating sessions you want to host and how many people to have at each. In 2009 we had 31 people operating on 12 layouts.

Please let me know if you want to participate (some have already signed up) and we’ll be in touch. If you want more information, give me a call at 513 729-1054

## New Model Railroad Store

Helmut Kellner has opened **All Aboard Trains & RC** at 1121 Main St (SR 28) in Milford. Helmut advises that in addition to Radio Controlled Planes and Cars he will be carrying various lines of N and HO Locomotives and cars along with the usual accessories used by model railroaders.

## The Winners



Santa Clause came early for these two. The winners of the give-a-way train set at Division 7's Fall Train Show.

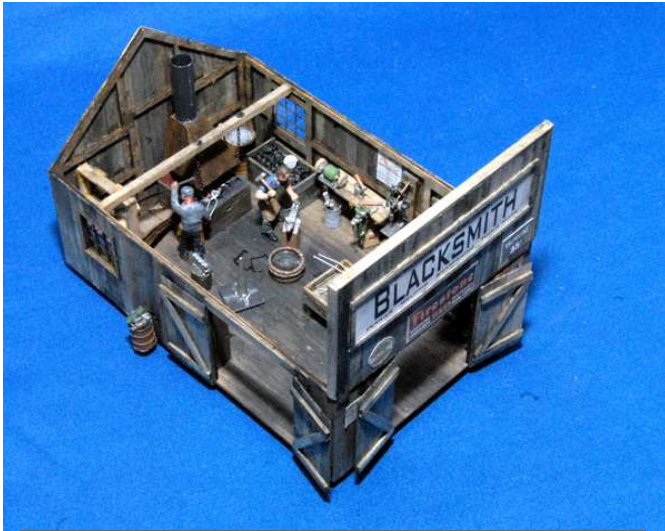
## October Meeting



1st Pl Scratch Built: Ron Gribler



1st Pl Box Stock: Jim Rollage



1st Pl Kit-bashed: Don Phillips



Dunham's Flour Mill: Bob Lawson's Layout



Chattanooga: Bob Lawson's Layout

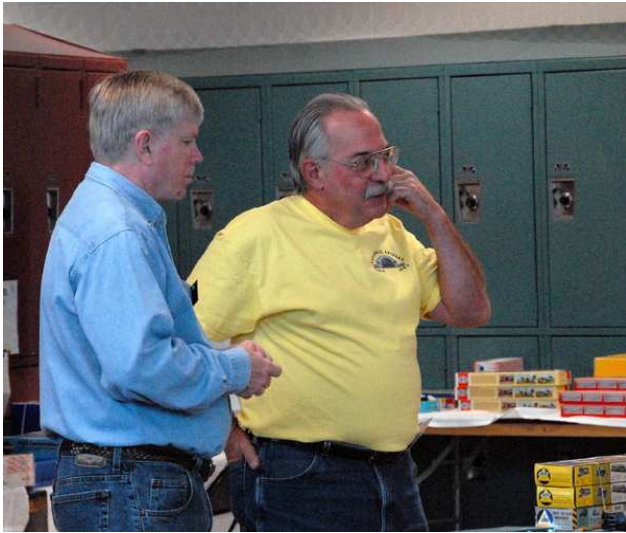


Ore Dock: Sam Parfitt's Layout



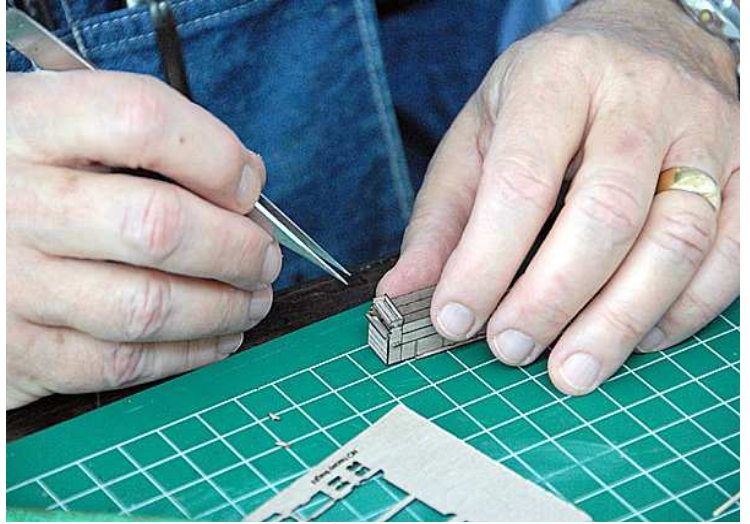
Super Trestle: Sam Parfitt's Layout

**2010 Fall Train Show**





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Next Meeting: 2 PM Sunday, November 14

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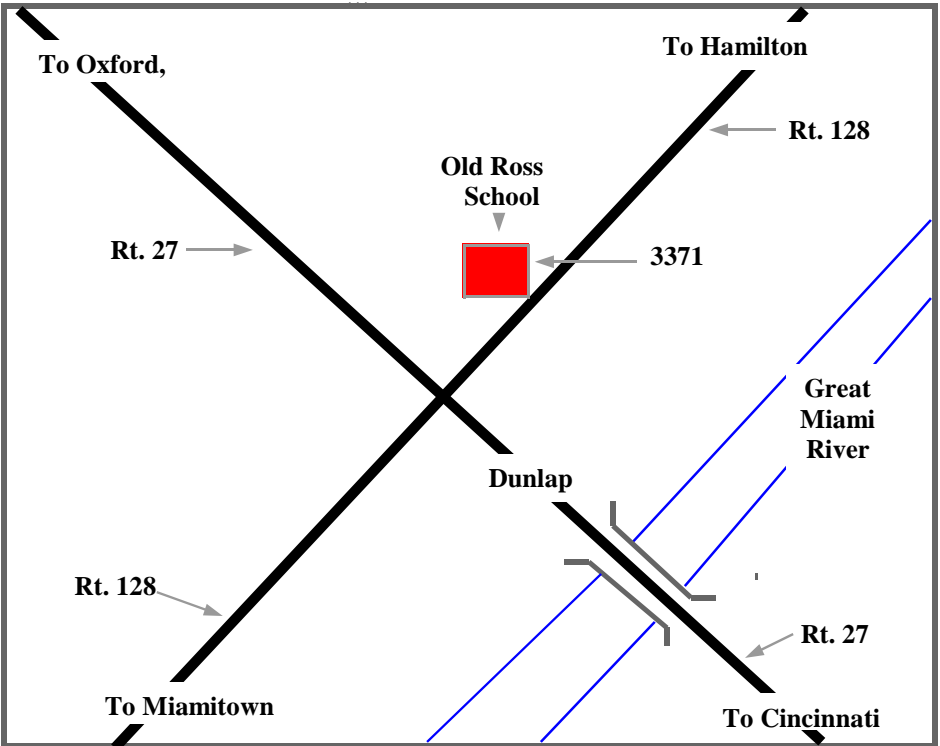
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**Around the Region**

**2010**

- 11/6-7 Div3 Dayton Train Show - Hara Arena, Dayton, OH
- 11/13 — St. Rita School Train Swap St. Rita School
- 11/20 M-B 2010 Fall Mini-bunch Meeting Columbus, IN
- 12/5 — Springfield Train Show-Fairgrounds, Springfield, OH

**2011**

- 3/12 Div 7 Spring Flea Market - West Chester, OH
- 3/19-20 Div 5 Rail fest - Kirtland, OH
- 4/28-5/01 MCR Regional Convention - Geneva-on-the-Lake

**National**

**2011**

- Feb 17-19 Sn3 Symposium - Monrovia, CA
- July 3-9 NMRA National Convention - Sacramento, CA
- Sept 7-10 National Narrow Gauge Convention - Hickory, NC

If you know of any dates not listed here please email the editor.



## Knapp's Notes

### The Division 7 Train Show

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Train Show is now history and the Division 7 Show Staff is already beginning to plan the 44<sup>th</sup> show. This year was my 31<sup>st</sup> show, as an active [?] participant. In my 31 years, we have had five venues, Stan Grueninger Oldsmobile, Scarlet Oaks Vocational School, The Cincinnati Gardens, The Northern Kentucky Convention Center, and our present location, Lakota West High School. The show's successes have been a result of many dedicated Division 7 volunteers, great leadership from the show staff, super vendors, and our always-enthusiastic attendees. I have so many great memories from shows past, friends like Ray Leitemeier, Russ Wenderfer, Scott Firth, Bob Mense, Jack Fischer; dealers like Davis Electronics, Greenway Hobbies, Gordy Morgan; and of course the Cinder Sniffers with Ralph and Jon Payne. They are now part of the history of past shows, but certainly not forgotten.

My first shows were with an American Flyer display layout and later on, we added the locomotive check-up station. Each show has had its share of funny and bizarre incidents; they are laugh provoking now [if not at the time]. The locomotive check-up booth always attracts more than its share of truly unique people. For several years an older gentleman would show up with the same 15 not so great Tyco/Lifelike treasures. Of course he expected a complete servicing.

As always there is usually one dealer with items for testing that don't run. I am always amazed how many times the same item would show up at my test track. If it wouldn't run the first time why would it do any better during a second [or more] visit? I am pleased to report this year all the dealer's items ran very well. Speaking of dealers, I forgot my test leads, so I was unable to test accessories until one of our regular dealers came to the rescue with a set.

I can't tell readers how attendance was, but I can say the test track was extremely busy. Since I was part of the "Modeler's Aid" table, I took the time to show people the basics of model railway maintenance, answered questions, and gave helpful [?] advice. I still like to measure our success by the look of awe and wonder on the faces of the children [of all ages] who attended our show. Congratulations to everyone, who participated; our show may not be the largest, but it certainly is strong on the "awe and wonder factor".

Keep 'em rolling!  
*Bruce A. Knapp*

### Erasing Holes by Burnishing

By Georgia Dahlberg, P.E.

Oops, I have a hole where it's not supposed to be. Time to get out the Burnisher. No got? Take big nail, grind and smooth tip till it's dull but gleams. Buy from a jeweler's supply store (neat tools)... ask your dentist for an old one (he has plenty). Use that clip-on Loupe for your glasses you also picked up to neatly drill out the hole. Take short length of 2x2 or 4x4 HO styrene, bigger than hole, sharpen end like pencil, stuff into hole with some plastic cement. Plastic nut bolt and washer that fits works too. Let dry, clip off styrene not too close to the hole and burnish it flat, ie. press and rub the tool against the plastic till it deforms and flattens around the hole. Got two ridges around the hole? Can't get in to file the remnants flat? Try a fine white nail block from the beauty supply store. Gets into the corners without messing up the paint. Mess up anyway? Drill out and try again!

# THE OIL CAN

## Coming Down The Line

Cincinnati Division 7, Mid-Central Region, NMRA  
2010 Schedule

**NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM**

(Unless otherwise notified)

Month	Date	Location	Program/Speaker	Layout Visit	Contest Topic
<b>NOV</b>	<b>14</b>	North West <b>Old Ross School</b> Ross, Ohio	<b>Allen McClelland</b> "Railway right of Ways"	<b>Ross School</b> Layouts <b>Bill Doll</b> <b>John Miller</b>	<u>Models:</u> Box cars with graffiti <u>Photos:</u> Trains at Service facilities
<b>NOV</b>	<b>18</b>	North East (Sub Meeting) <b>Resurrection</b> <b>Lutheran Church</b> Lebanon, Ohio <b>7:15 PM</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>"Show and Tell"</b>
<b>DEC</b>	<b>12</b>	West <b>Westwood</b> <b>United Methodist</b> <b>Church</b>	<b>Annual Pot Luck</b> <b>Slide Show</b>	<b>Anton Zillach</b>	<u>Models:</u> Tank Cars <u>Photos:</u> Trains coming out of tunnels
<b>DEC</b>	<b>16</b>	North East (sub-meeting) <b>Resurrection</b> <b>Lutheran Church</b> Lebanon, Ohio <b>7:15 PM</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>"Show and Tell"</b>
<b>2011</b>		<b>HAPPY</b>	<b>NEW</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	
<b>JAN</b>	<b>9</b>	Central <b>Harmony Lodge</b> Winton Place	"Bob Lawson" "Structure Building"	<b>Cincinnati.</b> <b>Model Rwy Club</b> <b>Sam Swanson</b>	<b>To be Announced</b>
<b>JAN</b>	<b>20</b>	North East (sub-meeting) <b>Resurrection</b> <b>Lutheran Church</b> Lebanon, Ohio <b>7:15 PM</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>"Show and Tell"</b>

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**As of November 1st, Division 7's membership stands at 286**