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The Editors Corner:

Dave Puthoff

Last month I reported that *Railroad Model Craftsman* was bankrupt. Don Phillips has since reported the **good news** that White River Publications has acquired both RMC, and *Railfan & Railroad* magazines, effective September 1. White River Publications also prints our NMRA magazine.

Our Cincinnati Model Train Show is a few weeks away! Have you a few model items that you'd like to find a new home? Frank Koch has again volunteered to sell them for you at the White Elephant Sale. Just follow his simple Instructions located in this month's issue --- Set a fixed price, label them, and give them to Frank.

Pick up a few copies of the flyer for our upcoming Cincinnati Model Train Show, or **download the pdf found on Page 11 and print!** We know that these printed flyers work --- and encourage attendance, which not only helps Division 7 finances, but also attract new Division 7 members. It's easy to post a few on employee or community bulletin boards, or give one to a friendly business or merchant.

I missed September's meeting while taking a family Amtrak trip to Washington DC. While adequate, the *Cardinal* is no French *TGV*, and Union Station is no Cincinnati Union Terminal. I have yet to find a station like CUT that combined function and beauty. Union Station renovations continue, just like 13 years ago when I last visited!

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

Dave

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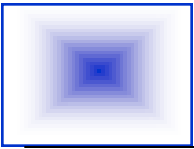
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Space permitting, *The Oil Can* welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Coal Tipple scene on Perry Simpson's layout.

(Photo by Pam Simpson Moleski)



As I stated in my column last month, I was attending a wedding in Maryland last month, so was not at the September meeting. I understand Assistant Superintendent John Shields did an admirable job leading the meeting.

At the quarterly Division 7 BOD meeting in September, I announced the formation of an Operations Activities committee. For several years, Rick Stern has been the liaison between Division 7 and the various groups in other parts of the country which organize operating sessions on a regional basis. By forming an official Operations Activities committee, it will be possible for SWOOPS events, and other OpSIG events held in our division to be covered by the NMRA insurance. Because of his current involvement in these activities, Rick Stern will be chairman of this committee. In addition to the OpSIG interaction, I have asked Rick to be the point of contact within the Division for people who are interested in hosting, or wish to participate in, operating sessions. Rick already has started a list of people in our division who host sessions. If you would like to begin participating in operating sessions, contact Rick and he will try to match you up with a session. Similarly, if you are hosting operating sessions and are looking for more operators, contact Rick and he might have some names for you.

Another way Rick can be of service in this capacity would be to help people get started hosting operating sessions on their layouts. Remember that participating in operating sessions earns you hours towards the Dispatcher AP certificate. Of course, that also means you will get gentle reminders from Frank Koch to complete the paperwork needed to get the certificate.

We're getting down to the wire for this year's installment of the Cincinnati Model Train Show. I hope everybody is getting the word out to all their friends about the show. We've had flyers in the hobby shops for several months, and we're counting on our members to get flyers out to other places where the general public can see them. Look for any bulletin boards where you can post notices about community events. Most workplaces have boards like this, also.

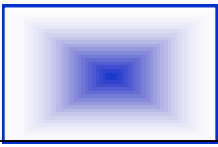
Randy Kerka has been working with the area newspapers to get advertisements and other announcements in place for the week prior to the show. He has also acquired yard signs that can be placed in your yard or on a street corner to promote the show. John Burchnall is organizing groups of people to post the signs in the West Chester / Mason area. Be sure to see John or Randy at the October meeting to get a sign or two. The show is the weekend after the meeting.

Another form of publicity for the show is the "past attendee" name database. Randy Kerka has been maintaining this list for several years. This year, we will be sending out 5500 postcards. Since these postcards are being sent to people who have attended the show in the past, we hope to get a large return on the money invested. Randy has also revamped the giveaway prize entry forms to get better information on how the attendees are hearing about the show.

There could also still be open time slots available for you to help at the admissions table or membership booth during the show. And as always, we will need help with setup and takedown before and after the show. There will be more info about these opportunities at the October meeting.

Well, that's it for this month. See you on October 5th at the West Chester library.

Bob



SECOND SECTION

John Shields
Asst. Super

The September meeting was on Sunday September 14th, in Northern Kentucky at the Erlanger Library. Our clinician was Charles Bogart from Lexington, who gave a presentation on Street Cars and Interurbans of Kentucky. Growing up in a “big” city, I’ve just always thought about street cars as a way of commuting into town. What I learned from Chuck’s clinic was that the street car lines in many smaller towns connected the railroad station to the center of town (or to the “other” railroad station if the town was served by two railroads). And after that, the other two common destinations for lines were amusement parks (like Chester Park and Coney Island here in Cincinnati) and cemeteries! After the meeting, we visited Bob Adams’ N scale Norfolk & Western layout and Perry Simpson’s HO Louisville & Nashville.

In October, we will be meeting a week earlier than normal on October 5th (because the Cincinnati Model Train Show will be on the following weekend) at the West Chester Library. At this meeting we will be doing another round of the “Bring and Brag” for the modeling contest of Off-Line Structures. The photo contest is for Weathered/Damaged Freight Cars. We will have a mini-clinic on Roadbeds from John Burchnall, Brad Jonas and Mike Tener. Afterwards, the layout visits will be to Brad Jonas and Ric Case.

The Annual Cincinnati Model Train Show is on the weekend of October 11th and 12th at Lakota West High School. If you did not already, expect to be asked to sign up for any of the normal volunteer roles at the October meeting. Besides set-up, tear down, NMRA booth, admissions, and distribution of flyers; we really need the help of members to place yard signs this year. We will be coordinating teams to get a lot of signs around West Chester. The assumption we are making is that the most likely first time attendees, especially families, will be people who live in the area who might make a last minute decision to stop in because they see a sign and are already nearby. We will still be on the various media bulletin boards and in the paper, for people all around the region who plan ahead and look for events on these listings. And, of course, we will be sending postcards to our ever growing data base of previous attendees.

In November, we will make our normal visit to Hamilton, on November 9th. The meeting venue is the Partners in Prime (formerly known as the Hamilton Senior Center). Dick Briggs will be down from Columbus to give a clinic on the paperwork and the ins and outs of entering model contests. Our contests that day will be models of railroad vehicles and photos of bridges. After the meeting we will be visiting John Burchnall’s to see the Eastern Loggers layout and Ed Bley’s Pennsylvania RR.

We will end the year as we usually do, at the Westwood United Methodist Church, on December 14th. This will be the annual pot luck digital photo show and food fest. The layout visits will be to Terry Judd in Westwood and to Jack Sibert in Cleves.

In January, we will be at Hyde Park United Methodist Church. In February we will be back in West Chester with Allen McClelland giving us his latest V&O clinic. And then in March it is the annual Flea Market and Swap Meet at Lakota Freshman School (and therefore no regular meeting).

This year we have had the final run on a couple of area layouts that we have had the pleasure to enjoy on several occasions. Hopefully, this reminds you to take advantage of these opportunities that we arrange after every regular meeting here in Division 7. We are very fortunate to have a number of really excellent layouts in the area, AND that the owners of these layouts are willing to share them with the rest of us. John Burchnall keeps a running list of all the layouts that we have had published in the national modeling magazines. But we get to see them in person!! However, I’m sure there are more out there that we don’t know about. If you know of a layout that we have not visited, please let me (or John Burchnall) know. It does not have to be a magazine quality layout completely finished. I get as much out of seeing a new layout under construction as I do from some finished layouts. And if you happen to be the builder of a layout we have never visited, I understand it is VERY motivating for getting a new phase of the work done to agree to host a visit. Hobbies should not be rushed. It’s how we relieve some of the pressure in our lives. But an occasional deadline can still be a “good” thing. So get on our list.

See you in West Chester on October 5th (and again on the 11th and 12th).

John



**NMRA MCR DIV. 7
SEPTEMBER 2014 CONTEST RESULTS**



MODELS: MAINTENANCE OF WAY EQUIPMENT

Box Stock:

1st Place: Rick Stern: ATSF Work Train Kitchen Car
No Other Entries Submitted In This Category

Kitbashed:

1st Place: Tom Brueggeman, MMR: D&RGW Jordan Spreader
2nd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: SP Flat Car w/Crane
No Other Entries Submitted In This Category

Scratch Built:

1st Place: Frank Hermanek, MMR: Imperial Valley Snow Plow
No Other Entries Submitted In This Category

PHOTOGRAPHY: MID-CENTRAL REGION MODEL RAILROAD LAYOUTS

Print Prototype:

No Entries In This Category Due To The Nature Of The Category

Print Model:

1st. Place (Tie): Randy Seiler: John Miller's Layout
1st. Place (Tie): John Listermann: Perry Simpson's Layout
No 2nd Place Due To Tie For First Place
3rd Place (Tie): Jerry Baston: SP Locos on Georgia Dahlberg's Layout
3rd Place (Tie): Jerry Baston: Steam Loco on Wooden Bridge on Sam Parfitt's Layout

Junior Division – No Entries Submitted in Any Category

2014 OVERALL STANDINGS (through September 2014)

MODELS

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| Frank Hermanek, MMR | 17 | Tom Brueggeman, MMR | 04 |
| Bob Lawson | 14 | Don Phillips | 03 |
| Ron Gribler, MMR | 09 | Warren Ossman | 02 |
| Georgia Dahlberg, MMR | 08 | John Listermann | 02 |
| Rick Stern | 07 | Bob Chapman | 01 |
| Frank Fieler | 06 | Jim Ruisinger | 01 |

PHOTOGRAPHY

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| Jerry Baston | 27 |
| Randy Seiler | 26 |
| Georgia Dahlberg, MMR | 12 |
| John Listermann | 11 |
| Anton Zillich | 02 |

JUNIOR DIVISION - PHOTOGRAPHY

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| Anthony Zillich | 06 |
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OCTOBER CONTEST:

MODELS: BRING-N-BRAG OFF-LINE STRUCTURES (any structure not owned by a railroad)

PHOTOGRAPHY: WEATHERED/DAMAGED FREIGHT CARS

Brad Jonas
NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair

September 2014 Car Projects Report

Our 2014 car project, Virginian & Ohio USRA 2-bay hoppers, by Accurail, in four numbers, are priced at \$18 for singles, and \$70 for a four-car set, plus Ohio sales tax. They will be offered for sale at our October meeting, through our Company Store. We have sold 273 cars during the first 6 months, mostly via mail order sales. We have 228 car kits available.

Our 2013 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, and are priced at \$18 for singles, and \$70 for a four-car set, plus Ohio sales tax. We have sold 346 cars during the first 15 months, and have 156 car kits available.

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 259 cars during the first 27 months. We have 132 car kits available. We will be mailing postcards to buyers who have bought the AM 70-ton triple hoppers in the past, to stimulate sales of the remaining car kits.

I will have a table for car project sales at our Fall Train Show on Saturday, October 11th, so please stop by and purchase some cars to support our division's charitable work in the community.

Jim MacKnight

Cincinnati Model Train Show - White Elephants

White Elephants at the 2014 Fall Show (Frank Koch) – I'm back again for any individual Division 7 members with items they wish to sell. Prepare an inventory showing your name, address, and telephone number and listing **each individual** item with a description and code so I can match it back to you, and your **firm** asking price in **whole dollar**. **Each individual item must be clearly marked and priced as shown below.** If there is more than one of an item, list them **separately**. Put all your items in a bag or box and bring them to the show before it starts. I'll log them in, sell them, reconcile sales with left-over material, calculate how much you get back (The Division will keep 10% of actual sales.), and you can, preferably, pick up your unsold material and money on Sunday right after the show closes, or after the show at a later meeting. If you need an inventory form, send me an e-mail at fjkoch@hotmail.com with "elephant inventory" in the subject.

FJK - 12

\$10.00

Items are placed in the White Elephant Sale at your own risk. Neither Division 7 nor Frank Koch assumes any liability for any items damaged or stolen during the show, though we will provide due diligence for their safety. We will not accept items that are not prepared as indicated here. **We cannot accept magazines.** If you want to help out at some time during the flea market, let Frank know. We reserve the right to refuse any material that we deem unsuitable.

1st Place Award - 2014 National NMRA Convention



Frank Koch presents Division 7's Sam Swanson his **First Place Award** from the 2014 NMRA National Convention, in the category of Scratch-built Steam Locomotives.

Perry Simpson's Layout Visit - September 2014



Perry Simpson's Layout Visit - September 2014



2014 Division 7 Fall White Elephant Sale
(10% of actual sales retained by Division 7)

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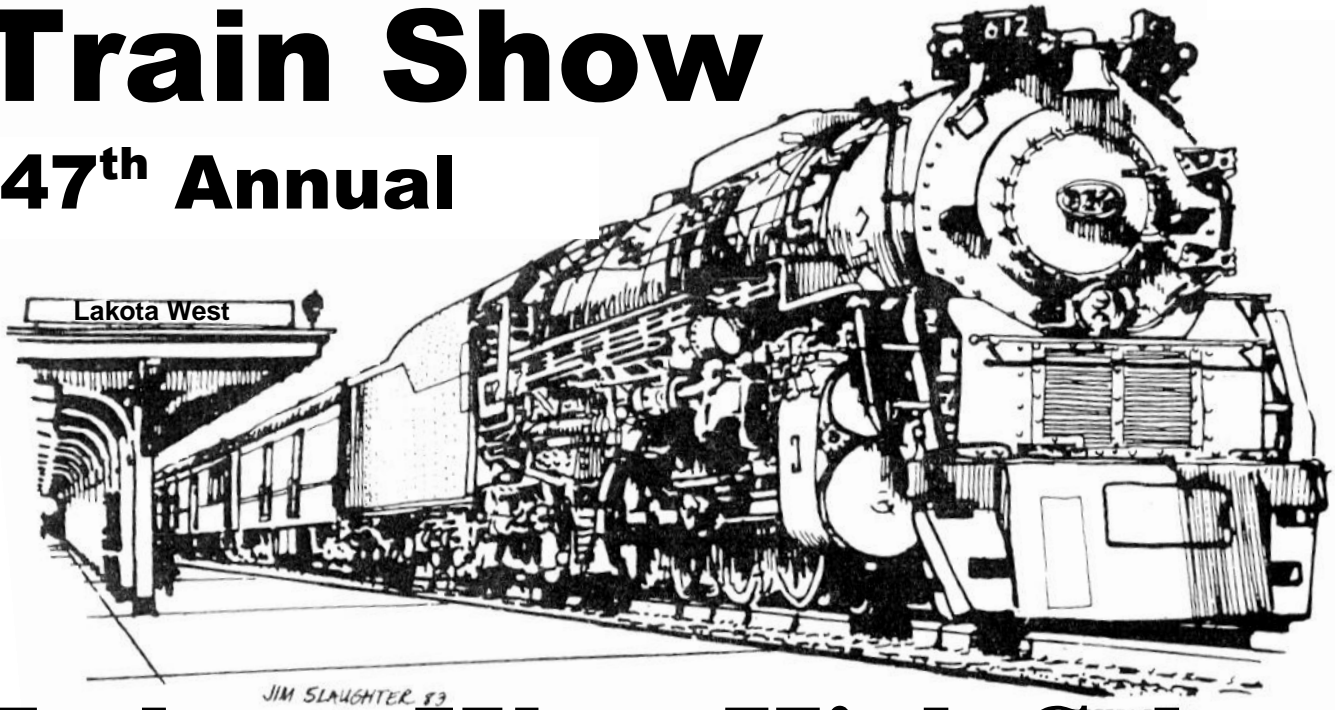
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Cincinnati Model Train Show

47th Annual



Lakota West High School

Saturday October 11, 2014 11 AM – 5 PM

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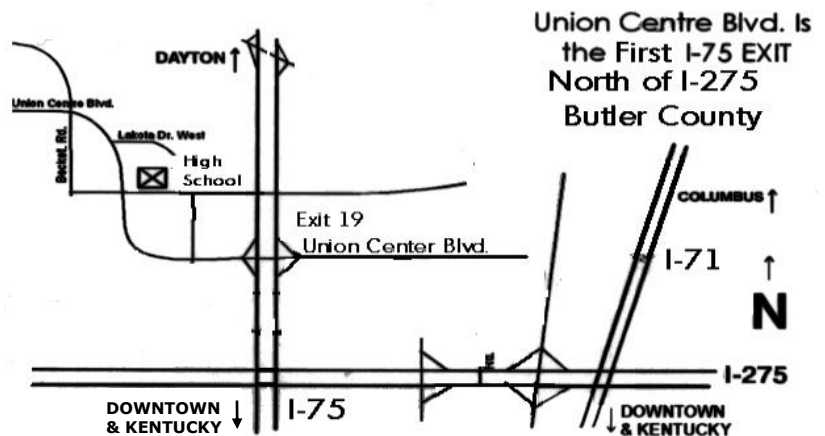
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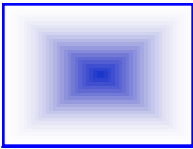
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KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

Nice Try

I actually had a member suggest the Delaware Lackawanna and Western qualified as a western railway, because I stated the Norfolk and Western was a western road. The N & W had steam until 1959 and ran some of world's greatest Mallets, plus Dan Mulhearn is an N & W modeler. The next thing will be trying to explain to WPMA that the civil war era Western and Atlantic railroad qualifies. Shameful!

The Monthly Raffle

After a lot of prodding by our O Scale members, O scale will return for October's raffle. Our new O and expanded N scale offerings have been made possible by the great support we get from ticket sales and the support of dealer/members like Western Hills Photo and Hobby and Tim's Trains and Hobby. We will start selling tickets for our annual locomotive raffle (N & HO) at the October meeting. We will also have "family oriented" prizes for the December raffle. I am proud that Russ and I keep the raffle at the same high(?) standard you have grown accustomed to. I wonder what the outrage will be for the October raffle.

Local Dealers

Speaking of local dealers, we are blessed to have several well equipped hobby dealers in our Division 7 area. I have already mentioned Western Hills Photo and Hobby and Tim's Trains and Hobbies, but we have other hobby sources: Dixie Union Station in Mason; Hamilton Hobbies in Hamilton, Ohio; DCC Trains in Beechmont; Hobbytown USA on Union Cemetery Road; and of course, EnterTRAINment Junction in West Chester. These dealers support our Fall Train Show, carry many of the hobby items you use, and support the hobby locally. We have too many hobbyists, who do their research at the local store, but use the Internet to purchase. I use the dealers I have listed and still save money. Most of the dealers listed provide discounts. In any case, what is having great stores available to us worth? Support our local dealers. WMPA is watching.

Progress(?) on the Raton Pass

I would like to report the main line is finished, all yard tracks are powered, and operations have started. I also would like to tell you about Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny. I have spent a lot of my hobby time installing Soundtraxx decoders, upgrading some older brass locomotives, and upgrading structures for the engine servicing facility at Trinidad. I also am still working with local high school bands and contest judging (so much for retirement). The beauty of writing *Knapp's Notes* is I have an outlet for my delusions and a venue to share them.

See you in October (twice)

Bruce

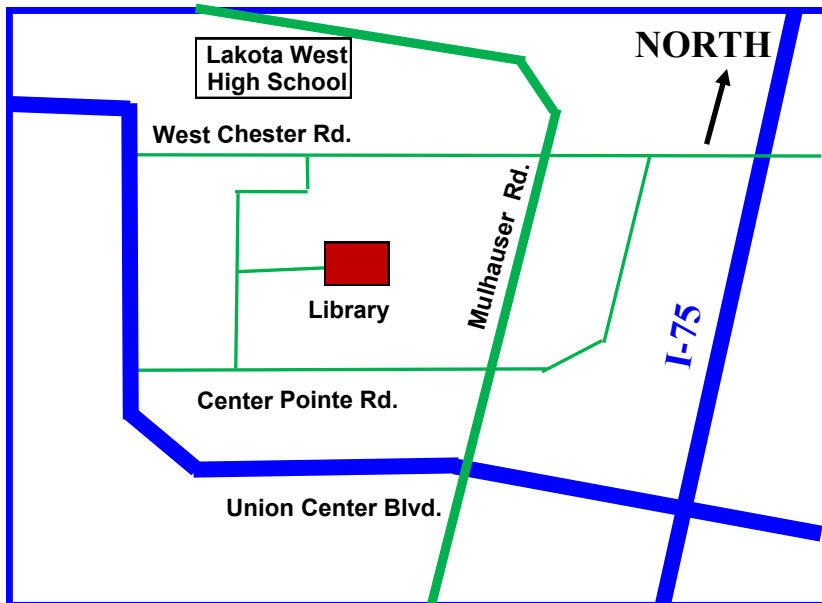
Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday October 5

West Chester Library
9363 Center Pointe Drive

Directions:

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



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2014 Schedule

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

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Program/Speaker</u> | <u>Layout Visits</u> | <u>Contest Topic</u> |
|-----------------|---|--|-------------------------------|--|
| 10/5 | West Chester Library West Chester | “Bring & Brag” , plus Roadbeds John Burchnall, Brad Jonas, Mike Tener | Brad Jonas Ric Case | <u>Models:</u> Off-Line Structures <u>Photos:</u> Weather/Damaged Freight Cars |
| 10/11, 10/12 | Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West High School | Cincinnati Train Show Booths & Slide Show | None | Train Show Portable Layouts |
| 10/16 | Resurrection Church Lebanon OH | Lebanon Sub Meeting | N/A | Show & Tell |
| 11/9 | Partners in Prime Hamilton OH | Contest Paperwork Dick Briggs | Whistle Stop Layouts & TBD | <u>Models:</u> Railroad vehicles <u>Photos:</u> Bridges |
| 12/14 | Westwood United Methodist Church | Annual Snackfest & Potluck Computer Slide Show | Jack Sibert Terry Judd | <u>Models:</u> anything <u>Photos:</u> Locomotives |

Around the Region
2014 - 2015

10/11-12 Div. 7 CMTS W. Chester, OH
11/1-2 Div. 3 MVD Train Show Dayton, OH
5/14-17 MCR 2015 Convention Lexington KY

National
2015

8/23-29 Portland Daylight Express Portland Oregon

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