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## The Editors Corner:

**Dave Puthoff**

October is time for our annual Cincinnati Model Train and Trade Show at Lakota West High School.

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.

And join the fun, by volunteering a few hours at the show ---- Setting Up, Taking Down, Admissions, NMRA Booth.

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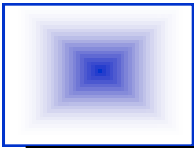
*Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.*

**Cover:**

**Scene from Perry Simpson's HO-scale railroad**

Photo by John Burchnall





Well, the 2015 National Convention has come and gone. I'm sure the folks in Portland are breathing a sigh of relief. My personal experience in Portland was very enjoyable. The flight out was uneventful. The smoke from the wildfires was very noticeable during our layover in Salt Lake City and in Portland. During the week there, my wife and I took a couple of days to do some sight-seeing, driving out to the Pacific Coast and a circle tour out through the Columbia River Gorge and returning by way of Mt Hood. I was able to spend several days attending clinics. The train show was comparable to the show in Cleveland last year, with the same vendor / display layouts ratio. I noticed the FREE-MO modeling seems to be big out there. There were several HO and N scale FREE-MO layouts on display.

On Saturday, we boarded Amtrak's Empire Builder for the trip back to Chicago. We had a bedroom unit, so we had a bit more privacy. The bedroom includes a combination shower / toilet, the usage of which is best described as a commode in a phone booth mounted on a flat-bed truck traveling down the highway. The seats in the room were comfortable, making for a relaxing two days. The scenery in the Columbia River Gorge and Glacier Park was spectacular. Of course, there was also the flat, brown landscape of Montana. I found the food in the diner to be very good. The train even got into Chicago only about 45 minutes behind schedule, which was a lot better than some of the other arrival times I was seeing on the Amtrak web site.

One of the big announcements at the convention was the adoption of the Layout Command Control (LCC) standards by the NMRA. LCC is different from DCC in that DCC controls the trains, and LCC is used to control the signals, turnouts, animation, etc. on the layout. I attended one of the clinics describing LCC, and it looks very promising. The manufacturers are just now starting to deliver LCC compatible hardware. I'm sure we will see a lot more over the next year. If you're so inclined, a lot of hardware and software designs are readily available on the internet, so you can make your own hardware, or maybe implement some function that is specific to your layout.

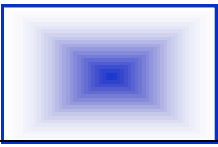
At the Sept 4<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting, Jim MacKnight presented the results of his search for our next car project. The board voted to move forward with Jim's recommendation to do a car project for a 40' C & O single sheathed boxcar with wood doors and steel ends. The selling price for these kits will be increased slightly from past cars, due to an increase in manufacturing costs. Shipping charges will also be increased to cover higher postal rates. Even with the price increase, our kit prices are in line with project cars from other sources (NMRA divisions, historical societies, etc.)

If you have not already done so, you will have one more opportunity at the October meeting to sign up to help out at the Model Train and Trade Show on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at Lakota West High School. We especially need your help with setup and takedown. Setup starts Friday afternoon about 3:30 and goes into the evening. Setup continues Saturday morning starting about 8:00. While the setup can extend over many hours as vendors arrive at various times, the takedown on Sunday requires a lot more help from our members, as all of the vendors are trying to leave at the same time. Our vendors really appreciate the help they receive from our members moving their products in and out of the facility. This is one of the services that sets our show apart from others.

As I mentioned last month, we will have elections for division officers before the end of the year. Don Phillips is leading the nominating committee, assisted by George Roos and Roy Hord. The committee will present their nominations at the October meeting. Additional nominations can be made from the floor at that time, or by submitting to Don Phillips a nomination letter signed by 2 division 7 members in good standing.

That's all I have for this month (and the article submission deadline is fast approaching). Remember the October meeting is one week earlier than usual on October 4<sup>th</sup> at the West Chester Library.

*Bob*



# SECOND SECTION

John Shields  
Asst. Super

Our September meeting was in Erlanger at the Kenton County Library branch there. Charles Bogart from Lexington joined us once again, this time presenting a clinic on the railroad consolidations proposed by the ICC in 1929. It was extremely interesting to see which railroads the ICC thought of as the most important and therefore the basis for the combinations (the Wabash ???) and how this “guidance” from the ICC about what combinations the ICC favored (or more correctly, which ones it would not be likely to oppose) helped drive the combinations that did occur; and just as interesting, the ones that did not. Penn Central, Chessie System, CSX and Norfolk Southern were not in their thinking; but Burlington Northern sort of was. The fate of many smaller railroads often did follow this plan. Railroads like the Nickel Plate, Wheeling and Lake Erie, Pere Marquette, Soo Line, Georgia, Nashville and Chattanooga, etc. were often absorbed into bigger partners as this plan discussed. After the meeting, we visited Bob Adams’ N scale Norfolk & Western layout and Perry Simpson’s HO Louisville & Nashville.

In October, we will meet one week earlier than usual on the 4<sup>th</sup> at the West Chester Library. Our clinician will be Chuck White from Van Wert, Ohio who happens to be the Division Super for Division 3 of the North Central Region. He will be talking about railcars (the full size ones!), and the railfans who actually collect and *operate* them. Chuck, who models the Burlington Northern and BNSF in HO was coming to town for the SWOOPS event, and with Help from Rick Stern we were able to get Chuck to drop in to talk to us as well. The contest subjects at the October meeting are both about Division 7 project cars. The models have to be based on one of our project cars, and the photos need to be of one of these models in a train. Our layout tour after the meeting will be a visit to the Eastern Loggers layout at John Burchnall’s home. And to be fair to our OpSig friends, the other activity that members might be interested in that afternoon is the open operating session on the Miami Valley Modular Railway layout set up at the Caesar’s Creek Flea Market (just off I-71 north near Wilmington), which is the final event for SWOOPS.

Of course, the reason we are meeting a week early in October is that the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Cincinnati Model Train and Trade Show is the following weekend, October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, you already picked up a yard sign (if you volunteered for that committee) at the September meeting (but John Burchnall may still have some at the October meeting). Also, Rick Crumrine and Brad Bove had sign-up sheets for the needed volunteer activities at the show at the September meeting, but will probably still be looking for help at the October meeting. We provide help to the dealers as they setup on Friday night and Saturday morning; and then again help them with tear down on Sunday evening. Help is also needed for admissions on both days and for staffing the NMRA membership booth. No previous experience is needed for any of these roles, just a desire to help give back to the Division. Remember, unlike many divisions in the NMRA, we do not ask for local dues. The Fall Show (as well as the Spring Flea market, and our car projects) provides the funds that let us run this division for you. The show hours are 10:00am to 5:00pm both days. Make sure it’s on your calendar and pass on to your friends and neighbors that this will be the place to be that weekend.

In November, we return to Partners in Prime in downtown Hamilton on November the 8<sup>th</sup>. We are pleased as always to bring in national clinician Lou Sassi, this time to give his newest clinic entitled: “Woods to Walls, Fields to Fences”. 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 range from the O scale High Railers to the N scale Queen City N-Gineers, and featuring the award winning Cincinnati Northern HO group.

We will end the year as we always do in Westwood; with the annual pot luck slide show and foodfest at Westwood United Methodist Church on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Afterward, we will visit Jerry Stangarity’s layout.

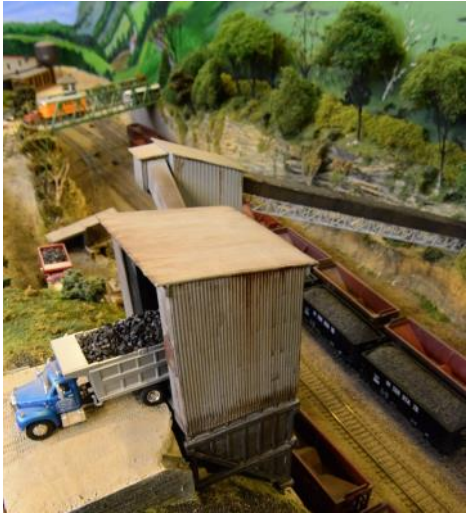
In January, we will be in Hyde Park on January 10<sup>th</sup>, and be visiting Gerry Albers’ layout afterward. In February, we will return to West Chester on February 14<sup>th</sup>, and on April 10<sup>th</sup> we will be at Harmony Lodge. (There is no Division meeting in March due to the Spring Flea Market on March 12<sup>th</sup>).

See you in West Chester on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

*John*



# LAYOUT VISIT to PERRY SIMPSON'S HO-Scale Railroad



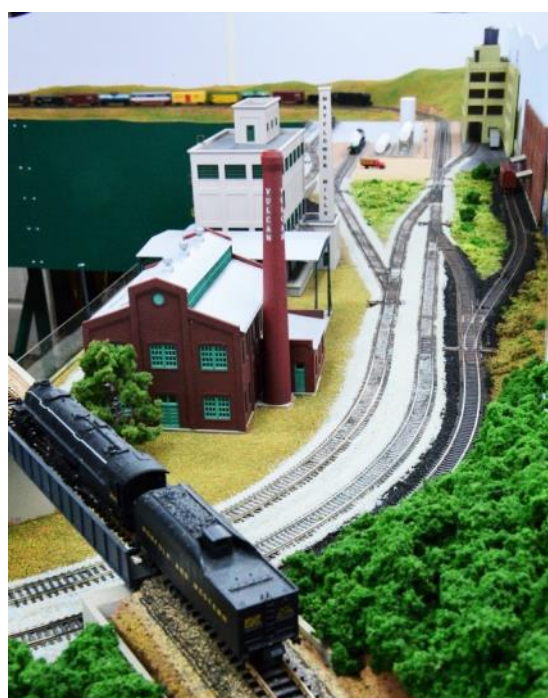


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# LAYOUT VISIT to BOB ADAMS' N-Scale Railroad





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**NMRA MCR DIV. 7  
SEPTEMBER 2015 CONTEST RESULTS**



**MODELS: LOCOMOTIVES**

**Box Stock:**

1st Place: Jim MacKnight: Pennsy H-660 Switcher #5980  
No Other Entries in this Category

**Kitbashed:**

1st Place: Tom Brueggeman, MMR: 0-6-0 Cincinnati Union Terminal Switcher #1  
2nd Place: Peter Weiglin: Cincinnati Union Terminal SW8 Switcher #32  
No Other Entries in this Category

**Scratch Built:**

No Entries in this Category

**PHOTOGRAPHY: LOCOMOTIVES**

**Print Prototype:**

1st Place (Tie): Jim MacKnight: NYC E8 #4068  
1st Place (Tie): Don Leady: Union Pacific Diesel #6163  
3rd Place: Jim MacKnight: Western Maryland Diesel #6163

**Print Model: TRAINS ON BRIDGES**

1st Place: John Listermann: B & O 2-8-8-2 Steam Engine (On Donald Doctor's Layout).  
No Other Entries in this Category

**Junior Division** – No Entries Submitted in any Category

**2015 OVERALL STANDINGS (through September 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

**OCTOBER CONTEST CATEGORIES -**

**MODELS: DIVISION 7 CAR PROJECTS – THERE WILL BE NO SCRATCHBUILT ENTRIES FOR THIS CATEGORY**

**PHOTOGRAPHY: DIVISION 7 CAR PROJECTS – MUST BE WITHIN A TRAIN CONSIST**

Brad Jonas  
NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair

## 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](mailto:editor@cincy-div7.org)

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A single photo may be submitted for each listing.

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Seller shall email Oilcan Editor if item is sold so it can be removed from page.

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Oilcan Editor reserves the right to edit listing if needed, and will notify Seller of edit prior to publication.

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	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



## SWOOPS WEEKEND - October 2-4

The SouthWest Ohio OperationS weekend (SWOOPS), sponsored by Division 7, will be October 2-4.

Our website is now up and running, NOW READY FOR REGISTRATIONS at <https://swoopsrail.wordpress.com/>. We will have twelve great layouts available for operations in five sessions, beginning Friday evening and extending through an additional open session on Sunday afternoon. Truly an “op til you drop” weekend.

We would really like to encourage Division 7 members to participate.

Rick Stern

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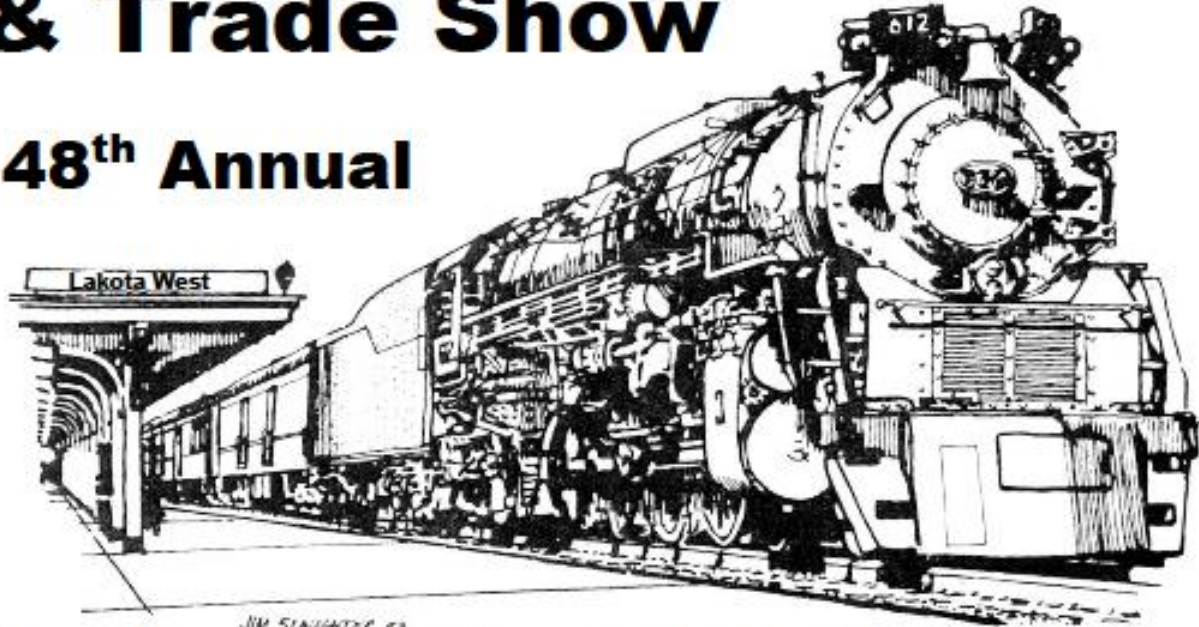
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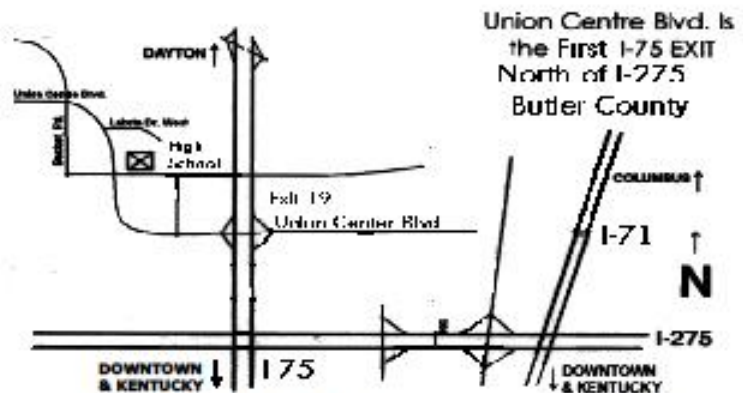
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<p><b>FJK - 12</b> <b>\$10.00</b></p>
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Items are placed in the White Elephant Sale at your own risk. Neither Division 7 nor Frank Koch assumes any liability for any items damaged or stolen during 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.

## LIONEL O-SCALE RETAIL SOURCE

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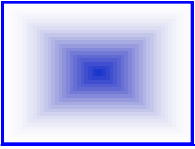


Frans Koch presents Merit Awards in categories of Civil Engineer, and Scenery to Division 7's Rick Crumrine

## 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](mailto: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.



# KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

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## America, the Beautiful

Like seven other hardy Division 7 members, I attended the NMRA National Convention in Portland last month. I felt the only proper way to travel was by AMTRAK and made my reservations back in February to take The Cardinal from Cincinnati to Chicago and the Empire Builder from Chicago to Portland.

I got an opportunity to change my plans just prior to my departure and ended up taking the California Zephyr from Chicago to Sacramento, and the Coast Starlight from Sacramento to Portland. The downside of the change was spending an additional day on the train and arriving in Portland a day late, plus I ended up with an 8 hour lay-over in Sacramento.

Train 5, *The California Zephyr*, goes through the Rockies as you depart Denver, crosses the desert from Reno to Salt Lake City, then finishes the trip in the Sierra Nevada mountains. I had taken the California Zephyr from Sacramento in 2011, but the westbound trip is much more spectacular. Iowa, and Nebraska aren't very exciting states, so fortunately most of that leg of the trip is a night. When you leave Denver, you begin the long climb along the Colorado River into the magnificent Rockies, with its unbelievable scenery. I noticed many rafters and kayakers on the river and found out that it is their custom to "moon" the train. I didn't think it enhanced the scenery at all, but what do I know? The train arrives in Reno late in the afternoon and much of the desert crossing is at night.

One of the exciting parts of the second day was the Moffat tunnel, which takes you under the continental divide. The ascent of the Sierra Nevada range begins at Truckee, California, which is the center for Union Pacific's snow fighting equipment. The Sierra's are home to the Ponderosa Pines, which are in another highly photogenic area. I was enjoying the view from my bedroom, when the trees parted and I was treated to the breathtaking view of Donner Lake. The lake appears suddenly about 500 feet below the track as a beautiful blue oasis among the majestic pines. I suddenly realized I was traveling the original route of the Central Pacific Railroad, and that an army of Chinese and Irish workers carved the right-of-way out this forbidding landscape using picks, shovels, dynamite, and grit. I must confess, I was overwhelmed by the experience.

I mentioned my 8 hour lay-over in Sacramento; it was a wonderful opportunity to visit the California Railroad Museum and Old Sacramento. I had last visited the museum during the NMRA National Convention in 2011, so I was looking forward to visiting it again. The museum has expanded since my visit and was even more exciting. They have added some locomotives from the Santa Fe collection, including F-7 #347C.

My sight-seeing in Old Sacramento included a visit to the original Central Pacific Depot, and to the Delta King (brother to our own Delta Queen). I had a fantastic choice of eating establishments, and ended up at Old Sacramento's Joe's Crab Shack. I went back to the station to catch the Coast Starlight for the next leg of my journey. I spent the time reading a book about Fred Harvey, which I bought at the museum. I'll continue the trip next month, because the Coast Starlight was an equally impressive experience. See you at the meeting.

**Keep 'em rolling**

*Bruce*



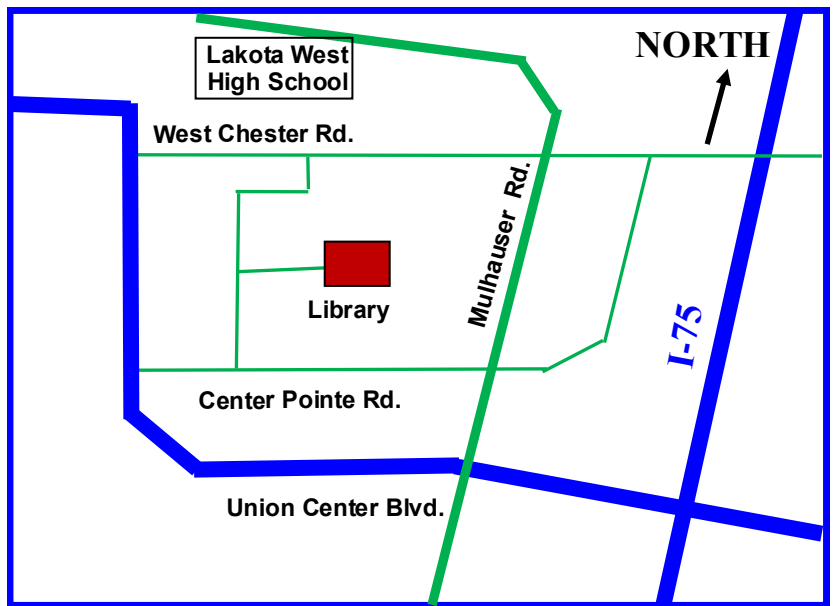
Next Meeting

**2 PM Sunday October 5**

**West Chester Library**  
9363 Center Pointe Drive  
West Chester OH 45069

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  
**2015 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>
<b>10/4</b>	West Chester Library West Chester OH	<b>Railcars &amp; Railfans</b> Chuck White	Eastern Loggers	<u>Models:</u> Div. 7 Project Cars <u>Photos:</u> Div. 7 Project Cars within train consist
11/8	Parners in Prime Hamilton OH	<b>Woods to Walls, Fields to Fences</b> Lou Sassi	Whistle Stop Club Ross School layouts	<u>Models:</u> Freight Cars <u>Photos:</u> Freight Cars
12/13	Westwood Methodist Church Westwood	<b>Annual Potluck Slide Show</b>	Jerry Stangarity other TBD	<u>Models:</u> Dioramas (3D) <u>Photos:</u> Depots

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2015

10/2-10/4 SW Ohio Operations (SWOOPS)  
10/10-10/11 Div.7 Cinti. Model Train & Trade Show  
10/15 Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH  
11/19 Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

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

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