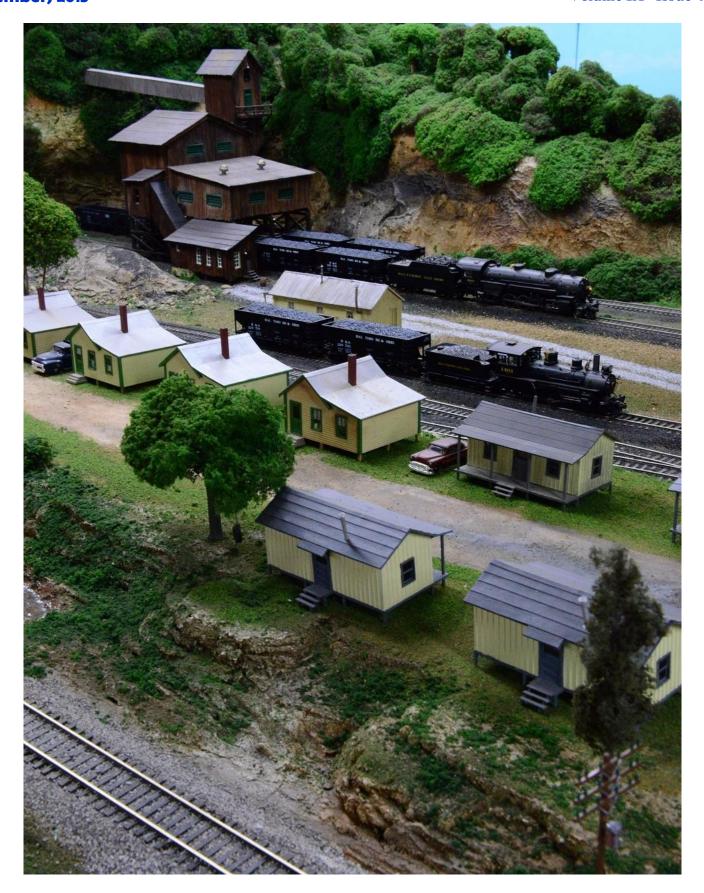
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The Editors Corner:

Dave Puthoff

We probably all are a bit disappointed with the level of passenger rail service in Cincinnati. CUT was designed for 216 daily arrival and departures, and now handles less than 2 each day. Although we do have a few local tourist rail services, the end of the summer brings us another less-known rail trip --- the Cincinnati Fireworks Train, of the LM&M RR

This year it leaves from Cincinnati Gardens and will take passengers up close, to the Montgomery Inn Boathouse. You might want to try it. For \$30, it might be our closest thing to commuter rail --- that beats the traffic!

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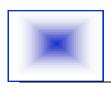
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<u>Space permitting</u>, **The Oil Can** welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Scene from Donald Docter's HO-scale railroad

Photo by John Burchnall



HEADLIGHTS

As I write this, the National Convention in Portland is just days away. I'm looking forward to the trip out west. The travel arrangements are all in place. Now we just need cooperation from weather and other conditions to keep everything on schedule.

It's hard to believe I will be completing my first term as Superintendent in a few months. Of course, that means there will be elections coming up. The nominating committee will be lining up a slate of candidates for each office (Superintendent, Asst. Superintendent, Secretary, and Treasurer). Their nominations will be presented in the October Oil Can. Contact Don Phillips if you would like to nominate someone for one of the officer positions. Additional nominations can be made from the floor at the October meeting.

Jim MacKnight has been hard at work coming up with ways to clear the car kit inventory from his basement shelves. The postcards he has been sending out to previous customers have really stimulated the sales of our more recent kits. Thanks to Randy Kerka and Peter Weiglin for helping with the postcard campaign. Since our kit inventory is clearing out, Jim is actively looking for a subject for the next car project. Contact Jim if you have an idea of a car we could do. Jim would also like to have someone assist him with the research work and handling the kit inventory. The profit from the car projects supports the division operating expenses throughout the year. It also supports the community services which Jim also handles. These include the book donations to area libraries and the Boy Scout merit badge classes.

I just received the September issue of the *NMRA Magazine* and noticed another article by Division 7 member Matt Snell. Matt has got to be the most prolific author in our division with articles in both the *NMRA magazine* and *Model Railroader*. I enjoy reading Matt's articles and always find lots of great information.

Each month, I receive an Email containing that month's InfoNet News with information about what's happening at the National level. The August issue contained an article by Mike Brestel explaining the NMRA's visitor policy. The article is included in this issue of the Oil Can. I know the policy has been discussed briefly at some of our monthly gatherings. The article gives a clear explanation of the policy.

The first two weekends in October are going to be busy for our division. Some people will be involved in the SWOOPS operations gathering on October 3rd and 4th. We have our monthly meeting on October 4th, and the Model Train and Trade Show on October 10th and 11th. Look for the sign-up sheets at the September and October meetings and see if there is someplace you can volunteer a couple of hours to help make the show successful. Help with setup and takedown is especially needed.

The next Division 7 BOD meeting will be on September 4th at 7:00 pm. The location is the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Kenwood (where the August meeting was held.)

That's all I have for this month. I'll see you in September south of the river.





SECOND SECTION

Our August meeting was in Kenwood at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Bruce Knapp provided the clinic at this meeting, talking about passenger operations. To no one's surprise, Bruce provided numerous examples that all happened to be about the Santa Fe. Afterward, we visited Paul Miklos' N scale B&O layout (based on the Cincinnati to Chillicothe division) and made our first visit to Donald Docter's HO Pennsylvania/B&O layout in Montgomery. Donald's layout features backdrops painted by John Listermann (as described in his June clinic).

In September, we will be in Northern Kentucky at the Erlanger Library on Sunday the 13th. Charles Bogart, from Lexington, will make a return visit as our clinician. This time he will be talking about a 1929 railroad consolidation proposal from the ICC. The contest topic in September, for both models and photos, is "Locomotives." After the meeting, we will return to Bob Adams' N scale Norfolk & Western layout and to Perry Simpson's HO Louisville & Nashville.

In October, we will meet on the 4th at the West Chester Library (note: this is the <u>first</u> Sunday, to avoid conflicting with the Cincinnati Train Show the next weekend). Our clinician will be Chuck White from Van Wert, Ohio; who will be talking about railcars (the full size ones!) and the railfans who actually collect and *operate* them. Chuck is Division Super for Division 3 of the North Central Region and models the Burlington Northern and BNSF in HO when not involved in OpSig activities and 1:1 railcars. Our layout tour after the meeting will be a visit to the Eastern Loggers layout at John Burchnall's home (so we can see in-person the results of the tips he shared in the July clinic), and one more still TBD.

In November, we return to Hamilton, to Partners in Prime on November the 8th. National clinician Lou Sassi will return 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 which range from O scale to N. This will be the first time that my group, the Queen City N-Gineers, will have our permanent layout on display for the Division. We have been building it for less than a year, but had trains running in March for the show that the clubs there put on in connection with Ross High School to benefit the music programs of the schools.

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 13th. Afterward, we will visit Jerry Stangarity's layout.

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

This month I wanted to share a suggestion that was made to me and get some feedback from the group. In discussing future clinic topics, a comment was made about having more specific modeling discussions. I personally believe that learning about the prototype helps us do better modeling, but I understood the point that we may not be providing enough help on how to do modeling. That led to a discussion of who might be good presenters on specific model building topics. One answer is that there certainly are nationally known experts that we see in the magazines, that we might be able to get. So we are having those discussions.

However, another suggestion is what I want feedback on. The suggestion was that we use the great selection of videos in our library, specifically some of the new how-to videos that we have added recently, and have a video be our "clinic" at one of our meetings. Frankly, it had not occurred to me that a clinic did not have to require a "clinician" as presenter. "Simply" showing a video feels a little like avoiding the work to find a clinician. But would even a "star" clinician always be able to present a subject as well as a rehearsed and well edited video? Additionally, there are barriers to doing "live" demonstrations in many of the venues where we routinely meet (i.e., not many would like us spraying paint in their facilities, and certainly not dripping plaster on their carpets!).

So think about it and get back to me in person or via email with how you see it. Are we missing an opportunity to better educate ourselves how to be better modelers? And is the answer as close as the video library at the back of our room at the monthly meetings? Would you be more likely to come to a meeting if we had a great how-to video scheduled? Or, would you stop coming if there was not a "live" clinic with a clinician to educate and answer your questions?

See you in Erlanger on the 13th.



LAYOUT VISIT to DONALD DOCTER'S HO-Scale Railroad

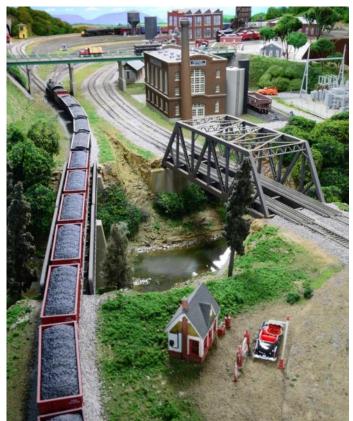






Photos by Dave Puthoff

LAYOUT VISIT to DONALD DOCTER'S HO-Scale Railroad











LAYOUT VISIT to PAUL MIKLOS'S N-Scale Railroad









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

MODELS: SERVICING FACILITIES

Box Stock:

No Entries in this Category

Kitbashed:

1st Place: Ron Gribler, MMR: Icing Facility 2nd Place: Jim MacKnight: Car Repair Shed

3rd Place: Bob Lawson: Water Tower

Scratch Built:

1st Place: Bob Lawson: Coaling Tower Chris Boylan: Icing Facility 2nd Place:

No Other Entries in this Category

PHOTOGRAPHY: TRAINS ENTERING or EXITING TUNNELS

Print Prototype:

1st Place: Jim MacKnight: Western Maryland Loco #734 Coming Out of Tunnel

No Other Entries in this Category

Print Model:

No Entries in this Category

Junior Division – No Entries Submitted in any Category

2015 OVERALL STANDINGS (through August 2015)

MODELS

MODELD					
Ron Gribler, MMR	28	Tom Brueggeman, MMR	06	Chris Boylan	02
Bob Lawson	11	Jim MacKnight	05	Bob Chapman	01
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	07	Frank Hermanek, MMR	03	Perry Simpson	01
Warren Ossman	07	Rick Stern	03	Norb Price	01
PHOTOGRAPHY					
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	08	Tom Brueggeman, MMR	04	Joe Ross	02
John Listermann	08	Mike Brestel	03	Frank Hermanek, MMR	01
David Wynne	06	Jim Rollwage	03		
Jim MacKnight	06	Randy Seiler	02		

JUNIOR DIVISION – MODELS – No 2015 Entries to Date

JUNIOR DIVISION – PHOTOGRAPHY – No 2015 Entries to Date

SEPTEMBER CONTEST CATEGORIES -

MODELS: LOCOMOTIVES - e.g. ANY POWERED R.R. UNIT USED TO MOVE ROLLING STOCK PHOTOGRAPHY: LOCOMOTIVES - e.g. ANY POWERED R.R. UNIT USED TO MOVE ROLLING STOCK

NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair

DIVISION 7 CAR PROJECT SALES REPORT - July 2015

Our 2014 car project, Virginian & Ohio USRA 2-bay hoppers, in four numbers, have sold well, with more than 90% sold in 16 months. Our recent postcard mailing resulted in sales of 66 cars, with another 7 sold on E-bay, since the June meeting. We have five dozen cars remaining of 500. Our 2013 car project is Merchants Despatch Transportation Company 40' ice reefers, with wood or steel sides, in two numbers each. We have sold 87% of 500 cars in 25 months. We have seven dozen cars remaining. Our 2012 car project, Allegheny Midland 41'6" steel gondolas, in three numbers, have been available for 37 months, and 87% of 400 cars have been sold. We have five dozen cars available. We are researching for a new car project for 2015, and will hopefully have BOD approval in late August. Thanks to Peter Weiglin for postcard design and data compilation, to Randy Kerka for tabulating addresses, labeling and mailing postcards, and to Roy Hord for promoting and facilitating car sales on E-bay.

Jim MacKnight Car Projects Chairman

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.
	Miscellaneous lumber including L- girders	FREE	Jim Hodde	jimhodde@zoomtown.com	08-Sep-15
	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

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, <u>NOW READY FOR REGISTRATIONS</u> 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

Advance Orders for "Cincinnati Express" Short Sleeve Shirts



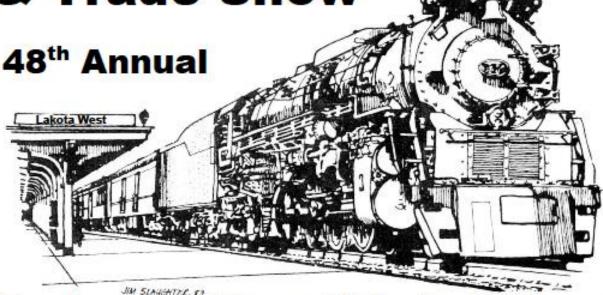
Mail with check or money order to:

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

Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show



Lakota West High School

FREE PARKING!

Saturday October 10, 2015 11 AM – 5 PM Sunday October 11, 2015 11 AM – 5 PM

8940 Union Centre Blvd. - West Chester, Ohio 45069

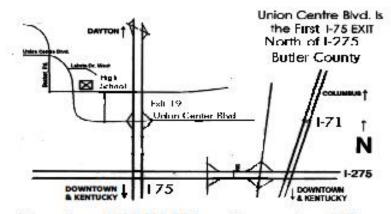
- Model Trains in All Scales
- Operating Layouts and Displays
- Retail Sales Over 250 Dealer Tables
- Hourly Door Prizes!
- FREE Engine Check-Up & "How To" Classes

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Admission

Adults \$ 7.00 Children under 12 FREE Scouts in Uniform FREE

Chance to Win a G Scale Train Set



For more information call 513-662-RAIL or visit www.cincy-div7.org

Peter Paul

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CINCINNATI MODEL TRAIN & TRADE SHOW

White Elephants at the 2015 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 amounts only. 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, and calculate how much you get back. The Division will keep 10% of actual sales. You can pick up your unsold material and money on Sunday right after the show closes. If you would like an electronic inventory form, send me an e-mail at fikoch@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.

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From The NMRA InfoNet News (Infoblast) For August, 2015

The Three Strikes Policy What is it and what does it mean?

We've been getting a lot of questions about the Visitor Policy that the NMRA Board adopted and publicized in February of this year, limiting visitors to NMRA meetings to three visits during their lifetime.

This isn't really a new policy, since it was first adopted in 2007 and explained in the "President's Car" column in the November, 2007 issue of *Scale Rails*. Then, as now, the needs of our insurance provider played a large part in the adoption of this policy, but there are also issues of basic fairness, as well as tax issues in the U.S.

Here's the policy: Visitors are allowed three visits to an NMRA meeting IN THEIR LIFETIME. If they don't join by their third visit, they cannot attend any more meetings.

A lot of the questions we've been getting are from members trying to over-complicate the policy, worrying about this or that exception and making up complicated what-ifs. The policy does not apply to spouses who come along to the meetings so that they can go to dinner afterwards. It does not apply to non-member caregivers who aren't modelers, but who provide a ride to a member who cannot drive himself. It does not apply to events that are organized for the general public, like mall shows, swap meets, beginner clinic series, and the like, nor does it apply to things like joint meetings with another group or family picnics or outings.

Allowing freeloaders to participate as if they were members is unfair because it takes advantage of our members who HAVE paid up. We're all paying to keep the organization going – what are the freeloaders doing, besides getting a free ride on our backs? And tolerating permanent freeloaders can give our insurance providers a reason to cancel your coverage if you have an incident, leaving individual officers and members responsible for paying the claim. The IRS has rules about giving benefits of membership to non-members, too – they say don't do it, and there are tax consequences if you do.

Now, if your Division and Region are already following the rules (which would be a really good idea if you want the protection of our NMRA Liability Insurance policy), this is not the big deal you might think it is. We all know that if someone comes and tries us out three times and still doesn't join, they're not going to join. So after the third turn-down, don't worry about it – just move on to the next prospect.

If you're still wondering whether your group is in compliance, just ask yourself: are you allowing people who aren't members to come to your meetings month after month, year after year, and participate as if they'd paid their dues? If the answer is no, then fine, just keep doing what you're doing. If the answer is yes, then you have some changes to make.

If you have additional questions about this policy or how to implement it, please feel free to contact an NMRA officer, director, or NMRA HQ. We'll get your question to the right person.

Mike Brestel - At Large Worldwide Director

If you have any questions or comments about any of the above, please send them directly to a Director or Officer. You will find those addresses at www.nmra.org or in the NMRA Magazine

From The NMRA InfoNet News (Infoblast) For August, 2015

Candidates for the 2016 Election

From John Stevens, NMRA Secretary:

National Nominating Committee Chair Tony Koester has submitted the Combined Nominating Committees' Final Report to the National Board of Directors. The candidates for the 2016 election are shown below.

Atlantic District Director

- Peter Bowen
- Kathy Millat

At Large World Wide Director

Mike Brestel

Western District Director

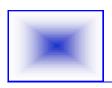
- Steve Barkley
- Don Fowler
- Stephen Priest

Members may petition to the NMRA to nominate additional candidates by using the By Petition process which can be found in Sec A 10.1 paragraph 3 of the EHB (Executive Handbook) available as a PDF on our website at http://www.nmra.org/executive-handbook. All petitions must be received by the NMRA Secretary by September 15, 2015. For more information, contact NMRA Secretary John Stevens at snevets4@bellsouth.net.

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.



KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

My Clinic

Well my big presentation is over and I can return to making progress (?) on the Raton Pass. I enjoyed making the presentation, but as I mentioned at the beginning of the clinic, it was actually aimed at novice modelers, so much of the information was very familiar to all of you. I did get some very helpful and quite detailed information from Rick Stern. Rick, I filed these, and will edit the material for a future clinic.

As many of you know, Rick has a fantastic Santa Fe based railroad and is both a very knowlegible Santa Fe modeler and a very active member of the NMRA OPSIG, so his additions are most appreciated. The basic goal of my clinic was to (1) introduce the basics of passenger service, and (2) interest new model railroaders in including passenger service in their modeling. Plus it was an opportunity to spread more propaganda about Western Railroads (WMPA rules!). My next novice clinic will be on motive power, especially steam and diesel in the "transition period". Pat Homan and I are trying to make these clinics a part of our "Modeler's Aid" department.

Portland Convention

By the time you read this, I will have returned from my big adventure to the Pacific Northwest. I was originally going to meet my friends, Dan and Nina Mulhearn on the train, but some serious health problems for Nina caused them to cancel the trip. I guess I'll see them at the MCR convention in Columbus next spring. The 2016 National Convention will be in Indianapolis; if you have never been to a National Convention, this would be a great one to attend. I am scheduled to go, but I suspect I'll drive and not take Amtrak.

The 2016 MCR Regional Convention is in Columbus; another great opportunity to experience the fun and excitement of an NMRA event. A fairly large group from Division 7 attended the Anaheim convention; several of even traveled together on Amtrak, talk about a fun trip. (Remember my discussion about John Burchnall and the Pirate Dinner Theater). Let's get a large group for 2016.

Prototype or Not?

I am always fascinated by the creations of fellow modelers, especially the choice of what to model. Prototype choices run the gamut between a very strict adherence to a specific prototype and date, to "it's my railroad and I do what I like."

Certainly, one of the foremost examples of strict prototype modeling has to be Jack Burgess, MMR, and his Yosemite Valley Railroad. Jack has faithfully recreated not only a specific location, but a very specific date. Of course we all know examples of the latter model railroad, it's usually someone's first pike. Most people fall between both styles and chose a freelance division of a prototype road, or a well-executed freelance railroad; the Virginian & Ohio is a wonderful example. I will look at this in more depth in future articles, but the main idea behind all these decisions is: "MODEL RAILROADING IS FUN"!

Keep 'em rolling



Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday September 13

Erlanger Library

401 Kenton Lands Rd. Erlanger KY 41018

Directions:

From Dixie Hwy: Left on Kenton Lands Rd.

After Railroad track, look for Library

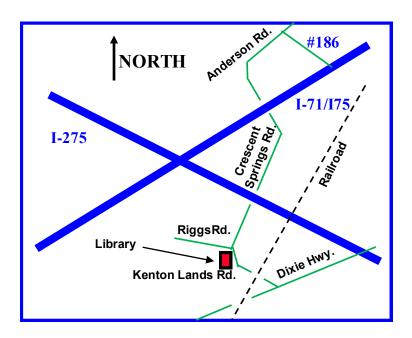
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From I-71 / I-75: Exit Buttermilk Pike (Exit 186)

West on Buttermilk Pike Left onto Anderson Rd.

Anderson Rd. becomes Crescent Springs Rd.

Cross under I-75/I-75 Cross under I-275 Bear Left at Riggs Rd 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> 9/13	<u>Location</u> Erlanger Library Erlanger KY	Program/Speaker 1929 ICC RR Consolidation Plan Charles Bogart	Layout Visits Bob Adams	Contest Topic Models: Locomotives Photos: Locomotives
10/4	West Chester Library West Chester OH	Railcars & Railfans Chuck White	Eastern Loggers	Models: Div. 7 Project Cars Photos: Div. 7 Project Cars within train consist
11/8	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

Around the Region 2015

9/17 Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH 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

2016

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

National

Modeling Problems? - Ask the Member Aid Committee

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