

Cincinnati Division 7 MCR Convention Proposal for 2027

Cincinnati Division 7 requests the agreement of the Officers and Trustees of the Mid-Central Region for Cincinnati Division 7 to host the 2027 MCR Annual Convention.

Similar to our 2018 convention, this 2027 convention would feature local general interest tours, local rail industry tours, sales activities, numerous local layouts (over half published) and a strong clinic and banquet program, all at a quality hotel in a convenient location.

We have done significant initial due-diligence in this matter, including -

- Identifying **at least one suitable hotel** with workable lodging, space and meal costs
- Appointing a **highly experienced Chair**, joined with several other experienced leaders
- Devising a plan to **pair experienced and younger, less-experienced members** in every key leadership position, so we train the next generation of Div 7 convention leaders
- Devising an initial budget, activities list, master schedule and event space plans
- Gaining conditional **approval of both the Div 7 BOD and Div 7 membership**
- We have healthy financial reserves enabling us to assume reasonable financial risks

Likely Timing

- **First weekend in June, 2027** – Noon, Thursday, June 3, 2027 through Saturday night, June 5, 2027, plus more layouts on Sunday morning/early afternoon, June 6, 2027
- May has conflicts (Kentucky Derby, Mom's day, Columbus N-scale Weekend, Mem. Day)
- June is better for longer daylight for our evening layout open houses and operations
- June is also better than May for Garden Railways being available

Numerous Layout Attractions

- The quality and quantity of area model railroads are a big strength of Division 7
- There are about 100 active layouts with scenery, including 30 garden railways
- This includes 8 clubs and 2 museums, all with either permanent or portable layouts
- About 47 of the 100 active layouts have been published in magazines or newspapers
- About 42 of the 70 active scale model railroads have been published
- A significant portion of these layouts would be conducting guest operating sessions

Potential Prototype Tour Ideas

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| • Cohen Scrap Processing - Middletown | • Matandy Steel (Metal Slitting) |
| • Railfan Tour? | • Precision Strip (Metal Slitting) |
| • List of Hobby Shops | • Brighton Tru-Edge Plant |
| • Newport Steel? | • Excel Logistics/Tropicana Plant |
| • Western-Cullen-Hayes (Richmond, IN) | • Whitewater Valley Railroad |
| • Lebanon Mason Monroe Railroad | • Cincinnati Bulk Terminals (x-Hatfield) |

Potential General Interest Tour Ideas

- American Sign Museum (2X size now)
- Behringer-Crawford Museum
- Krohn Conservatory
- Newport Aquarium
- Cincinnati Art Museum
- Museum Center at CUT (+Tower A?)
- Findlay Market
- Cincinnati Street Car Shops &/or Ride
- Taft Museum
- Jungle Jims International Market
- Kings Island Amusement Park
- National Museum of the US Air Force
- Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum
- B&B Riverboat Cruise
- Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden
- Glendale Square and House Tour
- Golden Lamb & Downtown Lebanon
- Verdin Bell and Clock Museum
- National Underground RR Freedom Ctr
- Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame & Museum
- Glendale Station Museum and Square

May we have your concurrence to conduct this 2027 MCR Convention?

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