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Dave Puthoff

The Division 7 Family Picnic will be held on Sunday June 8 at Fernbank Lodge at Fernbank Park in Sayler Park. Because of the size of the venue, Registrations are limited to the first 100 people!

Deadline for Registrations is June 1

Details are on Page 14.

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

Dave

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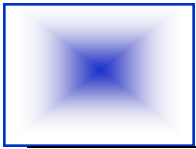
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover: Scene from Stephen Rineair's HO Layout

Photo by Richard Bierau



This is being written at 11:30 pm on Saturday May, 17th, and the 2025 MCR convention has concluded. If you have never attended a Regional convention, you should do so. Attending next June's convention in Dayton would be a great opportunity. In addition to all of the clinics and layout tours available, you would be supporting our neighboring division and making observations that will come in handy when you fill a role as a volunteer at our 2027 convention. Since our 2018 Regional Convention was well received by almost twice the projected attendance, I expect another great turnout in '27. Volunteering for two to three hours each day will go a long way to success of our 2027 Convention.

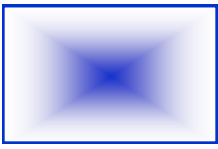
Division 7 was represented by 16 members who attended the Buckeye Express Regional Convention in Columbus. At the Banquet, Bob Kress was recognized as one of six new Master Model Railroaders in the MCR. In the model contest, Roy Allan won "Peoples Choice Model Car", "Best of Show" and earned an AP Certificate for his F scale D&RGW Caboose with an almost perfect score by the judges. John Shields was presented with a "Certificate of Appreciation" plaque as outgoing MCR Treasurer. Yours truly was lucky enough to win First Place and an AP Certificate in the "Display" category. I recognized Mike Berry of Division 8 who won Division 7's sponsored Wenderfer Award. Since Mike was not in attendance, I will travel to Louisville at a future date and present it to him at one of their meetings.

TIME IS RUNNING SHORT! If you haven't registered for the Annual Picnic, please do so by June 1st. If later than that, call or email Tony or me and we will try to accommodate you.

An update on improvements to the National Website, changes to the AP Program, the National Convention, and membership renewal options will be addressed in next month's Oil Can.

Tony and I will be visiting four local layouts on our way back home—time for sleep!

Chuck



SECOND SECTION

Tony Valerius
Asst. Super

Recently, I saw a quote on an old Daily Inspiration calendar that I thought fits modelers of all types. It said, "People seldom improve when they have no other model but themselves to copy after." I think this is so appropriate to the value of being part of a group like Division 7 and the NMRA. Every month we give modelers a chance to share ideas, learn from our clinic presentation, and visit two model railroads. It gives everyone the opportunity to see new methods and ask questions about how someone created various parts of their model railroad. We also have the Model Railroading Roundtable which gives another option to our members to improve their skills. I hope everyone sees and takes advantage of these opportunities to improve your skills regardless of how long you have been a modeler.

May 4th Meeting – Our meeting was at the American Legion Post in Mt. Carmel, Ohio with a wonderful clinic by visiting guest, Gary Hoover. Our former secretary, Bruce Knapp, handled his former duties for Chris Shackleton, who had to miss the meeting. Our after-meeting layout visits were at the homes of Stephen Rineair and Zach Riggins to see their wonderful layouts. Unfortunately, the rainy weather kept Zach from being able to run any trains in his garden railway out of concern for a possible electrical short. Many members still visited Zach's house to see all the work he put in preparing to open over the weeks prior to the meeting. Thanks to all for making this another great meeting.

Volunteers Needed— Looking for a way to get involved in the division? Become part of our AV team that is so critical to the enjoyment of our monthly meetings. This is an excellent way to get involved with Division 7. Volunteers do not need to be experts in computers or AV equipment. If you have used a computer and taken pictures with a camera, you already have many helpful skills. Familiarity with Zoom and/or audio equipment is helpful but we can train you on the other things you need to know. If you are interested or have questions, please email me at tony.valerius@gmail.com or call me at (513) 375-6303.

Coming Up:

Sunday June 8th – Family Picnic/Social at Fernbank Park in Cincinnati, Ohio. We will again have food, games, and door prizes. Registration is due by June 1st. See the flyer on our website and in this issue of the Oil Can for cost, details and registration form. Remember, registration is limited to the first 100 people that sign-up. Following the May meeting, we have at least 51 members & guests signed up with others taking home sign-up sheets to send to Roy Hord. I hope you sent Roy your registration and I will see you there. If not, call Chuck or I to see if we can make you a last minute addition.

Sunday, July 13th – Our meeting will be held at the Erlanger Branch of the Kenton County Library with a clinic by visiting guest Stephen Priest on "Modeling Engine Servicing Facilities." The Model and Photo Contests will be "Any Passenger Train Car". Our after-meeting layout visits will be to the homes of Georgia Dahlberg, MMR and Jim Conrad (our first time visiting Jim's home).

Sunday, August 10th – Our meeting will be held at the Cincinnati North Holiday Inn on Mulhauser Rd. with a clinic by Ray Persing on "3-D Printing". The Model and Photo Contests will be "Dirt or Road Motor Propelled Vehicle". Our after-meeting layout visits will be to the homes of Sam Parfitt and another TBD.

Happy Modeling!

Tony

Division 7 MCR, NMRA
American Legion Post 72, Mt. Carmel, OH
May 4th, 2025

Meeting Minutes:

Welcome: Start time 2:00PM. Restrooms, recognize new members and guests.

New Members:

-Steve Rineair

Guests:

-Linda Wilkin
-Gregg Hecter from Division 6

Sick Call:

-None

Officer Reports:

Superintendent [Valerius, filling in for Endreola]:

-Nothing to report, see Asst. Superintendent section.

Asst. Superintendent [Valerius]:

-Recognize A/V team for month: Jordan Kramer, Phil Wilkin, John Shields.
-May 15th -18th is the Buckeye Express MCR Convention in Columbus. Hope to see you there.
-June picnic is quickly approaching on June 8th. Registration is \$10 with the division picking up the rest of the cost. The food is great and you won't want to miss the Trivia Contest. Great door prizes as well. If you have items you'd like to donate to be a door prize, please contact Chuck or Tony with details. 51 have signed up so far.
-Next meeting will be held at the Kenton County Library in Erlanger on Sunday, July 13th.
 -Clinic will be presented by Stephen Priest, MMR. Stephen is a noted modeler, author and editor, and is co-owner of ClassOneModelWorks, Inc.
 -Contest topic for both model and photo is "Any Passenger Train Car."
 -After-meeting layout tours will be to the homes of Georgia Dahlberg and Jim Conrad.

Secretary [Knapp, filling in for Shackleton]:

-Nothing to report. Thank you to Bruce for filling in for me this month.

Treasurer [Koch]:

-Division in good financial standing.
-Flea Market attendance down from past years due to weather.

Committee Reports:

Membership: [Shields]

- Membership is 227, up 2 from last meeting.

Model RR Roundtable: [Swanson]

- July 12th, hosted by Ed Swain.

2027 MCR Convention: [Burchnall]

- Presented updates to poster information and logo.
- Locked in clinicians, including Craig Fuller of Firecrown Media and Lou & Cheryl Sassi.

Old Business:

- New video library chair, David Wynne.

Announcements:

- Paul Maciulewicz: introducing Division 7 Groups.io page. See Oil Can for more information.

- Tony Valerius: Sign-up for picnic, June 8th, 2025 at Fernbank Park. Looking for door prize donations.

Break: 20 minutes contest voting, purchase raffle tickets

Raffle: [Russ Poynter]

Clinic: Gary Hoover – “Proto-Freelance N&W in the 1950’s”

Layout visits: Steve Rineair and Zach Riggins

Respectfully compiled and submitted by:

Chris Shackleton, Secretary Division 7, MCR, NMRA

DIVISION 7 MEMBERS' AWARDS AT MCR CONVENTION



**Roy Allan - People's Choice Award - Favorite Car
and Best of Show - Model Contest**



Chuck Endreola - First Place Judged Display



**John Shields - Certificate of Appreciation
for service to the MCR Region as Treasurer**

Photos by Tony Valerius

Model Railroading Roundtable Summer Program

Ed and Chuck will be hosting roundtables in July and August (encore presentations from last year's successful MRRs they each hosted). If you're in town this summer, consider attending one or both of the MRRs.

July MRR Invitation

Host – Ed Swain

Topic – The Operating System on the Middle Division

Date and Time – Saturday, July 12, from 1 to 3pm

Location – 6469 Winter Hazel Drive, Liberty Township

Maximum Number of Attendees – 6

Response – edwardswain@aol.com

We will discuss in detail the operating system I use and why I chose this approach. This MRR should be of interest to those new to prototypical operations, along with many years of experience operating model railroads.



Attendees of Ed's roundtable from 2024, which included discussions and examples of layout planning and development.

August MRR Invitation

Host – Chuck Endreola

Topic – Foam Rock Carving & Painting

Date and Time – Saturday, August 16, 2025, from 2-4pm

Location – 1506 Burney Lane, Cincinnati OH

Maximum Number of Attendees – 10

Response – chuckendreola@yahoo.com

This technique replaces the expense and mess of plaster molds. Ultra lightweight, perfect for removable access, displays, modular and permanent layouts. Any type of rock can be represented with foam. We will look at rock types, strata and color. Several types will be displayed and demoed. Bring a retractable razor knife, dual temp glue gun (only if you already have one) & glue sticks, and any photos or books that show the type of rock faces of the area you are modeling. All else will be provided. Please respond directly to me if you are interested in attending. I'll confirm the program via email several days before our Saturday get-together.



Participants carving rock outcroppings from foam was an MRR held in 2024 at Chuck Endreola's home. If you attend this year's roundtable in August, you can expect more of the same, but outdoors.

LEADERSHIP CONTINUITY PLAN STATUS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>Present Holder</u>	<u>Back Up(s)</u>
Treasurer	Frank Koch	John Shields
Bank Access	Frank Koch	Roy Hord
Achievement Program	Frank Koch	Roy Allan
Secretary	Bruce Knapp	Tony Valerius
Membership	John Shields	Mike Tener
Oil Can Editor	Dave Puthoff	David Wynne
Webmaster	John Burchnall	David Lamb
Regulations Editor	Frank Koch	John Burchnall
Raffle	Russ Poynter	Chuck Endreola
Publicity	Merlyn Jarman	Randy Kerka
Email Notices	Bob Shreve	open
Social Media Chair	Pam Moleski	Nancy Windes
Registrar	Roy Hord	Steve Brown
Fall Show Chair	Rick Crumrine	Gary Ossenschmidt
Spring Flea Market	Gary Ossenschmidt	Rick Crumrine
Table Sales/Floor Plan	Roy Hord	open
Street Signs Distributor	John Burchnall	open
Contest Chair	Roy Allan	John Listermann
Car Projects	Paul Maciulewicz	open
Community Service	Larry Bonhaus	open
Company Store	Paul Musselman	open
Video Library	David Wynne	open
Modelers Aid	Bruce Knapp/Sam Parfitt	open
A/V Meeting Operators	- several -	open

If you are interested in volunteering to back-up any of these open positions, please contact Chuck Endreola or the "Present Holder" for a description of duties.

Both New, and Veteran members are encouraged to become active in Division operations. Participation is rewarding!

Introducing the Cincinnati Division 7 Groups.io Discussion Group/Forum.

What is it?

Groups.io was introduced in 2014.

Some of you may already be aware of “Groups.io” and are using it. I belong to the “HO Swap” group (and many others) which is a place for people to buy and sell model railroad stuff. It’s way better than eBay because there are no fees. But I digress...

It is basically an email list that facilitates communication within a group of people about a common interest. I think of it as a “push” communications tool since it sends an email to all members when something new is posted. Similar to email, but that requires the sender to have everyone’s email address in their address book and then remembering to add EVERYBODY to that individual email. Groups.IO simplifies that task.

So, we’ve established a “Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA” group on that site whose purpose is to facilitate communication within Cincinnati Division 7 (NMRA, Mid-Central Region). Any member may post at any time. Posts must be relevant to the hobby of model railroading and/or the business of Cincinnati Division 7

What is it for?

It can be used to post things like (but not limited to):

- * Inviting people to an upcoming Op Session of yours
- * Asking for help on a modeling issue you may have
- * Sharing a modeling technique, tip or trick.
- * Posting items for sale
- * Sick call
- * Notification of the death of a member
- * Requesting help for an upcoming Division Train Show or Flea Market
- * Coordinating car-pooling activities for an out-of-town event.

Notification

After joining, you can choose how frequently you want to receive notifications of a post. Here are the possible options:

Individual Messages: Receive each message, as they are posted, in an individual email.

Full Featured Digest: Receive up to 12 messages grouped together in one email instead of receiving each message individually (rich text formatting).

Plain Digest: Receive up to 12 messages grouped together in one email instead of receiving each message individually (plain text formatting).

Daily Summary: Receive one email every morning that contains only a list of the topics posted to the group the previous day.

Special Notices Only: Receive only special notices sent by the moderators. (Go to the group's website to view other messages.)

I would recommend the “Full Featured Digest” to start with as I don’t expect a significant amount of daily posts to the group and this way you will still be notified in a timely manner.

Joining

Groups.io is free for up to 100 people. After that they charge a fee. We’ve started with the Division 7 BOD and Committee heads. If this thing takes off and becomes popular, the BOD will reassess and determine if we want to subscribe for a monthly fee to accommodate the demand.

Anyone who wants to join the group can simply search on “groups io cincinnati nmra” and you will be taken to the front door. From there simply request membership and I will get notified. I will approve any Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA Member in good standing.

NOTE: All posts must be free of disrespectful, derogatory, and/or inflammatory language and/or false statements. Behavior here will be civil with constructive criticism being the standard.

Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA Groups.io Moderator
Paul Maciulewicz



CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA MAY 2025 CONTEST RESULTS



MODELS: NON-STEAM LOCOMOTIVE

Kit-Built:	1st Place:	Georgia Dahlberg MMR	German EG 5 Box Cab Electric
	2nd Place:	Tom Brueggemann MMR	Rio Grande Southern Goose #2
	3rd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	Athern Riverside Hustler #1116
Kit-Bashed:	1st Place:	Will Gregory	C&O U25B #2503
Scratch-Built:	1st Place:	Tom Brueggemann MMR	Downing Timber Rail Car #089
Junior Div:	No entries this month		

PHOTOGRAPHY: NON-STEAM LOCOMOTIVE

Prototype:	1st Place:	Bob Rinker	C&O GP7 #5828
	2nd Place:	David Wynne	Western Maryland BL2 #82
	3rd Place:	John Burchnall	R J Corman Dinner Train F Unit #1940
Models:	1st Place:	John Burchnall	Rail Inspection Car on Lou Sassi's On30 Layout
	2nd Place:	John Burchnall	PRR Shark Nose Diesel on Bob Bartizek's O pike
	3rd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	GM Aero Train

Junior Div: No entries this month

2025 STANDINGS THROUGH MAY

MODELS

Ben Hallenbeck	9	Georgia Dahlberg MMR	4	Lee Drake	3
Tom Brueggemann MMR	9	Bob Frankrone (Div 8)	4	Mike Reynolds	2
Will Gregory	6	Steve Montgomery	3	Jim Rollwage	2
Roy Allan	5	Chris Shackleton	3	Bob Rinker	1

PHOTOGRAPHY

John Burchnall	27	Patrick Stanley	3
Ben Hallenbeck	7	David Wynne	2
Bob Rinker	7	Roy Allan	1

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS No entries yet this year

JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOS Shane Stephens 5

NO JUNE CONTEST - ATTEND THE JUNE FAMILY PICNIC INSTEAD!

JULY CONTEST TOPICS

MODELS: ANY PASSENGER TRAIN/HEAD END CAR

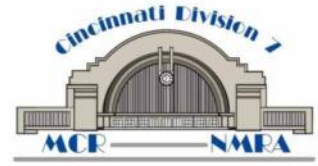
PHOTOGRAPHY: ANY PASSENGER TRAIN/HEAD END CAR

Roy Allan

Cincinnati Division 7 Contest Chair



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7
MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA
2025 CONTEST THEMES**



MONTH	MODELS	PHOTOGRAPHY
January	Caboose (any EOT device freight train car)	Caboose (any EOT device freight train car)
February	Hopper or Gondola Car (open or closed)	Hopper or Gondola Car (open or closed)
March	- No contest (Flea Market) -	- No contest (Flea Market) -
April	Steam Locomotive	Steam Locomotive
May	Non-Steam Locomotive	Non-Steam Locomotive
June	- No contest (Picnic) -	- No contest (Picnic) -
July	Passenger Car (including head end cars)	Passenger Car (including head end cars)
August	Dirt or Road Motor Propelled Vehicle	Dirt or Road Motor Propelled Vehicle
September	Tank or Flat Car (with or without load)	Tank or Flat Car (with or without load)
October	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment
November	Building or Bridge	Building or Bridge
December	Box, Refrigerator or Stock Car	Box, Refrigerator or Stock Car

Contest Sub-Classes

MODEL (up to 3 total entries permitted): Kit-Built, Kit-Bashed or Scratch-Built

PHOTO (up to 3 total entries permitted): Model or Prototype

Sept 2, 2024



DIVISION 7 - COMMITTEE REPORTS May 2025



Superintendent (Chuck Endreola): As a member in good standing of Division 7, you have the opportunity to attend BOD (Board of Directors) meetings. You may voice your opinion and/or introduce new ideas and suggestions. At this time, the BOD meets via Zoom. The meetings are held each quarter, and each has a different Zoom link. Contact Tony Valerius, John Burchnall or me each time and we'll gladly email you the link. Hope to see you there.

Recruitment and Retention (John Shields): The "latest" information from National (as of May 2) shows our current count is 227. We have no new members to welcome from the last month.

Thank you to the fifteen members who renewed in the last month.

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MCR Report (John Shields): No report this month

National Report (Frank Koch / Pam Moleski): No report this month

Achievement Program (Frank Koch): No report this month.

Car Projects (Paul Maciulewicz): See the Car Project Announcement elsewhere in this Oil Can

Oil Can (Dave Puthoff): Submissions for the July Oil Can are due by June 17.

Monthly Raffle (Russ Poynter): No report this month

Community Service (Larry Bonhaus): No report this month

Modelers Aid (Bruce Knapp / Sam Parfitt): No report this month

Fall Train Show (Rick Crumrine): No report this month

Spring Flea Market Gary Ossenschmidt / Roy Hord): No report this month

Operations Activities (Rick Stern): No report this month

Facebook Page (Pam Moleski): No report this month

Web Site (John Burchnall): 2027 Convention page and initial content added; 2 obituaries added

Video Library (David Wynne): I am taking over administration of the Video Library and am in the process of establishing a database reflecting our current inventory. In the process, I have identified many DVDs that were listed in inventory but we have no copies. I will post lists of videos that are either checked out or missing on the website under 'Modeler Tips & Service' and encourage members who have checked out videos to return them at upcoming meetings. Much of the "checked out" status is old, and may not reflect actual possession of the material.

YouTube (David Lamb): No report this month

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

4th Annual Family Picnic



*Fernbank Lodge in Fernbank Park
50 Thornton Ave, Cinti, OH 45233
(Sayler Park off Route 50)*



1-5 pm Sunday, June 8, 2025

*For Division 7 Members, Families and their Guests.
Featuring Fellowship, Food, Soft Drinks, Door Prizes,
Games and our "main event" Trivia Team Contest
Only \$10 per person (Division 7 picks up the rest!)*

**Registrations limited to first 100 people
Hurry! – June 1 Registration Deadline**



Rain or Shine! We'll be in an air-conditioned building with restrooms.
Food features Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken, Salads, Cookies, Dessert.
Children permitted – an adult must accompany those under 18 years of age.
Ohio river views, active rail line, walking trail and children's playground.

No refunds after June 1, unless entire event cancelled by Division 7.

Cincinnati Division 7 reserves the right to modify or cancel this event.

This event will be operated under all local, state and federal health
guidelines in effect at that time – Face masks are currently optional.

Picnic Reservation Form - Please cut off and mail with payment before June 1, 2024

Div. 7 Member Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Number of Adults: _____ X \$10 fee = \$ _____

Number of Children: _____ X \$10 fee = \$ _____

Total submitted: \$ _____

Send completed form & payment to:

**Roy Hord
6526 Hollowview Ct.
Hamilton, Ohio 45011**

Check # _____ (Make Checks Payable to "Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA")

Credit Card: Visa _____ MasterCard _____ Card # _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Expiration Date: (MM/YY) _____ / _____ CVV: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Further info: <https://cincy-div7.org/local-events> or email rhord@fuse.net



2027 Convention
Committee

May 2025 Report



Our 2027 Convention Committee is excited to share the recent progress made in several areas. We're especially pleased to announce **Lou Sassi, Cheryl Sassi, Stephen Priest, MMR** and **Dr. Cinthia Priest** will all be featured clinicians, and **Craig Fuller**, the CEO of Firecrown Media, will be both a special guest clinician and our banquet speaker! Here are other accomplishments and some key next steps –

Done

- Dates set - Thursday through Sunday, June 3-6, 2027
- Hotel set - Cincinnati North Holiday Inn in West Chester, Ohio
- Extended Leadership Team set and held kick-off meeting
- "The Cincinnati" convention name and logo finalized
- Created publicity posters to debut at the 2025 MCR Convention in Columbus
- Both early-bird layouts set – Larry Bonhaus (N) + Bob Lawson's new layout (HO)
- Secured 5 special guest clinicians, including our banquet speaker
- Tentative convention activities schedule and meeting spaces floor plans set
- Launched our initial web page for the convention
- Met with hotel to begin working some specific details – audio, tables, food, reg.

Next Steps

- Refine budget and finalize at the early June Div 7 BOD meeting
- Continue to investigate electronic registration design options (likely via RegFox)
- Continue to investigate bus costs for some rail and/or general interest tours
- Dimension spaces and secure in-hotel layouts
- Arrange advance convention shirt sales
- Continue to build teams + incorporate many other volunteers closer to event

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2027 Convention Committee

Leadership Team



We're excited to share our 2027 convention leadership team. Recall, our team is larger than usual since we're pairing veteran and apprentice leaders, plus including coaches and planning assistants. We conducted our first team meeting on April 1. See below for team departments, leaders, apprentices, and assistants. An expanded version, including coaches, will be posted soon on our website.

	Leaders	Apprentices and Assistants
Chair	John Burchnall	Chris Shackleton
Treasurer	Frank Koch	Bob Shreve, John Shields, Roy Hord
Registrar	Roy Hord	Steve Brown, Will Gregory, Jim Stewart, Tim Stout
Website	John Burchnall	David Lamb
Publicity/Marketing	John Burchnall	David Lamb, Pam Moleski, Rick Stern
Publisher	Bob Shreve	Mark Albert
Vice Chair - Volunteers	Chuck Endreola	Joe Stuber
Vice Chair - Tours	Merlyn Jarman	Mike Tener
Vice Chair - Clinics	Sam Swanson, MMR	Tim Stout
Vice Chair - Layouts	Tony Valerius	Chris Shackleton, Rick Kramer, Gary Ossenschmidt
T-Trak Layout	Paul Musselman John Shields	Chris Shackleton
Company Store	Paul Musselman Rick Crumrine	Tim Stout, David Wynne, Zach Riggins, John Shields
White Elephant Sale	Frank Koch Rick Crumrine	Tim Stout, David Wynne, Zach Riggins, John Shields
Raffle	Paul Maciulewicz Rick Crumrine	Tim Stout, David Wynne, Zach Riggins, John Shields
Contest	Roy Allan Jim Rollwage	David Wynne
Audio/Video	Chris Shackleton Joe Wendeln	Bob Shreve, Gary Ossenschmidt, Phil Wilkin, Don Hoffman, Jordan Kramer, Chris Boylan
Inside Signage	Bob Shreve	Tim Stout
Photos/Videos	Pam Moleski David Lamb	Ben Hallenbeck
Legal Counsel	Larry Bonhaus	-

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Northern Railway Operating Session on June 21 at 7 PM (Saturday)

NOTE: Contact Sam Parfitt prior to attending, in order to confirm the Operating Session. --- Ed.

GNRW ops is on the 3rd W/E Saturday.

Pizza at 6:30-7:00.

Please email if attending.

NEW POLICY:

Since there's not a lot to do outside our homes related to railroading, those who wish to have a 'one-on-one' or with own friends to operate the layout during the month, please email or call.

Being retired, I spend the bulk of my time in the basement so visitors are always welcomed. Thanks.

NEW PROJECTS:

Installed decoders in several more engines. A selection of 100 engines can now be done.

Mission Statement: Main theme of my railroad (besides modeling the Great Northern Railway): when building the railroad, I wanted to model mainline running with big time steam and 'scale like' trains of 25-45 cars on single track mainline with passing sidings.

USUAL STATS:

Time: 1938. All steam and electrics. The GN railway is a point to point railroad, 400' mainline with two 400-500 car yards at Seattle, Wash and St Paul, Minn, each having 20+ track turntables and one staging yard holding 300 cars. Minimum radius, 48" with #10 turnouts. Track all hand laid on individual wooden ties. 100% scenery.

Four track 12' ore dock.

For pictures see:

<http://ogrforum.ogaugerr.com/topic/great-northern-railway?page=1>

Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOb7SgZTLWA>

The Operating session is also listed in the NMRA MCR div 7 web site:

<https://cincy-div7.org/events.html>

Junk food and beverage will be available

Thanks

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DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Division 7 Car Project (Limited Edition!)

Cincinnati Division 7's Car Project Committee is pleased to announce the availability of our latest, limited-edition car project!

Using Accurail's 2200 Series ACF 2-Bay Covered Hopper as the basis, we are offering it in a Norfolk & Western repaint scheme.

These cars are N&W class HC-46 and are from an original batch of fifty built in 1966 by ACF and were painted in the Round Herald paint scheme.

Sometime subsequent to that some cars went through a general maintenance program where they were repainted in the block N&W livery. Photos were found showing that at least three of these cars (road numbers 170753, 170768 and 170794) were reweighed at some later date because that area is "patched out" on the car with the new data displayed. Those same photos place these three cars as being in service in 1992 and 2004! It is these three, highly unique, road numbers that Cincinnati Division 7 is now offering for sale.

As with all Accurail cars, they are in kit form only.

Pricing is \$25 per car, or a 3-car set at \$70. Shipping (via USPS Priority) is \$9.20 for one car and \$16.25 for two to three cars.

Ohio residents, please add 7.8% sales tax on the **total price of the kits and the shipping and handling fee.**

I received these cars the week of 9/12. Heritage and purchasing details are posted on our Division 7 web site.

You can also send me a check or money order in US dollars, payable to Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA, to:

Cincinnati Division 7 Car Projects

c/o Paul Maciulewicz

9151 Congress Court

West Chester, Ohio 45069



DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oil Can Submissions - Deadlines Change

I am adjusting the deadline for submitting information to be published in the *Oil Can*. It has been an informal goal to publish the *Oil Can* by the 1st of the month, and sometimes that noble goal has not been met. I start the editing process by making an electronic copy of the previous month, then delete old information, and add current information. The amount of new information varies, as I accumulate files throughout each month. After finalizing, I email a copy to those who have submitted contributions for their scrutiny, as “several pairs of eyes” are better than one! Then after evaluating their comments, the *Oil Can* is distributed.

After deliberation with Chuck and Tony, we concluded that a firm deadline of the 17th of the month for submitting anything for publication should be instituted, so as to meet the goal of distribution by the 1st of each month.

Dave Puthoff

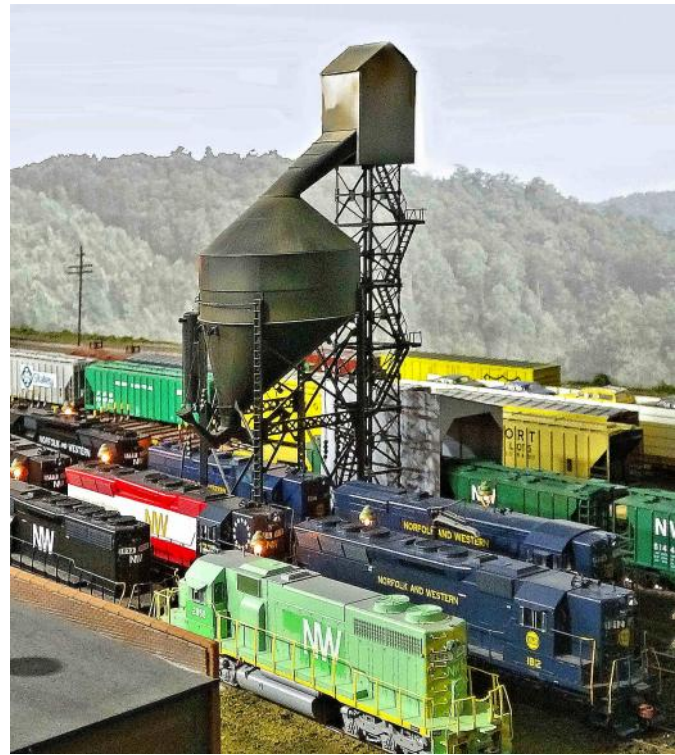
Greg Klinker **1943 - 2025**



It is with great sadness we report long time Division 7 member Greg Klinker passed away on March 4, 2025 at the age of 81. He was born on November 30, 1943 and joined the National Model Railroad Association in November of 1996. Greg was a Vietnam Veteran, having served 20 years in the USAF as an aircraft mechanic. He was a prominent member of the Cincinnati Northern Model Railroad Club. Our condolences go to all Greg's friends and family. See the Memoriams page on our Division 7 website for Greg's obituary including other information.

text by John Burchnall, photo by family

LAYOUT VISIT to Stephen Rineair's HO-Scale Layout



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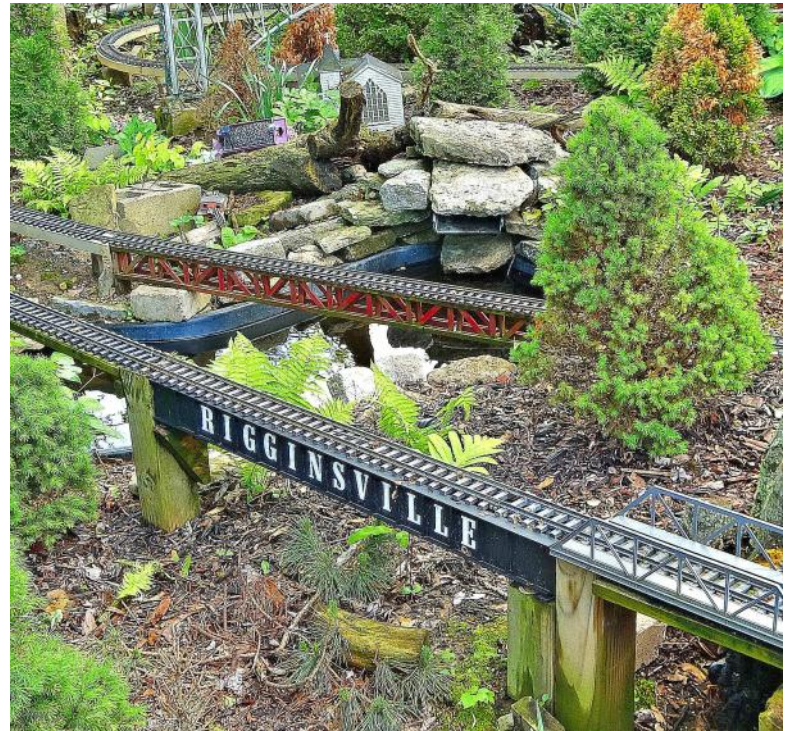
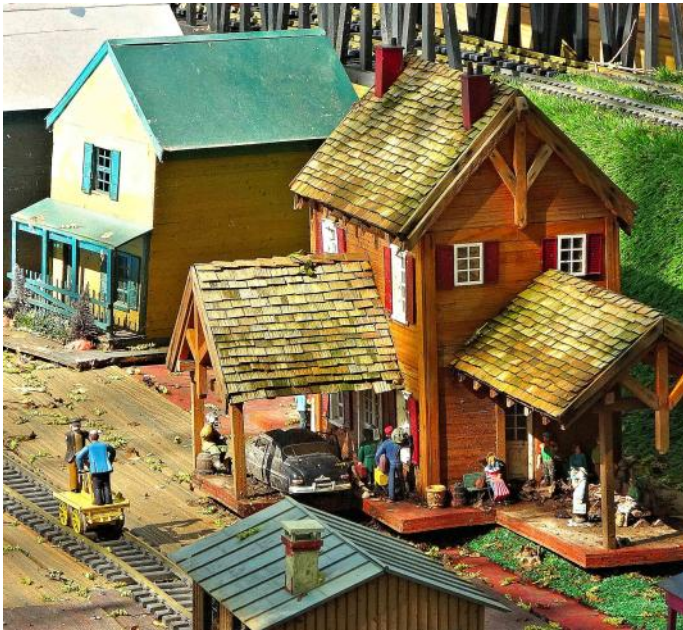
Photos by John Burchnell

LAYOUT VISIT to Zach Riggin's G-Scale Layout



Photos by Richard Bierau

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DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

As a benefit to Division 7 members, the Oil Can 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 will periodically re-evaluate the program. 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. Oil Can 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 Oil Can).

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 Oil Can 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.

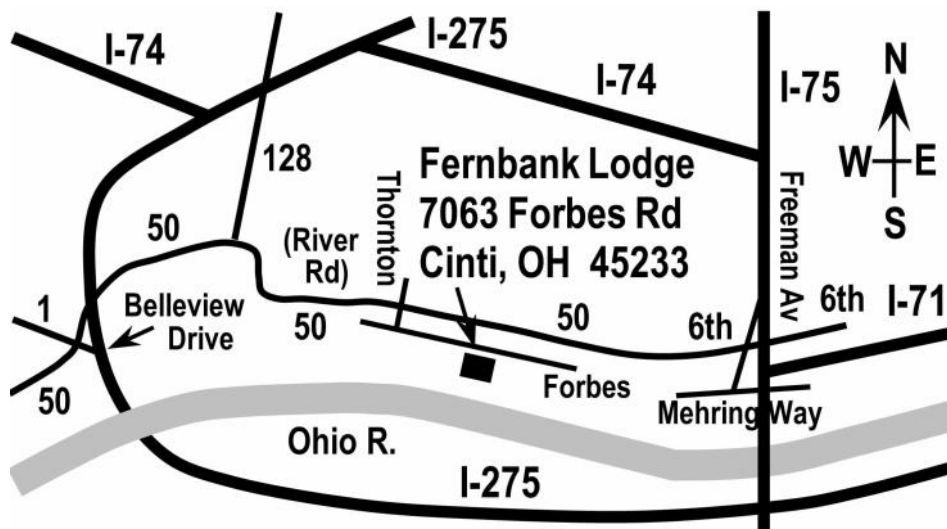
Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email	Listing No.
	Roundhouse Pennsy/Empire Line 35' double-sheathed boxcar, dark red, #76187, built w/Kadee couplers and metal wheels. Retail: N/A	\$15	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	324-Apr 25
	Walthers FM H10-44 CNW diesel switcher, green/yellow, #1054. Retail \$67.50	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	336-May 25
	Pacific Mtn Scale Shops B&O I-12 wagon-top caboose craftsman kit w/ Andrews trucks. Retail: \$49.50	\$25	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	327-Apr 25
	Front Range C&EI 40' ACF riveted side, single 6' door boxcar, boxcar red, #66471. Retail \$7.95	\$5	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	328-Apr 25
	Front Range CNW 40' ACF riveted side, single 6' door boxcar, boxcar red, #23014. Retail \$7.95	\$5	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	329-Apr 25
	Front Range NYC 50' ACF rivet-side, double door boxcar, boxcar red, #47103. Retail \$7.95	\$5	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	330-Apr 25
	Front Range undecorated 50' ACF welded side, double door boxcar. Retail \$7.95	\$5	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	331-Apr 25
	Accurail (custom painted) C&O 50' riveted side double door boxcar, boxcar red, #6210. Retail \$12.00	\$10	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	332-Apr 25
	Stewart EMD F3B phase II. Unpowered, undecorated. Retail \$45.00	\$30	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	337-Apr 25

Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2025 Program Schedule

See website for most recent [printable landscape PDF](#). Dates, times and events can change. Most meetings begin at 2:00 PM

Month	Date	Location	Program / Speaker	Contests *	Layout Visits
Jan	Sun, Jan 12	North – Cincinnati North Holiday Inn (West Chester)	Cincinnati Museum Center Speaker “Cincinnati Inclines”	Model & Photo: Caboose or any EOT device freight car	Noah Powers + Greg Simpson
Feb	Sun, Feb 2 (note date)	West – Dunham Recreation Center (near Queen City Ave)	Bob Frankrone “Carrie Blast Furnace”	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	Tom Dunn + Randy Seiler
Mar	Sat, Mar 15 10 am – 3 pm	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 13	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Lou and Cheryl Sassi “Tour of On30 Sandy River & Rangeley Lakes RR”	Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	Ric Case + Curt LaRue
May	Sun, May 4 (note date)	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Gary Hoover “Proto-Freelance N&W in the 1950's”	Model & Photo: Non-Steam Locomotive	Steve Rineair + Zach Riggins
May	Thu, May 15 to Sun, May 18	Buckeye Express MCR Convention - Columbus, OH	Clinics, Banquet, Yard Sale, Tours	Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
Jun	Sun, Jun 8 1 – 5 pm	Family Picnic/Social at Fernbank Park in Cinti, Ohio	Catered Social Event (Food, Games, Door Prizes) - must register by June 1	Team Trivia & Door Prizes	None
Jul	Sun, Jul 13	South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library	Stephen Priest, MMR “Modeling Engine Servicing Facilities”	Model & Photo: Any Passenger Train Car	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR + Jim Conrad
Jul	Mon, Jul 14 to Sun, Jul 20	NMRA National Convention Station No. VI - Novi, MI	Clinics, Tours, Programs, Layouts, Banquet, National Train Show	Convention Contests	Convention Tours & Train Show Layouts
Aug	Sun, Aug 10	North – Cincinnati North Holiday Inn (West Chester)	Ray Persing “3-D Printing”	Model & Photo: Dirt or Road Motor Propelled Vehicle	Sam Parfitt + another tbd
Sep	Sun, Sep 14	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	John Burchnall & Tony Valerius “Midwest Ry Preservation Society”	Model & Photo: Tank or Flat Car	Don Leedy + another tbd
Oct	Sun, Oct 5 (note date)	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Mike Tylick, MMR® “Building Laser Cut Structures”	Model & Photo: Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment	Bob Lawson + another tbd
Oct	Sat 11 & Sun 12 10 am to 4 pm	57th Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West High School	Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show Sales, Layouts, Booths and Displays	None	Train Show Portable Layouts
Nov	Sun, Nov 9	Central – Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio	Ed Swain “Building the Engine Shops at Notch”	Model & Photo: Any Building or Bridge	Cinti Model Ry Club + Sam Swanson, MMR
Dec	Sun, Dec 14	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Potluck Electronic Slides and Annual Snackfest Celebration	Model & Photo: Box, Stock or Refrigerator Car	Roy Allan + Leo Honebrink

Division 7 Family Picnic/Social at Fernbank Park, Sayler Park



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2025 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>
6/8	NO REGULAR MEETING — Division 7 Family Picnic/Social at Fernbank Park, Sayler Park			
				1 to 5 PM
7/13	Kenton County Library Erlanger KY	Stepen Priest MMR® <i>Modeling Engine Service Facilities</i>	Jim Conrad Georgia Dahlberg MMR®	<u>Models:</u> Any Pass. Train Car <u>Photos:</u> Any Pass. Train Car
8/10	Holiday Inn West Chester OH	Ray Persing <i>3-D Printing</i>	Sam Parfitt TBD	<u>Models:</u> Dirt or Road Motor Prop.Vehicle <u>Photos:</u> Dirt or Road Motor Prop.Vehicle

Around the Division 2025

6/19 7:15 pm Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

Region / National 2025

**7/14-7/19, 2025, 90th NMRA National Convention,
Station No. VI, - Novi, MI**

Modeling Problems? - Ask the Modelers Aid Committee

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