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Dave Puthoff

The Division 7 Spring Flea Market & Trade Show will be held on March 15 at the Lakota West Freshman School.

Details are on Page 28.

The Museum Center at Union Terminal has several upcoming events of interest:

Popular *High Steel Tours* will be on Saturdays April 5 and Nov. 8. *Cincinnati Transportation History Sessions* will be held on (6) Monday Evenings April 7 through May 19 (Water, Railroad, Inclines, Subway) (\$15/ \$20 each for Members/non-Members), less 20% for all 6).

By mid-year, a Virtual Tour of the Union Terminal Concourse should be available at times TBD. With the aid of a computerized headset, patrons are able "walk through" the concourse as it was in the 1960s.

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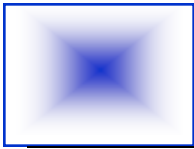
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroadng and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover: Scene from Tom Dunn's HO-Scale Layout

Photo by Sam Parfitt



Since there is no meeting this month, I am using this month's column to offer the following reminders and announcements.

Our next **New Member Orientation** is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26th at 7pm at the American Legion Post 72 hall. This is the same venue we enjoyed for our December Celebration and Snack Fest. While I would heartily encourage all members who have joined in the past 18 months to attend, any and all members who would like to get a better grasp of navigating the websites and taking advantage of all member benefits are welcome as well. If you know of a potential member, please feel free to invite and encourage him/her to attend. Please contact me to register by email, chuckendreola@yahoo.com, or by phone, (440) 823-7374. The Orientation Committee also encourages and appreciates seasoned members to volunteer as mentors. Contact me as well. Refreshments provided.

ATTENTION! The Oil Can is introducing a new Submissions Deadline beginning in March. All submissions, be they articles, announcements, photos, columns or classified ads, **must be given** to Dave Puthoff **by the 17th** of each month. This will help us all get the Oil Can out in a timely manner. See Page 17.

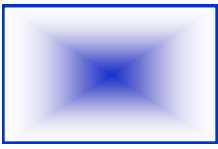
If you would like to volunteer to help set up, tear down, or staff the admission table at the **March Flea Market**, contact Gary Ossenschmidt. If you would like to help staff the Membership Booth, contact John Shields. Contact info for all Officers, Chairpersons, and Trustees is on page 2 of the Oil Can each month.

With all of the snow and cold weather we are enduring, I find it comforting to think about our **Annual Picnic** coming up in June. We will be canvassing for door prize donations very soon. If you can secure a donation from a merchant near you, or make a personal donation, please do so soon. More on the details of this event to come in the near future.

Our **next BOD meeting** is at 7 pm on Tuesday, March 11 via Zoom. BOD and Committee Leaders will receive the invite and link via email. Other members interested in attending may contact me or John Burchnall for that info.

“Don’t wait for people to be friendly, show them how”— Henry James

Chuck



SECOND SECTION

Tony Valerius
Asst. Super

The weather outside is very cold and snowy again this month. Luckily, I have a nice warm house and plenty to do to occupy my time. I hope everyone is staying warm, as well, and working/playing with your trains and layouts.

Volunteers Needed—At the last meeting, I asked for volunteers to 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.

Our February meeting was held at Dunham Recreation Center, near Queen City Avenue on the west side of town. Our AV team of Chris Boylan, Merlyn Jarman, Chris Shackleton, and Joe Wendeln had everything operating smoothly for everyone in attendance and on-line to enjoy the meeting. Our guest speaker, Bob Frankrone – Division 8, gave a wonderful presentation on the Carrie Blast Furnace. Our model and photo contests were Hopper or Gondola car, and our after-meeting layout visits were to the homes of Tom Dunn and Randy Seiler to see their amazing layouts. Several people asked Randy where he got his backdrops which he informs me was at Trackage Scenics. Thanks to all who made this another wonderful meeting.

Coming Up:

Saturday March 15th – Our Annual Spring Flea Market will be held at the Lakota West Freshman School. There are plenty of opportunities for volunteers to help with the setup on Friday March 14th, admissions, membership booth, and tear down. I hope to see many of you there assisting. See also the flyer in this issue of the Oil Can, plus the notice, flyer and map on our website.

Frank Koch is again running the White Elephant tables where you can sell items you don't need. See the pages in this Oil Can for more details on the necessary procedures and forms to take advantage of this.

Sunday April 13th – Our meeting is at American Legion Post #194 in Mason, Ohio with a clinic by visiting guests Lou & Cheryl Sassi on a "Tour of On30 Sandy River & Rangeley Lakes RR". The Model and Photo Contests will be Steam Locomotive. Our after-meeting layout visits will be to the homes of Ric Case and Curt LaRue.

Sunday May 4th – Our meeting will be held at the Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall with a clinic by visiting guest Gary Hoover on "Proto-Freelance N&W in the 1950's." The Model and Photo Contests will be Non-Steam Locomotive. Our after-meeting layout visits will be to the homes of Steve Rineair and Zach Riggins.

Sunday June 8th – Family Picnic/Social at Fernbank Park in Cincinnati, Ohio. ***Save the Date.*** We will again have food, games, and door prizes. Registration will be by June 1st. Cost and additional details to come in future website notices and Oil Can editions.

Happy Modeling!

Tony



You're invited to join us for the next Cincinnati Division 7 **Orientation Event** as mentioned in recent meetings and editions of the Division 7 Oil Can publication.

What... you don't know what the Oil Can is...? Well then that's one of many reasons to join us for this upcoming event.

This special event will be conducted on **Wednesday, March 26th at 7pm**, at the familiar **American Legion Post 72 in Mt. Carmel, Ohio**. This event is designed to introduce many of our newer members to the multi-faceted world of Division 7, and to the NMRA.

We'll share the multitude of resources and benefits available through your membership, revealing and discussing many insights for your local Cincinnati Division, our Mid-Central Region, and our National NMRA organization.

This collaborative learning experience will also give you the added opportunity to meet and mingle with several of our leaders and subject matter experts. These are friendly people having the knowledge, skills and passions that can help you achieve greater growth within this amazing hobby.

What a perfect place for you to make connections with others that can benefit you now, and for years to come. Sometimes a complex subject can be made simple by talking with someone that's been there and done that. So, you supply "you", and we'll do the rest to help build your "know-how" and hobby enjoyment.

Finally, to keep your boiler from going dry we will have refreshments, and to keep the wheels turning we'll supply some light snacks. So, don't worry about wetting your whistle or running out of steam, just enjoy this enlightening and fun event.



Knowledge is power, and to achieve such you need to know what tracks to take. This event will give you the tools, relationships and road maps to help you navigate your journey, putting you on the tracks to success. And if you derail, your orientation experience will have filled your tool box with what you'll need to help get back on track.

We hope you will make every effort to attend this exciting event!!

Please RSVP by Sunday March 16th to Chuck Endreola at: chuckendreola@yahoo.com

From your Orientation Event Co-Chairs

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ATTENTION

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

“New Members” and those who were unable to attend the previous session are urged to register and attend

Wednesday, March 26 (7pm) - American Legion Post 72, Mt. Carmel

POINTS OF DISCUSSION

HOW AND WHY THERE IS AN NMRA

IT'S RELEVANCE IN TODAY'S MODEL RAILROADING

GET THE MOST FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP

RESOURCES AND BENEFITS AND HOW TO ACCESS THEM

BECOME AN INTEGRAL PART OF A TOP NMRA DIVISION

AMPLE Q & A OPPORTUNITY

SNACKS & BEVERAGES

Don't delay registering!

Please email or call Superintendent
chuckendreola@yahoo.com or (440) 823-7374

**Division 7 MCR, NMRA
Dunham Recreation Center
February 2, 2025**

Meeting Minutes:

Welcome: restrooms, recognize guests/new members

Death of a Current Member: Kevin Orcutt

Officer Reports:

Superintendent [Endreola]: Secretary position will be open, please contact me

Asst. Super [Velarius]: Update on future meetings. Acknowledge A/V team

AV Team today: Merlin Jarman, Chris Boylan, Chris Shackleton

Secretary [Knapp]: minutes from previous meetings (also posted in the “Oil Can”)

Treasurer [Koch]: hand-out division is in very good shape financially

Committee Reports:

Awards: [Koch]: Kress

Membership [Shields]: membership is 219

March Flea Market [Ossenschmidt]: 260 tables sold

Model Railroad Roundtable [Swanson]: Schedule of events announced

Orientation Event [Endreola]: March 26 at the Mount Carmel VFW

Old Business:

Company Store Badge are here for pickup

New Business:

(None)

Announcements:

Break: 20 minutes contest voting, purchase raffle tickets

Raffle: [Russ Poynter]: Honest as Always

Clinic: Bob Frankrone “Carrie Blast Furnace”

Layout Visits: Tom Dunn & Randy Seiler

Respectfully submitted by:

Bruce A. Knapp, Secretary Division 7, MCR, NMRA

Model Railroading Roundtable Invitation

Host – Bob Lawson

Topic – Building Structures for Your Layout

Date and Time – Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 1-4pm

Location – 7532 Wetherington Drive, Westchester OH 45069

Maximum Number of Attendees – 8

Response – boblawsonnmra@gmail.com

Model railroading offers variety to a person in so many areas:

New friendships.... Operations.... Electrical wiring with many sophisticated products available today... Layout design.... Track work can be an art... Locomotives are probably a main focus 100% of the time.... Freight and passenger cars.... Redi built/kits/scratch in every facet....Scenery is very broad....Scene details, figures, artistic painting of everything.... Photography.... Regional shows....

BUT, THIS LIST and MORE ARE ALL ENHANCED BY STRUCTURES!!!

I believe that I can introduce you to the importance of utilizing structures to enhance your layout. Choose from ready built, kits, or kit bashed structures. All railroads become real with attention to the structures especially when they are built on scenic bases. This is true, even on the smallest structures similar to the outhouses you may have seen peddled occasionally at Division 7 shows.

1. First , choose an era for your railroad. That determines choices for almost every category listed above. There are many modelers who choose to “freelance everything”. All of these choices will be a good guide.
2. Next choose the “scene” in which each structure will be a part of. This means rail yard, small towns, city, rural, or others.
3. Learn about suppliers, available materials, kits, and more.

I believe that I can introduce you to this wonderful area of model railroading. My new railroad is being built at a very “high level” by Division 7 members who all are new to the category “structures”, as well as many of the ones listed above.



In addition to Bob’s wit and wisdom, you’ll be able to study dozens (if not hundreds) of structures installed on his layout and stowed in the wings.

Cincinnati Division 7's Model Railroading Roundtable for 2025

Completing our initial year of Division 7's Model Railroading Roundtable (MRR) program, which allows a small group of like-interested folks to gather in a local home or meeting place and learn a new skill related directly to the model railroading hobby, we have another slate of roundtables to offer this year. We'd first like to thank those eight hosts and two-dozen participants that made the program a success in 2024.



Participants carving rock outcroppings from foam was an MRR held in October at Chuck Endreola's home.

Five MRRs are scheduled for this year, starting in March and continuing throughout the year. Some are continuations from last year, and some are completely new programs. Details of Curt's MRR are below, along with the list of programs and tentative months they'll be offered.

2025 MRR Program

Upcoming roundtables include the following topics and hosts. Detailed descriptions of each follow the summary table.

Month	Host	Topic
March	Curt LaRue	TrackPlanning and Layout Construction
April	Bob Lawson	Scratchbuilding and Kitbashing Structures
May	Ed Swain	Layout Planning and Building Urban Corridors
August	Chuck Endreola	Carving Rockwork from Foam Insulation
September	Mike Tener	Dead Rail Locomotive Control

March MRR

Host – Curt LaRue

Topic – Trackplanning and Layout Construction

Date and Time – Saturday, March 8, from 1-3pm

Location – 8110 Timbertree Way, West Chester OH 45069

Maximum Number of Attendees – 3 spaces left (as of this writing, three folks have already signed up)

Response – LCklarue@aol.com

This roundtable will cover how I designed my model railroad using track charts, maps, railroad documents (such as timetables, CT 1000, and rule books), photos (from books, internet, historical societies, and private photo collections), blue prints, and drawings. Transferring the plan, from drawing the track plan full size, to using structure mock-ups, along with how the layout operates will also be covered.

LEADERSHIP CONTINUITY PLAN STATUS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>Present Holder</u>	<u>Back Up(s)</u>
Treasurer	Frank Koch	John Shields
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Achievement Program	Frank Koch	Roy Allan
Secretary	Bruce Knapp	Tony Valerius
Membership	John Shields	Mike Tener
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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	open
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	open	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!



CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA FEBRUARY 2025 CONTEST RESULTS



MODELS: HOPPER OR GONDOLA CAR

Kit-Built:	1st Place:	Will Gregory	C&O Hopper #2187
	2nd Place:	Steve Montgomery	ACF Covered Hopper #170753
	3rd Place:	Bob Rinker	Ore Jenny #70175
Kit-Bashed:	1st Place:	Bob Frankrone (Div 8)	Reading Gondola #33265 with Load
	2nd Place:	Roy Allan	D&RGW Pipe Gondola #1536
	3rd Place:	Bob Frankrone (Div 8)	Erie Gondola #14225 with Load
Scratch-Built	No entries this month		
Junior Div:	No entries this month		

PHOTOGRAPHY: HOPPER OR GONDOLA CAR

Prototype:	1st Place:	John Burchnall	C&NW Gondola #128020
	2nd Place:	Bob Rinker	FURX Covered Hopper #851480
Models:	1st Place:	John Burchnall	N&W Hopper String at Coal Mine
	2nd Place:	Bob Rinker	GM&O Hopper #32487
	3rd Place:	John Burchnall	Southern Ry Hopper #105519
Junior Div:	No entries this month		

2025 STANDINGS THROUGH FEBRUARY

MODELS

Steve Montgomery	5	Lee Drake	3
Roy Allan	5	Ben Hallenbeck	3
Tom Brueggeman MMR*	4	Will Gregory	3
Bob Frankrone (Div 8)	4	Bob Rinker	1

PHOTOGRAPHY

John Burchnall	13	Ben Hallenbeck	2
Bob Rinker	4	Roy Allan	1
Patrick Stanley	3		

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS

No entries yet this year

JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOS

No entries yet this year

APRIL CONTEST TOPICS

(No Contest at March Flea Market/Train Show)

MODELS: STEAM LOCOMOTIVE

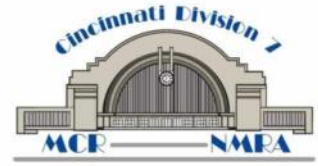
PHOTOGRAPHY: STEAM LOCOMOTIVE

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 February 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 February 3) shows our current count is 224.

We have five new members to welcome from the last month.

Nat Brooks of Loveland

Scott Klein of Harrison

Daniel Winhuen of Western Hills

Paul Joseph Picton of Newport, KY

Robert Logan of Loveland

Thank you in advance to those who volunteered to help at the Membership table at the upcoming Flea Market: Randy Kerka, Chris Shackleton, Bob Rinker, and David Lamb; along with the regular team of Tim Stout, Mike Tener, and Joe Stuber; and, of course, Chuck and Tony.

If you get done shopping at the show and want to stop by and help, feel free even if you are not on the advance schedule. And if you are a "newer" member, you can be a valuable helper because you can tell potential new members why you chose to join. That may be very different than the story that "old timers" like me can tell, and more relevant!

John Shields
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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 April Oil Can are due by March 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): See Page 21-23

Operations Activities (Rick Stern): No report this month

Facebook Page (Pam Moleski): No report this month

Web Site (John Burchnall): Photo collages of Tom Dunn's and Steve Rineair's layouts have been added to the Area Layouts page.

Video Library (Kevin Orcutt): No report this month

YouTube (David Lamb): The *EnterTrainment Junction* Early Period video is being worked on; the Tom Brueggeman Marshall Pass Layout video was recorded in February and is entering the editing phase.

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Kevin Orcutt
1966 - 2025**



It is with great sadness we report long-time Division 7 member Kevin Neal Orcutt passed away on January 20, 2025 at the age of 58. He was born on March 26, 1966, and joined the NMRA in March of 1997. Kevin coordinated the video lending library of our Cincinnati Division 7, and was our past webmaster. He was also active in the group of local modelers called the Lebanon Subdivision. Kevin and his late father Gary were fixtures at train shows for many years. Our condolences go to all Kevin's friends and family. See the Memoriams page on our Division 7 website for his obituary including service information.

Compiled by John Burchnall

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Northern Railway Operating Session on March 15 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

Cinder Sniffers Welcomes You

The Cinder Sniffers group welcomes any member of Division 7 to visit their railroad which is a little bit larger than HO (ha ha!). We run large scale trains with track gauges of 7-1/2” to 2-1/2”. Most trains accommodate human passengers. We will begin 2025 operations on the second Saturday in May and run through October. Our hours are from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Some members may stay longer as that is their choice. Children are welcome but must be supervised by an adult.

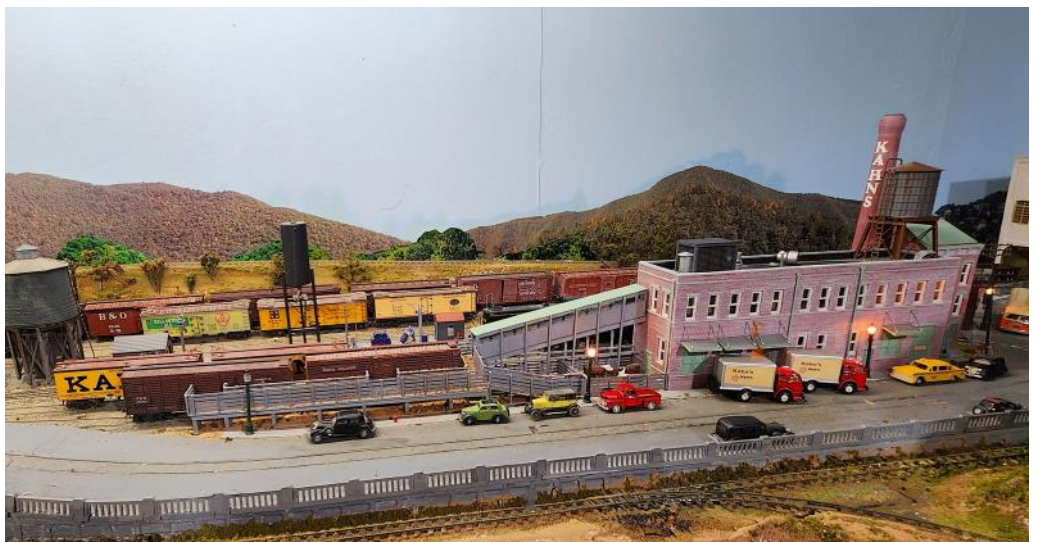
Please bring your own food, as we no longer have the diner open. However, drinks are available for a small donation. We would welcome new members to be outside playing with trains in early spring. We hope to have our newest addition which is a 60’ long curved tunnel. When vegetation grows, as planned, the tunnel will not be visible until you enter it. Be prepared for surprises in the tunnel, as we are still children with gray hair determined to have as much fun as possible.

Cinder Sniffers is located on St. Rt. 1 in Guilford, Indiana. For more information, please visit www.cindersniffers.org for location and other details. The website lists all relevant information with the exception of run times which are usually 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

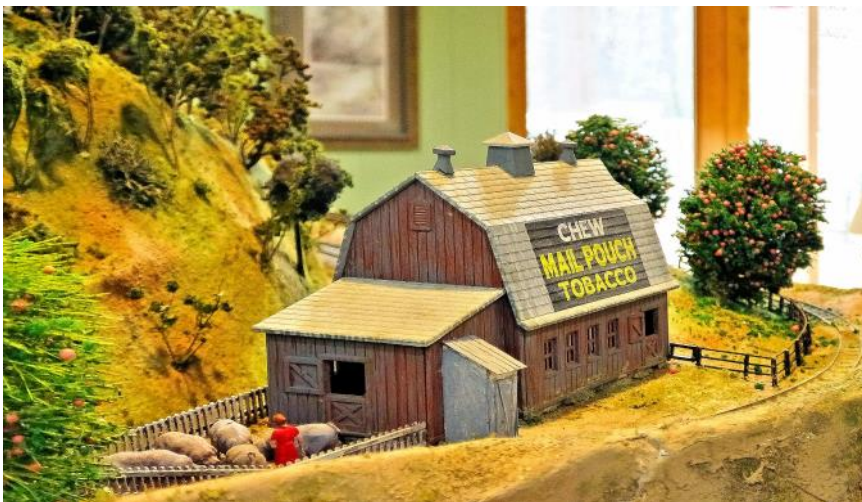
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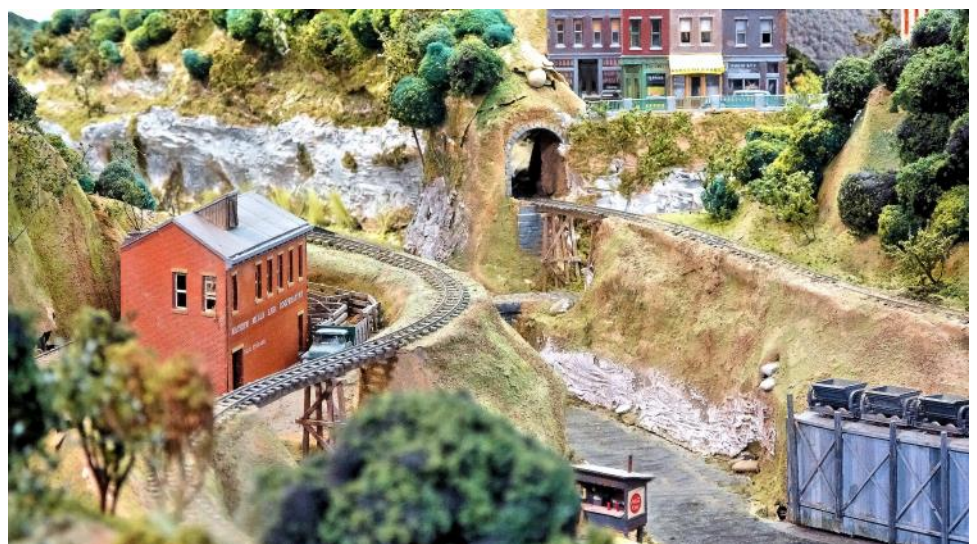


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DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

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.
	Walthers HO 130' turntable with direction / speed control box. Removed from Gerry Albers' layout.	\$100	Bob Shreve	bshreve8103@gmail.com	335-May 25
	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
	IHC Western & Atlantic 30' double-sheathed boxcar, light gray, #12220X. Retail: \$10.98	\$7	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	326-Apr 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 undecorated 40' ACF riveted side, 13' double door boxcar. Retail \$7.95	\$5	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	329-Apr 25
	Proto 2000 C&O 52'6" drop-end fish-belly mill gondola, black #218933. Retail: \$19.99	\$12	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
	Bowser (custom-painted) Virginian & Ohio 70-ton ACF 2-bay covered hopper, gray, #5023. retail \$26.00	\$20	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	333-Apr 25
	PRR Adlake-Kero, model 300 railroad lantern, with 3-1/4" fluted red gkobe, good condition.	\$80	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com ²⁶	334-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?	John Burchnall & Tony Valerius “Midwest Ry Preservation Society”	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	tbd
Sep	Sun, Sep 14	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	John Burchnall “The Eastern Loggers Story”	Model & Photo: Tank or Flat Car	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 11 am to 5 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

Super Bowl Feb 9 Easter Apr 20 Mothers Day May 11 Fathers Day Jun 15 N.Ga.Conv. Sept 3-6 *contest details on website Rev. Feb 12, 2025 JBB



MODEL RAILROAD SPRING FLEA MARKET & TRADE SHOW

Sponsored by Cincinnati Division 7, NMRA, Inc.

www.cincy-div7.org/local-events

**Saturday, MARCH 15, 2025
10 AM to 3 PM**

LAKOTA WEST FRESHMAN CAMPUS

**5050 TYLERSVILLE ROAD
WEST CHESTER, OHIO 45069**

FEATURING LOCAL MODELERS & HOBBY DEALERS

\$7 Admission (Cash only, ATMs off-site) – Kids 12 and under and Scouts in uniform free with accompanying paying adult – No animals allowed, except service dogs

All SCALES of Model Railroad Items, Videos and more!

Tables \$25 (2.5 x 8 ft) – Reservations: rhord@fuse.net

Don't miss this popular model train buy-sell event!

"A model railroad trade show"

This event will be operated under all local, state and federal health guidelines in effect at that time. Masks are currently optional. If recommended, hand sanitizer will be available at multiple locations. Subject to cancellation due to events beyond our control. See https://cincy-div7.org/local-events for last-minute information or changes.

WHITE ELEPHANTS AT SPRING FLEA MARKET

White Elephants at the 2025 Spring Flea Market (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 on Friday after 5pm or on Saturday before it starts. I'll log them in, sell them, reconcile sales with left-over material, and calculate how much you get back. You must pick up any unsold items right after the Show on Saturday, check your unsold items against the inventory, and we will settle either then or later.

The Division will keep 10% of actual sales. You must pick up your unsold material on Saturday right after the show closes. If you would like an electronic inventory form, send me an e-mail at fjkoch@hotmail.com with "elephant inventory" in the subject.

FJK – 12 \$10.00

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

I hope the 2025 Spring Flea Market will be our biggest White Elephant event yet. We will need some volunteers during the show to record sales and take payment from customers. You will not have to deal with any credit card sales as Frank will do those. If you can write fairly legibly, record the tag information on a sales slip, and differentiate between N, HO, and O scales, you will do fine!

2025 Spring White Elephant Sale			2025		
(10% of actual sales retained by Division 7)					
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		Net Due To Seller			



KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

Have returned

I missed the last three Oil Cans, due to a very busy musical performance schedule. I now realize I have been an active part of Division 7 since Mike Brestel appointed me to the B.O.D. in the early '80's. I have served in several capacities over the years, including my present position as Division Secretary. I think it is time to retire and give a new person this position. I have thoroughly enjoyed my many years of service; now it is time to work on my layout. I suspect at 82, my years of layout building are somewhat limited. The Secretary's position is fun, and I recommend it to any interested member to volunteer. I am available to answer any questions (for a modest price)!!

Thinning Out My Stash

There comes a time for all of us to re-evaluate our collection of model railroad treasures, and I have come to the conclusion that my Santa Fe equipment is far in excess of anything that I will ever need. With this earthshaking decision, I will be purchasing 3 tables at our Spring Flea Market. The positive will be [1] thinning out my excess equipment, and [2] generating some cash. Of course, the downside becomes not turning around and purchasing new excess items. I am confident that Chuck and Tony will keep me from buying more trains. I did realize that most of our members model some of the lesser local railroads, so my wonderful treasures might not appeal to the less discriminating modelers. Oh well, that is part of our beloved hobby. Do plan to stop at our tables, great deals and wonderful entertainment.

The Division 7 Test Track

Our rebuilt Test Track will also be at the Spring Flea Market. Again, spend your hard-earned money and get a free (?) test. My cohort and fellow musician, Zach Riggins, will be joining us that Saturday. Not only do you get to share in our expertise, but also enjoy watching the two of us practice character assassination on many innocent victims. We plan to spend an enjoyable afternoon fleecing the unfortunate show attendees, and sell very valuable treasures to the masses. Bring plenty of cash (no checks, or credit cards). See you at the Spring Flea Market!

Keep 'em Rolling

Bruce

Spring Swap Meet & Flea Market

10 AM to 3 PM Saturday March 15

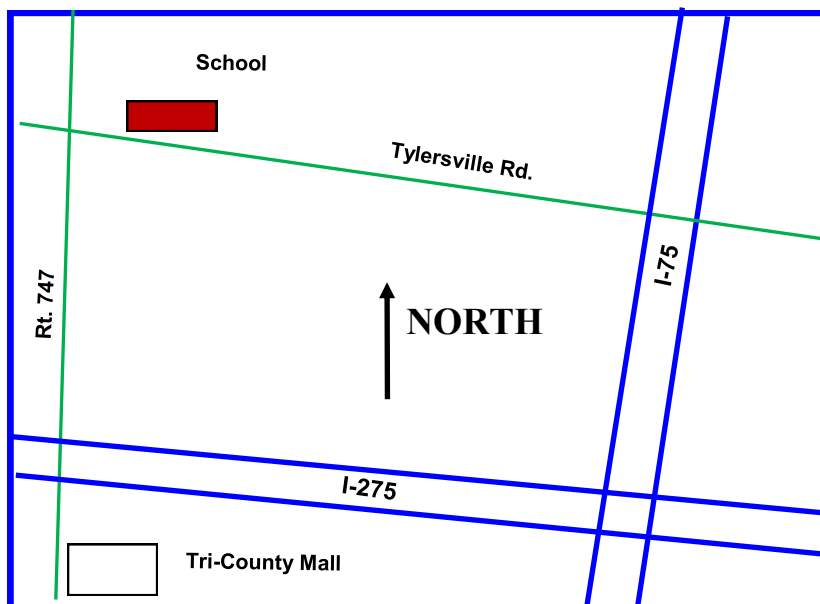
Lakota West Freshman School

5050 Tylersville Road
West Chester OH 45069

Directions:

From I-75: Tylersville Road Exit 22,
Go West on Tylersville Rd. approximately 4.5 miles.
School is on your right.

From I-275: Route 747 Exit 42,
Go North on Route 747 approximately 4.8 miles
Turn right on Tylersville Rd.
School is on your left.



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>
3/15	NO Monthly Meeting!	Annual Spring Flea Market at Lakota West Freshman School		
		SATURDAY March 15, 10 AM to 3 PM		
4/13	American Legion Hall Mason OH	Lou & Cheryl Sassi <i>Tour of On30 Sandy River & Rangelet Lakes RR</i>	Ric Case Curt LaRue	<u>Models:</u> Steam Locomotive <u>Photos:</u> Steam Locomotive
5/4	American Legion Hall Mt. Carmel OH	Gary Hoover <i>Proto-Freelance N&W in the 1950s</i>	Zach Riggins Steve Rineair	<u>Models:</u> Non-Steam Locomotive <u>Photos:</u> Non-Steam Locomotive

Around the Division 2025

3/20 7:15 pm Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

Region / National 2025

**5/15-5/18, 2025 Mid-Central Region Convention,
Buckeye Express - Columbus, OH**

**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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