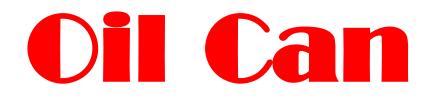
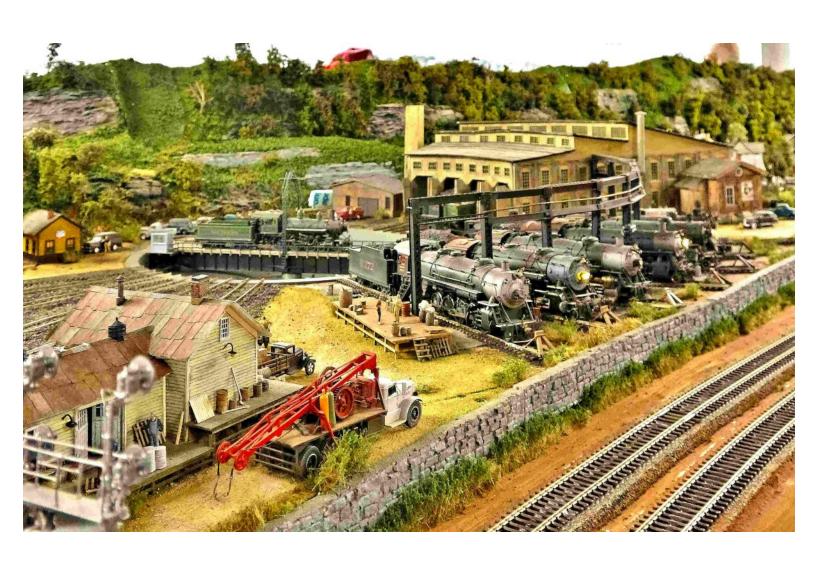
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Dave Puthoff

Election of Division 7 Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent will take place at the November Member Meeting.

Details of the Officer Nominations and Election Process is shown on Page 6.

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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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 Bob Lawson and the "Rat Pack" HO-Scale layout

Photo by Richard Bireau



HEADLIGHTS

October 12th and 13th were great days for Division 7. Once again, the individuals on our Fall Show committee operated like a well-oiled machine job (see Tony's Second Section). We hosted some new vendors and many of the veterans. We entertained more attendees than last year, a great sign the model railroading hobby is not languishing.

A great treat was having B&B Tools back and he is looking forward to attending our show again next year. I always spend way too much of my hobby budget there on tools and supplies. Now all I have to do is learn how to use it all!

At this writing, a trip to Timonium Maryland is in the works. Not quite as large as the Amherst show in Springfield Massachusetts, but one of the best in the USA. Oops, there goes that budget again! As an added special inducement, I received an invitation to visit Howard Zane's renowned "Piermont Division." My eyes and ears will be eager to learn from a world class model railroader.

In the Second Section, you will read a bit about Bob Lawson's "Rat Pack." I know Division 7 has several groups meeting to work on a member's layout, but this is my first experience. The group is working under the guidance and tutelage of Bob Lawson. Not only do we all learn something new at every session, but the most enjoyable aspect is the camaraderie.

I am hoping to spend some time and energy on my own layout. I am planning to do more scratch building as well as assembling several kits that have been on my shelves for many years! I have a few decoders to install and delve into the unknown and daunting process painting brass steam locos.

Don't forget, we will conduct elections at our November meeting. Please join me in supporting our new slate of elected officers. See you there.

"Don't wait for people to be friendly, show them how."—Henry James



SECOND SECTION

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Well, the 57th Annual Fall Train Show is over and it was a great success. Thank you to all who helped move in vendors on Friday night and Saturday morning, and out again on Sunday. The vendors were very appreciative of our assistance with one telling me that it is why he still comes to our event. There were so many who volunteered their time and energy to make this a success for the division and all who attended. The show would not be a success without the commitment of Rick Crumrine, Roy Hord, Pam Moleski, Bob Shreve, Frank Koch and John Burchnall and all who assisted them. Many volunteers were there multiple days helping in many different roles. Again, thank you for all of your time and energy making this a success.

Our October 5th meeting was held at the American Legion Hall #194 in Mason, Ohio with a clinic by Mike Tylick, MMR® on "Building Laser Cut Structures". As a bonus we had a special drawing for 4 laser cut kits as door prizes, courtesy of Bar Mills, via Mike Tylick. The Model and Photo Contests was Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment. Our AV team for the meeting was John Shields, Phil Wilkin, Jordan Kramer and Bob Shreve. The after-meeting layout visits were to the homes of Bob Lawson and Marvin Littrell, both first visits for our members. Thanks to all who made this a wonderful meeting for all who attended in person and on Zoom.

For those who missed the October meeting, the opening of the layout at Bob Lawson's house was an unveiling of a new layout created by Bob and added to by a group that has been together for about a year and a half. The group is named "The Rat Pack" and consists of Bob, Rick Kramer, Joe Stuber, Chuck Endreola, and myself. The name comes from the modeled Southern Railway Rat Hole Division. I am very proud of being a part of this group and what we have accomplished on this layout. But opening up was also an opportunity for me to experience an after-meeting layout from the side of the creator instead of visitor. The planning and hard work for that event was all made well worth it by the reaction and comments of those who visited the layout. If you missed seeing it, there may be other opportunities to visit in the future. One definite time will be on the first day of our 2027 Regional Convention where I will again enjoy showing off our creation to others from around the region.

Coming Up:

November 1st/2nd – The NMRA MCR Division 3 Dayton Train Show will take place at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. It is located at 645 Infirmary Road, Dayton, Ohio 45417. Hours are 11-5 on Saturday and 11-4 on Sunday. Adult admission is \$10 with children under 12 free with adult admission.

<u>Sunday November 9th</u> — Our meeting will be held at the Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio with a clinic by Ed Swain on "Building the Engine Shops at Notch." The Model and Photo contest will be any Building or Bridge (dioramas or scenes with one or more building or bridge also qualify). The after-meeting layouts will be at the Cincinnati Model Railway Club and the home of Sam Swanson, MMR[®] and his wife Nancy Windes.

<u>Sunday December 14th</u> – Our meeting will be held at the Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall where we will have our Annual Potluck Electronic Slides and Snackfest Celebration. The Model and Photo contest will be "Box, Stock, or Refrigerator Car." The after-meeting layouts will be at the homes of Roy Allan and Leo Honebrink.

Division 7 MCR, NMRA American Legion Hall #194, Rt. 42, Mason, OH October 5th, 2025 Meeting Minutes:

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

Sick Call:

- -John Listermann recovering from quadruple bypass and doing fine, hope to see him soon
- -Randy Kerka dealing with recurrence of previous health issue

Officer Reports:

Superintendent [Endreola]:

-Door prizes with special drawing of (4) Bar Mills kits provided by our guest clinician Mike Tylick.

Asst. Superintendent [Valerius]:

- -Recognize A/V team for month: John Shields, Bob Shreve, Phil Wilkin, assisted by Jordan Kramer.
- -Next meeting will be held at the Norwood Community Center on Sunday, November 9th.
- -Clinic will be presented by Ed Swain on "Building the Engine Shops at Notch."
- -Contest topic for both model and photo is "Any Building or Bridge including those in dioramas."
- -Layout tours will be to the homes of Sam Swanson and the Cincinnati Model Railway Club.

Secretary [Valerius, filling in for Shackleton]:

-Check Oil Can for meeting notes. Let him know any questions or comments.

Treasurer [Koch]:

-Division in good financial standing, finances will be boosted by upcoming show.

Committee Reports:

Membership: [Shields]

-No new information from Nationals this month. From last month, 227 members.

Fall Show: [Crumrine, Hord, Burchnall, Koch, Musselman]

-Will be biggest show ever with nearly 400 tables sold with multiple estates. Still looking for volunteers, especially admissions. Check if show signs have been knocked over by wind. White elephant update. Company store will be present.

2027 Convention: [Burchnall]

-Shirts will be available online with long or short sleeves. Information will be posted on website.

New Business:

Nominating Committee: [Burchnall]

-No additional nominations for Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent. Slate will be Tony Valerius for Superintendent and Chris Shackleton for Assistant Superintendent. Voting by membership will take place at the November meeting by show of hands.

Announcements:

-Dennis Larrock: New book on Amusement Park Trains that includes Kings Island.

Break: 15 minutes contest voting, purchase raffle tickets

Raffle: [Russ Poynter]

Clinic: Mike Tylick – "Building Laser Cut Structures."

Layout visits: Bob Lawson and Marvin Littrell

Respectfully compiled by **Tony Valerius, Assistant Superintendent Division 7, MCR, NMRA** and submitted by **Chris Shackleton, Secretary Division 7, MCR, NMRA**

Division 7 Officer Nominations 2026-2027 and Notice of Elections Occurring at November 9 Meeting

In accordance with the Regulations governing the conduct of elections in this Division 7 of the Mid-Central Region, NMRA, our 2025 Division 7 Nominating Committee presented at our September 14 membership meeting the following candidates for elective office in Division 7 for the 2026-2027 term:

For Superintendent: Tony Valerius

For Assistant Superintendent: Chris Shackleton

This is now the final slate of candidates as no additional nominations were received from the floor at our October 5, 2025 membership meeting, nor via petition by the end of that meeting.

Our election procedures require our BOD to determine the voting method. Options include mailed or electronic ballots, or printed ballots or show-of-hands at the November membership meeting. During the break at the October 5 membership meeting, the BOD met and decided, since the final slate was unopposed, we will conduct the election via show-of-hands at our November 9 membership meeting.

We could not do the show-of-hands at our October meeting, as our regulations require us to give advance notice to the membership, which this notice fulfills. Also, a show-of-hands is quite sufficient for unopposed slates, as the State of Ohio (under which we are registered) does not allow write-in candidates in elections for organizations such as ours.

Teller Bob Shreve will conduct that show-of-hands election at our November 9, 2025 membership meeting. The newly elected officers will take office at the end of our January 11, 2026 membership meeting.

This concludes the work of your 2025 Nominating Committee,

John Burchnall Randy Kerka Merlyn Jarman

LEADERSHIP CONTINUITY PLAN STATUS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>Present Holder</u>	Back Up(s)
Treasurer	Frank Koch	John Shields
Bank Access	Frank Koch	Roy Hord
Achievement Program	Frank Koch	Roy Allan
Secretary	Chris Shackleton	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	Steve Brown
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!

NMRA Membership Renewal Service

Division 7 offers a convenient way to renew your NMRA membership. As your renewal time approaches, you will receive multiple reminders that the time is approaching. You will first receive an electronic notice about 60 days before your expiration date, then a paper mailed copy about 30 days before, another electronic notice when your expiration date comes, and then a mailed reminder about 30 days after your expiration date if you have not taken action by that date. Be sure to check your spam folder for notices from NMRA and/or check your membership card to know when your membership expires.

If you want Division 7 to submit your renewal, simply bring the renewal form and payment (cash, check, or credit card) to Frank Koch at any meeting. He will then submit it on the following day directly to HQ and renew your membership for you.

This also works if you have a Rail Pass membership that is about to expire and you want to renew. Just follow the same process as described above. The added bonus is that if you convert your Rail Pass to a full membership, Division 7 will rebate your Rail Pass fee directly to you.

Frank Koch

Division 7 - Announcements

Division 7 Video Library

Several new DVD were added to the Cincinnati Division 7 video library last month. Most of these were in the Light Rail category and will be available for check out at upcoming meetings. These include:

493	Key System Scrapbook	Charles Smiley
494	Trolley Marathon	RonRail
495	Trolleys Across the North East	RonRail
496	Electric Railway Journal	THA New Media
497	City Lines of the Lehigh Valley Transit	Rockhill Trolley
497	Company	Museum

Stop by at the next meeting to review our inventory and watch a video at you own pace. Simply select a DVD from the racks located at the *Video Library* table, write down your name and the Inventory # from the DVD cover on the check out sheet and enjoy a clinic, layout visit or a piece of history. When you're done, simply bring it back at a future meeting and drop it in the return basket.

Check out our entire inventory at our website under 'Modeler Tips & Service.' If you see something you want, email me at drwynne01@aol.com and I'll put a *Hold* on it and bring it to the next meeting.

David Wynne

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.

Paul Maciulewicz



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

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CINCINNATI DIVISION 7 MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA 2026 CONTEST THEMES



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

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 September 29, 2025



CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA OCTOBER 2025 CONTEST



MODEL: MAINTENANCE OF WAY

Kit-Built: 1st Place: Tom Brueggemann MMR® D&RGW Rotary OM

2nd Place: Michael Strasinger Rotary Plow B60

3rd Place: Will Gregory C&O Ry MW Bpx #5107

Kit-Bashed: 1st Place: Ben Hallenbeck Great Northern Ry Tool Car #276A

2nd Place: Ben Hallenbeck Pick Up Truck Rail Car

Scratch-Built: No entries this month

Junior Div: No entries this month

PHOTOGRAPHY: TANK OR FLAT CAR

Prototype: 1st Place: Michael Strasinger Cass Scenic RR Plow #91402

2nd Place: John Burchnall Canadian Pacific Ry Tie Replacement Car

3rd Place: Christopher Glynn CSX Tie Tamper

Models: 1st Place: John Burchnall PRR Catenary Maintenance Car

2nd Place: Roy Allan RGS Outfit Car 01789
3rd Place: Michael Strasinger Wrecker Crane/Gondola

Junior Div: No entries this month

2025 STANDINGS THROUGH OCTOBER

MODELS

Ben Hallenbeck	25	Georgia Dahlberg MMR®	6	Justin Pedoto	2
Tom Brueggemann MMR®	20	Steve Montgomery	5	Mike Reynolds	2
Roy Allan	11	Michael Strasinger	5	Jim Rollwage	2
Will Gregory	9	Bob Frankrone (Div 8)	4	Bob Rinker	1
Chris Shackleton	8	Lee Drake	3		

PHOTOGRAPHY

John Burchnall	50	Bob Rinker	7	Patrick Stanley	3
Ben Hallenbeck	16	Michael Strasinger	4	Christopher Glynn	2

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Roy Allan 12 David Wynne

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS No entries yet this year

JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOS Shane Stephens 5

NOVEMBER CONTEST TOPICS

MODELS: ANY BUILDING OR BRIDGE (including DIORAMAS of such)

PHOTOGRAPHY: ANY BUILDING OR BRIDGE

Roy Allan

Cincinnati Division 7 Contest Chair



DIVISION 7 - COMMITTEE REPORTS August 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 October 6) shows our current count is 227.

We have no new members to welcome from September.

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

Thank you to those who worked the Membership Booth at the Fall Show. We ran out of Rail Pass forms on Saturday. Printed more over night. And handed out 35 more on Sunday. It felt like we had more seriously interested in joining than in previous years. We will see what the next two months look like, but I am optimistic.

A specific "thank you" to Tenor and Ellington Jennings who worked the final shift on Sunday. I think it demonstrates very well to the public our commitment to having both old and young folks active in our hobby and our organization.

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 December Oil Can are due by November 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): See information on Page 28.

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): Updated meetings & events pages, added October contest results, added convention shirts ordering notice, added slides for Mike Tylick, MMR® clinic

Video Library (David Wynne): See information on Page 9.

YouTube (David Lamb): No report this month

DIVISION 7 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

Division 7 Car Project (Limited Availability!)

Virginian & Ohio 36' Wooden Boxcar

In 1923, the Miami Valley Railroad, a subsidiary of the Virginian & Ohio, ordered 50 boxcars from American Car and Foundry. These cars had an inside length of 36' 5", an inside height of 8' 4", an inside width of 8' 6", and a capacity of 2580 cubic feet. They featured Hutchinson steel roofs, 7/7 inverted rib steel ends, seven-foot wooden doors, Andrews trucks, and K-style air brakes. The cars were delivered with MVR reporting marks.

The V&O also ordered 34 of these cars, which were delivered in V&O livery and carried V&O reporting marks. Some of these cars were rebuilt at the West Carrollton shops in July 1940 in the buildup to World War II. The last of these cars continued in service until late 1952. V&O Tool Car No. 435 was rebuilt at West Carrollton in December 1946. It continued in service on the V&O into the late 1960s.

Manufactured in the USA by Accurail, these Limited-Edition HO Scale Car Kits were designed by W. Allen McClelland and produced with his permission by Cincinnati Division 7, Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc.

Of the four different cars and road numbers originally made - only 1 version is still available <u>but in very limited quantity!</u>

Gray V&O MOW #435



Pricing is \$21.00 per car. Shipping (USPS) & handling is \$10.40 for one car, and \$18.40 for two or more cars via USPS. Ohio residents, please add 7.8% sales tax on the total price of the kits and the shipping/handling fee.

Prior to ordering, please email our Car Projects Chairperson first to confirm availability and postage amount. Then, when ordering, please send your email and phone information along with 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

Great Northern Railway Operating Session on **November 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:

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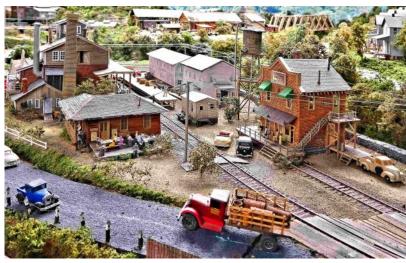
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOb7SgZTLWA

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
Sam Parfitt
samparfitt@fuse.net
8795 Goldcrest Dr

West Chester OH, 45069 cell: 513-378-9133





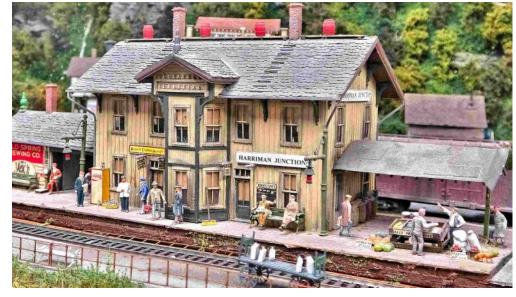




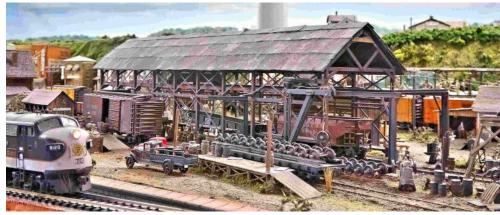




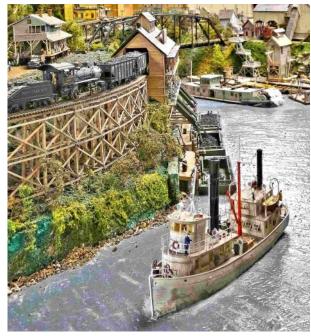




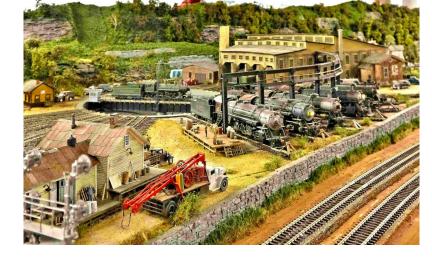












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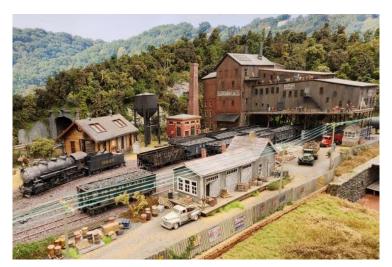


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LAYOUT VISIT - Marvin Littrell's HO-Scale Layout



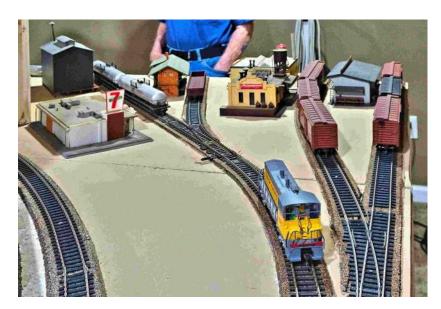




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DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

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.

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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 Ore Dock Kit, 933-3065ox.	\$75	Sam Parfitt	samparfitt@fuse.net	336-Sept 25
	Atlas ALCo S-2 diesel, PRR, non-dynamic, Brunswick green, #5927. Retail: \$62.95	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	347-Jan 26
	Atlas EMD S-4 diesel, PRR, non-dynamic, Brunswick green, #8434. Retail: \$98.95	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	348-Jan 26
	Atlas EMD FP-7 diesel, PRR, dynamic, Brunswick green, #9837. Retail: \$99.95	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	349-Jan 26
	Atlas ALCo RS-3 diesel, WM, dynamic, black w/fireball, no number. Retail: \$109.95	\$75	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	350-Jan 26
	Branchline C&O 50' AAR steel boxcar, 15' dbl door riveted side, boxcar red, #28319. Retail: \$12.98	\$10	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	351-Jan 26
	Proto 2000 EMD GP18 diesel, SBD, dynamic, olive drab/yellow, #400. Retail: \$70.00	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	352-Jan 26
	Proto 2000 EMD SW9 diesel, C&O, non-dynamic, blue, #5093. Retail: \$75.00	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	353-Jan 26
	Stewart Baldwin AS-16 diesel, PRSL(Seashore Lines), black, #6013. Retail: \$99.98	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	354-Jan 26
	Stewart EMD F7A, phase I late diesel, WM speed lettering, black, no number. Retail: \$89.00	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	355-Jan 26
	Walthers FM H10-44 diesel switcher, CNW green/yellow, #1054. Retail: \$67.50	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	356-Jan 26

DIVISION 7 FALL TRAIN & TRADE SHOW









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2025 Fall Show Street Signs Wrap-up

Congratulations and thanks to all of you that placed our Fall Show street signs. We know they worked well as many attendees going through our admissions verbally said they found out about our Show from our signs. Our postcards, social media and website were often mentioned as well. Attendance was up 5% this year, which is remarkable considering the great weather and the huge new competition from River Roots.

Some attendees mentioned seeing our signs in Newtown, Ohio and in Northern Kentucky. That shows our signs are effective across our division. It also seems many of you found some great and/or creative locations this year. As I shared at our meeting on October 5, the most unique application this year likely goes to Joe Stuber, as he mounted a sign on a custom-built frame in the bed of his pickup truck, then drove it across much of our division over the 3 weeks prior to the show, traveling often between the Greater Cincinnati and Greater Wilmington, Ohio areas. See photo.

Here are some important reminders about the wrap-up process –

- Remove all your signs and make a record of your sign locations that worked especially well for you this year so you can try to place them there again next year.
- <u>Do not return the signs</u> we'll print new signs with new dates next year repurpose, recycle or throw them away (with some paint you can make signs for other purposes; they also make great sides and bases for dioramas, modules or spray booths). The signs are made from polypropylene (PP) plastic, which most recycling centers accept.
- <u>Do not return the stakes</u> we'll get all new stakes next year as well please repurpose or recycle this year's stakes or, if you remove the corrosion, and fully straighten them, you can <u>return them</u> to me for re-use in the coming years.

John Burchnall Fall Show Signs Coordinator



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2027 Convention News

Convention Shirts



JUNE 3-6, 2027

We're pleased to announce our convention shirts are now designed and ready for everyone to order, enjoy and wear to help promote our Convention. They are Royal Blue with our convention logo embroidered on the chest in stunning yellow lined graphics and silver text (see embroidery simulation below).

3 types of shirts are available – one long sleeve and two short sleeves. Within the types, there are variations for gender, pocket or not, and standard or tall lengths. The two short sleeve polos differ by fiber types and weight. The long sleeve is a nice button-down twill shirt, in a blended cotton/poly fabric, with a navy lining.

We've also worked with our shirt vendor to provide everyone with a user-friendly self-serve on-line ordering system. You simply go to the link provided, check the shirt types and variations you want, enter your size and quantities, and provide your name, address and credit card information. You also have your choice of 3 delivery options 1) UPS to your home (extra fare), 2) pickup at our Cincinnati Division 7 monthly meetings, or 3) pickup at the registration desk at our convention. See also the attached flyer providing photos, pricing and other info.

Here's the link. Its also on the flyer and our 2027 convention page on our website.

https://cincinnatian2027.itemorder.com/shop/home/

John Burchnall 2027 Convention Chair 513-205-6045 johnburchnall@gmail.com



2027 MCR Convention Shirts

*Reg. sizes add \$2 for 2XL \$6 for 3XL \$8 for 4XL \$12 for 5XL \$14 for 6XL



*Tall sizes add \$2 for XLT \$4 for 2XLT \$6 for 3XLT \$8 for 4XLT

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Cornerstone Industrial Snag Proof Pique Polo (short sleeve)

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

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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 + Steven & Karen Carr
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 + Ed Bley
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 + Marvin Littrell
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

Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2026 Program Schedule

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Month	Date	Location	Program / Speaker	Contests *	Layout Visits
Jan	Sun, Jan 11	West – Dunham Recreation Center (near Queen City Ave)	Cincinnati Museum Center Speaker "Cincinnati Southern Railroad"	Model & Photo: Any Passenger Train Car	Jerry Strangarity + Keith Corman
Feb	Sun, Feb 1 (note date)	North – Cincinnati North Holiday Inn (West Chester)	Bob Frankrone "Creating Operations on the Louisville Southern Lines"	Model & Photo: Caboose or any EOT device freight car	Patrick Stanley + Chris Shackleton
Mar	Sat, Mar 7 10 am – 3 pm	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 12	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Chris Shackleton "Tips & Techniques Across Several Painting Methods"	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	Mike Strasinger + Chuck Behymer
May	Sun, May 3 (note date)	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Lou and Cheryl Sassi "Using Scenic Features to Focus Viewpoints"	Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	Bob Bartizek + Mike Rottenberger
Jun	Thu, June 4 to Sun, June 7	MCR Convention – "Whistle- Stop – Dayton" – Dayton, OH	Clinics, Banquet, Yard Sale, Tours	Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
Jun	Sun, Jun 14 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 12	? South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library	Sam Swanson MMR® "Module and Layout Construction with Foam"	Model & Photo: Non-Steam Locomotive	tbd
Jul	Mon, Jul 27 to Sun, Aug 2	NMRA Natl Convention - Scenic City Express – Chattanooga, TN	Clinics, Tours, Programs, Layouts, Banquet, National Train Show	Convention Contests	Convention Tours & Train Show Layouts
Aug	Sun, Aug 9	Central – Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio	Ray Persing MMR® "Modeling on a Budget: Turning Trash into Treasures"	Model & Photo: Box, Stock or Refrigerator Car	tbd
Sep	Sun, Sep 13	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	Mike Tylick MMR® "Scratch Building Scituate Marine Supply"	Model: Open Load Freight Car Photo: Self Propelled Vehicle	tbd
Oct	Sun, Oct 4 (note date)	North – Cincinnati North Holiday Inn (West Chester)	Rick Kramer "Animations with Arduinos"	Model & Photo: Tank or Flat Car	tbd
Oct	Sat 10 & Sun 11 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 8	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Chuck Endreola "Dioramas – Why and How"	Model & Photo: Maintenance- of-Way (MOW) Equipment	tbd
Dec	Sun, Dec 13	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Potluck Electronic Slides and Annual Snackfest Celebration	Model: Structure or Diorama Photo: Structure or Men at Work	tbd

KNAPP'S NOTES

I am Back

I am back, the reason for my absence, is I am in my third year of Parkinson's and starting to feel the effects of the disease. I was able to spend the weekend at our annual train show and had fun running our test track. I was assisted by my friend Russ Poynter and the track worked very well, thanks to help last year from Zack Riggins. We not only did 100+ tests; we also did some repair work. The show was a huge success, thanks to every member's effort. I would like to know what our attendance was on Sunday. The Sunday crowd was larger than past year's Sunday. I was impressed by all the young modelers at our table.

Parkinson's has slowed me down a lot, that and my sense of balance makes thing a bit more difficult, but again, I had a lot of help during set -up and break-down. I plan to continue my work with the test track, but I am looking to train a couple of volunteers for the future. This summer I plan to rebuild the entire system; new track, updated DCC, and new pilot lights. The current test track will be at the Flea Market in the spring, after that, it's in with the new. If you are interested in volunteering, contact me. No experience is needed.

I got very interested over the past few years of testing, in the development in both HO and N scale motive power. I am going to save it for my next column.

I have to thank Russ Poynter, Chuck Endreola, Rick Crumrine, Roy Hord, Tony Valerius, for their help and encouragement. I plan to continue "Knapp's Notes" so be prepared.

Keep them rolling



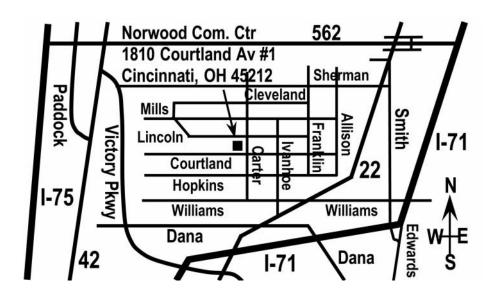
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2 PM Sunday Nov. 9

Norwood Community Center 1810 Courtland Ave. #1 Norwood OH 45212

12/14 American Legion Hall

Mt. Carmel OH



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA 2025-26 Schedule

NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM

(Unless otherwise notified)

 Date
 Location
 Program/Speaker
 Layout Visits
 Contest Topic

 11/9 Norwood Community Ctr.
 Ed Swain Norwood OH
 Cinti.Model Rwy.Club Sam Swanson, MMR®
 Models: Any Bldg. or Bridge Photos: Any Bldg. or Bridge

Roy Allan

Leo Honebrink

1/11 Dunham Recreation Ctr Cinti.Museum Center Cincinnati OH Cincinnati Southern RR Jerry Strangarity Models: Any Passenger Car Keith Corman Photos: Any Passenger Car

Potluck Electronic Slides

and Snackfest Celebration

Around the Division

11/20 7:15 pm Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

Region / National 2026

6/4-6/7, 2026, Mid-Central Region Convention, Whistle Stop Dayton - Dayton, OH

7/27-8/2, 2026, NMRA National Convention, Scenic City Express, - Chattanooga, TN

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