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The Editors Corner:

Dave Puthoff

The Division 7 Flea Market, held at the Lakota West Freshman School on March 15 is now behind us, thanks to the combined efforts of numerous Division 7 volunteers. Another success!

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 10.

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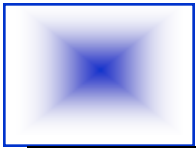
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroadng and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover: Div. 7 Spring Flea Market & Trade Show

Photo by Sam Parfitt



The 2025 Spring Flea Market is in the books. Despite the foul weather, we entertained a decent sized crowd. Who says model railroaders are not a hardy bunch? We will sit out in the snow all day just to see a couple of freight trains pass over a trestle, climb 3,062 steps to the Horseshoe Curve observation point, and brave strong winds, cold rain and lightning just on the chance of finding a \$4 bargain!

You may not have been aware that our esteemed Division Secretary, Bruce Knapp, is retiring from that post. Bruce has done a stellar job in maintaining our meeting minutes for several years. He was pleased to hear the Board of Directors appointed Chris Shackleton as our new Secretary as of the April 13th meeting. Congratulations Chris! Get your pencils sharpened!

Since I will be submitting this piece of literature to the Oil Can well before our March 26th Member Orientation event, I will recapitulate in the May Oil Can.

Plans for Division 7's 2027 Regional Convention are developing. This is an event that will showcase your division. It is hoped that ALL members will pitch in to ensure its success.

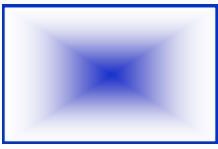
At this time, the weather can't decide if it is time to make way for Spring or continue the doldrums of winter. I have found the older I get the quicker the months pass. Unbelievably, June will be upon us before we know it. So?

So...that means it's time for the Division Picnic with its great catered food, Door Prize Raffle, and it's famed Trivia Contest. Last year's Trivia champions, the twosome of Bob and Elaine Shreve, waxed all of the 6 member teams! Will they repeat? Make your reservations early.

It would be helpful if you could garner a door prize donation from a local merchant for the Picnic. We're also accepting surplus hobby or general items from your personal stash. Contact Tony Valerius or me when you have such items to donate.

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

Chuck



SECOND SECTION

Tony Valerius
Asst. Super

Model Railroading Roundtable experience – I recently had the opportunity to attend Curt LaRue’s session on Track Planning and Layout Construction. This was the third session that I have attended and all have been enjoyable and informative. In this one, Curt shared information that he has accumulated while planning and constructing his amazing layout which will be open for us after the April meeting. The information that Curt shared is applicable to all modelers whether you are freelance, proto-freelance, or Prototype. The resources he has utilized help with not only your track plan but also industries and the necessary freight cars to support those operations. Curt gave me a lot to think about and investigate as I develop my new layout plans/operations. I hope that others will take advantage of these sessions as I’m sure you will enjoy them. The next one is coming later this month with Bob Lawson. See information in this Oil Can for the topic, date, time, and how to register.

Our March Flea Market – Well, the Flea Market was another great event despite the rainy weather. There were lots of volunteers there on Friday to help get everything set up for the Saturday event. Thank you to all! Those in attendance on Saturday seemed to find lots of good buys on items they just couldn’t do without. I resisted some really nice prices on some structures since I have a stack still waiting to be built. But I did manage to pick up some nice items including two bridge kits to build. One will be very challenging for me, but hopefully well worth it when completed.

Volunteers Needed—At the February 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.

Coming Up:

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. 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.

Tony

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 Ed'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
April	Bob Lawson	Scratchbuilding and Kitbashing Structures
July	Ed Swain	Layout Planning and Building Urban Corridors
August	Chuck Endreola	Carving Rockwork from Foam Insulation
September	Mike Tener	Dead Rail Locomotive Control

Model Railroading Roundtable Invitation

Host – Ed Swain

Topic – The Operating System on the Middle Division

Date and Time – Saturday, July 12, 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 pototypical operations, along with many years of experience operating model railroads.

LEADERSHIP CONTINUITY PLAN STATUS

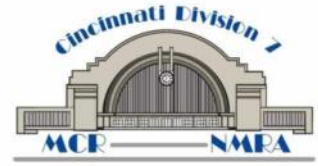
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Fall Show Chair	Rick Crumrine	Gary Ossenschmidt
Spring Flea Market	Gary Ossenschmidt	Rick Crumrine
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Street Signs Distributor	John Burchnall	open
Contest Chair	Roy Allan	John Listermann
Car Projects	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
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 April 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 March 5) shows our current count is 219.

We have one new member to welcome from the last month:
J. Phillips of Amelia

We handed out a lot of membership forms at the Flea Market, and had one person pay on the spot. We'll see how convincing we were over the next month if folks actually fill out and send in the forms.

John Shields
Qcngineers@aol.com
513-561-8691

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 May Oil Can are due by April 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): June picnic notice and registration flyer have been added.

Video Library (*Open*): No report this month

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 Report

March 2025 Report

Our 2027 Convention Committee is pleased to share we've followed securing dates and venue, with the formation of an extensive Leadership Team. The team is larger than usual, since we're pairing both veteran and apprentice leaders, as well as including additional coaches and assistants, in nearly all positions. We'll post that roster on the website (and in the next Oil Can) after we conduct our first Team meeting in April. See below for our accomplishments so far and next steps for the next few months.

Done

- Dates set - Thursday through Sunday, **June 3-6, 2027**
- Hotel set - **Cincinnati North Holiday Inn** in West Chester, Ohio
- Leadership team set
- Draft of convention name and logo
- Drafts of Milestone Schedule, Budget, Space Plan, Event Activities Schedule

Next Steps

- Conduct **Leadership Team kickoff meeting** to share Objectives, Milestone Schedule, Convention Design, Space Plan, Budget, Policies
- Finalize convention name and logo
- Update posters for advance publicity use at the 2025 Columbus Convention
- Investigate electronic registration options
- Launch an initial web page for the convention
- Secure early-bird and in-hotel layouts
- Select 3 Special Guest Clinicians, including Banquet Speaker
- Arrange advance convention shirt sales
- Continue to build teams and incorporate more volunteers

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

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Northern Railway Operating Session on April 19 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

Sam Parfitt

samparfitt@fuse.net

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West Chester OH, 45069

cell: 513-378-9133

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.

Division 7 Spring Flea Market



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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
	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
	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
	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?	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



KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

Another Division 7 Triumph

March 15th will go down as another outstanding Division 7 event. This year's annual Train Show & Flea Market was a huge success, despite the extremely unpleasant weather. The success was not only due to the show committee, Gary Ossenschmidt and Roy Hord, but also to the many volunteers, who worked both days with set up, tear-down, and clean up. The tables showed up on time Friday and the set-up crew was already at work when I showed up. I must confess, at 82 my contributions were minimal. I must credit Tony Valerius, for his assistance in helping me get my equipment in. I also need to credit Russ Poynter, Zach Riggins, and Sam Swanson for their timely assistance. The crowd was smaller, again due to the weather. But I think a good time was had by all.

Our 25-year-old test track

This year the test track did as much business as our fall show. Everything worked well --- DC, DCC, and the AC. I even tested a Marklin (HO, 3 rail, AC). We did test a BLI PRR 4-4-4-4, which became a real challenge --- again Sam Swanson saved the day! Russ Poynter, and Zach Riggins were invaluable with this part of the show. Russ also helped packing everything up.

Many excellent items

I am proud to say I only purchased a doughnut, a German 2-6-2, plus I contributed to the Volleyball team. These gentlemen did an excellent job with the refreshment part of the show. There were many wonderful items from vintage O scale to some of BLI's latest offerings at the show. Make a point to attend next year's Fall Show and Spring Flea Market. Our Division is blessed with outstanding leadership and outstanding members!

Keep 'em Rolling!

Bruce

Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday April 13

Mason OH
American Legion Post 194
401 Reading Road
Mason OH 45040

Directions:

From I-75, take Exit 22
Then Right on Tylersville Road East for 2.3 miles
Turn Left onto Reading Road (US 42) for 0.5 miles
Hall is on your left



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2025 Schedule

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4/13	American Legion Hall Mason OH	Lou & Cheryl Sassi <i>Tour of On30 Sandy River & Rangeley 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

6/8 NO REGULAR MEETING — Division 7 Family Picnic/Social at Fernbank Park, Sayler Park
1 to 5 PM

Around the Division 2025

4/17 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**

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