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## HEADLIGHTS

Merlyn Jarman, Superintendent

Electronic  
Edition

### Spring Flea Market-reloaded

Our 2009 Spring Flea Market (or is it the much delayed 2008 Spring Flea Market?) exceeded our expectations. This time the weather cooperated but it was hard to predict if the buyers would come out given the state of the economy.

They did indeed turn out and there were many boxes, bags, and packages exiting the building providing new treasures for the owners and many happy sellers.

We had a few twists and turns in our plans involving set-up, the White Elephant, and the Division booth, but in the end, it all got done. Many pitched in to help and George Roos managed to put on a successful event in fine fashion. Many thanks to George and all who assisted to make this happen.

### Last Call for a fine motor coach trip

Just a note that this month will be your last chance to sign-up and travel with the Division 7 "Vagabonds" to see six premier model railroads in central Ohio. You won't want to miss this one folks. John Burchnall has worked overtime to line up six "best of the best" layouts for your viewing pleasure. This day out is moderately priced and includes lunch. **The date is Saturday-May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009.** You are sure to pick up some modeling tips, techniques, and ideas. Sign up now and don't miss the bus. (See page 3 for new stop on the tour – Ed.)

### B.O.D. business

The Division 7 Board of Directors met Friday March 5<sup>th</sup> for our quarterly meeting. The 2008 budget was reviewed showing a slight budget surplus for our 2008 fiscal year operations. We also reviewed and passed a 2009 fiscal year budget, which should also run at a slight surplus if our revenue sources of car projects, Fall Show, and other income meet our projections.

The B.O.D. voted to continue funding our Community Service projects to provide a moderate amount of books to area libraries and to purchase car kits for the Boy Scout program. We also voted to fund a new car project once a suitable car prototype is determined. The W&LE hopper car project is closed out and provided a nice profit for the Division.

Also discussed was investigating changing our fiscal year to a calendar year and improving our banking relationship and operations. Monies provided in the new budget to fund our monthly Programs with some local, regional, and national Clinicians as well as printing and distributing the Oil Can.

In other news, the B.O.D. has launched an internal investigation to determine how Mr. Knapp's "Honest Raffle" is consistently turning a profit. Results to be announced later!

### Other spring events

Don't forget that the **Southwest Ohio Operations – SWOOPS** event takes place on April 17-19<sup>th</sup>. According to Event Coordinator, Rick Stern, this event is sold out and should be an enjoyable event for all involved! Also a "last call" to sign up for the **Mid Central Region 2009 Convention** being held April 30 – May 3<sup>rd</sup> in nearby Columbus, Ohio. See details at:

<http://mcro9convention.dwilke.org/FirstPage.html>

**Spring has sprung!** – time for Reds baseball, hotdogs, and more model railroading!

See you in April!

*Merlyn*



## SECOND SECTION

### Randy Kerka, Asst. Superintendent

#### The Spring Flea Market really DID happen.

Mother nature smiled on the Division this year and saw fit to allow us a great weather weekend. Merlyn alluded to “a few twists and turns” that threatened to turn us off on a deserted siding. But good people make good things happen...and “we gots lotsa good peoples!” Great event, George. Thanks to all volunteers. Bottom line: Everyone left happy.

Rumor has it that the new 2010 Flea Market Co-Chairs, Dianne and Don Rowland are working on a plan to have a limited amount of food and beverages available at next year’s edition of the Flea Market. Cool.

So what is coming up in the next few months?

#### April 19<sup>th</sup>:

Our meeting will be at the Wingate Hotel and Meridian Conference Center in West Chester. The program will be a photo clinic titled “Pictures on the Pennsy” presented by Mssrs, Ed Swain, Rick Bailey, and Curt Larue. Layout visits are scheduled to The Eastern Loggers and to Randy Kirka’s “West Chester & Southern RR.”

#### April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>:

MC Regional Convention – **21<sup>st</sup> Century Limited** – Columbus, Ohio

#### May 9<sup>th</sup>:

**2009 Division 7 “Dayton Flyer” Bus Trip.** (Details in Merlyn’s Headlights article.)

(Also see pages 3 & 5 –Ed.)

#### June 14<sup>th</sup>:

Our meeting will again be at the Wingate Hotel and Meridian Conference Center in West Chester. This is and emergency venue change since we could not finalize plans with the originally scheduled site. We have tentatively scheduled MMR Ron Gough to return for Part Two of his “Scratch-building with Wood” clinic. Layout visits will be to two layouts we have not seen for quite some time. Jim Bonnett’s “Canadian Pacific’s Kettle Valley” and Don Leedy’s “Scofield Western”.

#### July 5<sup>th</sup> –11<sup>th</sup>:

NMRA “Hartford National Convention 2009”.

#### August 9<sup>th</sup>:

Our tentative meeting site will be the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Kenwood. The clinic will be “Simple Upgrades for Vintage Brass” by our venerable brother Bruce Knapp. Layout tours will be to Paul Miklos’ Chillicothe Division” and one other to be announced.

See you April 19<sup>th</sup>. **July 19<sup>th</sup>:**

In July we meet at Crossroads Community Church in Oakley. The program will be Master Model Railroader & AP Clinic hosted by MCR Region AP Chairman Frank Koch. Layout tours will be to Pat Homan’s “Northern Colorado & Omaha” and Gerry Alber’s “Virginian”.

*Randy*



## *Fiction and Fact from Don's Almanac*

### **DAYTON FLYER BUS TRIP**

**John Burchnall** advises a bonus has been added to the May 9th Division 7 Motor Coach Tour.

**In addition to 6 of some of the best layouts in the southwest Ohio area:**

**Added is a visit to America's Packard Motorcar Museum in Dayton.**

**(Old Cars and Model Railroads all in the same package)**

**There's still a few seats left on the bus, so if you haven't signed up yet,  
be sure to do so by or at the next meeting, April 19.**

**(See the Registration form on page 5)**

#### **Note change of venue:**

**Mark your calendar:** The June 14th Division 7 meeting will be at the Wingate Hotel in West Chester.  
See Randy's Second Section article on Page 2.

#### **NMRA National Contest Addition**

In addition to all the normal contest events, the following new categories have been added.

- Kit Build Contest (as apposed to scratch built)
- Peoples Choice Award (popular Vote)
- Modelers Show Case (a non-judged "Bring and Brag")
- An Afternoon with the Entrants (meet the modelers and photographers)

For more information visit the National Model Railroad Assn's website/contest page for details

<http://www.nmra.org>

#### **Changes at Johnny's**

Johnny's Train and Hobby Dept. will continue full operations under the management of Tim Cook and his staff during the conversion of Johnny's retail space into an extension of the Totter's Otterville edutainment center. While the hobby department may relocate within the store, special orders will still be taken and filled. Johnny's Train Dollars program will continue and there will be no changes to the return policy.

Currently the Train Dept. hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. (These hours might change in the future) Phone # remains 859 261-6962

#### **SWOOPS is Coming**

**April 17—19**

#### **America and the Global Market**

Although England led the way in developing the first steam locomotives, it wasn't long until American Locomotive Manufacturers dominated the world market. Of approximately 175,000 steam locomotives manufactured in the United States, more than 37,000 were sold overseas. Several of those manufacturers managed to survive numerous U.S. recessions thanks to their foreign orders. Looks like the shoe is on the other foot today and the U.S. is now the world's biggest customer instead of the largest supplier.

**No March Competition**

**Models:**

**Box Stock:**

No entries submitted

**Kit Bashed:**

No entries submitted

**Scratch Built:**

No entries submitted

**Photography:**

**Prototype Slide:**

No entries submitted

**Model Slide:**

No entries submitted

**Prototype Print:**

No entries submitted

**Model Print:**

No entries submitted

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**2009 Competition Point Standings**

**Modeling: Senior Division**

**Jim MacKnight 07**  
**Frank Hermanek 05**  
**Don Phillips 04**  
**Jim Ossman 03**  
**Sam Parfitt 03**

**Photography: Senior Division**

**Jim MacKnight 13**  
**Jane Hancock 08**  
**Frank Hermanek 08**  
**Sam Parfitt 01**

**Competition Categories for the Balance of 2009**

<b><u>Month</u></b>	<b><u>Models</u></b>	<b><u>Photos</u></b>
<b>April</b>	Vehicles (Railroad related W/RR name on side)	Lumber Industry Rolling Stock
<b>June</b>	Off Line Dioramas (Max 432 sq. inches)	Bay Window Caboooses
<b>July</b>	Excessively Weathered/Damaged pass. cars	Railroad stations and/or freight Houses
<b>Aug.</b>	On-line Dioramas (Max 432 Sq. Inches)	Black & White shots of Steam or diesel locos or trains
<b>Sept.</b>	Excessively Weathered/damaged frght. cars	Personnel workin' on the railroad
<b>Oct.</b>	Depressed center flat cars with load	Railroad signs/signals on rolling stock or locos
<b>Nov.</b>	Servicing facilities	Division 7 member's layouts
<b>Dec.</b>	Stock Cars	Steam Locomotives

# " The Dayton Flyer "

Saturday, May 9, 2009

## Deluxe Motor Coach Tour to See Six Premier Model Railroads

*Departing 7:00 AM and Returning about 7:00 PM, from West Chester, Ohio  
Exclusively for Cinti Div 7 NMRA Members, their Spouses and Kids (10 years and up)  
Registration Deadline Monday, April 20, 2009 – No Refunds After Then*

### Tour Package

**See Six Premier Model Railroad Layouts!**

Featuring select HO and O scale model railroads  
+ Bonus Visit to America's Packard Motorcar Museum!

**Fantastic Inspirational Day for a Great Price!**

Deluxe motor coach transport, scenic trip, interesting houses  
Deluxe box lunch, bottled waters, experienced guides

**Single Departing Location: West Chester, Ohio**

Exact location disclosed later only to registrants  
Carpools encouraged - park at own risk – see hours above

**Optional Dinner Afterwards in West Chester**

Form own groups with your friends, extra fare on your own  
Select one of many fine restaurants off I-75 Union Center Blvd

**Ray Persing** – Cincinnati & Western Railway – nice mostly scenicked 1958 era HO Appalachian coal road set in eastern Kentucky featuring extruded foam construction, steam, diesel, many beautiful scratchbuilt structures – many awards

**Gary Salzgeber** – Pennsylvania RR – nicely scenicked 1950's era HO scale PRR middle division (Johnstown to Altoona) featuring steam and diesel with large fleet of beautiful scratchbuilt PRR passenger cars – seen in 3 articles and video tape

**Dick Sine** – Bighorn & Western Railroad – huge nicely scenicked 1960's era HO line set in western Wyoming and eastern Idaho, paralleling Union Pacific, featuring kitbashed locos, hand laid turnouts, CTC operation, many diesels and some steam

**Dave Holl** – Penn Valley Railroad – huge nicely designed and scenicked walkaround HO Erie to Allentown bridge route, with NYC LV, PRR traffic, high mountains, waterfront, city and town scenes, hidden staging – published in GMR and recent MR

**Bob Fink, MMR** – Dayton Union Railway Co. – nice large scenicked dual era (1939 steam, 1959 diesel) HO layout featuring PRR NYC, B&O and Erie operations around Dayton Union Station, with elevated trackage, plus trolley and traction lines

**Bob Bartizek** – Pennsylvania & Western Railroad – nicely scenicked very large early 1950's era 3 rail scale O pike featuring prototypical operations, sound equipped PRR steam, position light signals, 30 industries – seen in 3 articles and HGTV

### Fares and Registration

**Bargain Fare of \$49 per person includes:**

- Deluxe Motor Coach round trip transportation from West Chester, Ohio, with **deluxe box lunch** and bottled waters
- Transport to **six premier model railroads**, each featured on bus tours at our Cincinnati Limited 2005 Convention
- Special bonus visit to **America's Packard Motorcar Museum** at a beautifully restored historic Packard dealership
- **Optional dinner afterwards** at one of many fine restaurants (separate cost on your own, not included in \$49 fee)
- Depending on the availability of additional buses, this trip **may be limited to the first 48** registrants that sign up
- Cincinnati Division 7 reserves the right to modify or cancel this event due to complications beyond our control

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of persons \_\_\_\_\_ x \$49 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Must pay by check or money order to: Cincinnati Division 7, NMRA

**Mail to:**

Dayton Flyer Registrar  
17765 Horizon Way  
Lawrenceburg, IN 47025

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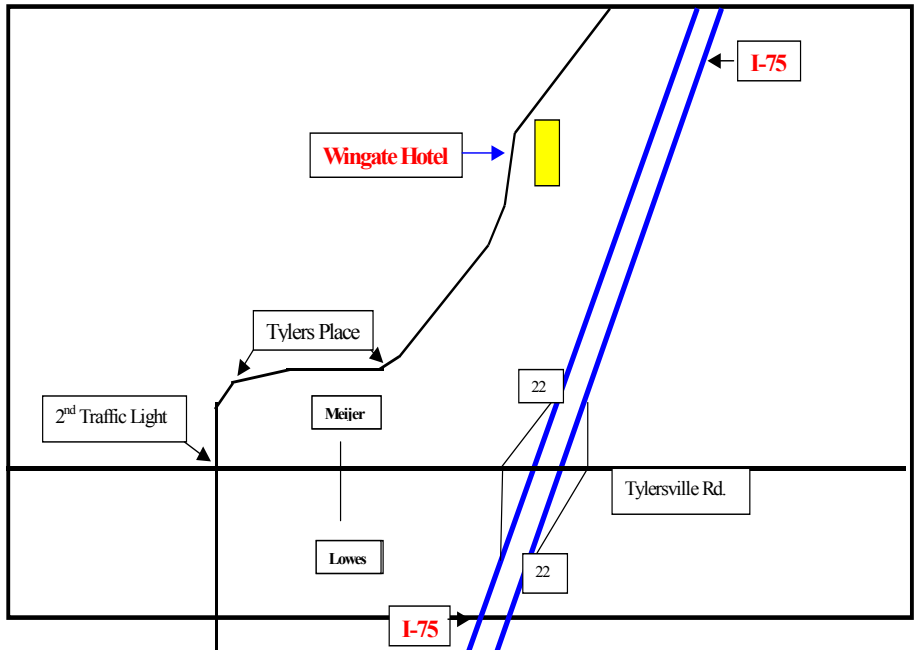
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## Next Meeting

**2 PM Sunday April 19**  
**Wingate Hotel**  
**7500 Tylers Place**

**Directions:** I-75 North to Tylersville Rd. (exit 22) West on Tylersville Rd. to Tylers Place. (2nd traffic light from the Interstate) Turn right on Tylers Place and go 7 tenths of a mile to the Wingate Inn on your right.



### Around the Region

- Apr 17-19 Div 7 SWOOPS—Cincinnati, Dayton, Springfield, OH
- Apr 25 Hoosier On30 Meet—Edinburgh, IN
- 4/30-5/03 MCR 21st Century Limited—MCR Convention, Columbus, OH
- May 9 Div 7 Dayton Flyer—Division 7 Bus Trip

### National

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|---------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| June 17 to 21 | National N Scale Convention      | Portland, OR         |
| June 18 to 20 | National O Scale Convention      | Baltimore, MD        |
| July 05 to 11 | NMRA National Convention         | Hartford, CT         |
| Aug 04 to 08  | National S Gauge Convention      | St. Louis, MO        |
| Sept 16 to 19 | National Narrow Gauge Convention | Colorado Springs, CO |



## Knapp's Notes

### History for the OVGS&SS

The Ohio Valley Gentlemen's Sipping and Switching Society [note the inclusion of the word Gentlemen's to prevent any confusion with other local groups] made history on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, as we met at member John Altshool's house for an operating session. This wasn't just any operating session, but the first operations on John's Santa Fe Southwestern. John split us into two crews [engineer and conductor/brakeman] and we set about the evening's work of working the layout's two branches. Merlyn Jarman [our beloved super] was paired up with Frank Hermanek, MMR, while I worked with Keith Niles Corman. Merlyn and Frank, being complete amateurs, were assigned the easy branch. Keith and I, being far more experienced, tackled the Towns of Duran and Encino, plus the mining district. Merlyn and Frank didn't do too badly for novices, but our team had the much more challenging work, what you would expect for experienced operators. I suspect Merlyn and Frank spent a majority of their time in the break area. We left the main yard with 18 cars, two waycars [this is the Santa Fe after all] and a BLI RSD-15 and headed for our first stop of Duran. In typical Alco fashion the RSD-15 made into Duran and promptly died. We used a Santa Fe Sd40-2 for the rest of the session. I suspect that the other un-named crew tried to make our jobs a lot tougher by sneaking over and misaligning turnouts and other nefarious activities. John spent the evening taking notes and making helpful suggestions. John uses the car card system on the SFSW, which alternately makes the job both easy and challenging. After 2+ hours of fun, Keith and I returned to the main yard with all our cars, cards, and the way car on the end [where it belongs]. When the crews returned to the break area, we realized we had just spent a fun-filled evening operating a great layout. Thanks, John and Lynn for being super hosts; and thanks for your Santa Fe Southwestern.

### New Products

Atlas has released the Alco HH660 switcher they displayed in Anaheim. The Santa Fe didn't have any HH660s; theirs were the HH1000. The two HH660s I purchased will go the Cimarron Northern, which still has a presence on the new layout. The models are typical for Atlas' latest offerings; great detail and smooth, quiet operation. The only problem I encountered was fitting a DCC decoder in the small area above the motor and circuit board. I ended up using a Digitrax DZ-123. I am more than pleased with the new yard power and will keep them quite busy at both Trinidad and Raton.

### Progress on the Raton Pass

My visit to John Altshool's layout really made me rethink much of my initial design. I am redesigning the layout with far more staging yards. I will keep you all posted. On a more personal note, thanks to everyone for your concern, prayers, and well wishes during my recent hospital stay. The ultimate problem ended up being caused by a hyperactive thyroid; I am now on some new medications and feeling better. See you at the April meeting.

**Happy Modeling**

*Bruce*

# The Oil Can

## Coming Down The Line

Cincinnati Division 7, Mid-Central Region, NMRA  
2009 Schedule

**NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM**

(Unless otherwise notified)

Month	Date	Location	Program/Speaker	Layout Visit	Contest Topic
Apr	19	North Wingate Hotel West Chester	“Pictures on the Pennsy” Ed Swain Curt LaRue	Randy Kerka Eastern Loggers	<u>Models:</u> Vehicles (Must be RR related) <u>Photos:</u> Lumber Industry Rolling Stock
Apr / May	30 / 3	21st Century Limited Ramada Hotel Columbus, Ohio	Various Clinics	Many	Regional Competition
May	9	The Dayton Flyer Div. 7 Bus Trip Cincy to Dayton	None	Six Super Dayton Layouts	None
June	14	North Wingate Hotel West Chester	Scratchbuilding 102 Ron Gough, MMR	Don Leedy Jim Bonnett	<u>Models:</u> Off-line Dioramas (Max 432 sq. inches) <u>Photos:</u> Bay Window Cabooses
July	5 - 11	NMRA 2009 National Convention Hartford, CT	Many Clinics	Various	National Competition
July	19	Near East Crossroads Community Church Oakley	“Master Model Railroader And AP Clinic” Frank Koch	TBA	<u>Models:</u> Excessively Weathered/Damaged Passenger Cars <u>Photos:</u> Railroad Stations and/ or Freight Stations
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