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The Editor's Corner

Don Phillips

Merry

Christmas

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Happy

New Year

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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:

November's clinician **Lou Sassi** brought this module along to help illustrate some of his museum quality scenery techniques.

So much to talk about!

The October Cincinnati Model Train Show was another undeniable success. Yes, the weather was “too nice”, so the numbers of attendees was not quite up to projections...BUT, never fear we raised sufficient funds to continue bringing you the finest in model railroading in 2013!

It always amazes me as to the dedication of our CMTS Team. Rick Crumrine and Roy Hord are a Division “treasure”, bringing us a bigger and better show each and every year. Ed Wagner continues to “bring ‘em in” with a, by design, smaller publicity budget each year. Clayton Hilliard and his Admissions Table staff were as usual effective and never let the smiles fade from their faces through the chaos. Brad Bove’s Membership booth staff was hard at work promoting NMRA membership. The Set-Up and Teardown crews worked their collective butts off. (We can always use more help there.) And what can I say about Bruce Knapp and Pat Homan? “Assets” to say the least. Sam and especially Nancy were again crowd pleasers. Paul Musselman could be heard hawking his NMRA and Division 7 wares. Frank Koch and his boys again sold a lot of White Elephants. I even took home a few things myself. Great job everyone!

Signage probably could use some improvement and it’s a toss up whether a live TV appearance by a mysterious fat man on Fox 19 on Saturday Morning brought folks in... or scared them away. You can judge for yourself, as a clip of that debacle will probably be shown during the Slide Show at the December meeting.

Speaking of meetings... how about that November meeting at Partners in Prime (Hamilton Senior Center) in November? Many of you may not know the name “Lou Sassi”. Lou is a freelance model railroad photographer who is in large part responsible for the significant number of Division 7 member layouts being published in the national magazines. His clinics are never just a photo essay. Lou is an accomplished modeler and loves to share his secrets. When we are fortunate enough to get Lou here again for a clinic... he will once again not disappoint. You don’t want to miss it!

Calls for help!

Don Phillips has been our *Oil Can* editor for eight years. Don is now searching for someone to take the *Oil Can* reins and give him a break! Don assures me that he can train anyone with a computer to assemble the *Oil Can* and publish it in 90 seconds. (I think that may be a bit of an exaggeration.) Regardless, Don would love to hear from you and discuss the possibilities. You can email Don at dwp66@cinci.rr.com. In addition, the *Oil Can* Editor is a voting member of the Division 7 Board of Directors. Want to make a difference? Contact Don.

Also, Jack Laubisch is looking for someone to help with the Model/Photo Contests and maybe at some point take it over. Jack says he can train any interested person to do it right there at a Division meeting. The Model/Photo Contest saw a healthy increase in entries in 2012 and that trend should continue in 2013. The topics will be published soon and due to member input, you should find that they have been “broadened” with many of the restrictive caveats eased.

So what does 2013 hold for Division 7?

Rumors are flying about the next Burchnell/Jarman May bus trip. Although the itinerary is always a closely guarded secret... sight unseen my wife and I are planning on going. Each year outdoes the last and every trip has been fabulous. You will see layouts and railroad venues that you could NEVER see on your own! When the sign-up sheet and itinerary finally is revealed, do not wait around. The custom Croswell coach fills up fast.

The MCR Convention will be on May 15-18, 2013 a short drive up I-75 in Dayton. It is focusing on operations and will be held in Miamisburg so hotel accommodations will not be a factor if you choose to drive up each day! All the standard convention activities such as silent auction, NMRA Model and Photo contest, tours and banquet are on the docket. We should have a huge number of our members making the short trip to support our brothers in Division 3. Please Plan on immersing yourself in Model railroading for three whole days!

Assistant Superintendent and Program Chairman Bob Shreve promises a full schedule of “how-to” clinics for 2013. I’ll let him tell you about them. We have some of the finest model railroad layouts in the world right here in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. (Rumor is that there will soon be a few in Southeastern Indiana.) Once again, you will see plenty of superb layouts in 2013 and are welcome to steal all the ideas you can.

That’s it for now. See you all on December 9th at Westwood United Methodist Church.

Randy

SECOND SECTION

Bob Shreve
Asst. Super

Well, It's December. Where has the year gone? It seems like yesterday I was making plans for all the progress I was determined to make on my own layout during the coming year. Well, we will review the result of *those* plans next month.

We completed a busy 2-month stretch in November with our meeting at Partners in Prime in Hamilton. Our clinician was well-known photographer and modeler Lou Sassi. In addition to a great presentation by Lou, there were lots of layouts to visit. The Whistle Stop Train Club at the senior center, Charlie Atkinson's N-scale layout, and the Cincinnati Northern, Ross Rails, Black Diamond Lines, and Queen City Engineers layouts located at the old Ross High School were all open for visitors. Thanks to all of the layout owner/operators for hosting our members. Thanks also to John Burchnall for making the arrangements for Lou's visit and to Lou Sassi for an interesting clinic.

The last meeting of the year will be December 9th at Westwood United Methodist Church. Randy and I will bring the food. You folks bring your pictures and appetites. This is your chance to show us where you went and what you saw this past year (or in some cases years ago). I believe our esteemed Superintendent has a special presentation in store for us. As we did last year, we will plan on electronic format only. USB sticks work best, but we can handle pictures on CDs also. Following the meeting, Anton Zillich and Bruce Knapp will have their layouts open for visitors.

In January, we will return once more to the familiar confines of Harmony Lodge, home of the Cincinnati Model Railway Club. Brad Jonas has a clinic showing how he installed photo backdrops on his layout. This will be another meeting with layouts galore. The CMRC will have their layout open, and after the meeting Rick Stern, Dan Hadley, and Ron Pearson will have their home layouts open.

In February, the meeting will be at St Susanna church in Mason. Ed Swain has some more background buildings completed on his layout, and will show how he made them.

That's it for now, See you at the meeting on December 9th.

Bob

Free Cardboard

Dan Mack has a large quantity of corrugated cardboard boxes that measures 72" X 16" X 2" available free to anyone who wants some. The boxes are ideal for cutting long strips to make webbing to support scenery.

Contact Dan at: danmack2@yahoo.com or 513 290-6130 to arrange for pick up.

Perry Simpson

Congratulations to Perry, his new L & N layout is featured in the current issue of Great Model Railroads.

November Contest Results

Models: Tank Cars

Box Stock:

1st Place: **Sam Parfitt;** Roma Wines #992
 2nd Place: **Rick Stern;** Flatulene #9426
 3rd Place: **Ron Gribbler;** Cities Service #2645

Kit Bashed:

1st Place: **Rick Stern;** Sassen Vinegar #14
 2nd Place: **Jim Ruisinger;** 36-foot Wayerhauseer #5
 3rd Place: **Frank Hermanek;** Mobile gas #8044

Scratch Built:

1st Place: **Frank Hermanek;** Undecorated, Un-numbered Tank Car
 No other entries

We had eleven total entries in this category

Photography: Cabooses

Print Prototype:

1st Place: (tie) **Jerry Baston;** Chessie (B&O) System #C—2873
 1st Place: (tie) **Frank Hermanek;** Rock Island Railroad #18058
 2nd Place: (tie) **Georgia Dahlberg;** Durango & Silverton NG RR (no number)
 2nd Place: (tie) **Frank Hermanek;** Pennsylvania RR (no number)

Print Model:

1st Place: **Frank Hermanek;** Rock Island RR #76 on Frank's layout
 2nd Place: (tie) **Bob Adams;** Pennsylvania RR #081693 on Curt LaRue's layout
 2nd Place: (tie) **Randy Seiler;** Pennsylvania RR #n 97 on Curt LaRue's layout

2012 OVERALL STANDINGS (as of Nov. 2012)

Models

Frank Hermanek	13	Bob Chapman	04	Jim Rollwage	03
Rick Stern	12	Jim Corbett	03	Chuck Endreola	02
Georgia Dahlberg	10	Randy Kerka	03	John Listermann	02
Ron Gribbler	10	Jim MacKnight	03	Jim Ruisinger	02
Sam Parfitt	10	Paul Musselman	03	Tom Brueggemann	01
Jim Bonnett	08	Jim Ossmann	03	Rick Taylor	01
Perry Simpson	08				

Photography

Jerry Baston	41	Georgia Dahlberg	07	Jim MacKnight	04
Randy Seiler	16	John Listermann	07	Jim Corbett	03
Bob Adams	11	Roy Hord	05	Perry Simpson	01
Frank Hermanek	08				

Junior Division

Models

Photography

Anthony Zillich	08		Anthony Zillich	05
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December Topics

Models: Cabooses (of any type - - conventional or otherwise)

Photography: "Fallen Flags" Rolling Stock ANY rolling stock belonging to a road no longer recognized as an official carrier. A "Fallen Flag" has either been absorbed in a merger or is no longer in existence. (Examples: Baltimore & Ohio, Pennsylvania RR, Vermont Central, etc.)

Jack Laubisch, Competition Chairperson, NMRA, MCR, Div. 7

Model & Photo Competition Categories for 2013

Models:

- Jan:** **On-OR Off-line False Fronted Structures** (Thin Line Structures/Backdrop Buildings)
NOTE: You must provide support for your structures.
- Feb:** **Freight Cars** (meaning ANY car that would be commonly found in a freight train consist)
- Mar:** **No Contest** (Flea Market)
- Apr:** **Passenger Cars** (Meaning ANY car that would be commonly found in a Passenger train consist)
- May:** **No Contest** (Division 7 Bus Trip)
- June:** **“Anything Goes”** (Obviously, we mean RAILROAD models)
- July:** **Diorama** (on- OR Off-line) NOTE: This is NOT a False Front format.
- Aug:** **Vehicles** (Non-Rail) ANY vehicle found on a railroad that does not run on rails.
- Sept:** **Steam and/or Diesel Locomotives** (Trolleys are also in this category)
- Oct:** **Bring-n-Brag Rolling Stock Models** (you will have five (5) minutes to “Brag” about the model you built.)
You do not have to brag about your entry... you are simply afforded the opportunity to tell us how you built it.
NOTE: If you have handouts, please pass them out during your 5-minute “Brag” segment.
Please remember...NO “campaigning”.
- Nov:** **Servicing Facilities** (Examples: Repair Shops, Roundhouses, Sanding Facilities. Coaling & Water Towers, etc.)
- Dec:** **MOW Equipment**

Photography

- Jan:** **Mid-Central Region Layouts** NOTE: The photographer can be ANY NMRA member entering this competition, but
The print MUST be of a Mid-Central Region member’s layout. Credit must be given to the owner of the layout
on a small slip of paper below the print entry.
- Feb:** **Engines and/or Trains at Service Facilities** - any steam or diesel engine being serviced at a facility. This may also be a
Freight or passenger train (with the diesel or steam engine in view) being serviced Example: at a sanding facility,
water tower, etc.
- Mar:** **No Contest** (Flea Market)
- Apr:** **Train on a Bridge** (Must show engine but no restriction on the number of cars)
- May:** **No Contest** (Division Bus Trip)
- June:** **Railroad Structures** (Examples: Stations, Freight Houses, Roundhouses, etc.)
- July:** **Trains in Inclement Weather** (rain, snow, sleet, hail, etc.)
- Aug:** **Railroad Signals and/or Signage** (i.e.: order boards, semaphores, signs on a station, etc. but not on rolling stock)
- Sept:** **Steam Locomotives**
- Oct:** **Personnel Workin’ on the Railroad**
- Nov:** **Diesel Locomotives** (Trolleys are also in this category)
- Dec:** **“Fallen Flag” Rolling Stock** (by definition, this means ANY rolling stock belonging to a rail road no longer recognized as an official
A “Fallen Flag” has either been absorbed in a merger or is no longer in existence) (Examples: Baltimore & Ohio, Pennsylvania,
Vermont Central, etc.)

Cincinnati Division 7 MCR, NMRA - 2013 Program Schedule

Note: ALL DATES, TIMES, AND EVENTS are subject to change. Check back often for updates.
All **REGULAR** meetings start at **2:00 PM**

Month	Date	Location	Program/Speaker	Layout Visits
Jan	13	West-Central Harmony Lodge Winton Place	Brad Jones Photo Backdrops	CMRC Stern Hadley Pearson
Feb	10	North St. Susanna Mason	Ed Swain Background Buildings Part 2	Eastern Loggers ?
Mar	09	Annual Flea Market Lakota	None	None
Apr	14	East Anderson Senior Center	Frank Koch AP Program Basics	Matt Snell
May	05	Div. 7 Bus Trip or Outing	?	?
May	15/18	MCR Regional Convention Dayton, OH	Convention	Convention
June	09	East-Central Hyde Park ?	Matt Snell	?
July	07	North Fairfield/Forest Park	?	?
July	14/20	NMRA National Convention Atlanta, GA	Convention	Convention
Aug	11	Kenwood Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Swanson/Albers Making Water	?
Sept	08	South Erlanger or Independence Public Library	Dan Stenger Garden Railroads	N. KY Garden Railroads
Oct	13	North West Chester Library	Mini Clinics Bring-n-Brag	?
Oct	?	Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West High School West Chester	None	None
Nov	10	Northwest Hamilton Senior Center	?	?
Dec	08	West Westwood United Methodist Church	Annual Pot Luck Picture Show	?

Easter – March 31

Mother's Day – May 12
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Father's Day – June

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Cincinnati Model Railroad Club Op Session

The Cincinnati Model Railroad Club (basement of Harmony Lodge in Spring Grove) will host an open operating session Thursday December 13, 7-10 pm. We will have an orientation session from 6:30-7:00 pm and will start operating at 7 pm. We can handle 10-12 operators as yardmasters, engineers of freight, locals and passenger trains, and a dispatcher (if you want the challenge!). Our members will be there to provide encouragement and assistance. We have an NCE system (radio and plug-in), so bring a throttle if you feel more comfortable with your own but it is not necessary. We also have FRS/GMRS radios for communication bring your own if you wish.

We would like to get an idea of how many operators will be present, so sign-up with Frank Koch at: fjkoch@hotmail.com to indicate your intent to participate.

More information about the club is at <http://www.cincyoscale.org/>

Rick Stern

Come and see the trains!

Frank and Mary Kammer have their model railroad decorated for Christmas and will be open to all visitors young and old on the following dates:

December 3rd, 13th, 14th, & 18th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

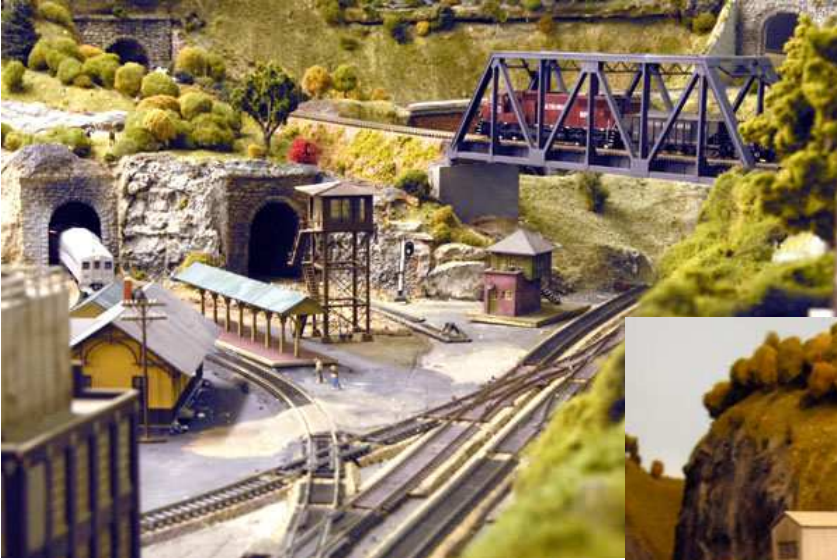
December 8th, 29th, and 30th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm

Their address is:

Frank and Mary Kammer
1706 Marilyn Lane
Cincinnati, OH 45231
513 729-1919
(North College Hill)

If you were the editor you could put anything you wanted in this space!

November Layout Visits



**Whistle Stop
Train Club**



**Charley Atkinson's
Hocking Valley**





KNAPP'S NOTES

Bruce Knapp

Modeler's Aid

Many thanks to Randy Kerka for his kind comments about Pat, Sam, Nancy and my work with the Modeler's Aid table at our Fall Train Show. We had a good deal of fun sharing information and techniques with the visitors to our show, but it's still nice to be recognized for our contributions, again, thanks Randy. Our work at the show is mostly geared to the novice in our hobby, but our committee exists to assist the Division membership. If any of you members have a modeling related problem, please feel free to contact us. If any of our committee doesn't have an answer to your question, we will find somebody who does. One of the benefits of membership is the help the members of this Division can give each other.

Honest (?) John's Raffle

I promised, after I turned the raffle over to John Shields, I would keep a close eye on the proceedings and report any irregularities. At the November meeting, Randy won, our Company Store proprietor won, and several other suspicious individuals (like John Burchnell) won. Nope, nothing irregular about that. Our honest, "no-strings" raffle continues the same high standards we have come to expect., Scott Firth, Terry Judd, Keith Corman and I have worked hard to make sure there is never any question about the raffle's honesty (it's non-existent).

Raton Pass

Having taken leave of my senses, I will have the beginnings of my layout open for the December meeting. A couple of items to note: (1) there is very little track work (use your imagination) (2) virtually no scenery (again, use your imagination) and (3) there will be no "nit-picking" (pickers of nit will be strung up in the great tradition of the "Old West". There is currently no gallows, so what else? (use your imagination). I am rushing to get some work done and hope you will enjoy the visit. I do have a portion of Trinidad, CO modeled with its yard and interchange with both the C&S/FW7D (Burlington) and the Cimarron Northern coming in from La Junta, CO. At one time Trinidad had a very active "Red Light" district, which will be closed for the Sabbath on December 9th. (use your imagination)

November's Meeting

I thoroughly enjoyed the visit to Partners in Prime in November. The layouts in the center's train room have really progressed. I was especially impressed with their large urban scenes, the members have really done some great work. I also stopped at the Old Ross School Building to visit the layouts on my way home; again all the layouts were very impressive. Congratulations to the clubs there for some really great modeling. I always enjoy clinics by Lou Sassi and plan to use some of his scenic ideas on my layout. It was nice to see visitors Butch Sage and Jim Ruisinger from Division 6 at the November meeting. I enjoy both gentlemen; it was great to renew our friendships. One last comment about the meeting; Mr. Brestel, WMPA is keeping an eye on you; any more insults directed at a WMPA member will be dealt with severely. See everyone in December.

Bruce

John's Honest Raffle

At the December meeting, we will hold the drawing for our Fall engine raffle. You do not have to be present to win; but you do have to have bought a ticket. So remember to bring some of that remaining Christmas shopping money to "invest" in a chance on one of these engines.

This year's HO engine is a Bachmann Spectrum USRA 2-10-2 undecorated steam engine WITH DCC.

This year's N scale offering is a Kato U30C diesel engine decorated in the Union Pacific "We Can Handle It" scheme.

Both of these great engines were donated to the Division, and I would like to thank the hobby shops, dealers, and individuals who support us throughout the year through these donations.

John

Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday
 @
Westwood United Methodist Church
 3460 Epworth

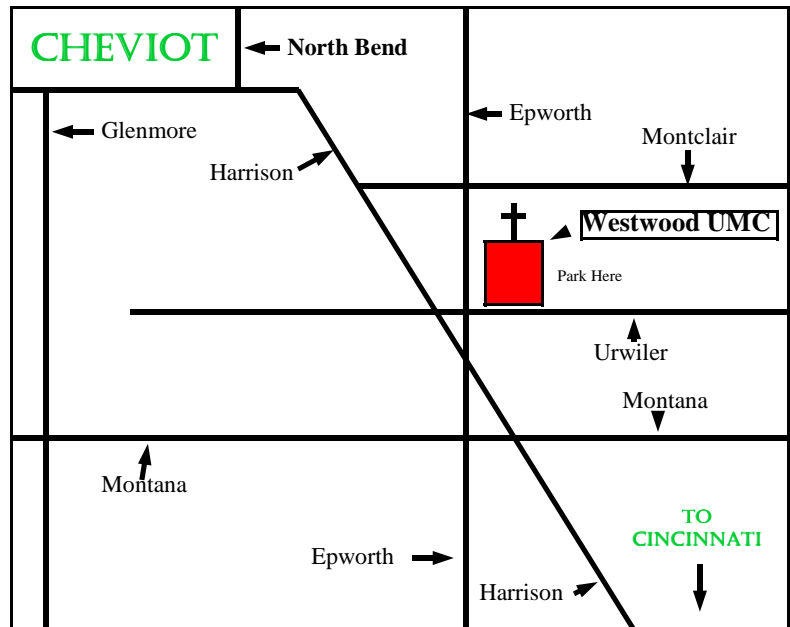
Directions:

Epworth crosses Harrison Ave. just North of Montana Ave

From I-74: Take Montana West to Harrison Ave., turn right to Epworth.

From Cincy: Take Harrison to Epworth & turn right.

From the North: Take North Bend to Harrison, turn left to Urwiler and turn left.



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
 2012 Schedule

NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM
 (Unless otherwise notified)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Layout visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
Dec 09	Westwood United Methodist Church	Annual Pot Luck Digital Show	Bruce Knapp Anton Zillich	<u>Models:</u> Cabooses <u>Photos:</u> "Fallen Flag" rolling stock
Dec 20	Resurrection Lutheran Church	Lebanon Sub Meeting	None	Show and Tell
Jan 13	Harmony Lodge Winton Place	Brad Jones Photo Backdrops	CMRC Stern Hadley Pearson	<u>Models:</u> On/Off-line false front buildings <u>Photos:</u> MCR Layouts
Jan 17	Resurrection Lutheran Church	Lebanon Sub Meeting	None	Show and Tell

Around the Region

2013

- 3/9 Div.7 Spring Flea Market.....W. Chester, OH
- 3/16 Ross Train Show.....Ross, OH
- 5/15-18 Mid-Central Region Convention...Dayton, OH

National

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- 5/17-29 Cass Rail Fan Weekend..... Cass, W. VA
- 6/5-9 National Garden Rwy. Conv.....Cincinnati, OH
- 6/26-30 National N Scale Conv.....Milwaukee, WI
- 7/14-20 National NMRA Conv.....Atlanta, GA
- 8/28-20 National NG Conv.....Pasadena, CA

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