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The Editors Corner:

Dave Puthoff

Winter is fast approaching, and we've already had our first measurable snowfall. Soon we will have our annual Pot Luck Digital Photo Show and Food Fest, at the December meeting to be held at Westwood United Methodist Church.

Does anyone remember last year's December meeting? Its really okay if you can't recall, as we had to cancel it due to the severe road conditions of that scheduled day, unprecedented, at least to my memory! So bring some of your favorite 2013/2014 photos, in electronic form, to share.

Don't forget to purchase some Special Raffle tickets for locos that will be given away at the December meeting. (You can't win if you don't enter!)

If you have a photo, or a useful tip, or maybe just a useful website that you would like to share, the Oilcan is an opportunity to share it with your fellow model railroaders. Email it to editor@cincy-div7.org.

Dave

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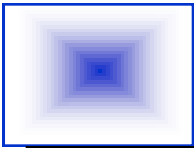
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroad and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Started in 1946, a Cincinnati tradition continues with the Duke Energy Holiday Trains display at the Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal

Photo: by Duke Energy (with permission)



Wow, is it December already? It seems like this year has really flown by. It's been an eventful year for Division 7. Locally, we had a successful Flea Market in the spring and Model Train Show in the fall. Between those two events, the 2014 national convention was 'just up the road' in Cleveland, which made it easy for many of us to attend.

Our December activities kick off with the quarterly Board of Directors meeting on Friday, December 5th. The meeting will be at Harmony Lodge in Spring Grove Village. The primary focus of the meeting will be the 2015 budget. The division leadership has done a good job in recent years balancing our income and expenses, and it is important we continue this in coming years.

One of our biggest income sources after the two shows is our car projects. For many years, Jim MacKnight has been running solo heading up this activity. Jim has done a super job finding examples of prototype cars we can use as subjects for our projects. It's a lot of work finding a car that will appeal to as wide of an audience as possible, but has not already been produced by one of the manufacturers. Another part of the job is publicizing the car projects and handling the inventory of cars. In order for these projects to continue, we need to get one or two more people involved. If this sounds like something you would be interested in helping with, please contact me. My phone number and Email info are on the contact list in the Oil Can.

Each year, Division 7 sponsors a series of clinics for the local Boy Scout councils to provide training for the Model Railroad merit badge. These clinics run for several Saturdays in February or March, depending on location. Several people who have helped present these clinics in the past will not be able to help in 2015, so we could use some help with this activity, also. It is necessary to complete a 'Youth Protection' training program before participating as a counselor for these clinics. Jim MacKnight is the contact person for this activity. (See how much Jim does for Division 7?)

John Burchnall and Merlyn Jarman are hashing out the final details for the next Division 7 bus trip. We know the date will be Saturday, May 9th, but John and Merlyn are holding the destination close to their vest. Based on the bus trips they have organized in the past, I'm sure this trip will be another winner. Stay tuned for a major announcement in the coming months.

Rick Crumrine and Peter Weiglin are busy checking out possible hotels that could host our 2018 regional convention. The goal is to have the hotel and date decisions by early spring so the information will be available at the 2015 convention.

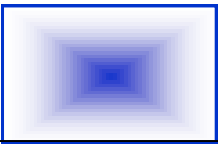
Speaking of the 2015 convention, the on-line registration web site is up and running. I completed my registration using the web site and it worked very well. They are lining up some great prototype tours and clinicians (many of them from our area). It will make for a busy week with the bus trip on the 9th and the convention on the 14th to the 17th, but I think I will survive. The web site is <http://thoroughbredlimited2015.yolasite.com>.

Well, it's time to start getting out the Christmas decorations. Maybe I'll try putting a train around the tree this year. I remember when I got my first Lionel train set for Christmas many years ago, it wasn't so much under the tree as looping around the legs of the piano. Ah, the smell from those smoke pellets wafting through the house.

The December meeting will be on the 14th. Hopefully, the weather will be better this year so we can have the meeting. Assistant Super John Shields and I will be providing the food. Your pictures provide the entertainment. Please put your pictures in groups of 20 or less. Bring them on CD, or USB memory sticks work best. Our format is to run through each person's first group, and if time permits, go around a second time for additional groups. I'm looking forward to the layout visits in December since they are new layouts to see.

That's it for this month. If I don't see you at the December meeting, have a safe and joyful holiday season.

Bob



SECOND SECTION

John Shields
Asst. Super

The November meeting was on Sunday November 9th, at Partners in Prime (formerly known as the Hamilton Senior Center). Our clinician was Dick Briggs, from Columbus, who gave a presentation on the paperwork and procedures involved in entering NMRA model contests; and with some help from Frank Koch, on how NMRA contest requirements differ from judging for merit awards. After the meeting, we visited Ed Bley's Pennsylvania RR and Bob Ampulski's O Scale layout; along with the Whistle Stop club in the basement of the Senior Center.

In December, we will end the year as we usually do, at the Westwood United Methodist Church, on December 14th. This will be our annual pot luck digital photo show and food fest. The contest topics are models of anything; and photos of locomotives. The layout visits will be to Terry Judd's new N scale layout in Westwood and to Jack Sibert's HO layout in Cleves. At the November meeting, I talked to both of them and they assured me they had trains running; so we look forward to seeing these layouts.

In January, we will be at Hyde Park United Methodist Church. Our clinician in January will be Peter Weiglin. His topic is the story of the Harvey Houses and the Santa Fe. We will be visiting Frank Fieler's layout and one more to be confirmed. The contest topics in January are models of repurposed railroad cars and photos of the same subject.

In February we will be back at the West Chester library, with Allen McClelland giving us his latest V&O clinic entitled "Trendsetting, The V&O Story". The contest topics for both models and photos will be cabooses.

In March, we have the annual Flea Market and Swap Meet at Lakota Freshman School (and therefore no regular meeting). In April, we will be at Harmony Lodge in Winton Place (Spring Grove Village, if you are not a railroad fan). Our clinician will be Sam Swanson. Sam will be giving a clinic on "Scratchbuilding a Critter in On30". In May there will be the Regional Convention in Lexington "The Thoroughbred Limited", and our annual Bus Tour (to an as yet undisclosed location); and therefore no regular meeting that month either.

After a week of snow and winter weather, a warm weekend meant it was time to finish some fall yard work and start getting ready for the holidays. Christmas lights need to go up on the deck, and the Christmas cards (railroad themed, of course) come out of the closet. Next weekend will be the time to buy the tree, and then once decorated, the train comes out of the basement to go around it. We bought this particular train the year my son was born. This was a new family tradition I started. We did not have a train around the tree when I was growing up, because we had a layout in the basement year round! The tradition I had was going downtown to see the B&O layout at Cincinnati Gas & Electric.

Those trains are now at the Museum Center. There is also a display at the Crohn Conservatory. And if those are not enough, one can view the Festival of Lights at the Zoo from the train there. Entertainment Junction seems like a natural destination this time of year. Plus there are a number of other holiday displays; some created or supported by members of our Division all around the area. As we finish National Model Railroad Month, plan on enjoying our hobby by starting, or continuing, a family tradition that includes (and shares) your enjoyment of trains with those that you love now and through the holidays.

See you in Westwood on December 14th.

John



**NMRA MCR DIV. 7
NOVEMBER 2014 CONTEST RESULTS**



MODELS: RAILROAD VEHICLES

Box Stock:

No Entries Submitted In This Category

Kitbashed:

No Entries Submitted In This Category

Scratch Built:

1st Place: Frank Hermanek, MMR: Rail Repair and Service Truck

No Other Entries Submitted In This Category

PHOTOGRAPHY: RAILROAD BRIDGES W/O TRAINS

Print Prototype:

1st Place (Tie): David Wynne: Chickamauga Creek Truss Bridge

1st Place (Tie): Randy Seiler: Okeana, Ohio Girder Bridge

3rd Place (Tie): David Wynne: Lift Bridge on Red River

3rd Place (Tie): David Wynne: Gauntlet Bridge in Nova Scotia

Print Model:

1st Place: Randy Seiler: Concrete Arch Bridge on Ron Pearson's Layout

2nd Place: John Listerman: Truss Bridge on John's Layout

3rd Place: Randy Seiler: Steel Truss Bridge on Jerry Alber's Layout

Junior Division – No Entries Submitted in Any Category

2014 OVERALL STANDINGS (through November 2014)

MODELS

Frank Hermanek, MMR	20	Tom Brueggeman, MMR	04
Bob Lawson	14	Don Phillips	03
Rick Stern	13	Warren Ossman	02
Ron Gribbler, MMR	09	John Listermann	02
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	08	Bob Chapman	01
Frank Fieler	06	Jim Ruisinger	01

PHOTOGRAPHY

Randy Seiler	37	Anton Zillich	02
Jerry Baston	34		
John Listermann	13		
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	12		
David Wynne	05		

JUNIOR DIVISION - PHOTOGRAPHY

Anthony Zillich 06

DECEMBER CONTESTS:

MODELS: ANYTHING GOES (railroad related)

PHOTOGRAPHY: LOCOMOTIVES (diesel, steam or any other powered railroad unit)

Brad Jonas

NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair

Laddie Henninger, Assistant Chair



NMRA MCR DIV. 7
MODEL AND PHOTOGRAPHY
2015 CONTEST THEMES



2015

MODELS

PHOTOGRAPHY

JAN.	REPURPOSED R.R. CARS – Without trucks. Can be on R.R. property or private property.	REPURPOSED R.R. CARS – Without trucks. Can be on R.R. property or private property.
FEB.	CABOOSES	CABOOSES
MARCH	No Contest (Flea Market)	No Contest (Flea Market)
APRIL	MOW EQUIPMENT – Maintenance of Way.	MOW EQUIPMENT – Maintenance of Way.
MAY	No Contest (Bus Trip)	No Contest (Bus Trip)
JUNE	PASSENGER CARS - Any enclosed car used to carry paying passengers.	GRAFFITI on R.R. CARS – Spray painted, artistic writing. Not chalk or hand written notes.
JULY	FLATCARS with LOADS	TRAINS on BRIDGES
AUG.	SERVICING FACILITIES – Repair Shops, Ash Pits, Roundhouses, Sanding Facilities, Icing Facilities, Water Towers, Coaling Facilities, etc.	TUNNEL ENTRANCES with TRAINS ENTERING or EXITING
SEPT.	LOCOMOTIVES – Any powered R.R. unit used to move rail cars.	LOCOMOTIVES – Any powered R.R. unit used to move rail cars.
OCT.	DIVISION 7 PROJECT CARS – there will be no scratchbuilt category for this contest.	DIVISION 7 PROJECT CARS – Within a train consist.
NOV.	FREIGHT CARS – Any revenue producing cars not carrying passengers.	FREIGHT CARS – Any revenue producing cars not carrying passengers.
DEC.	DIORAMAS – ON OR OFF LINE – Not in false front format, no more than 12” x 24”.	Depots



Thoroughbred Limited 2015

2015 Mid Central Region Convention

May 14-17, 2015

Lexington, Kentucky

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Contests, OPS, Layouts

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Visit the Convention website

<http://thoroughbredlimited2015.yolasite.com/>

The convention is officially open for early registration.

Provisions have been made to register electronically on the internet with credit card or to register manually by sending the registrar the registration form via US Mail.

Y'all come and see us!

Rick Cobb, Superintendent

Bruce DeMaeyer, Chairman

NMRA Volunteer Award - presented to Laddie Henniger

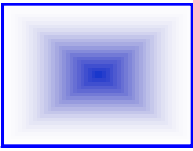


NMRA Volunteer Award - presented to Ed Wagner



LAYOUT VISIT to Bob Ampulski's O-Scale





KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

Why the NMRA AND Division 7

I often get asked, "Why should I join the NMRA and Division 7. The simple answer is that it is a wonderful chance to learn more about this wonderful hobby. I will give some personal examples of things I have learned as a part of the NMRA (especially from Division 7):

1. This is a super group of people, in fact, a lot of my friends are from Division 7.
2. The raffle committee (Russ Poynter, Chuck Edreola, Keith Corman, and me) are a hard-working, extremely honest group. Would we cheat you? (John Burchnall is our exception) You can buy tickets with confidence (the WMPA treasury needs the cash).
3. Members are treated with great respect. (Look at Mike Brestel, Keith Corman, and Richard White).
4. WMPA (the Western Modelers Protective Association) is your friend (unless you model Appalachia). Please don't worry about visits from WMPA officers like Vinnie and Guido if you model the Union Pacific, Santa Fe, the Burlington (or any road west of the Mississippi).
5. A model railroad in the planning stage is as good as one that is nearing completion.(as long as it belongs to an S.O.B. or WMPA member).
6. Senior members of Division 7 will be treated with respect; there will no wisecracks about Richard White when the mention of "Old Business" comes up at the business portion of our meeting (unless it's by either a WMPA or S.O.B. member).
7. The Modeler's Aid Committee isn't at all interested in your problems, we have our own, so don't bother us.
8. Just remember the time AND money you spend on the hobby won't be wasted on needless items like a second dress for your wife or shoes for the kids. You are keeping the American (not to mention the Chinese) economy strong.

All the observations should encourage you keep up you membership and bring a friend (or maybe a soon-to-be enemy). I will be glad to discuss this with any members (or maybe you could meet with the WMPA enforcers, oops I meant recruiters).

The Wonderful Monthly Raffle Continued

I couldn't believe all the whining after last month's raffle. Just because one of our raffle, plus a couple of officers won prizes, you would have thought the "fix was in". Both John Burchnall and Randy Kerka were not winners again last month. Oh BOO-HOO, you guys need to buy more tickets. When John Shields ran the raffle there was always a question of honesty; with us there is no question. Seriously, we have two nice locomotives in the December raffle, plus we will also have some family oriented prizes, so bring plenty of money.

The S.O.B.s

November 30th the S.O.B.s are gathering at Merlyn's for a final operating session on his H.O. layout, as Merlyn has decided to move to S gauge.

See you in December

Bruce

Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday December 14

Westwood United Methodist Church
3460 Epworth Ave.

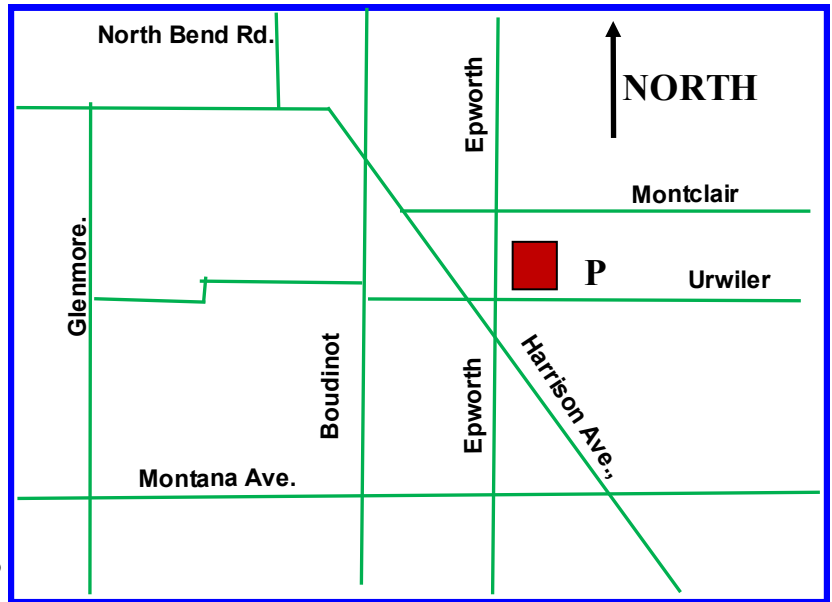
Directions:

Epworth crosses Harrison Ave. just North of Montana

From I-74: Take Montana west to Harrison Ave, turn right to Epworth, turn right to Urwiler, turn left.

From Cincy: Take Harrison Ave., turn right on Epworth

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



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2014 - 2015 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>
12/14	Westwood United Methodist Church	Annual Snackfest & Potluck Computer Slide Show	Jack Sibert Terry Judd	<u>Models:</u> anything <u>Photos:</u> Locomotives
12/18	Resurrection Church Lebanon OH	Lebanon Sub Meeting	N/A	Show & Tell
1/11	Hyde Park United Methodist Church	Harvey Houses & Sante Fe Peter Weiglin	Frank Fielor Layout & TBD	<u>Models:</u> Re-purposed RR Cars <u>Photos:</u> Re-purposed RR Cars
2/8	West Chester Library West Chester	V & O Update Allen McClelland	TBD	<u>Models & Photos:</u> Caboose (Cabin Cars, Way Cars, etc.)
4/12	Harmony Lodge Spring Grove Village	Scratchbuilding a Critter Sam Swanson	TBD	<u>Models & Photos:</u> Maintenance of Way (MOW) equipment

Around the Region
2015

2/7 Ft. Wright Train Show Ft. Wright KY
3/8 Div. 7 Spring Flea Market West Chester
5/14-17 MCR 2015 Convention Lexington KY

National
2015

8/23-29 Portland Daylight Express Portland Oregon

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