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The Editor's Corner

Don Phillips

As you start the new year by hanging your 2013 NMRA calendar, take a look at the January page. At the end of the month, you'll find a picture of **Phil Gliebe's** HO Kit Class Caboose that took a 1st Place at the National NMRA Convention last summer. Move on to May and at the start of the month you'll find a picture of **Sam Swanson's** On30 Scale Rail Truck that took 1st Place for Diesel or Other-Scratch Built at the same convention. Great going guys!

We're starting the year by listing the 2012 competition results on page 5, up dated competition rules on page 6, and the categories for 2013 on page 8. On page 9 you'll find the program schedule as it stands to date for the coming year.

Here's to another great year in model railroading.

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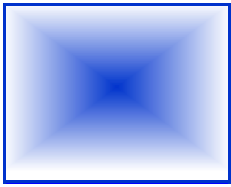
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

The cover:

Number 2744 brings its string across the bridge and into town on Anton Zillich's HO layout. You'll find more pictures of this highly detailed layout on page 11.



HEADLIGHTS

Randy Kerka
Superintendent

As I write this it is only two weeks before Christmas. My wife claims that I am an “eight year-old with 56 years of experience” so consequently; this time of year is my personal favorite. Packages are arriving at my front door with return addresses on them such as Micro-Mark, Walthers, etc. I am under strict orders not to shake these packages. It is killing me! I genuinely hope that you get everything you want for Christmas. Truth be known, I would simply settle for an improving economy and a lot more peace around the world.

At the December 9th Division 7 meeting a presentation was made to inform the general membership of an action that was taken by your Division 7 Board of Directors. Since 2005, the Division BOD has been searching for the perfect way to spend a significant amount of surplus funds that we were fortunate enough to have left over from the 2005 Cincinnati Limited NMRA National Convention. I am extremely pleased and honored to be the one to inform the entire membership of Division 7 what the BOD has decided. Obviously the money could only be used to perpetuate and promote the hobby of model railroading... After all, that is our charter and there was never any doubt in any of our minds that when the “right” opportunity came along that we would go all in!

If you have been following the news in the NMRA Magazine or on the NMRA Website you are aware of a Memorandum Of Understanding between the NMRA and the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento, California. It involves the development of a model railroading exhibit at the California State Railroad Museum (CSRM). This MOU anticipates a 3,500 square foot model railroading exhibit to be designed and constructed by the NMRA in CSRM's Roundhouse Gallery, adjacent to the widely acclaimed "Small Wonders: The Magic of Toy Trains". The NMRA exhibit will be called "The Magic of Scale Model Railroading Gallery". If you have been there you know that there is no finer representation in the world of railroading in America. Over 750,000 railroad fans visit the museum every year. Displays will need to be built and layout examples will need to be shipped from NMRA Headquarters in Chattanooga. The total cost of this effort has been established at \$750,000. One anonymous donor has pledged \$250,000 if the NMRA can raise a like amount. The current total towards that matching grant is about \$200,000. It is known that several manufacturers and other interested entities will come forth with additional pledges once the \$250,000 challenge match (\$250,000) is reached!

That said, it was the decision of the Division 7 BOD to continue to be a leader in the support of the hobby and pledge \$15,000 towards that matching effort. I can assure you that we take our fiduciary responsibility as guardians of Division funds very seriously and this was the right thing to do. After the presentation at the meeting, for the first time in my memory the Board of Directors received a round of applause! I hope you are all as excited and proud of this decision as me, the officers and the Board of Directors.

It will now become my personal quest to see to it that all Mid-Central Region Superintendents and any other Supers that I can contact will know what we have done and challenge them to do the same. Obviously, all divisions will not be in the fortunate position to participate but certainly many can. Division 7 once again proves its metal as one of the finest divisions in the NMRA. Long live the world's greatest hobby!

In other news, Charlie Atkinson, MMR, former Division 7 Superintendent, 2005 Cincinnati Limited NMRA Convention Chairman and long-time BOD member has tendered his resignation from the Board. We will certainly miss Charlie on the Board. Some of you old timers may recall that after the 1966 National Convention in Cincinnati, Charlie was among those individuals that managed to hold Division 7 together. (Many divisions totally “fracture” after Nationals.) Please thank Charlie for his years of tireless service when you see him. The Executive Committee has appointed Frank Koch, former Division 7 Superintendent, NMRA Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer, NMRA Executive Assistant Achievement Program Manager and Mid-Central Region AP Manager to fill Charlie's seat... but not his shoes.

Please mark your calendars for the meeting at Harmony Lodge on January 13th. I promise a great venue, “honest” raffle, modeling/photo contest, interesting clinic and several fabulous layouts. Come prepared for a fun-filled afternoon.

See you on the 13th!

Randy

SECOND SECTION

Bob Shreve
Asst. Super

2012 ended on a high note with our December meeting at the Westwood United Methodist Church. There was food galore. A little heavy on the sweet side maybe, but that's what Christmas parties are for. The highlight of the business meeting was the announcement that the BOD had voted to pledge \$15,000 towards the construction of a scale model-railroading exhibit at the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento, California. This will be an excellent use for some of the funds Division 7 earned by hosting the 2005 Cincinnati Limited National Convention. Everyone who worked on the 2005 convention should take pride in knowing they played a part in making this donation possible. The officers and BOD members appreciate the support shown by the division membership when the decision was announced. Be sure to read Randy's article for more details about the museum exhibit and how this pledge will help the exhibit become a reality. Following the business meeting, we saw pictures from England, Michigan, and various locations closer to home. I think the highlight of the picture segment was the replay of Randy's appearance on a TV news show the morning of the train show. After the meeting, Anton Zillich and Bruce Knapp had their layouts open for visitors. I must admit, I'm partial to the black locomotives emblazoned with the words *Norfolk* and/or *Southern* which populate Anton's layout. Thanks to everyone who supplied pictures, and Anton and Bruce for an enjoyable afternoon.

On January 13th, the Cincinnati Model Railway Club will be our hosts at Harmony Lodge in Winton Place. Brad Jonas has a clinic showing how he installed photo backdrops on his layout. In honor of the meeting location, the monthly raffle will feature some O scale items. The CMRC will have their layout open both before and after the meeting. It's been interesting to see how this layout has progressed over the years we have been meeting there. The CMRC also hosts occasional operating sessions. Running trains on their layout is a lot of fun. After the meeting Rick Stern, Dan Hadley, and Ron Pearson will have their home layouts open.

In February we will be in Mason at St Susanna Church. Ed Swain has some more background buildings completed on his layout and he'll show how he made them. The Eastern Loggers modular layout will be on display at the home of recently retired John Burchnell. I am working on the one other layout to have open that afternoon.

As I mentioned last month, it's time to review my New Year's resolutions from last January and see how I did. Well, not too surprisingly (for me) the junk is still in the basement and there's still no trains running. I have generated about 10 different layout variations, but no construction has started. Thanks to operating sessions on Gerry Albers' layout, I was able to acquire the operating hours needed for the Chief Dispatcher AP certificate. Now I need to do the rest of the work required for the certificate. I'm sure Fran Koch will continue to remind me to get this completed.

That's it for now. See you at the meeting on January 13th.

Bob

John's Honest Raffle

At the January meeting, we will switch from the normal HO and N raffle to HO and O, in honor of the meeting location at Harmony Lodge and the Cincinnati O Scale Club.

I'd like to thank everyone who participated in the Fall Engine Raffle, helping to make it our most successful to date. We will be back next year for October to December. I am also hoping to have a different special raffle in April - June (like the book raffle we did this past year) if I can find an appropriate item of general interest.

John

December Contest Results

Models: Caboooses

Box Stock:

1st Place: **Sam Parfitt;** Great Northern #205
 2nd Place: **Frank Hermanek;** Flatulene #9426
 3rd Place:(Tie) **Tom Brueggemann;** Cities Service #2645
 3rd Place:(Tie) **Bruce Knapp;** CI Railroad #6243

Kit Bashed:

1st Place: **Keith Corman;** CL&St.L #8279
 2nd Place: **Frank Hermanek;** Imperial Valley #1933
 3rd Place: **Sam Parfitt;** Great Northern #X-205

Scratch Built:

1st Place **Georgia Dahlberg;** Union Pacific Drover Caboose #3494
 2nd Place: **Frank Hermanek;** Rock Island Outside Braced #17862

No other entries

Photography: Fallen Flags Rolling Stock

Print Model:

1st Place (tie): **Sam Parfitt;** GN outside braced boxcar #710797 on Sam's layout
 1st Place (tie): **Randy Sieler;** C&O and VRR hopper cars on Gerry Albers' layout
 2nd Place (tie): **Randy Sieler;** C&O Boxcar #21082 on Gerry Albers' layout
 2nd Place (tie) **Randy Sieler;** L&N Bulkhead Flat Car on Gerry Albers' layout

Print Prototype:

1st Place **Georgia Dahlberg;** Union Tank Car ULTX #3882
 2nd Place **Georgia Dahlberg;** H.P.Hood Milk Car Tank Car GPEX #1057
 3rd Place **Georgia Dahlberg;** Union Tank Line #14387

FINAL OVERALL STANDINGS for 2012

Models

Frank Hermanek	19	Bob Chapman	04	Jim Rollwage	03
Sam Parfitt	14	Jim Corbett	03	Tom Brueggemann	02
Georgia Dahlberg	13	Keith Corman	03	Chuck Endreola	02
Rick Stern	12	Randy Kerka	03	John Listermann	02
Ron Gribbler	10	Jim MacKnight	03	Jim Ruisinger	02
Jim Bonnett	08	Paul Musselman	03	Bruce Knapp	01
Perry Simpson	08	Jim Ossmann	03	Rick Taylor	01

Photography

Jerry Baston	41	Frank Hermanek	08	Jim Corbett	03
Randy Seiler	23	John Listermann	07	Sam Parfitt	03
Georgia Dahlberg	13	Roy Hord	05	Perry Simpson	01
Bob Adams	11	Jim MacKnight	04		

Junior Division

Models

Anthony Zillich **08**

Photography

Anthony Zillich **05**

January Topics:

Models: On- or Off-Line False Front Structures (Thin Line Structures/Backdrop Buildings) Note: you must provide your own support for your structure/s.

Photography: Mid-Central Region Layouts Note 1: The photographer can be ANY NMRA member entering this competition, but the print MUST be of a Mid-Central Region layout.

Note 2: Credit must be given to the owner of the layout on a small slip of paper below the print entry.

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

Division 7 Monthly Contest Rules

The monthly contest topic will be published in Division 7's monthly newsletter, *The Oil Can*. The schedule for the forthcoming year will be published in the January issue, but may be changed to suit the program being presented in any given month.

There will be two separate contests divisions: Senior and Junior. The senior division is for modelers ages 19 and up. The Junior Division is for modelers 18 and younger. Scoring will be kept separately.

There are two major contest categories, **Modeling** and **Photography**.

Modeling: Modeling consists of three (3) categories:

1. Modeling: box-stock

This category covers those models that are **assembled** straight from a manufacturer's kit. Minor improvements such as Kadee™ couplers, a snowplow, painted handrails, weathering, etc. still come under this category.

- Purchased or Ready to Run (RTR) models **are not allowed**. The model must have been assembled by the owner.
- As an example; an Athearn diesel locomotive would qualify for entry in this category because assembly of the handrails, horn, headlight, glass, etc. was required.

2. Modeling: kit-bashed

This category covers those models that comprise at least 2 of the following three elements:

- Significant quantities and levels of super-details
- Splicing of numerous models to yield one unique model
- Custom painting and/or weathering

3. Modeling: scratch-built

This category covers those models where the basic model is constructed from scratch. No Splicing of commercially available models is incorporated into the model. However, commercially available super-detail parts can be used.

*Note: If desired, models may be displayed on a piece of plain or ballasted track.
No model may be displayed on a diorama or in a similar fashion.*

Photography: Photography consists of two (2) categories:

1. Print: Prototype

This category covers those pictures, in print format, taken by the contest participant whose subject matter is of a prototype and its principle point of interest directly relates to the published contest topic. The contest topic CANNOT be an item in the background of the photo. Prints can be in either black & white or color – there will be no separate categories unless otherwise stipulated.

2. Print: Model

This category covers those pictures, in print format, taken by the contest participant whose subject matter is of a model and its principle point of interest directly relates to the published contest topic. The contest topic CANNOT be an item in the background of the photo. Prints can be in either black & white or color – there will be no separate categories unless otherwise stipulated.

(contest rules continued)

Participation guidelines

The monthly contest is open to all NMRA members as well as all Division 7 members and their **immediate family**. The intent of allowing immediate family participation is to encourage youth participation even if they are not registered NMRA members. The following rules will apply in all contests:

- No more than (3) entries total may be submitted in each of the two main categories (Modeling or Photography) by each contest participant. e.g., the total of all entries submitted in the four sub-categories under **Photography** (paragraph 3.B) may not exceed three.
- Any model or photograph can be submitted more than once in the monthly contest until such a time as it is awarded a first place finish. After achieving a first place finish (blue Ribbon), the said model or photograph is ineligible for entry in any future monthly contest. This will be enforced via the honor system. It is up to each NMRA member / contest participant to abide by this code so as to maintain the spirit of friendly competition within the membership.
- Points will be awarded as follows:
 - 1st Place = 3 Points
 - 2nd Place = 2 Points
 - 3rd Place = 1 Point

In event of a tie for 1st place, a total of only three awards will be presented: two 1st place and one 3rd place award. In the event of a tie for 2nd place, a total of only three awards will be presented: one 1st place award and two 2nd place awards. And, in the event of a tie for 3rd place, a total of four awards will be presented: one 1st place award, one 2nd place award and two 3rd place awards.

The contest results and current standings will be published in *The Oil Can*.

Voting: All members and guests are eligible to vote. Only one vote per person in each of the five (5) sub-categories.

Free Cardboard for Scenery Strips

Dan Mack has a large quantity of corrugated cardboard boxes that measure 72" X 16" X 2" available FREE to any one who wants them. These are ideal for cutting long strips to make cardboard webs for supporting scenery. Contact Dan at danmack2@yahoo.com or at 513 290-6130 to arrange pickup.

Division 7 Car Project

Jim MacKnight

At last after five months, The NMRA Magazine has announced our 2012 car project on page 59 of the January issue. The announcement features a 5/4 full size photo of our AM gondola.

Our sales have stalled at 35% this past month. Hopefully, we will sell some more cars over the next month or two.

We hope to kick off our 2013 car project in March. A prototype car for change. The BOD has approved, and Accurail will be ready to begin art work in March.

Jim

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 normally be 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 in False Front format.
- Aug:** **Vehicles** (Non-Rail) ANY vehicle found on a railroad that does not run on the 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 don’t have to “Brag” about your entry...you are simply being 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.
Note: 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.
NOTE: 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 Servicing Facilities**---any steam or diesel engine being serviced at a facility. This may also be a freight or passenger train (with diesel or steam engine in view) being serviced. Example: at a sanding facility, water tower, etc.
- Mar:** **No Contest** (Flea Market)
- Apr:** **Train on Bridge** (Must show engine but no restriction on the number of cars)
- May:** **No Contest** (Division 7 Bus Trip)
- June:** **Railroad Structures** (Examples: Stations, Freight Houses, Roundhouses, etc.)
- July:** **Train 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 Locomotive/s**
- 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 railroad 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.)

Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2013 Program Schedule

NOTE: ALL DATES, TIMES, AND EVENTS are subject to change. Check back often for updates

All REGULAR meetings begin at 2:00 PM

Month	Date	Location	Program/Speaker	Layout Visits
Jan	01-13-13	West - Central Harmony Lodge – Winton Place	Brad Jonas – Photo Backdrops	CMRC / Stern / Hadley / Pearson
Feb	02-10-13	North – St. Susanna Mason	Ed Swain – Background Buildings, Pt 2	Eastern Loggers / ?
Mar	03-9-13	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	None	None
Apr	04-14-13	East – Anderson Senior Center	Frank Koch – AP Program Basics	Matt Snell / ?
May	05-05-13	Division 7 Bus Trip or Outing		?
May	5-15 thru 5-18	MCR Regional Convention Dayton, OH	Convention	Convention
June	06-9-13	East – Central (Hyde Park)	Matt Snell	?
July	07-7-13	North – Fairfield / Forest Park	?	?
July	7-14 thru 7-20	NMRA National Convention Atlanta, GA	Convention	Convention
Aug	08-11-13	Kenwood – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Swanson / Albers Making Water	?
Sept	09-8-13	South – Erlanger or Independence Public Library	Dan Stenger – Garden Railroads	Garden Railroads in N KY.
Oct	10-13-13	North – West Chester Library	Mini Clinics / Bring & Brag	?
Oct	10-??	Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West HS – West Chester		
Nov	11-10-13	Far North West – Hamilton Senior Center	?	?
Dec	12-8-13	West – Westwood U. Methodist Church	Annual Pot Luck Picture Show	?

December Meeting



Holiday Feast



1st Place Box Stock Sam Parfitt



1st Place Kit Bashed Keith Corman



1st Place Scratch Built Georgia Dahlberg

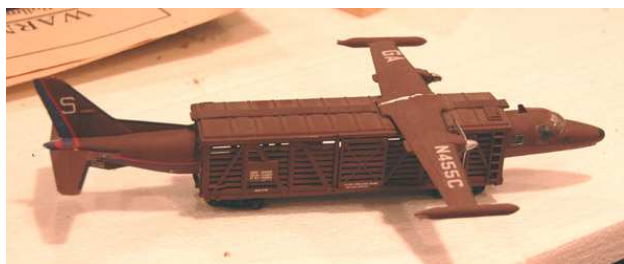
December Layout Visits

Anton Zillich's Layout

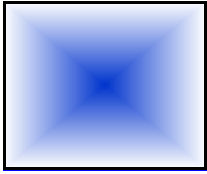


Bruce Knapp's Layout

"Use your imagination"



**Bull Shipper's Special
(Flying Cattle Car)**



KNAPP'S NOTES

Bruce Knapp

Why I am Proud of Our Division

This weekend our board of directors, and our membership made me very proud, as we decided to make a major investment in the NMRA and the California State Railroad Museum's *Introduction to Scale Model Railroading Gallery*. Member Mike Brestel made an excellent presentation to the board at our Friday night meeting and the board decided to make an investment of \$15,000.00 to this very worthy promotion of our great hobby. Mike made a similar presentation to the membership at our December meeting, with the support for the investment of Division funds. Since there is a matching grant available from an anonymous donor, the actual investment becomes \$30,000.00. With this kind of backing from our national membership, this exciting public exposure can only be positive for our hobby. I really appreciated the vote of support we got from George Roos. I know I'm prejudiced, but I consider Cincinnati Division 7, one of the NMRA's best. Thanks to Mike, Randy, the BOD, and the membership, we continue to take a leading role in promoting this wonderful hobby.

The Raton Pass Open House

Speaking of our December meeting, 26 intrepid modelers ventured to the far (and Wild) west to visit my layout after the meeting. I had already stated in my last month's Oil Can article that visitors needed to use their imaginations for items like track plans, scenery, rolling stock and operation. Unlike many of our politicians, I cannot tell a lie, there was not a lot done before the meeting. I still teach two days a week, play in four musical groups, and am very active at my church, ergo, the time just got away from me. That said, I still enjoyed showing off what little had been accomplished. I did appreciate the many kind comments and suggestions. (No, I don't plan to give up the hobby)

The Ohio Valley GENTLEMEN'S Sipping and Switching Society had our annual Christmas Dinner before the December meeting (at White Castle) and found a mutually agreeable meeting date. There is nothing like a few "sliders" to assist the creative process (and other processes). Our fearless group of model railroaders is going to return to our monthly sessions; by next year you will see some real progress.

The Monthly Model and Photography Contest

I really appreciated the votes I got on my "Box Stock" Varney bay-window caboose. To be honest that was a last minute choice as I had already entered two other cabooses. I have been really impressed with the number and quality of contest entries lately. We have some outstanding modelers and photographers in the Division; our contest continues to expand. I was especially pleased that my friend Keith Corman entered and won in the "kit-bashed" heading, congratulations Keith!

New Releases

I noticed some really exciting structures from the Walther's Cornerstone series. Top on my list is the Santa Fe tower, which will soon control the approaches to the Trinidad (CO) station and yard plus a small Chinese carryout restaurant. I suspect it will soon find a spot in Raton, NM. I hope the spirit of the season resides in your homes and families and that this is a season of friends and family. May you receive your fondest wish and God bless all.

Keep 'em rolling,

Bruce

Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday January 13th

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Harmony Lodge

646 E. Epworth Ave. Winton Place

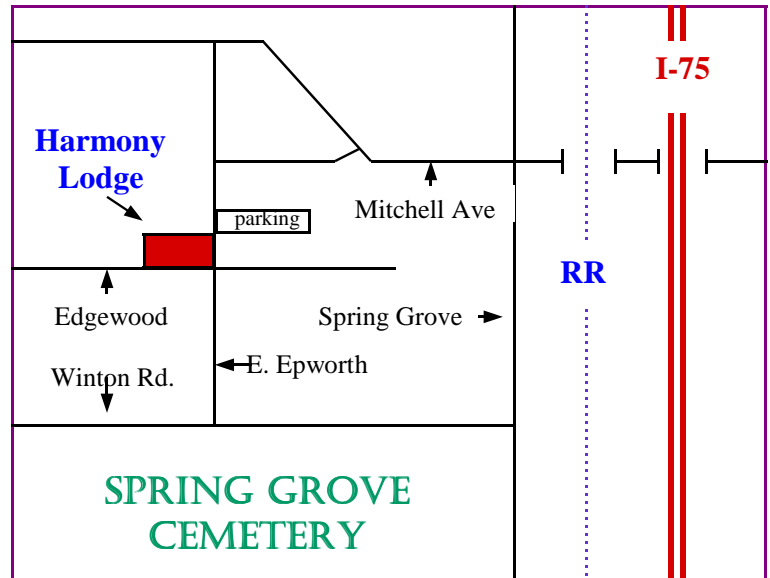
Directions:

From I-75 take the Mitchell Ave. exit WEST under Spring Grove to Epworth Ave. and turn left.

From Winton Rd. take Epworth Ave. to Edgewood.

Harmony Lodge sits on the corner of Epworth and Edgewood.

Limited parking is available in the lot across the street from the lodge.



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2013 Schedule

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Layout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
Jan 13	Harmony Lodge Winton Place	Brad Jonas Photo Backdrops	CMRC Dan Hadley Ron Pearson Rick Stern	<u>Models:</u> On-Off-Line False Front Buildings <u>Photos:</u> MCR Layouts
Jan 17	Resurrection Lutheran Church	Lebanon Sub	None	Show & Tell
Feb 10	St. Susanna Church Mason, OH	Ed Swain Background Buildings	Eastern Loggers	<u>Models:</u> Freight Cars <u>Photos:</u> Engines or Trains at Service Facilities
Feb 21	Resurrection Lutheran Church	Lebanon Sub	None	Show & 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 MCR Region Convention.....Dayton, OH

National
2013

5/17-19 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
8/28-30 National NG Conv.....Pasadena, CA

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