Buy or sell Model Railroad items! We’ve got an even bigger opportunity to buy and sell model railroad items at our upcoming MCR convention in May. There is an expanded version of White Elephant sales during the 4-day convention, with 10% of proceeds going to Division 7.

Details, including an Inventory Sheet, are included in this month’s issue, as well as in the Convention information packets. For email, rename the spreadsheet file to contain your last name before sending it. Filling out the separate spreadsheet will greatly help Frank keep track of your sales!

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@cincydiv7.org.

Dave

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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.
Did you enjoy the Annual Flea Market? I thought it was the best yet. More space, more vendors, more N scale. (OK, so the last point is just personal bias). Thank you to Peter Weiglin and all of the volunteers that make this event happen every year and somehow do seem to find ways to make it better every year. The preliminary feedback from the committee is that attendance was nearly the same as last year and, with more tables sold, our bottom line was better. Peter reports we have already agreed with the school on the second Saturday in March again for next year. Lakota school district really is great to work with, for both the Flea Market and the Fall Show. If you do have any feedback about the show, let me or Peter know.

We also had our quarterly BOD meeting the first week of March. This was held at the Marriott, and naturally the main item on the agenda was preparations for the upcoming convention – The Cincinnati Express. The dates for the convention are May 17 to May 20. The last major item to get finished is the schedule of the clinics. Mike Brestel reported on that, and we should have the (basically) final schedule by this upcoming meeting. Roy reported that the registrations have been strong, and now we are waiting for the final feedback on the specific events attendees are signing up for. I know I have heard from several of you that are either opening your layouts for tours or for operating sessions that you would like to know the count of potential visitors. We will try to start getting this info out, but it will be a changing list up to closer to the dates.

Also at the BOD meeting, I introduced John (Jor) Luecke as the new community service (i.e., book donations and Boy Scout merit badge program) chair. Jor replaces Jim MacKnight who had asked to step down; Jor volunteered to take over. Jim and Jor were actually able to work together on this year’s Boy Scout program so the transition is well under way. For those who might not know Jor, he is a network engineer with Cincinnati Bell. He got back into the hobby about 3 years ago. He models the Pennsylvania Railroad in Eastern Kentucky in HO (when you meet him, ask him to explain that!). I have worked with him in several operating groups. His son is a member of my club (Justin models the N&W in N scale – which makes a lot more sense!). Jor is pretty good at DCC topics, and has been helping Sam Parfitt with his move into the 21st century. When he was younger, Jor was a Boy Scout, and the Model Railroading Merit Badge was one that he had earned. So there is a natural connection for him to this new role.

One of the job requirements of my position is to continually remind folks to volunteer for our various activities. So here is this month’s required text:

Randy Kerka is organizing the volunteers for the Regional Convention. If you have not done so already, please get ahold of Randy and see how you can help. The volunteer slots are arranged so that you CAN both attend key events and help out with others. If you have already volunteered, make sure you are in touch with the appropriate leader(s) of the subcommittees to know what will be needed and when. (If you don’t know who to be in touch with, ask Randy).

Also, if for some reason you have not registered for the convention, make sure you do that. You don’t want to miss out on this. Slots on the tours and op sessions are filled in order of registration; so don’t get closed out of something you really want to do. I understand that some of these activities are “extra fare” and those funds can be an issue for some; but we will have a full slate of excellent clinics, including several National clinicians, plus several operating display layouts at the hotel, plus the contests; and all of these are FREE with your registration. Your badge will get you in to these rooms/events. We also will have a huge white elephant sales room, in case you missed out on some bargain at the Flea Market. It’s free to enter the room. The cost to get back out is up to you.

That’s about it for this month. I hope to see you at Harmony Lodge on April 8th.
The 2018 Flea Market is now in the books. Although attendance was down by just a few from last year’s crowd, it was very successful. I approached several vendors and asked for their feedback. They were all very pleased with their sales volume and planned on returning next year. Several attendees told me that they enjoyed the venue and variety of merchandise. As usual, Bruce Knapp and Pat Homan aided attendees by testing equipment and answering their modeling questions. Sam Swanson and Nancy Windes engaged inquisitive modelers (including me) by sharing their knowledge and techniques. Thank you, Peter Weiglin, Roy Hord, Randy Kerka, and all the others who volunteered their time and talents that made this event so successful.

Our huge Cincinnati Express NMRA Convention is rapidly approaching and continues to have very strong registrations. There are still several slots in need of volunteers for the Regional Convention in May. Why not take this opportunity to be a contributor to its success?

I was in Cleveland the weekend of March 17th to visit family and was able to spend a morning at Division 5’s annual show at Lakeland Community College. I found a few goodies but spent most of my time helping my old friends find and sell items.

Upcoming meetings and events:

April 8th, meeting at Harmony Lodge in Spring Grove Village.
Clinician is Georgia Dahlberg MMR, Layouts open are Larry Bonhaus and the Cincinnati Model Railway Club.

May 17th thru 20th, MCR Convention, The Cincinnati Express, at the Marriott North Hotel, West Chester.

June 10th, meeting at Anderson Township Center on Five Mile Rd in Anderson.
Clinician is Alex Kolesnikov. Layouts are at the homes of Peter Weiglin and John Listermann.

July 8th, meeting at St Susanna Church in Mason.
Clinician is Bruce Knapp, Layouts TBA.

August 5th to 12th, NMRA National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

August 19th, (One week later than usual) meeting at Good Shepherd Church in Kenwood.
Clinician is Jack Sibert, Layouts TBA

Some Regional Events:

April 14th, Columbus—Buckeye Railroadiana Show, Ohio Expo Center.
Contact: Golden Spike Enterprises

Contact: https://nychs.org

June 23rd & 24th, Dayton—Rail Festival at Carillon Park.
Contact: https://daytonhistory.org

Chuck
DIVISION 7 FLEA MARKET

Photos by Bob Shreve
2018 Cincinnati Express White Elephant Sales

This year's convention will again offer attendees the opportunity to dispose of surplus model railroading items (NO magazines) and to acquire some treasures from other attendees. The rules are simple:

1. Prepare an inventory (electronic is preferred, but paper is fine as long as it is legible) showing your name, address and telephone number. For a printable electronic inventory form, please see http://www.cincy-div7.org/convention.html.

2. List each individual item with a brief description and code so we can match it back to you and your firm asking price in whole dollar amounts only with a $5.00 minimum price. We will only sell at the marked price & will not negotiate pricing.

3. Each individual item must be clearly marked and priced as shown below. The price on the item’s sticker and the inventory must match. If there is more than one of an item, list them separately. If you have more than 25 items, just extend the sheet or add another sheet and continue the numbers.

   FJK – 12
   $10.00

4. Put all your items in a bag or box and bring them to the White Elephant room at any time it is open. A copy of the inventory sheet must accompany your items (and/or send it to me electronically before the convention starts)

5. We will log your items in, sell them, reconcile sales with left-over material, and calculate how much you earned. The Division will keep 10% of actual sales (whole dollar fee) and we will pay either with cash or by check depending on the amount since we will be accepting credit cards for sales ($25 minimum sale).

6. You must pick up your unsold material and money on Saturday afternoon before we shut down for the night. If you do not claim your unsold material, it will be considered a donation to Cincinnati Division 7.

7. If you would like an electronic inventory form, go to our http://www.cincy-div7.org/convention.html webpage or send Frank Koch an e-mail at fjkoch@hotmail.com with “elephant inventory” in the subject line. When you download the file, save it and substitute your last name for “MASTER” in the file name, i.e., sales inventory-KOCH, to identify it as your inventory. Email the file back to Frank at fjkoch@hotmail.com and then make two printouts – one for you and one to accompany your items.
Cincinnati Express White Elephant Sale
(10% of actual sales retained by Division 7) 2018

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DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Would you like to become a NMRA Contest Judge?

All Division 7 Members,

I received a request from Steve Zapytoyski (our Regional Contest Chairman) to see if any of our Division Members that are interested in learning how to be judge or are willing to be judges for our convention. In either case please contact me and I will forward your name to Steve for inclusion in the process.

Thanks,
Brad Jonas

bjonas@fuse.net

Great Northern Railway operating session on April 21 at 7 PM (Saturday)

The GNRW has been updated to handle DCC operations!
You may now bring a DCC equipped engine to operate it on the GNRW.

Usual stats:
Time: 1938. All steam and electrics. The GN railway is a point to point railroad, 400' mainline with two 400 car yards at Seattle, Wash and St Paul, Minn, each having 20+ track turntables. Minimum radius, 48" with #10 turnouts. Track all hand laid on individual wooden ties. 100% scenery. Four track 12' ore dock. Interface railroads: NP, SP&S, Milwaukee, DM&IR, UP, SP, D&RGW and CN. Also, two engineers can run the logging railroad.
New project: adding LED's to classification/head lights to engine and tender on steam locomotives.
New building flats for back drop.

For pictures see:
http://ogrforum.ogaugerr.com/topic/great-northern-railway?page=1

Junk food and beverages will be available.

Sam Parfitt
samparfitt@fuse.net

8795 Goldcrest  Drive
West Chester OH 45069
513 378-9133
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May 17-20, 2018
Our first convention since the 2005 NMRA National

We’ve prepared tons of fun for everyone!

Abundant Premier Layouts!
Special Thurs Afternoon Early-Bird Layout
Open Houses - Bob Lawson and Larry Bonhaus!
Layout Tours & Operating Sessions All 4 Days!
Special EnterTrainment Junction Events!

Awesome Commercial Bus Tours!
Fantastic Rail Industry Prototype Tours
Fabulous General Interest Tours
4 ‘Great Model Railroad’ Mini-bus Tours (12 layouts)!

Numerous Rail and Non-Rail Clinics
Special Guests Gerry Leone, Lou Sassi and Hal Miller, Editor of Model Railroader!
Non-Rail Luncheon and Saturday Banquet

Plentiful Additional In-Hotel Attractions
Extra Large White Elephant Sale!
Model, Photo and Crafts Contests
Raffle, Company Store, Hospitality Room
Layouts at Hotel + EnterTrainment Junction
Special TCS Booth with Loco Sound Free Installs!

Register Now for Priority on Extra Fares & Ops
See form at our booth or www.cincy-div7.org
Abundant Layout Events
67 layouts, 30 published, 10 in GMR, 5 at EJ
Bob Lawson and Larry Bonhaus on Thurs Aft
Great Model RR Tours + Hotel, EJ Layouts,
Operating Sessions, Layout Open Houses

Fantastic Rail Industry Tours
Matandy Steel
Cincinnati Barge & Rail Terminal
Excel Logistics Tropicana
Enerfab Brighton Tru-Edge
Deluxe Cincinnati Railfanning

Fabulous Non-Rail Activities
Findlay Market & Conservatory Tour
Am. Sign Museum & Spring Grove Tour
Luncheon with Cookie Decorating Chef
Genealogy & Greeting Card Clinics
Meet & Greet w/ Wine Tasting
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$109 King Bed, $119 Two Double Beds, Pre-Tax
Use code: “National Model Railroad Assoc.”

Great Guest Speakers
Gerry Leone, Allen McClelland,
Lou Sassi, Hal Miller, Steve King,
Rick Tipton, Charlie Getz ...

Low Cost Registration Fees
Only $75 Rail, $25 Family (Spouse/Teen), Kids under 13 Free w/ Reg. Adult
Register Now for Extra Fares & Ops Priorities - See form or www.cincy-div7.org
# CINCINNATI EXPRESS
Mid-Central Region Convention
West Chester, Ohio, May 17-20, 2018
Hosted by Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

Mail to: CX Registrar
Questions to: rhord@fuse.net
6526 Hollowview Ct.
Liberty Township, OH 45011

## YOUR INFORMATION
Registration date sets priority for Extra Fares and Guest Operations

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* Primary Registrant must be an NMRA member
** Eligible if never used RailPass before and not member for last 2 years - see NMRA.org
*** See NMRA.org for other membership classes

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## TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

Make Checks Payable to Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA. Check # _________

Credit Card: Visa ____ MasterCard ____ Card # _______ _______ _______ _______
Expiration Date: (MM/YY) ____ / ____ CVV: _______ Billing Zip Code: ____________

Make your hotel reservation directly with the Cincinnati Marriott North at 6189 Mulhauser Rd, West Chester, OH 45069, (877) 739-9460. Use Code "National Model Railroad Assoc." Special pre-tax pricing before May 3, 2018 is $109 King Bed, $119 Double Beds, $119 King Bed w/ Sofa

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**Merchandise Subtotal**

7% Sales Tax

**Merchandise Total**

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*See cincy-div7.org website for photos/details & other merchandise - best to pre-order here as limited stock may be available at the Convention

** Ladies shirts have no pocket - long sleeve version has ladies fitted style, spread collar w/ buttons, curved bottom to wear in or out

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Your Name:  

Merchandise Total: $
Advance Orders for “Cincinnati Express” Short Sleeve Shirts

Both in Royal Blue with pocket and new “Cincinnati Express” embroidered logo

**Regular Shirt** (Jerzees)
2 button, 50/50 cotton/poly, 5.6 oz Jersey Knit Polo
- S, M, L, XL = $22 + tax
- 2XL, 3XL, 4XL = $24 + tax

**Premium Shirt** (Cornerstone)
3 button, polyester, 6.8 oz Industrial Pique Polo
- S, M, L, XL = $30 + tax
- 2XL = $32 + tax
- 3XL = $34 + tax
- 4XL = $36 + tax
- 5XL = $38 + tax
- 6XL = $40 + tax

Ladies version available w/o pocket for $2 less

Name: | Phone: | Street Address: | City, State, Zip: | Email: |
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Mail with check or money order to:
Cincinnati Division 7 Company Store
P.O. Box 76010
Highland Heights, KY 41076

Indicate Logo Side:
- ☐ above pocket (default)
- ☐ opposite pocket

Circle/check above the **Shirt Type**, **Size**, **Price** and **Logo Side**
Email Paul at company-store1@cincy-div7.org for shipping costs
All must add **7% sales tax** to total (after shipping if needed)
Make check payable to: Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

“Cincinnati Express” Long Sleeve Shirts

Teflon Coated Blue Generation Shirts, all in brilliant Royal Blue with “Cincinnati Express” embroidered logo
- adjustable cuffs, 6.5 oz.,
- 65/35 poly/cotton, stain and wrinkle resistant,
- fully buttoned front,
- soft touch finish

**Men’s Shirt**
Pocket w/pencil area, button down collar, logo on side opposite pocket, double back yoke, side back pleats
- Men’s S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL

**Ladies Shirt**
No pocket, logo on left side, spread collar w/o buttons, curved bottom to wear in or out, ladies fitted style
- Ladies S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL

All shirts the same price
- $32 + shipping (if needed) + 7% tax
  (7% tax on total with shipping)

Name: | Phone: | Street Address: | City, State, Zip: | Email: |
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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 has approved a trial of 6 months; after which the program will be re-evaluated. 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.

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Our Spring Flea Market

This month’s Division 7 Flea Market was another huge success, besides being a lot of fun. This year’s show was 30 tables larger, thank to our expansion into the cafeteria. This year’s event was an even greater success thanks to great leadership, careful planning, and a group of dedicated volunteers. The excellent leadership was provided this year by Peter Weiglin. I am pleased that Peter stepped up to take over this important project, as he is just a tiny bit warped, like our mod- eler’s aid team.

No report about the Flea Market would be complete without mentioning our illustrious Modeler’s Aid Team and the Division 7 test track. Sam and Nancy did their usual outstanding job of demonstrating structure building and detailing, while Pat Homan and I manned the test track and pontificated on maintenance. I try to remain modest, but Pat and I do a wonderful job of promoting the hobby, plus we were ably assisted by our new Assistant-superintendent, the illustrious Charles Endreola, Esq. Not only did we do our usual fantastic job of testing, but no body or any equipment was harmed during the show (as far as I can tell).

Division7 Teamwork

I consistently write about the close-knit, family atmosphere in Division 7 --- I recently experienced it. Russ Poynter, our hard-working (and HONEST) raffle chair needed some help with prizes for our up-coming MCR Convention. I was happy to volunteer to send letters to many of our dealers and suppliers to request items for convention prizes.

I approached Frank Koch, who had done this for the 2005 NMRA National Convention. Frank was very quick to provide me with his information. I was able to have John Burchnall edit my request letter, which he did, with his usual expertise. When it came time to address and stuff the letters, I was able to call on Linda and Rick Crumrine, who willingly gave up a Wednesday evening to assist. They even delivered the finished letters to the USPS. This team seems to have been very successful as we are starting to receive some very desirable items. Thanks team, you are the greatest.

Honest, I really needed these

I promised I wasn’t going to spend any money at the swap meet. I soon realized there were several items I REALLY NEEDED (would I lie?). One of our dealers had an excellent book MOW cranes, plus there were two Santa Fe brass locomotives in bad need of service. Speaking of other treasures, I managed to purchase several pieces of rolling stock, plus two extremely nice cabins from Jerry Houghton (I’ve got just the spot for them). As you can see, there are just some items you can’t pass up. In any case, I had a great time, enjoyed old (I mean experienced) friends, and was my usual (?) charming self.

Next Meeting

Hope to see everyone at the April meeting. Please bring a model for the contest and PLENTY of money for the company store and ALWAYS HONEST raffle.

Keep ‘em rolling

Bruce
Next Meeting
2 PM Sunday April 8
Harmony Lodge
646 E. Epworth Ave.
Spring Grove Village
(Winton Place)

Directions:
From I-75: Mitchell Ave. Exit,
Go West on Mitchell Ave. past Spring Grove Ave.,
to Epworth. Left on Epworth. Lodge is on your right.

From Winton Rd: North on Epworth, to Edgewood
Lodge is on your left.

Coming Down the Line
Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2018 Schedule
NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM
(Unless otherwise notified)

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Around the Division
2018

3/15 Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH
4/19 Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

Region / National
2018

5/17-20 Mid-Central Region Convention — Cincinnati
8/5-12 2018 NMRA National Convention — Kansas City

Modeling Problems? - Ask the Member Aid Committee
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