



The Kingpin

Newsletter of the
Mid Central Region
National Model Railroad Association
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Convention Preview Issue



We return to the Queen City!

In Memorium

Mildred F. Reber

Joe Kurilec MMR notified us that former National office manager Mildred Reber, 87, passed away in early September. She began work for the NMRA in Canton and moved with headquarters to Chattanooga. Joe credits Ms. Reber with substantial assistance while he was working towards his MMR. Online sources state that she was a master cross stitch artist.



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Mid Central Region Convention

May 17 – 20, 2018

West Chester, Ohio

The Mid Central Region cordially invites you to attend the *Cincinnati Express* 2018 MCR Convention hosted in the greater Cincinnati, Ohio area by Cincinnati Division 7. The convention will be held at the Cincinnati Marriott North hotel, located in the northern suburbs of Cincinnati. The hotel has recently completed an extensive renovation and remodeling of nearly all interior spaces, including meeting rooms, sleeping rooms, atrium, hallways, lobby and dining facilities. All convention activities within the hotel will be conveniently located on the same floor, and all parking is free!

The convention committee has planned activities to ensure you have a rewarding and enjoyable experience during your visit to our “Queen City”. The Convention runs from Thursday, May 17th through Sunday, May 20th. Registration and check-in **opens at 9:30 AM Thursday**, with **key activities beginning at noon on Thursday!** Yes, that is right, this will be nearly **four full days of fun** for everyone!

We are blessed to have an **abundance of quality layouts** in the Cincinnati area with 67 of the best available for your enjoyment at this convention. 30 of these layouts have been published, with 10 in *Model Railroader’s* annual *Great Model Railroads* magazine. Nearly all 67 layouts are new or improved since our 2003 MCR and 2005 NMRA conventions.

Two of these impressive layouts will be open Thursday afternoon for special **early bird layout visits**: Bob Lawson’s massive HO scale CNO&TP Div. of the Southern Ry, featuring numerous super detailed scenes and structures, and Larry Bonhaus’s large N scale PRR in a new location since our 2005 convention, featuring the famous Horseshoe Curve and other additions. Other layout events include 4 different **mini-bus tours to 12 premier layouts** (3 per tour), guest **operating sessions** each of the 4 days, general layout open houses each of the 4 days, a special Thursday dinner event at nearby **EnterTRAINment Junction**, and several scenicked layouts at the hotel.

We’ll also have **3 rail-oriented clinic rooms** (2 huge) packed full of **expert speakers**, including Gerry Leone MMR, Lou Sassi, Hal Miller, W. Allen McClelland MMR, Sam Swanson MMR, Steve King, Rick Tipton, Charlie Getz and many more. Train Control Systems (**TCS**) will have a special booth to install pre-purchased sound decoder kits for free. You’ll also not want to miss our 4 special **rail prototype and industry bus tours** and our 2 incredible **general interest bus tours**.

The convention attractions continue with fun and informative non-rail clinics, a ladies luncheon with cookie decorating, a delicious banquet with entertaining guest speaker Gerry Leone MMR, a huge White Elephant Sale (bring your cast-offs), Company Store (new shirts, cars, etc.), full contest, large raffle, and much more!

Take a look at the following pages to see what we’ve prepared for you at the *Cincinnati Express* 2018 MCR NMRA Convention. We’re sure you’ll find it to be an enjoyable and rewarding trip filled with rare and educational offerings for everyone. It will provide the perfect time to renew old friendships and make new ones. We hope you’ll agree the *Cincinnati Express* promises to be a fun and inspiring four day event you will not want to miss.

Rick Crumrine
Convention Chair

John Burchnall
Convention Vice-Chair

Convention Venue

The wonderful newly renovated Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel is located at the Union Center exit from I-75, just north of I-275. The hotel is surrounded by dozens of restaurants covering a wide range of price points (i.e. fast food to fine dining). It is also a short drive to several shopping centers and an Outlet Mall. Make your hotel reservation directly with the Cincinnati Marriott North at 6189 Mulhauser Rd, West Chester, OH 45069, (513) 874-7335. **Use Code "National Model Railroad Association"**. Special pre-tax pricing for reservations made before May 3, 2018 is \$109 per night for a King Bed room and \$119 for two Double Beds.

Website Information

The most up-to-date information and schedules for the *Cincinnati Express* convention is found at the convention website at <http://www.cincy-div7.org/convention.html>. As it becomes available, you will find more complete information there about the layouts, clinics, white elephant sales, company store items, official refund policy, contest, photos, hotel floor plan, schedule, etc.

Cincinnati Express Changes – Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA, Inc. and its officers, leaders and members strives to accurately and faithfully represent the activities of the Cincinnati Express 2018 MCR Convention, and also reserves the right to modify or cancel events as may become necessary. The most up-to-date information on any changes to the convention can be found at the convention website at <http://www.cincy-div7.org/convention.html>.

Refund Policy – Please see the Convention webpage (<http://www.cincy-div7.org/convention.html>) for the **Cincinnati Express** official refund policy, covering registration fees, extra-fare events (bus tours, meals, clinics) and merchandise (company store, white elephant, and pre-purchased).

RAIL CLINIC PRESENTERS

We've lined up a diverse group of clinicians from the Mid Central region and across the country. A complete list of presenters and topics will be on the convention webpage as the schedule is finalized. The current list includes:

- **Gerry Leone, HLM, MMR** – NMRA Vice President-Special Projects, MR Video Plus Contributing Editor – *clinic & banquet presentation – titles tbd*
- **Hal Miller** – Editor, Model Railroader – *two clinic titles tbd*
- **Lou Sassi** – MR Contributing Editor, and photographer, author, modeler – *Improve Your Trucks & Trains*
- **Lou and Cheryl Sassi** – *Scenery Along the Right of Way*
- **Charlie Getz, HLM** – NMRA President and NG&SL Gazette columnist – *clinic title tbd*
- **John Forsythe** – Train Control Systems – *beginning LCC, TCS wi-fi DCC control station, sound decoders*
- **Pete Magoun, MMR** – *Modeling the Prototype – North Whitefield, Maine, 1912*
- **Mike Brestel, HLM** – NMRA Director – *C&O Cheviot Hill*
- **Bob Weinheimer, MMR** – MCR President – *Evolution of an Operating Scheme*
- **Steve King** – *Operations (title tbd)*
- **W. Allen McClelland, MMR** – President, Virginian & Ohio RR – *clinic title tbd*
- **Brad McClelland** – photographer, railfan, author – *clinic title tbd*
- **Gerry Albers** – two clinics, titles tbd
- **Sam Swanson, MMR** – *finishing and weathering techniques*
- **Jim Amato** – *Young People and Model Railroading*
- **Frank Bongiovanni** – *clinic title tbd*
- **Chuck Klein** – *1958 B&O Steam Finale*
- **Bruce Knapp** – *clinic title tbd*
- **Chris Mayhew** – Cincinnati Southern/CNO&TP/Southern Ry. Rathole Division historian – *clinic title tbd*
- **Rick Tipton** – *PRR in Cincinnati*
- **Steve Zapytowski** – *Scratchbuilding in the Digital Age*
- **Charlie Getz, Gerry Leone, Frank Koch, Mike Brestel, Bob Weinheimer** – *NMRA Officer Forum*

Special Train Control Systems (TCS) Booth

TCS representatives will have a special booth in the hotel to provide free installations of their discount priced TCS Decoder, Speaker and Keep Alive sets. To partake in this **you need to sign up for a specific time slot before the convention plus pre-purchase your discounted component set(s) – both via the TCS website at**

www.tcsdcc.com. You select from a variety of locomotive specific install sets, then bring your loco and enjoy seeing the installation while interacting with the TCS experts.

LAYOUT TOURS AND GUEST OPERATING SESSIONS

The Greater Cincinnati area is blessed with an abundance of quality model railroads. We're pleased to share a diverse selection of 67 layouts, including 13 club layouts, 6 museum and 4 hotel pikes, and 21 layouts open for guest operations. Virtually all 67 of the layouts are new or improved since our 2003 regional and 2005 national conventions. Most of these layouts have stunning scenery, equipment, design or operations, with 30 having been featured in model railroad magazines, including 10 in Model Railroader's annual **Great Model Railroads** magazine! **You must show your convention name badge to participate in any of these layout events.**

In order to help you enjoy as many layouts as possible, we've spread the opportunities over all 4 days of the convention. We have a large range of layout tours and operating sessions designed to meet everyone's needs. Most layouts have a general open house, 8 are only accessible via mini-bus tours and 21 have guest operating sessions (ops). See the **Registration Form, Layouts Matrix, and Ops Selection Sheet** for times, mini-bus fee and ops details. The **Layouts Matrix** shows when each of the 67 layouts is open, which events they are on and which other layouts are open at the same time. See the Layouts & Clubs tab on our **website** at <http://www.cincy-div7.org/clubs-layouts.html> for pictures of most of the layouts. Descriptions & maps will be in your registration desk check-in packet.

Thursday Afternoon Premier Layouts – Exclusive early-bird open house visits to the stunning and large transition era layouts of **Bob Lawson** and **Larry Bonhaus**. This is an included cost event. Reservation are requested, and you must first check in to the registration desk at the hotel and get your convention name badge. Bob's HO scale Southern Ry layout features hundreds of expertly crafted scenes and structures, including a new Cincinnati waterfront scene. Larry's scenic N scale PRR pike is expanded and re-located into a nearby historic home. The only other time you can see these incredible layouts during the convention is via a GMR bus tour.

Thursday Pizza Dinner at EnterTrainment Junction (EJ) – Private bargain-priced full access to EJ, including pizza dinner (with salad, chips, pop, cookie), roaming their huge G scale *Train Journey* layout, special at-your-pace behind-the-scenes tour, Neil Young's famous traveling O scale layout, and 2 large N & HO Modular Layouts in the Expo Center. Also, if you visit EJ other times during the convention you have discounted admissions for Train Journey/Expo Layouts (\$10) and scheduled behind-the-scenes tours (\$4) – just show your badge and pay at EJ. All other convention activities are closed during this extended dinner event featuring 5 layouts.

Great Model Railroads Mini Bus Tours - Special guided mini-bus tours of 12 premier scenicked layouts, most featured in *Great Model Railroads* magazine. This will be the only showing of 8 of these 12 premier layouts during the Convention. There are 4 tours, each covering 3 layouts, and you can book all 4 tours. There will be 1 or 2 mini-buses per tour, per demand, each limited to 20 lucky attendees. This is an excellent way to experience these premier layouts, while still enabling you to enjoy the many other layouts you'll want to see throughout the 4 days. Reservations will be filled in the order received, as well as by lowest pre-registration number. You won't want to miss these very special GMR tours.

NORTH (Fri AM) – featuring **Bob Lawson's** incredible late 40's era HO Southern Ry, **Bob Bartizek's** amazing transition era O Pennsylvania & Western (PRR) and **Dave Davenport's** fantastic mid 80's era HO scale TN Midland

NEAR (Fri AFT) – featuring 3 superb HO scale layouts - the **Eastern Loggers'** HO/HOn3 1920's era PA Logging pike, with new locos/cars, and the transition era PRR layouts of **Curt LaRue** and **Ed Swain**, both with new additions

EAST (Sat AM) – featuring 3 wonderful HO scale layouts – **Matt Snell's** modern Conrail pike, **Rick Crumrine's** 1956 era Waynesburg & Washington RR (PRR), including new additions, and **John Listermann's** mid-50's era B&O

CENTRAL (Sat AFT) – featuring **Gerry Albers'** fantastic 1959 era HO scale Virginian Ry, **Jerry Strangarity's** incredible recently expanded 1940's era HO Reading RR and **Larry Bonhaus'** large N scale transition era PRR complete with 4 track Horseshoe Curve

In-Hotel Layouts – Four layouts will be located in the hotel – 3 scenicked and 2 with informal guest operations. These include the **Cincinnati Northern Club's** award winning HO portable layout, **Mark Albert's** HO historic Cincinnati Trolley pike, **Greg Albert's** clever N scale steel mill layout and **Steve Montgomery's** fun switching pike. Steve's pike and the Cincinnati Northern layout will host short duration informal guest operations during the convention. Come and join the fun.

General Layout Open Houses – Besides the 4 hotel layouts, and the 6 layouts in museums having fees, 47 other layouts will be open for your self-guided viewing pleasure. These 47 pikes are open during one of five 3 to 4 hour time slots during one of the 4 days of the convention (see ***Layouts Matrix***). Transportation is up to you on these layout tours. The packet you pick up at check-in will contain all the details, descriptions and maps. Many of these inspirational layouts are of publication quality, including **Perry Simpson's** HO L&N pike featured in Great Model Railroads magazine.

Guest Operating Sessions – As a special treat for those enjoying operations, we'll have 21 layouts open for guest operations, with sessions during each of the 4 days of the convention. There is no extra charge, you are on your own for transportation and only one layout requires operating experience. Use the ***Ops Selection Sheet*** to register for this and to rank your layout preferences. We'll assign you one or more layouts and provide directions in your packet when you check in at our registration desk in the hotel. Positions are filled in the order received, as well as by lowest pre-registration number. Come enjoy this special layout experience!

PROTOTYPE AND INDUSTRIAL TOURS

We've arranged a great mix of prototype rail-related industry tours. You need to wear **long pants and closed-toe, hard-soled shoes** on all these tours. Please be prepared so everyone can enjoy the venues and be safe. See the registration form for times and fees.

Matandy Steel + Hamilton Railfanning (Fri AM) – Matandy Steel and Metal Products, LLC is a steel service center industry. They receive steel coils and sheet steel, then custom slit and rewind them into various widths and lengths on an automated slitting machine, with outbound shipping by truck or rail. Their rail siding is served by CSX, with up to five cars accommodated inside. This "loads-in / loads-out" type of operation can be used to generate traffic on your layout. As a bonus we'll visit one or two picturesque railfanning stops in Hamilton, Ohio to witness busy NS and CSX action parading through this "town you can model".

Tropicana + Brighton Tru-Edge (Fri AM) – This tour visits 2 fascinating industries. Ever wonder how your orange juice gets to your local market? By rail of course! At Excel Logistics/Tropicana you'll see "loads-in" of Tropicana orange juice coming from Florida via solid blocks of Tropicana reefers, then transloaded to trucks for regional destinations. This is one of only 2 locations in America this is done! At Brighton Tru-Edge you'll see some truly special "loads out" at this heavy manufacturing industry using rail to ship huge curved metal heads/lids that it makes for pressure vessels. Both these industries will provide many modeling possibilities for loads and load manufacturers on your model railroad.

Cincinnati Barge & Rail Terminal (Fri AFT) - "Transloading" is the latest thing in railroad freight handling. Typically this is rail-to-truck, but in this tour, you'll see river-to-rail and river-to-truck transfer, and the tallest crane on the Ohio River. Incoming barge loads of pig iron, packaged materials, steel coils, and many other commodities are all handled in this operation. The siding is incorporated as the "Fulton Railroad" and interchanges with the Indiana & Ohio RR (Div. of Genesee & Wyoming). The land west of the crane was once the home of the Fulton Steam Boat Co. which claimed to have built 80% of all steamboats ever built in the USA. Truly a unique industrial tour, with tons of modeling ideas.

Cincinnati Railfanning (Sat AFT) - Once home to 7 major railroads, Cincinnati continues to host tons of local railfan action, including Norfolk Southern, CSX and Indiana & Ohio. We'll take you to local railroad hotspots and historic venues so you can get a taste of Cincinnati railfanning, all narrated by an expert NS intermodal agent. Destinations include, but are not limited to, historic Baltimore and Ohio structures, special access overlooking CSX Queensgate yard, the former Chesapeake and Ohio trestles and bridges, and a spectacular overview of downtown Cincinnati and it's many bridges. This tour is not to be missed by railfans and historians alike.

GENERAL INTEREST TOURS

We've arranged 2 fabulous half-day general interest tours, each featuring 2 fun venues apiece. All events are "rain or shine". Please wear comfortable walking shoes. **See page 2 of the reg. form for times, fees and enrollments.**

Findley Market + Krohn Conservatory Tour (Fri AFT) – A short bus ride takes us to the "Over the Rhine District" for our guided tour of Findley Market. Our tour includes food tastings from several specialty merchants while learning the history of Ohio's oldest public market. From there we head over to Eden Park to visit the Krohn Conservatory. We will enjoy a tropical rainforest and an arid desert re-creation. The popular seasonal Butterfly Show and 3,500

plant species from around the world bring visitors in from far and wide. Both venues are largely under cover, but be sure to bring rain gear for the parts where we walk outside.

American Sign Museum + Spring Grove Cemetery/Arboretum (Sat AM) – We begin this adventure at the incredible American Sign Museum for a special guided walking tour. You will see a half century of sign history from the gold-leaf glass signs of the early 1900's, through the pre-neon era of lightbulb signs to neon's heyday in the 30's and 40's, and on into the plastic era of the funky '50s. This is a fascinating place, and has been described as "Route 66 on steroids, except for no cars". Next we travel nearby to the world famous Spring Grove Cemetery for a guided bus tour. We'll see giant Champion Trees, beautiful blossoms, lush foliage, art, architecture and wildlife. Spring Grove is the second largest cemetery in the United States and was designated a National Historic Landmark on March 29, 2007. Come enjoy the fun!

NON-RAIL CLINICS AND LUNCHEON

We've arranged 5 fun in-hotel events, each held in the Tri-County Room. None of these events overlap with each other or the General Interest Tours, so you can attend all if you wish. Please see the **Master Schedule** and **Registration Form** for times, fees (if any) and enrollments (where applicable).

Meet & Greet with Wine Tasting (Thu EVE) – After the EnterTRAINment Junction dinner event, come join us for a fun "Meet and Greet" including a Wine and Cheese Tasting. Fine wine purveyor Mary Beth Meyers will teach us the finer points of wines. *Pre-registration and a small fee are required* - see page 2 of the registration form.

Genealogy Clinic (Thu EVE) – After the Meet & Greet, neighboring division member Judy Gliebe will teach us about genealogy. Ever wonder about those blank spaces in your family's history? Judy can help you fill in those blanks..

Water Fitness (Fri AM) – Looking for a chance to get wet? Please join us for this water fitness class, including an inspiring discussion on exercise and diet, both led by noted Cincinnati fitness instructor Karoll Castillo. This is a nice way to relax and have fun at the same time, so bring your bathing suit! If you'd rather not get in the water, please come anyway and participate in the discussion. *Pre-registration is requested for planning purposes* - see page 2 of the registration form.

Greeting Card Making (Fri EVE) – While the others are talking trains, you can learn from expert Paula Matri how to make your own greeting cards. The recipients of your home-made cards may think they came from Hallmark! *Pre-registration and a small fee are required* - see page 2 of the registration form.

Ladies Luncheon with Cookie Decorating (Sat AFT) – We will conduct our Ladies Luncheon in the Tri-County Room starting at 1:30 pm. The meal will be a Fresh Deli Buffet featuring fresh fruit salads, green salads, meat and cheese sandwiches on bread or rolls, potato chips, dessert, water and ice tea. You can purchase other drinks at the Starbucks kiosk near the room (or bring your own). Immediately following the Luncheon we'll learn how to decorate cookies as we crank up our fabulous "Delicious Design Cookie Workshop". Our hostess will be legendary cookie design maven Arin Bonk. Once you have finished decorating your cookies they are ready to be eaten, taken home or maybe shared with a hungry model railroader! And YES!!!... there will be door prizes. *Pre-registration and a fee are required* - see page 2 of the registration form.

OTHER IN-HOTEL ACTIVITIES

Banquet with Reception

The convention banquet will be held on Saturday evening. Cash bar will be open at 6:00 pm, with the plated dinner starting at 7:00 pm. Please indicate on the **Registration Form** your choice of the 4 entrees: Chicken, Short Ribs, Salmon, or a Vegetarian dish. Our banquet speaker is Gerry Leone, HLM, MMR. Gerry is the NMRA Vice President-Special Projects and also a contributor to Model Railroader magazine, where he is an Editor and Host for the Model Railroader Video Plus series.

Raffle – There will be a sizable raffle with lots of nice donated prizes from manufacturers, dealers and individuals. Tickets will be for sale throughout the convention until 1 PM on Saturday, via roaming agents as well as in the separate room dedicated to the raffle.

Hospitality Suite

The Hospitality Suite will be open all day Thu & Fri, plus Sat morning. Drop in for light snacks, games and fellowship.

Friday Night MCR BOD Meeting – MCR Region officers, trustees and committee leaders will conduct their BOD business meeting on Friday night beginning at 9 PM in the hotel's Tri-County Room. Other MCR members are welcome to attend as there should be plenty of standing room in the back.

Contest

Contests will be conducted for Models, Photography and Arts and Crafts. Based on MCR guidelines (found at <http://archive.midcentral-region-nmra.org/ContestForm.html>), entries may be submitted in the following categories -

MODELS – Steam Loco, Diesel or Other Loco, Traction, Passenger Car, Freight Car, Caboose, Non-Revenue Car, Structure, Display

PRINT PHOTOS – B&W Model, Color Model, B&W Prototype, Color Prototype

ARTS & CRAFTS – General, Needlepoint, Railroadiana

Three awards will be given for Best of Show based on judging points (1 each for Models, Photos and Art & Crafts), sixteen 1st Place Awards will be given (1 per category) based on judging points, and 7 People's Choice Awards will be given based on attendee popular voting. Ribbons and certificates will be given for 2nd Place, 3rd Place and Honorable Mentions.

All entrants must use the MCR Entry Form (found at <http://archive.midcentral-region-nmra.org/ContestForm.html>). Any entrant presenting a National Entry Form will be required to fill out the appropriate MCR form before the entry will be accepted. Entries will be accepted during the times the Contest Room is open on both Thursday and Friday (see the convention master schedule). No entries will be accepted on Saturday.

Contest judging will begin on Saturday between 8:00 and 9:00 AM. Convention attendees will be allowed in the room during judging but silence must be observed at all times and there is to be no interaction with the judges. Once the judging has been completed the room will be closed while results are tabulated and winning entries photographed. Once done the room will be reopened until 5:00 PM for viewing and to give those contestants who are departing the opportunity to retrieve their entries. After the banquet the room will be opened from about 9:00 PM to 11:00 PM for viewing and removal of entries. Please make every effort to leave your models for viewing until after the banquet.

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. Please see <http://www.cincy-div7.org/convention.html> for a printable electronic inventory entry form.
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 and 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.
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)
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.

FJK – 12 \$10.00

Items are placed in the White Elephant Sale entirely at your own risk. Division 7 assumes no liability for any items damaged or stolen during the Convention, though we will provide due diligence for their safety. We will not accept items that are not prepared as indicated here. We cannot accept magazines. We reserve the right to refuse any material that we deem unsuitable.

Divisions or Regions wishing to place their merchandise for sale during the convention need to place them in the Company Store. **Individuals** selling items should enter them in the White Elephant Sale. Division 7 will keep a 10% commission on both these booths.

Company Store

Convention shirts are available for order along with your registration. There are two short-sleeve and one long-sleeve versions to choose from. Sizes and styles (mens or ladies, fabric types) vary by version. Shirts ordered with your registration will be delivered at the convention. Details can be found at <http://www.cincy-div7.org/company-store.html> and <http://www.cincy-div7.org/convention.html>.

Our convention car is a 36' wooden boxcar kit from Accurail. These limited edition HO scale car kits were designed by W. Allen McClelland, MMR and produced with his permission by Division 7. The cars are available in four versions. Two are lettered for Virginian & Ohio revenue service, one for Virginian & Ohio MOW service, and one for the Miami Valley Railroad, a V & O predecessor railroad. The cars are available for purchase directly from Division 7 (with applicable shipping charges), or by including them along with your convention registration to be picked up at the convention (no shipping charges). Photographs and historical details for these and other Division 7 car projects can be found at <http://www.cincy-div7.org/projects.html>.

Cincinnati Express Shirts



Cornerstone Short-Sleeve
100% polyester, 3-button
6.8 oz industrial pique polo
Men's or Ladies styles

Jerzees Short-Sleeve
50/50 cotton/poly, 2 button
5.6 oz Jersey knit polo
Men's Style

Generation Long Sleeve
6.5 oz 65/35 poly/cotton,
Stain/wrinkle resistant,
Teflon-coated, adjustable cuffs
Men's or Ladies Styles

All convention shirts have the 2018 Cincinnati Express logo on the wearer's right. Men's styles have a pocket on the wearer's left. Ladies styles are without pocket, with spread collar without buttons, curved bottom hem and Ladies fitted style. Cincinnati Division 7 shirts and hats will also be available.

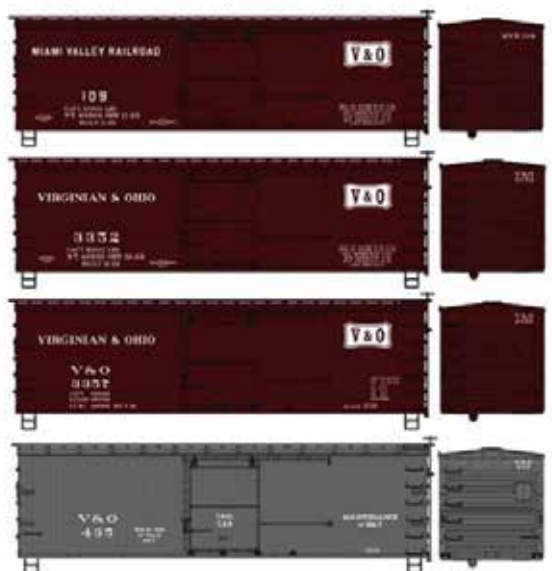
Limited Edition Virginian & Ohio 36' Wooden Boxcar Kits

In 1923, the Miami Valley Railroad, a subsidiary of the Virginian & Ohio, ordered 50 boxcars from American Car and Foundry. These cars had an inside length of 36' 5", an inside height of 8' 4", an inside width of 8' 6", and a capacity of 2580 cubic feet. They featured Hutchinson steel roofs, 7/7 inverted rib steel ends, seven-foot wooden doors, Andrews trucks, and K-style air brakes. The cars were delivered with MVR reporting marks.

The V&O also ordered 34 of these cars, which were delivered in V&O livery and carried V&O reporting marks. Some of these cars were rebuilt at the West Carrollton shops in July, 1940 in the buildup to World War II. The last of these cars continued in service until late 1952. V&O Tool Car No. 435 was rebuilt at West Carrollton in December, 1946. It continued in service on the V&O into the late 1960s.

Manufactured in the USA by Accurail, these Limited Edition HO Scale Car Kits were designed by W. Allen McClelland and produced with his permission by Cincinnati Division 7, Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc. Four different cars are offered:

- Red MVR #109 dated 1923
- Red V&O #3357 dated 1940
- Red V&O #3352 dated 1923
- Gray V&O MOW #435





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: 6526 Hollowview Ct.
rhord@fuse.net Liberty Township, OH 45011

YOUR INFORMATION - Registration date sets priority for Extra Fares and Ops

Name _____

NMRA # _____ Region _____ Division _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

REGISTRATIONS & NMRA MEMBERSHIP

Item	Quantity	Price	Amount
Full Regular Registration *		\$75.00	\$
Family Member (Teenager, Spouse or Non-Rail Guest)		\$25.00	\$
Family Member (Child 12 or Under)		Free	\$
NMRA Full Annual Membership, with NMRA Magazine ***		\$75.00	\$
NMRA Full Annual Membership, without NMRA Magazine ***		\$47.00	\$
NMRA RailPass Membership (9 months, with NMRA Magazine) **		\$19.95	\$

* 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

Registrations & Membership Total

Extra Fares Total (from next page)

Merchandise Total (from next page)

Names for Badges:

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, (513) 874-7335. Use Code "**National Model Railroad Association**". Special pre-tax pricing before April 16, 2018 is \$109 for King Bed and \$119 for two Double Beds.

OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Processed: _____ Reg. Number(s) _____

EXTRA FARE ITEMS

Item #	Item Name	Day	Time	Quantity	Price	Amount
LAYTH	Lawson & Bonhaus Open Layouts	Thu Aft	1:00 - 4:00		Free	\$ - 0 -
EJUNC	EnterTrainment Junc. Reception	Thu Eve	4:30 - 6:30		\$19	\$
MGWINE	Meet & Greet w/ Wine Tasting	Thu Eve	7:00 - 8:30		\$15	\$
LAY1	Great Model RRs Tour 1 - North	Fri AM	7:30 - noon		\$44	\$
RAIL1	Matandy Steel/Hamilton Tour	Fri AM	8:00 - noon		\$38	\$
RAIL2	Tropicana & Brighton Tour	Fri AM	8:00 - noon		\$38	\$
WAERO	Ladies Water Aerobics	Fri AM	9:30 - 10:30		Free	\$ - 0 -
GEN1	Findlay Mkt & Conservatory Tour	Fri Aft	12:30 - 5:30		\$49	\$
LAY2	Great Model RRs Tour 2 - Near	Fri Aft	1:00 - 5:00		\$44	\$
RAIL3	Cincinnati Barge & Rail Tour	Fri Aft	1:00 - 5:00		\$38	\$
GCARD	Greeting Card Making Workshop	Fri Eve	7:00 - 8:30		\$10	\$
LAY3	Great Model RRs Tour 3 - East	Sat AM	7:30 - noon		\$44	\$
GEN2	Spring Grove & Sign Mus. Tour	Sat AM	8:00 - noon		\$47	\$
LAY4	Great Model RRs Tour 4 - Central	Sat Aft	1:00 - 5:00		\$44	\$
RAIL4	Cincinnati Railfan Tour	Sat Aft	1:00 - 5:00		\$38	\$
LLUNCH	Ladies Luncheon w/ Cookie Dec.	Sat Aft	1:30 - 4:00		\$35	\$
BCHICK	Receptn & Banquet - Chicken	Sat Eve	6 - 7 - 9:30		\$54	\$
BRIBS	Receptn & Banquet - Short Ribs	Sat Eve	6 - 7 - 9:30		\$54	\$
BSALM	Receptn & Banquet - Salmon	Sat Eve	6 - 7 - 9:30		\$54	\$
BVEG	Receptn & Banquet - Vegetarian	Sat Eve	6 - 7 - 9:30		\$54	\$
Extra Fares Total						\$

PRE-ORDER MERCHANDISE * (pick up at convention, April 25 shirt pre-order cut-off date)

Item #	Item Name	Circle Size(s)	Quantity	Price	Amount
SGM	Mens Long Sleeve Shirt	S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL		\$32	\$
SGL	Ladies Long Sleeve Shirt **	S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL		\$32	\$
SCM	Mens Cornerstone Short Sleeve	S, M, L, XL		\$30	\$
SCM	Mens Cornerstone Short Sleeve	2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL, 6XL		\$32	\$
SCL	Ladies Cornerstn Short Sleeve **	S, M, L, XL		\$28	\$
SCL	Ladies Cornerstn Short Sleeve **	2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL, 6XL		\$30	\$
SJM	Mens Jerzees Short Sleeve	S, M, L, XL		\$20	\$
SJM	Mens Jerzees Short Sleeve	2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL, 6XL		\$24	\$
CSET	Custom Accurail 36 ft Box Car - 4 Car Set (1 ea of below)			\$80	\$
C109	Custom Accurail 36 ft Box Car - 1923 Red MVR #109			\$21	\$
C3352	Custom Accurail 36 ft Box Car - 1923 Red V&O #3352			\$21	\$
C3357	Custom Accurail 36 ft Box Car - 1940 Red V&O #3357			\$21	\$
C435	Custom Accurail 36 ft Box Car - Gray V&O MOW #435			\$21	\$

* 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 - lng sleeve version has ladies fitted style, spread collar w/o buttons, curved bottom to wear in or out

Merchandise Subtotal

\$

7% Sales Tax

\$

Your Name:

Merchandise Total

\$



Cincinnati Express Guest Operating Layouts - Preferences Selection Sheet

Your Name: _____

Region	Approx. mins from hotel	Layout Number	Size	Levels	Era	Approx. % Scenery	Scale	Owner(s)	Layout Name	Publications	Train Control	Car Routing			Common-ications	Rigor	Control System	Other Op Features	Number of Guest Operators	Min	Max	Guest Op Session Day and Time	Your Selection
												Car Cards, Signals by Spreadsheet	Car Cards	Phones, Radios, Signals									
C	30	9	XXL	1	Summer 1959	99%	HO	Gerry Albers	Deep Water District Virginian Railway	GMR, MRP	CTC	Car Cards, Signals by Spreadsheet	Phones, Radios, Signals	Proto Attempt	Wireless DCC	Yard & Industry Switching, Fast Clock, Helpers	5	15					Ranking - use sequential numbers starting at 1 = your highest wish
N	15	34	L	2	1947	30%	HOn3/HO	Ric Case	East Broad Top Railroad		T&TO	-	Verbal	Proto Attempt	Wireless DCC	Yard & Industry / Interchange Switching	8	12	Thu Eve 7-10:30				
N	30	47	XL	3	1958	10%	N	Paul Miklos	B&O Chillicothe Sub.		T&TO	Car Cards	TT&TO	Proto Attempt	Wireless DCC	Yard, Industry, Interchng Switchg, 3:1 Fast Clock	7	10					
N	15	59D	L	1	1945-1950	30%	HO	Ed Swain	Pennsylvania Railroad Middle Division	MR	T&TO, Sequencing	Car Cards	Phones, Signals, Towers	Proto Attempt	DCC	Yard & Industry / Interchange Switching	8	14					
E	40	71	L	1	1952	35%	HO	Keith VandeStadt	Suffolk Northern Railway		Warrant or DTC	Switch List, via own Software	Phones	Proto Attempt	Wireless DCC	Yard & Industry Switching, Helper Operations	3	5					
E	30	73	XL	1	Now	99%	HO	Matt & Debbie Snell *	Conrail New Jersey Division * <i>experienced operators only</i>	GMR	CTC, Warrant or DTC	Car Cards	Phones, Signals	Rigorous Proto	DC	Yard, Industry, Interchng Switchg, Fast Clock	2	4				*	
N	30	37	L	2	Sep.26, 1956	10%	HO/On30	Bob Chapman	Great Western Trunk Railroad (ATSF)		Warrant or DTC	Car Cards	Verbal	Proto Attempt	Wireless DCC	Yard & Industry Switching, Helper Operations	10	12	Fri Eve 7-10:30				
N	10	56	L	1	late 40's - 50's	75%	HO	Curt LaRue	Pennsylvania Railroad Panhandle Division	GMR, RMJ	Train Order	Manual Switch Lists	Radios	Proto Attempt	Wireless & WI DCC	Yard & Industry / Interchange Switching	10	18					
N	30	33A	L	2	mid 1950's	40%	HO	Cincinnati Northern Club	Cincinnati Northern (Permanent Layout)		T&TO	Car Cards	Verbal	Informal	Wireless & WI DCC	Fast Clock	8	14					
C	30	17	XL	2	1950's	90%	HO	Rick Stern	Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe - Southern California	MR	CTC	Car Cards	Phones, Signals	Informal	WT hrotlle DCC	Yard & Industry Switching, Fast Clock, Helpers	8	15					
N	50	50	L	1	1950	50%	HO	Jim Rollwage	Denver Pacific	MRG	Warrant or DTC	Computer Switch Lists	Phones	Proto Attempt	DC	Yard & Industry / Interchange Switching	8	10					
N	10	43A	XL	2	2010+	20%	HO	Andre Stone	Norfolk Southern 1st District		CTC	Computer Switch List, via JMRI	Radios, Signals	Informal Proto	Wireless & WI DCC	Yard & Industry Switching, Helpers	4	6	Sat AM 8:30-noon				
N	10	52B	L	1	1960's	20%	HO	Ed Bley	PRR Monongahela Branch	RMJ	T&TO	Manual Switch Lists	Phones, Verbal	Informal Proto	Wireless & WI DCC	Yard & Industry / Interchange Switching	4	7					
S	55	80	M	1	1956-1965	75%	N	Bob Adams	Whistle Creek Division of Norfolk & Western	RMJ	CTC	Car Cards	Phones, Signals	Proto Attempt	Wireless DCC	Yard, Industry, Interchng Switchg, Fast Clock	7	11					
C	30	19	XL	2	1947	60%	HOn3/HO	Ron Pearson	East Broad Top Railroad	MR	T&TO	Manual Switch Lists	Verbal	Proto Attempt	Wireless DCC	Yard & Industry / Interchange Switching	5	10					
C	30	24	L	1	early 1970's	35%	HO	Dan Hadley	Sierra Northern		Informal w/ Dispatcher patcher	Car Cards	Radios	Proto Attempt	Wireless DCC	Industry / Interchange Switching	4	8					
E	40	65	XL	1	mid 1950's	90%	HO	John Listermann	Baltimore & Ohio Railroad	MR, RMJ	Informal, Form 19 Orders	Car Cards, Manual Switch Lists	Radios	Proto Attempt	Tethered DCC	Industry / Interchange Switching	6	10					
E	30	74	L	1	1985-1995	25%	HO	Daniel Mack	Ohio Valley & Eastern	MM	Informal	Computer Switch List, via Excel	Verbal	Informal	DCC	Yard & Industry / Interchange Switching	8	12					
N	35	50A	XL	2	1949-1953	95%	O	Bob Bartizek	Pennsylvania & Western (PRR Sub.)	RMC, MRH, OS	Verbal Warrants w/ABS	Computer Switch List, via RailOp	Radios	Proto Attempt	Wireless T/MCC Command	Yard & Industry / Interchange Switching	8	13					

Cincinnati Express Layouts Matrix

Region	Layout #	Scale	Owner(s)	Publications	Thu, May 17		Fri, May 18		Sat, May 19		Sun, May 20		
					Great Model RR Bus Tours		7:30-12	1-5:30	7:30-12	1-5:00			
					Guest Operating Sessions		7-10:30		7-10:30	8:30-12	8:30-12		
					Openings (other times noted)		12:30-4:30	7-10:30	7-10:30	1-4:30	9-12	12-3	
Hotel Layouts Open		1:00-4:00	7:00-9:30	10:00-5:00	6:30-9:30	10:00-2:00							
		AFT	EVE	AM	AFT	EVE	AM	AFT	AM	AFT			
C	3	N	Larry Bonhaus		open					GMR 4			
C	4	HO	Jim Stewart						open				
C	8	HO/HOn3	Pat Homan				open						
C	9	HO	Gerry Albers	GMR, MRP	ops				GMR 4				
C	11	O	Cincinnati Model Railway Club								open		
C	17	HO	Rick Stern	MR				ops	open				
C	19	HOn3/HO	Ron Pearson	MR			open			ops			
C	23	On30/HOn3	Sam Swanson/Nancy Windes	NG, NMRA, ...			open						
C	24	HO	Dan Hadley				open			ops			
C	25	HO	Randy Seiler				open						
C	29	HO	Frank Fieler	MR			open						
C	6A	HO	John Miller	RMJ			open						
E	60	Fn3	Roy Allan						open				
E	62	HO	Rick Crumrine	GMR, MR, RMJ					GMR 3				
E	65	HO	John Listermann	MR, RMJ					GMR 3		ops		
E	68	HO	Bob Shaw						open				
E	69	HO	Peter Weiglin						open				
E	71	HO	Keith VandeStadt				ops						
E	73	HO	Matt & Debie Snell *	GMR			ops *	GMR 3	open				
E	74	HO	Daniel Mack	MM	open					ops			
E	77	HO	Tom Patterson	RMC, MRH	open								
E	79	HO	Donald Docter						open				
N	31	HO	Steve Montgomery	MR							open		
N	32	HO/HOn3	The Eastern Loggers	GMR,RMC,NMRA			GMR 2						
N	34	HOn3/HO	Ric Case		ops		open						
N	37	HO/On30	Bob Chapman		open		ops						
N	38	HO	Bob Lawson	GMR, MR, Video	open		GMR 1						
N	40	HO	Don Leedy						open				
N	43	HO	Sam Parfitt	RMJ						open			
N	44	HO	Dave Puthoff							open			
N	46	HO	Gary Ossenschmidt							open			
N	47	N	Paul Miklos		ops		open						
N	50	HO	Jim Rollwage	MRG					ops	open			
N	53	HO	Patrick Stanley							open			
N	56	HO	Curt LaRue	GMR, RMJ			GMR 2	ops		open			
N	58	HO	Dave Davenport	MR			GMR 1						
N	59	HO	Todd Smalley	NMRA				open					
N	43A	HO	Andre Stone						ops				
N	50A	O	Bob Bartizek	RMC, MRH, OS			GMR 1				ops		
N	51A	O	Jerry Michael		open								
N	52B	HO	Ed Bley	RMJ	open				ops				
N	56A	HO	Pete Forbes					open					
N	59A	OO	Greg Simpson	GMR, MR	open								
N	59B	HO	Noah Powers		open								
N	59D	HO	Ed Swain	MR	ops		GMR 2						
S	80	N	Bob Adams						ops		open		
S	84	HO	Ed Kuhr	RMJ					open				
S	87	HO	Perry Simpson	GMR							open		
S	170	G	Dan and Pam Stenger	NMRA, GR							open		
W	94	HO	Jack & Suzi Sibert						open				
W	97	HO	Jerry Strangarity	GMR, MR					GMR 4				
N	33	HO,HO	Black Diamond Lines Club (2)								open 10-4		
N	33A	HO	Cincinnati Northern Club				ops				open 10-4		
N	33B	HO	Ross Rails Club								open 10-4		
N	33C	O	Queen City HiRaiers Club								open 10-4		
N	33F	N	Queen City Nginers Club								open 10-4		
N	Hotel	HO	Cinti Northern Club - Portable	MRP									
N	Hotel	HO	Mark Albert		1pm-4pm Liberty Room	7pm-9pm Liberty Room	10am-5pm Liberty Room	6:30-9:30 Liberty Room	10am-2pm Liberty Room				
N	Hotel	N	Greg Albert										
N	Hotel	HO	Steve Montgomery - Portable										
N	EJ	G	EnterTrainment Junction (3)	MR	4:30-6:30 X-fare Pizza Dinner Open House & Behind Scenes Event		\$10 Convention Discounted Fee Open 10am-6pm		\$10 Convention Discounted Fee Open 10am-6pm		\$10 Fee Open 12-6pm		
N	EJ	N	Tri-State N-Trak Club										
N	EJ	HO	Ohio Valley Sip. & Sw. Society										
S	Mus.	G	Ber.-Craw. Mus./Ray Faragher	GMR	Fee 10-5		Fee 10am-5pm		Fee 10am-5pm		Fee 1-5		

* experienced guest operators only

Open House

open

Great Model RR Bus Tours

GMR #

Guest Operating Session

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2018 Cincinnati Express Events Master Schedule - Tentative

as of November 14, 2017

	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11				
THURSDAY	Hospitality Room																				
	Registrations/Tour Desk																				
	Contest											Contest									
	White Elephant + Co. Store											W Elept + Co Store									
	Raffle											Raffle									
	Hotel Portable Layouts											Hotel Port. Layouts									
	Rail Clinic Rail Clinic											Rail Clinics Rail Clinics									
	Lawson & Bonhaus Open House											EJ Pizza Recep		Meet/Wine Geneology							
												Layout Open Houses Grp 1									
												Thursday Guest Op Sessions									
FRIDAY	Hospitality Room																				
	Registrations/Tour Desk																				
	Contest + Raffle											Contest + Raffle									
	White Elephant + Company Store											W Elephant + Co Store									
	Hotel Portable Layouts											Hotel Portable Layouts									
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	Water Aerobics											Make Cards setup MCR BOD Mtg									
	RAIL 1 Matandy+Hamilton Tour											GEN 1 Findlay Mkt + Conservatory Tour									
	RAIL 2 Tropicana+Brighton Tour											RAIL 3 Cinti Barge & Rail Tour									
	LAY 1 GMR Bus Tour (North)											LAY 2 GMR Bus Tour (Near)									
											Layout Open Houses Grp 2										
											Friday Guest Op Sessions										
SATURDAY	Hospitality Room																				
	Registrations/Tour Desk																				
	Contest Open Judging											Tally/Pict. Results		View/Pickup		Mod Pickup					
	White Elephant + Company Store											Close Books		Settle/Pickup		Settle/Pkup					
	Raffle											Tally/Post Results		Winner Pickups		Win Pickup					
	Hotel Portable Layouts																				
	Rail Clinics Rail Clinics Rail Clinics Rail Clinics Rail Clinics Rail Clinics											Recptn		Banquet							
												Lunch/Cookie Decor.									
	GEN 2 Sign Mus Tour + Spring Gr											RAIL 4 Cincinnati Railfan Tour									
	LAY 3 GMR Bus Tour (East)											LAY 4 GMR Bus Tour (Central)									
Saturday Guest Op Sessions											Layout Open Houses Grp 3										
SUN	MCR Super Bkft																				
	Layout Openings Grp 4											Layout Openings Grp 5									
	Sunday Guest Op Sessions																				