



The Lantern



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Message From The Superintendent

It has been two months since our last newsletter and a lot has happened in that time. First let me thank Renee and Ray Grosser for the great outing at their place in June. The weather was perfect. The food was great. As usual the trains were a real treat to see again and it was fun finding all the new additions to the layout. AND having the bonus of the steam tractor running was really fantastic. Thanks again to Ray and Renee and to Mark Jordan for running his Frick steam tractor.

In July we had the National Model Railroad Association's National Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio. For those of you who did not attend the convention, let me tell you it was great. I was only able to attend for 3 days of the 7 day event. But in those 3 days I made it to over 16 one hour clinics and spent at least 7 hours on the show floor. This was my first National and it was everything I had expected it to be. There is a full description elsewhere in the newsletter.

On August 6th we will have a NMRA judging event at Pete Birdsong's. Directions and an entry form will be found enclosed with this newsletter. As far as I know, this is the first open event of this kind to be held by Division 10. The primary purpose for this meeting is the judging, by NMRA national standards and rules, of our modeling efforts. The judging process helps modelers find out what they are doing right and where they need improvement. If sufficient points are awarded to a model it can be used by the modeler to meet some of the re-

quirements necessary to achieve Master Model Railroader status.

An event such as this is also very useful to those who are not entering a model but just want to see what it is all about. I highly recommend that all of you consider attending whether or not you have something to enter. It promises to be a great afternoon!

This month, August 7th to be exact, we will visit Danville, KY and see 3 great layouts there. We will start at Bob Lawson's. A map is included in this newsletter. His layout will be open from 1:00 on. There will be snacks and drinks available. We will have the Bring 'n Brag contest and the display of the previous day's NMRA judging event upstairs in Bob's layout building. The Bring 'n Brag contest will close at 2:30 so if you have an entry please try to get it there by 1:30 and if you want to vote, don't miss the 2:30 deadline.

From Bob's you can go to John Bowling's and/or to Robin Grider's layout(s). Maps to both will be available at Bob's. All three of the layouts on this tour are good examples of how to do it right.

Bob Lawson's work has been featured in 'Model Railroader' magazine and was the subject of a volume of Allen Keller's "Great Model Railroads" video series. Bob's layout depicts the Southern railroad in a mountainous setting with many very detailed scenes. Upstairs Bob has many different buildings and railroad structures on display. Many are in the process of being completed and Bob will be available to explain his modeling techniques using those items.

Robin Grider's layout is a modular HO

railroad and is housed in the Danville Model Railroad Club building. It features a very complex yard, lots of scenery and great running trains. Robin is always gracious enough to bring his layout to our Division train show and I hope he will bring it again this year. Robin will be available to answer your questions about how to keep your track and trains in good running condition.

John Bowling's L&N railroad takes up the greatest part of his very large train building. The layout features three main lines and many yards, factory sidings, bridges and tunnels. The layout has working signals for all three main lines and working crossing gates or cross bucks for all railroad crossings. In the last year John has added or replaced over 20 structures on his layout. Most of these new buildings are complex structures such as a tannery, a furniture factory, and an old mill. Plans have been made to feature John's railroad in a future issue of 'Model Railroader' and for Allen Keller to make it the subject of a new volume for his "Great Model Railroads" video series. John will be available to answer questions about all the features of his layout and how he was able to expertly make so many perfectly seamless scenery changes to a finished layout.

Don't miss this tour. Wives and friends are welcome. If you need a ride please contact one of the officers whose phone numbers and email address are in this newsletter.

The next big event to think about is our Division 10 Fall Train Show. This year it will be held at Turfland Mall on the weekend of November 12th. We are currently planning a two day show.

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Don't forget - AP Judging Event - Saturday, August 6 at 1:00pm!



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Mike Armstrong occasionally knows of *members' overstock* situations and other opportunities to acquire or dispose of “stuff.” Get in touch with him to find out what’s currently available. These liquidations, generally via a web auction, bear a 30 to 35% fee.

In addition, *The Lantern* is in a position to advertise your “overstock” items, for a fee of 10%.

Contact Bill Robbins to arrange for an ad, or Mike Armstrong for liquidations.

Message From The Superintendent

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Putting on a two day show is a lot of work and we need all the help we can get. If you are willing to help out with set up, ticket sales, manning the club table, security, running trains, tear down and clean up, or anything else you can do, please let me know. An email or phone call will be appreciated. We will have one or two planning meetings in the next few weeks. If you want to attend let me know so that I can include you in the plans.

We hope this show will be every bit of the success of our pervious shows. However, it takes a lot of planning and work so please pitch in, we need you.

That’s it for now, I hope to see you at Pete’s on the 6th and in Danville on the 7th.

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- John Gorman

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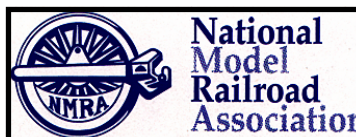
To the right of each contributor's name is the date of his or her latest contribution. Whenever one makes a contribution, his or her date will be updated and for new contributors, their name will be added.

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win-win!!



Bring n' Brag June, 2005

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Brag. Certificates will be presented to winners of our second quarter scoring period at the next meeting on Sunday August 7. Don't miss out on seeing some world class layouts right in our front yard. We are lucky indeed to have such gracious hosts in Danville!

Our Bring n' Brag category for our August 7 meeting in Danville will be Locomotives (all types), then Rolling Stock (all types) for September.

Two months ago I mentioned that we would have a combined Bring n' Brag of both Locomotives and Rolling Stock. The reason I am changing it to one category is that we will be having such a busy and action packed afternoon in Danville anyway with three layouts, socializing, and AP Judging models on display. In any event, you are more than welcome to enter rolling stock or structures if you so desire. Please accept my apologies for any confusion or inconvenience on this matter. We should have a good Bring n' Brag in September after our big day in Danville!

- Ron

Bring n' Brag June, 2005

A great time was had at Ray and Renee Grossers' on June 12. The category was structures of all types. We didn't have that many entries but quality made up for quantity.

Fritz Dutro took first place with an outstanding diorama of a coal trestle with two loaded Wheeling and Lake Erie hoppers. Pete Birdsong came in second with a great looking O scale freight house with supporting photo, and Bill Robbins cornered third place with a sharp "Rusty's Radiator Service" garage. By the way, Bill's structure modeling has really improved! I am still scratching my head as to the story behind George Washington's Outhouse! It captured many votes and was quite a conversation piece.

Randy Coffman took first place in the photo section with an outstanding Cumbres and Toltec double headed steam train.

I urge you to consider attending the AP Judging Event at Pete Birdsong's on Saturday, August 6! There, one can get a good idea of what to look for when appraising models in future Bring n'

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2005 Bring n' Brag Scores

MODELS

High to Low or Tie	June	PT
Pete Birdsong (2nd)	4	15
Lou Jaquith		7
Fritz Dutro (1st)	5	5
Bill Robbins (3rd)	3	5
Tony Lucio		4
David Batten		4
Stew Winsteadly		4

PHOTOS

High to Low or Tie	June	PT
Randy Coffman (1st)	4	8
David Greer		5
Lou Jaquith		4
Wendell Greer		3

Points are awarded for models according to the following rules. Three points for a first place. Two points for second place and one point for third. One point is awarded for your first entry. A second point is given if that entry is "On Topic". A member may submit only one entry per month.

Bring n' Brag Schedule 2005

August 2005 - Locomotives (All types)
September 2005 - Rolling Stock (All types)
October 2005 - Structures (All types)
November 2005 - Locomotives (All types)
December 2005 - Rolling Stock (All types)

Random Tidbit

To see a huge and impressive layout in Iowa, visit the Web site listed below. We had visitors on Tuesday July 26 at Turfland Mall who shared this info. with us.

www.smokymountain.8k.com

AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
AUG	6	AP Judging	Pete Birdsong's Residence 1:00 PM	Achievement Program Judging	(see enclosed flyer)	
AUG	7	MCR DIV 10	Danville, KY	Three Layout Tours	Bob Lawson, John Bowling, & Robin Grider	Locomotives (All Types)
Aug.	12	BGRRC	Meadowthorpe Community Center	TBD		
Sept.	3,4	BGRM	Blue Grass Scenic Railroad Versailles, KY	Civil War Weekend		
SEPT	4	MCR DIV 10	TBA	Modeling Techniques By Tony Lucio	TBA	Rolling Stock (All Types)
NOV	12,13	MCR DIV 10	Turfland Mall	TRAIN SHOW !!!		



Witless vs. Clueless

The Continuing Railroad Adventures of Rivets O'Reilly and Larry Loungecar



Created by 'Railroad' Pete Birdsong - Written by Mike Armstrong

Rivets: Hey, Larry, why are ya still standin' in that line?! There is a lot to see at the National Train Show, and you been here in this line for an hour. We gotta leave in three hours.

Larry: I ain't leavin' 'til I tell that guy what I think of his train set.

Rivets: What train set?

Larry: You know, the Frogwarts Express.

Rivets: Larry, write 'em a letter. This line is too long, besides there ain't even anybody behind that counter. Leave him a note.

Larry: I ain't leavin' no note and I ain't leavin' 'til I tell that guy what a piece of junk that train is! For cryin' out loud, ya might as well go back to Mantua's early days when everything was molded on a loco. I mean, on this Frogwarts Express, everything that can possibly fall off is fallin' off.

Rivets: Well, Larry, you can stand here and wait to talk to a man that isn't there! I'm gonna check out some of these vendors, manufacturers and some of these fantastic layouts! See ya, later.

LATER AT THE END OF THE DAY.

Rivets: Well, Larry, how did your day go?

Larry: It went pretty good! I got to tell that guy from Walkmann just what I thought. Boy did I let him have it!

Rivets: So, now you feel good?

Larry: I feel great! I told that guy if he couldn't make a product any better than that he ought to kiss the south side of a north bound hound. I told him that everything that could fall off that train fell off, and wouldn't go back on.

Rivets: What did he say?

Larry: He asked me if I sent it back to the factory, but I told him I sent them an email and told them to come get it. And he said that won't happen. If I send it back they will fix it.

Rivets: Well, that's fair.

Larry: Oh, yeah! He'll fix it for twenty five dollars! When I told him it was almost new, he said that yeah but it was all busted up with parts missing.

Rivets: Man, Larry, I'll bet you were steamin'! Did he give you any reason at all for everything falling off?

Larry: Yeah, he said that it sounded to him like I ran it too slow, which caused the 'lectricity to flow slow which had the effect of building up the friction in the motor, which made the train vibrate enough for things to begin to fall off. All in all, he said it was my fault and that if I were any kind of model railroader at all, I should know that an express train should be run full tilt. That is why they call it the Frogwarts Express. I then told the guy that I thought it was called Frogwarts because of all the warps in the plastic.

Rivets: Well, I am proud of ya, Larry. You stood yer ground! No sense lettin' the manufacturer have the last word in all this. Good goin'! How did ya like the rest of the show?

Larry: Well, I never got around to seein' anything else, I spent all my time talkin' to the Walkmann guy.

Rivets: Aw, man, Larry, there was so much to see and buy. You shoulda sent the email.

Larry: Oh, it wasn't a total loss. The Walkmann guy sold me a new train set.

Rivets: What?!?!

Larry: Yeah, I bought a new Frogwarts Express. I thought I'd try runnin' it full tilt.

Rivets: But you had one they could fix! What are ya gonna do with that?!

Larry: I got a friend and Christmas is in six months.

Rivets: Larry, I got enough junk of my own. I don't need yours.

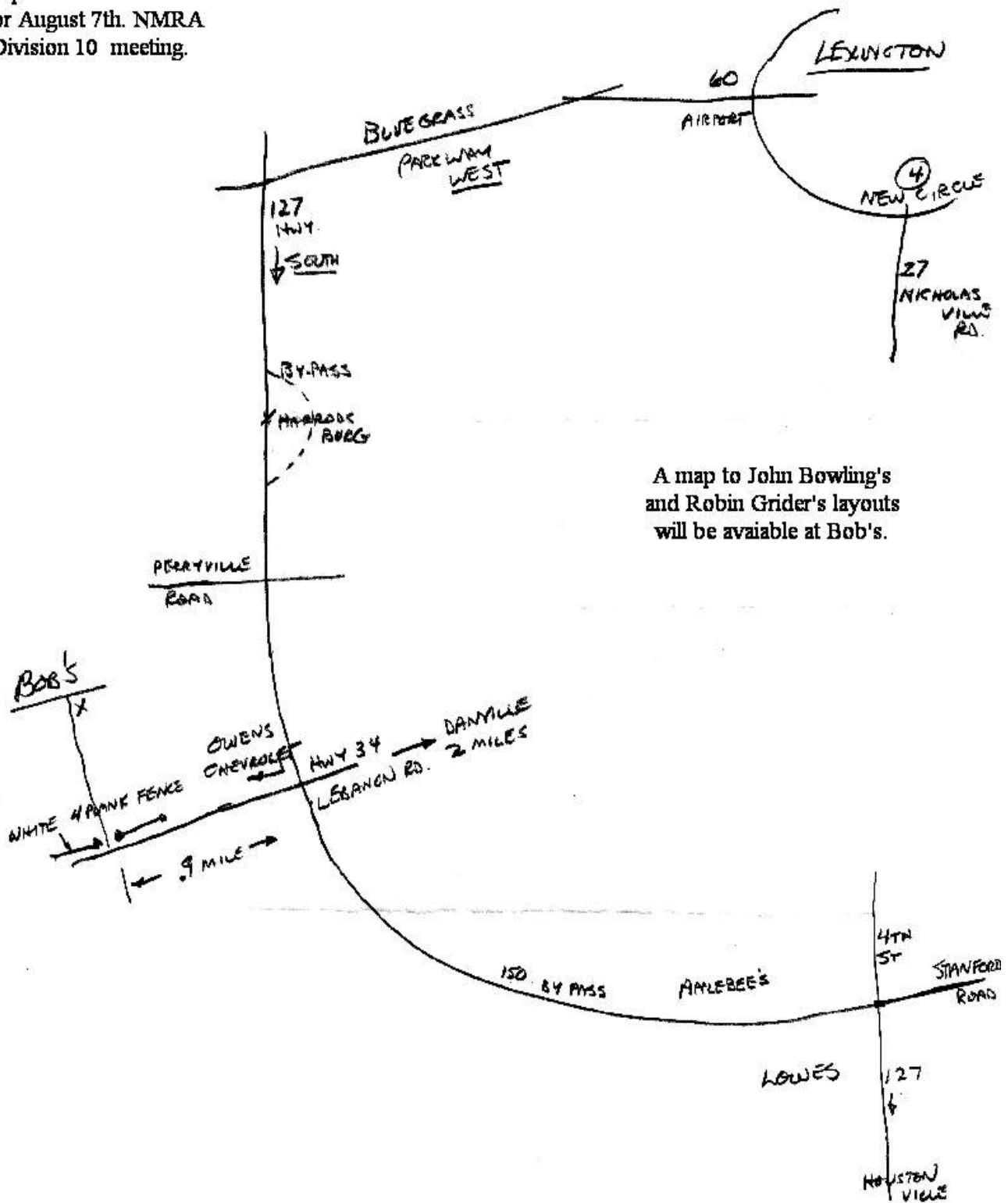
Larry: You're just afraid.

Rivets: Afraid of what?

Larry: Afraid you'll get frog warts.



Map to Bob Lawson's.
For August 7th. NMRA
Division 10 meeting.





2005 NMRA Convention - Cincinnati

by Bill Paulsell



I had the privilege of attending my fifth national NMRA convention, July 3-9. The organizers put together a wonderful feast of layout and prototype tours, clinics, and contests. There was the usual frustration of too many good things going on at the same time. For this convention, I decided to attend clinics since I have learned so much from them in the past. I did hear many good reports of the layout tours, however. There is a lot of model railroad activity in Cincinnati and many great layouts to see.

It was possible to attend seven clinics a day. As the week went on, I found I had the stamina for six: two in the morning, two in the afternoon, and two of three offered in the evening.

Since I had just torn up my layout and taken it to the landfill, I was interested in clinics on layout planning. I attended three: Prototype Layout Design, Practical Layout Design, and the Ten Commandments of Yard Design. Many good ideas were offered that will help me avoid many mistakes on my new layout.

There were five presentations on layouts by well known model railroads. Tony Koester, a columnist for Model Railroader, gave a slide presentation on his new NKP St. Louis subdivision. This will be a huge two level layout, well over twice the size of his old Allegheny Midland. He is attempting to model an area where he once lived by reproducing track plans and buildings.

Allen McClelland reported on the progress of the new version of his Virginian and Ohio. I bought a box car and a tank car lettered for his railroad at the NMRA Company Store. Both of these layouts are still at the track laying stage with very little scenery.

Gary Hoover also started a new layout, an attempt to reproduce an area of the Santa Fe in 1951. The 1950's seemed to be the preferred modeling period for

many of the clinic presenters. It was a time when you could have both steam and diesel and be prototypically correct. He had some stunning scenery.

Another effort at prototype modeling was David Barrow's Lubbock Industrial District, a new version of his Cat Mountain and Santa Fe. It is primarily a switching layout, reproducing operations in Lubbock, Texas. A similar presentation was on Chuck Hitchcock's Argentine Industrial District which is based on a Kansas City prototype. All of these were remarkable layouts. One interesting note was that many of these layouts used manual turnouts and picks for uncoupling rather than magnets. That seemed to be a heavy preference.

There were several clinics on operation. Those that attempted to be prototypically correct involved huge amounts of paperwork which I personally would not enjoy. The use of card systems seemed to be the preference.

There were a number of good clinics on scratchbuilding, weathering, using styrene, and scenic detailing. Dean Freytag held court every day in the lobby area discussing his work in building steel mills. There was always a group of people around him. One good clinic on superdetailing cheap rolling stock presented some good ideas.

One of the popular features of a convention is the contest. The models to be judged were just amazing. I attended a clinic on how to be a contest winner and one on judging. They did stir my interest in entering a contest, but the standards are very high. By pure chance I happened to eat supper with one of the winners, an O Scale model of a Hooverville during the Depression era. It won a number of awards in various categories.

There were clinics on signaling, most of which I did not understand, being such a lowtech person. One on running

your layout from your computer was a disaster. The presenter couldn't get the program to work very well and could not communicate clearly. Two I attended on traction modeling were very good.

It was a very worthwhile convention. I saw some old friends and a few of our guys from Lexington. The National Train Show at the end of the convention was much better than last year's at Seattle.

The convention will be in Philadelphia next year. It is a great experience to learn from outstanding model railroaders and to meet people who share your interests.

- Bill

Editor's Notes

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n' Brag category will be Locomotives (all types). See B n' B on page 4.

John Gorman mentions that Dick Flock has been appointed the NMRA Education Director by President John Roberts. Dick has been modeling in HO since 1958 and has been active in several aspects of the hobby providing leadership and extensive volunteer service. He is looking forward to continue working with you to develop the NMRA's education outreach. Below is his address:

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That's all for now. We have an exciting weekend coming up!

- Ron Kercheval

**Next Meeting:
Sunday, August 7
1:00 - 4:00 pm
Three (!!!) Layouts
Danville, KY**

**Tour:
Bob Lawson
John Bowling
Robin Grider**

**Bring & Brag:
Locomotives
Rolling Stock
(All Types)**



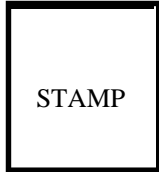
AP Judging Event

**Don't miss the AP Judging
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at 1:00pm!!!
For details see the enclosed
Invitation
and Judging Sheet!**



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