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The Super's Column

By John Gorman

The hottest month of the year is here but we have a cool trip planned for you. On Sunday, August the 5th the Division and our guests have been invited to visit Bob Lawson, John Bowling and Robin Grider to see their layouts. A map to all these places is included in this newsletter. We make this Danville, KY trip every summer but this year's is going to be special.

We will start about 1:00 PM at Bob Lawson's place to have lunch and visit his expanded facilities. After chowing down some great "Yard Cookin'" go inside and see how many new scenes you can find. Bob has been working on this layout as well as his Cincinnati railroad all year long. If you have never been to Bob's then you'll want to bring your best seein' glasses 'cause there's lots to look at.

When you get ready to leave Bob's, you can go to either John Bowling's or Robin Grider's layout next, followed by the other. Both of these guys will be expecting us anytime between 2:00 to around 4:30. Robin's layout is back on display following last year's brief hiatus. He's been working on his scenery and rolling stock to make his layout better than ever. If you want to see a great running railroad, don't miss Robin's!

At John's layout you might see more improvements than the other two put together. When he found out that the Model Railroader magazine was coming for photographs, he got to work and planted even more fantastic FSM, South River, and other fine craftsman structure kits. Take it from someone who is "in the know": you're going to see and hear lots of new power on the railroad as well! John has gone all out this year and you better see it like it is while you can; I have heard that next year it's going to be looking very different...

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"Division 10 Minus 1"

A Visit to MCR Division 9

By Pete Birdsong

Pete Birdsong, Ron Kercheval and Bill Paulsell traveled to Division 9 (The Coal Division) on Sunday, July 15, to visit the layouts of three Division 9 members. The trip was a reciprocal planned as part of a Division 10 - Division 9 tour exchange. Division 9 visited with us at the Eubank outing with the Grossers in June.

We left around 8 o'clock Sunday morning, and arrived in Charleston at the home of Bob Weinheimer, Division 9 Assistant Superintendent, around 11:00. Bob had also hosted a meeting of the C&O Historical Society that day, but that group had largely left by the time we arrived. Bob showed us around his Pennsylvania Southern HO layout, explained how his monthly Operations Sessions work, and had us run a coal drag, complete with helper service, up a long, steep, curving grade, after maliciously informing us that the coal loads were "live" - they were all loose loads, that they would spill all over in a derailment/overturn, and that they'd never yet had one turn over!

We completed the run, derailing only the caboose, but it was a scary situation. Afterwards we immediately left for lunch at Wendy's to calm our nerves, and then to Gallipolis, Ohio: home of Lin Young, the Division Superintendent, and his Grafton & Greenbrier HO layout - site of an Operations Session every Wednesday night. There, we were treated with another invitation to run trains, again with helper service, but now also including a trip up a blind helix with a 2 3/4% grade in addition to the live loads!

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CONGRATULATIONS

John Bowling

Congratulations to Division 10 member John Bowling, on the publication of his fantastic L&N layout in the August 2007 Model Railroader (out now)! As skilled as MR's photographers are, they simply can't do justice to the scale and spectacle of this colorful layout. Let's all make sure to congratulate Mr. Bowling on his achievement during our visit this month!

Bring n' Brag: Countdown to September

By Ron Kercheval

I'd like to offer a reminder that our Bring n' Brag will resume at our September meeting. Hopefully some good has come out of the dry weather, where the time saved from not mowing so often has been put to good railroad use!

Just to reiterate what I covered last issue: First, the photo portion of each monthly contest will be eliminated due to the sporadic participation we have had over the last year. Instead, we will be having Photos and Slides as a theme for September. This is not to discourage anyone from bringing photos throughout the year if they so desire. It's just that we haven't had enough participation to justify having a monthly photo contest.

Certificates for first, second and third places will be awarded each month. We will also be keeping a running point total as the season progresses just for the fun of it.

Although the theme for September will be photos and slides, there's no rule that says you can't bring a model to share that day.

Here's to a healthy and happy August!



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 THE CONTINUING SAGA OF
LARRY LOUNGEAR AND RIVETS O'REILLY
 CREATED BY "RAILROAD" PETE BIRDSONG
 WRITTEN BY MIKE ARMSTRONG

Rivets: Hey, Larry! What's up?!

Larry: Well, it is a sad day Rivets. I just learned some heartbreaking news. And when you hear it, you may be as heartbroken as I am.

Rivets: And what news is that?

Larry: Lionel ain't Lionel anymore, Rivets. I just don't know what to think.

Rivets: Larry, of course Lionel is Lionel, what do you mean?

Larry: Well, I was just readin' in the O Gauge Railroading Magazine that Atlas O, Lionel, Weaver, Williams, Ready Made Trains, and what used to be K-Line models are all made by some company called Shacka Kahn. That was some character in a Disney movie.

Rivets: Larry, you mean Sanda Kan. It is a major manufacturer of O Scale trains in Hong Kong.

Larry: You knew about this?! Why didn't you tell me. It would have been better comin' from a friend rather than some magazine. Why, there is no purity any more, Rivets. Buyin' a train is like buyin' a salad.

Rivets: Larry, quit your whinnin! They are still made to the specifications of Lionel. Lionel is still Lionel!

Larry: Rivets, what is wrong with you?! Can't you see what's happening here. The next thing you know they will be makin' my oatmeal or my toilet paper.

Rivets: Well, if they do, just remember not to flush while the train is in the station.

Larry: Rivet's this is NOT funny! Think about the implications of what is happening here. Pretty soon, everything is going to be made by one company and the little guy won't have a chance to own anything descent, because prices will go sky high. And the next thing ya know I will have to make a choice between clothin' my kids and model railroadin'

Rivets: Larry, you already made that choice a long time ago, and...

Larry: Yeah, yeah, yeah. I can see this is of no concern to you, but I don't want any trains made by Sandra Kuhn. I want...

Rivets: Sanda Kan.

Larry: Whatever! I want my trains made by Lionel and Weaver and Atlas O and Williams. They all come out of the same company on in different boxes...that's model railroader fraud, Rivets! I don't think we should sit here and do nothing. I think we need to make a road trip to Lionel & all the others and let 'em know how we feel!

Rivets: We?

Larry: Yeah, you and me. We could walk right in there and ask to see ol' Joshua Lionel Cowen himself. Ya gotta go straight to the top Rivets!

Rivets: Well, lookin' up ain't gonna be where ya find him, Larry. He's dead!

Larry: Somebody will be there. Let's take off tomorrow, Rivets.

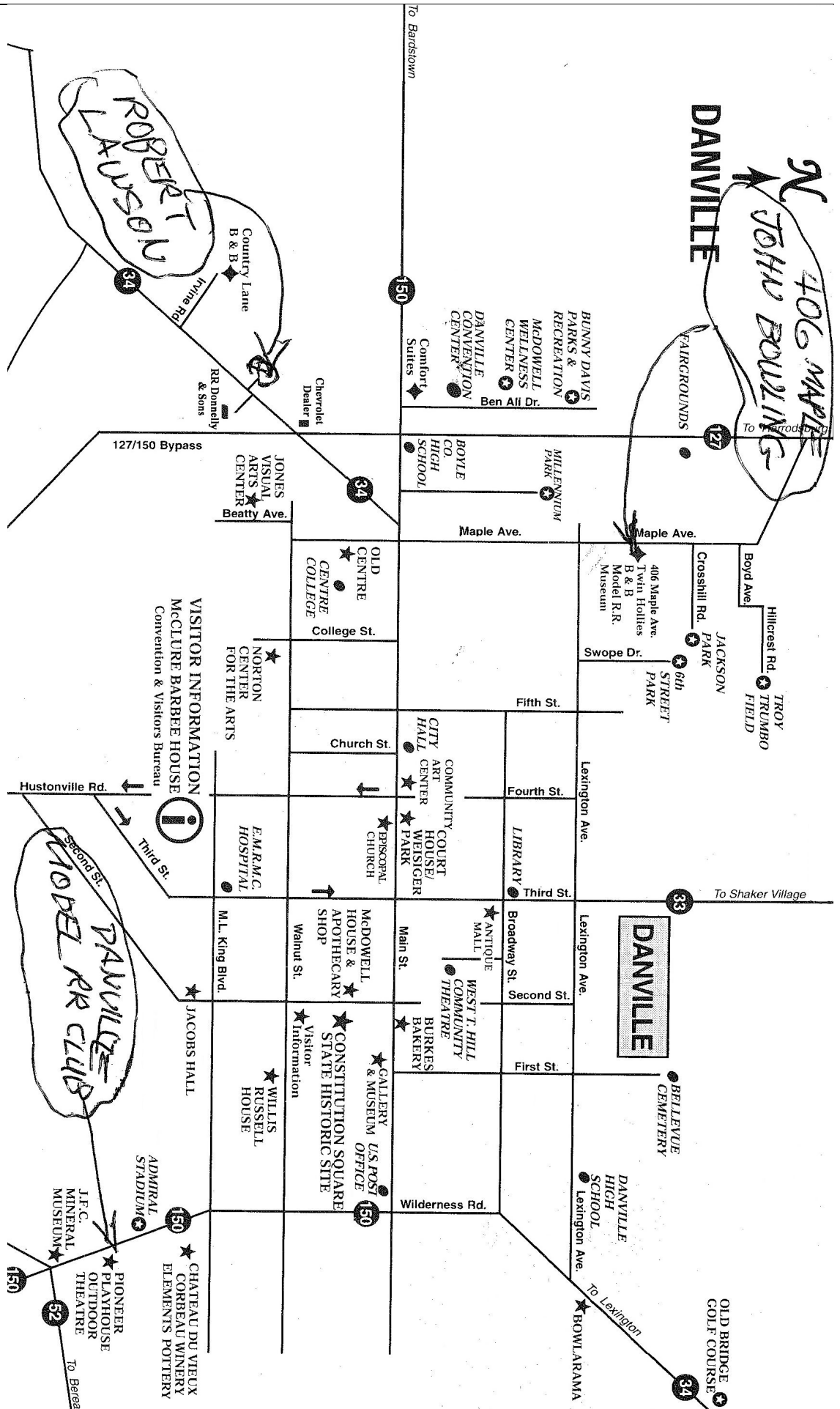
Rivets: No, Larry, we ain't goin' to Lionel. Why are you makin' such a fuss? You don't even model in this scale or buy from those companies. You are an HO man.

Larry: Just like every other model railroader, I started out as a kid with a Lionel set under the Christmas tree. In honor of my Dad who gave me that set, I have to stand up for model railroaders every where.

Rivets: What makes you think they want you?

Larry: Why wouldn't they want me to speak out for model railroaders every where?

Rivets: That is a question that you should give a lot of thought to, Larry...a lot of thought!



Danville is Southwest of Lexington using US 27 to KY 34 or South of Harrodsburg on US 127. We will start at Bob Lawson's. His house is on the West side of Danville about 1 mile past the Chevy dealer on KY 34. Look for a sign on the Stone Entrance to his home. John Bowling's layout building is in the back yard. Take the driveway around the house and park in the back. Robin Grider's layout is in the Danville Model RR Club building next to Pineer Playhouse.

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...SUPER'S COLUMN, CONT'D

I want to thank Ray and Renee Grosser for giving us a great Sunday afternoon in June. These two just keep building and building. What's coming next Ray? Maybe something we can ride on? Anyway, thanks for having us and I know all of us look forward to next year's visit.

Our 2007 Fall Train Show is set for one day, Saturday, October the 20th. This is a little earlier than the last few years but we figured we would get the jump on the other clubs and try to get some of the bigger vendors back to Lexington. The show will be held in the Oleika Temple at 326 Southland Drive here in Lexington. It is the biggest facility we have ever had and parking is also much improved. We look forward to a big crowd so sign up now for your own table so you can sell some of that stuff you have even looked at for the last ten years. Contact Bill Robbins at (859) 271-8839 to reserve your table today. Ed Butcher is the show chairman so if you have any suggestions, questions or are willing to help please contact him at (859) 333-1416

Bill Hammer is leading a drive to collect money to plant a tree in David Greer's honor near his grave site in the Lexington Cemetery. He has talked with the Cemetery arborist and has been advised of the types of trees permitted and places they can be planted by the cemetery crew. We will be able reimburse the cemetery for the cost of the tree and planting. And, we will have the opportunity to further honor David with a plaque affixed to the tree. I know all of you who knew him, loved and respected David. This is the time for you to express those feelings. Bill Hammer has made a very generous contribution to start the fund and several of us have added to it. If you would like to contribute to the fund please contact Bill or our Treasurer, Bill Robbins.

You know, one might think I should have started my column with this news but I thought is most appropriate to save it for the end. My term as Superintendent will end August 30. As most of you know Bill Paulsell will become the new Superintendent on September 1.

Our new Secretary will be Tom Miller. The Assistant Super and the Treasurer will remain the same. We will have a small ceremony at the September 2nd meeting to install and/or reinstall the new officers. I want to wish Bill Paulsell and others all the luck possible in guiding the Division onward I know they will do a tremendous job. I will be looking forward to Bill's columns starting next month.

Most importantly, before I sign off, I want to thank all of you for your help and support during the last three years...

...DIVISION 9 TRIP, CONT'D

By this time we were thoroughly intimidated, and left shaking for our third tour, of the Portsmouth, OH layout of Mark Maynard and his friend, also named Mark: Mark Rooney (now they were trying, successfully, to confuse as well as intimidate us). At first, we didn't know if it was Mark and Mark or Mark form Ork. This layout was in an upstairs room of a barn, and we arrived amid a thunderstorm, reminiscent of an old Frankenstein movie. But Mark and Mark both seemed very friendly; soon Mark Maynard got us operating again, this time on a switching puzzle that would have driven Casey Jones to an even earlier death. The intimidation continued!

After soon giving up on the puzzle with a lame excuse about it being late and having a long drive back home, we crossed back over the Ohio river into Maysville, had dinner at Bob Evans, and headed home via US 68, arriving about 8:30.

The drive was a great opportunity to get to know each other better and deepen friendships. And it was a really great experience, both from the standpoint of meeting a lot of really nice people, and also from that of a great learning experience about operations. All three layouts were super and well worth the trip. We'll have a lot to share about it as we continue our own sessions down the road.

We hope to do some more exchange tours, with more focus on operations in the future. We'll keep you posted as they develop, and hope more of you will join us in a great symbiosis of friendship and fun with the Coal Division. Many thanks to Bob, Lin and Mark for hosting us.

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September 2007 - Photos & Slides

October 2007 - Dioramas

November 2007 - Steam Locomotives

December 2007 - Off-line Structures

January 2008 - Freight Cars

February 2008 - Diesel Locomotives (Including Traction)

March 2008 - Passenger Cars

April 2008 - On-line Structures

May 2008 - Non-revenue including Caboose and M-of-W

Bring n' Brag Rules:

Points are awarded as follows: One point is given for your first entry; a second point is given if that entry is "On Topic". Peer judging then awards three points for First Place, two points for Second Place, and one point for Third Place.

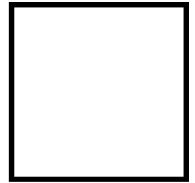


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Next Meeting:

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Lawson Residence
Danville, KY
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Program:

SUMMER TRIPLE PLAY:
Bob Lawson's Southern RR
Robin Grider's Danville Club
John Bowling's L&N RR

Bring & Brag:

On summer hiatus;
returning in September

AROUND THE BEND...

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE/TIME	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
AUG	5	MCR Div10	Danville, KY About 1:00 PM	Annual SUMMER TRIPLE PLAY: Three Big Layout Tours	Layouts by John Bowling, Bob Lawson, & Robin Grider	N/A
SEPT	2	MCR Div10	Lexington (Library TBD) 2:00 PM	Monthly Meeting + Bring n Brag; RailOPS Software by Pete Birdsong	Lou Jaquith	"Photos & Slides"
OCT	7	MCR Div10	Lexington (Library TBD) 2:00 PM	Monthly Meeting Bring n Brag (program TBD)	TBD	Dioramas
OCT	20	MCR Div10	Lexington Oleika Temple 326 Southland Drive 9am—4pm	5th ANNUAL DIVISION 10 TRAIN SHOW AND SALE	N/A	N/A
OCT	7	MCR Div10	Lexington (Library TBD) 2:00 PM	Monthly Meeting Bring n Brag (program TBD)	TBD	Steam Locomotives