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Superintendent's Message

By John Gorman

Last month I said that our new Superintendent would be writing this column. Well, since I dropped the ball and forgot to tell him when it was due and who to give it to, I get the honor of writing for you all one last time.

And, I am really glad to be doing so because I wanted to personally thank Bob Lawson, Robin Grider, John Bowling and Ray & Renee Grosser for such a great outing last month.

First the fantastic feast at Bob's, which was made even better with Ray and Renee's help, will hopefully be the last

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Bring n' Brag The New Era

By Ron Kercheval

I'd like to offer a reminder that our Bring n' Brag will resume at our September meeting. But, things will be a little different. 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 during the rest of the year if they so desire. It's just that we haven't had enough participation to justify having a monthly photo contest. Certifi-

cates 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.

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Bring N' Brag Rules

Points are awarded for models as follows: One point is given for your first entry; a second point is given if that entry is "On Topic". You can have additional entries but you can only be awarded "entry" points for one item each month. Following peer judging, three points are awarded for First Place, two points for Second Place, and one point for Third Place. Multiple entries can each win points for placing.



One of several scenes on Mike Armstrong's new garden railroad. We will see more in the months to come!



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time I put on weight. To be exact, 2 pounds. I was delighted to see for the first time Bob's new addition and his plans for expanding his layout into that great space.

The Danville Railroad Club would be pretty much an empty room if not for Robin Grider's HO layout. I have never been there when it was not, but if I were, I bet I would have room to turn around and not have to back out the front door.

Visiting John Bowling's L&N layout was a lot of fun as usual. I really enjoy watching first time visitors "Oh & Aw" as they look at all of his work.

Thanks to ALL of you guys for a great afternoon!

The meeting this month will be at the Eagle Creek Branch Library off of Richmond Road.

I hope to see you all there!!

- *John*

Bring n' Brag (Continued from page 1)

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.

Hopefully some good has come out of the hot and dry weather, where the time saved from not mowing so often has been put to good railroad use!

Here's to our new Bring 'n Brag era!

Bring N' Brag Schedule**2007**

September - Photos & Slides

October - Dioramas

November - Steam Locomotives

December - Off-line Structures

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January - Freight Cars

February - Diesel Locomotives
(Including Traction)

March - Passenger Cars

April - On-line Structures

May - Non-revenue (Including
Cabooses and M-of-W)

Witless & Clueless

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

Created by: Railroad Pete Birdsong

Written by: Mike Armstrong

Rivets: Hi Larry! What's up?!

Larry: Well, Rivets, I was just sittin' here philosophizin'.

Rivets: 'Bout what?

Larry: Well, you know how Bonnie & I loved to watch "The Sopranos" on HBO?

Rivets: Yeah. I watch it sometimes myself.

Larry: Well, did ya happen to see the next to the last episode?

Rivets: Nope. What about it?

Larry: Well, you know the story line, how the Soprano family is sort of like Mafia people.

Rivets: Yeah?

Larry: Well, that character, Bobby, is into trains. He had a Lionel layout set up in his garage in the series.

Rivets: Yeah, I saw that one. Pretty cool.

Larry: Well, did you ever buy anything from Trainland or Trainworld. They advertise in a lot of the magazines.

Rivets: I bought from them. What's that got to do with anything? Do you have a point you're tryin' to make?

Larry: Yeah, the next to the last episode of the Sopranos had a scene filmed there. Bobby went into Trainland and was looking at a pre war Lionel train...at least, I think it was pre war. It was a passenger set with a blue steam engine and passenger cars. And Bobby is talkin' to the guy at the counter and then says somethin' like, "Okay, I'll take the plunge." \$8000.00 for that set. I guess there is good money in killin' people. Anyway, the guy at the counter leaves to get a box or somethin' and these other two bad guys come in and fill Bobby full of holes. Blood goin' everywhere. Every time they pop 'im he jerks a little.

Rivets: Wow! I hope they didn't hit that train.

Larry: Naw, but somethin' just as bad. Bobby died and fell on the Lionel train display layout. Trains and accessories flew everywhere. It broke my heart. So I am glad that the series ended, Rivets. Sometimes Hollywood just goes too far! I mean, the trains were runnin' and everything!

Rivets: So, what's this got to do with your philosophizing?

Larry: I'm getting' to that. The other night I was watchin' a late move on

one o' them movie channels, and guess what. Another bad guy was a drug dealer and made a lot of money and you know what he spent his money on?

Rivets: I ain't got the slightest idea, Larry.

Larry: He spend his money on a big Lionel train layout. He even wore a train t-shirt. And he was a bad guy!!! And then at the end of the movie, when he had to get out o' town, the last thing he did before he left was to run the layout and he threw two switches and had a head on collision with two nice locomotives.

Rivets: Why that's enough to make ya cry.

Larry: Yeah, and this bad guy was the worst kind of bad guy, because he was only about twenty five and he gave the train to a little kid who looked up to him, but he crashed the trains before he gave the kid the set. I mean, what's a little kid know about fixin' trains and buyin' parts.

Rivets: Yeah, Larry, he sounds like a real, real bad guy.

Larry: Well, the movie ended with this little kid havin' the train in his own place and everything was runnin' fine. The kid didn't seem to mind havin' two locomotives with their front ends smashed in and the engineer hangin' out the window with his head half off. He didn't know nothin' 'bout trains. Probably thought it was supposed to be that way in the first place.

Rivets: Well, Larry, all this is interestin', but what does that have to do with your philosophizin'?

Larry: Well, in both the Sopranos and this movie, the bad guys had the trains and the trains were Lionel. So I come up with a few maxims.

Rivets: And?

Larry: Bad guys are hard on trains, for one. Bad guys like Lionel for another. And the most important: Never loan your train to a bad guy; they'll beat the oil out of it.

Rivets: So that's what you been thinkin'?

Larry: Yeah, I think I'll send it in somewhere. Other modelers ought to know this stuff.

Rivets: I got a better idea. Send it in to "Bad Guy Magazine" and then get outta town before some bad guys come lookin' for ya.

AROUND THE BEND

DATE	SPONSER / EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	Bring & Brag
SEPT 2	MCR Div10 Meeting	Eagle Creek Library 2:00 PM	Pete Birdsong Using "RailOps" Software	To Be Announced	Photos and Slides
SEPT 14	BGRRRC	Meadowthrope Community Center; Lexington, KY 7:30 PM	To Be Announced	NA	NA
OCT 7	MCR Div10 Meeting	Lexington (Library TBD) 2:00 PM	Lou Jaquith	To Be Announced	Dioramas
OCT 12	BGRRRC	Meadowthrope Community Center; Lexington, KY 7:30 PM	To Be Announced	NA	NA
OCT 20	MCR Div10	Lexington Oleika Temple 326 Southland Drive 9am - 4pm	5th ANNUAL DIVISION 10 TRAIN SHOW AND SALE	NA	NA
NOV 4	MCR Div10 Meeting	Lexington (Library TBD) 2:00 PM	John Gorman Selecting and Installing DCC & Sound Decoders	To Be Announced	Steam Locomotives



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