



# The Lantern



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## *The Super's Column*

By Bill Paulsell

I'm sorry I had to miss the last meeting, but I'm told it went well. Thanks to Tom Miller for taking over for me. I had to give a fundraising speech at a dinner that night in Nashville, TN, and knew I would never make it in time if I went to the meeting.

I attended my first regional board meeting in Columbus, Ohio last month. It was a good session with a serious group of model railroaders. They are all dedicated to the hobby and the NMRA. There was discussion about whether the Region should become a 501C3 organization. There were several benefits discussed, including a better mailing rate. Some of the divisions are and some aren't.

The group also voted to offer a series of laser cut building kits as a fundraiser. The kits would be based on Pennsy prototypes. The first would be a baggage/freight storage building probably followed by a yard office. The number of kits would be limited. I hope we would participate in the effort.

Nat King, the editor of "The Kingpin," the regional newsletter, made an appeal for articles. I sent in one and hope you will consider it also. His address is 4508 Dickerson Ct., Louisville, KY 40245.

I enjoyed meeting the other division superintendents. Some of the regions are much larger than ours, some smaller. All have active programs including monthly meetings, shows, and layout visits.

This has been an active show season with recent events in Cincinnati, Dayton, and Louisville. Several of our members were at the Lakota High School show in Cincinnati sponsored by Division 7. The Regional Convention will be in Cleveland next May. I have attended several of these and they have been very worthwhile. There are good clinics, opportunities for operation, layout visits, prototype tours, and the chance to have good conversations with other modelers.

The Board met on November 15; the minutes will be in next month's Lantern. Our December meeting will be at the Tates Creek Library on Sunday, December 2. We have an interesting presentation lined up: David Oswald will show us how to make scenic foam, which is to save all of us some money as we build layouts. Afterward we will have a chance to view Bill Crace's collection of Lionel trains during the tour segment.

I hope to see you on December 2.

## *Great Div. 10 Railroads*

Two more Division 10 railroads have been featured in national magazines. Both Bob Lawson's HO Southern RR, and Ray & Renee Grosser's HO Soo Line Nostalgia Trip, are fully featured in the 2008 edition of *Great Model Railroads*. (John Bowling's L&N was featured in the August *Model Railroader*)

This is no surprise to those of us who've been to visit their layouts on our annual summer trips. If for some reason you haven't had the honor, head to the newsstand and see what you've been missing!

A hearty Congratulations to Bob, Ray & Renee!

## *Nov. Bring n' Brag*

Ron Kercheval

Steam locomotives was the subject for November's contest and we had a tremendous recovery from last month with eight entries! I want to give a big thank you to Bill Robbins for filling in for me once again as I was out of town that day.

Tom Krill took first place with his Baldwin 2-6-0 Mogul. There was a tie for second with Dave Battin's Pennsy K4 Pacific and David Toles' 2-6-6-4 powered coal train. Third went to Mike Tyra's two entries which included a MILW 4-8-4.

Off-line structures will be the theme for our December meeting. Don't forget, our Sale/Trade table is always open. See you all then!



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Contributions of money, materials and time should be reported to John Gorman so that he can keep track of them.

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December	Off-line Structures
	<b><u>2008</u></b>
January	Freight Cars
February	Diesel locomotives (incl. Traction)
March	Passenger Cars
April	On-line Structures
May	Non-revenue incl. Caboosees & MoW

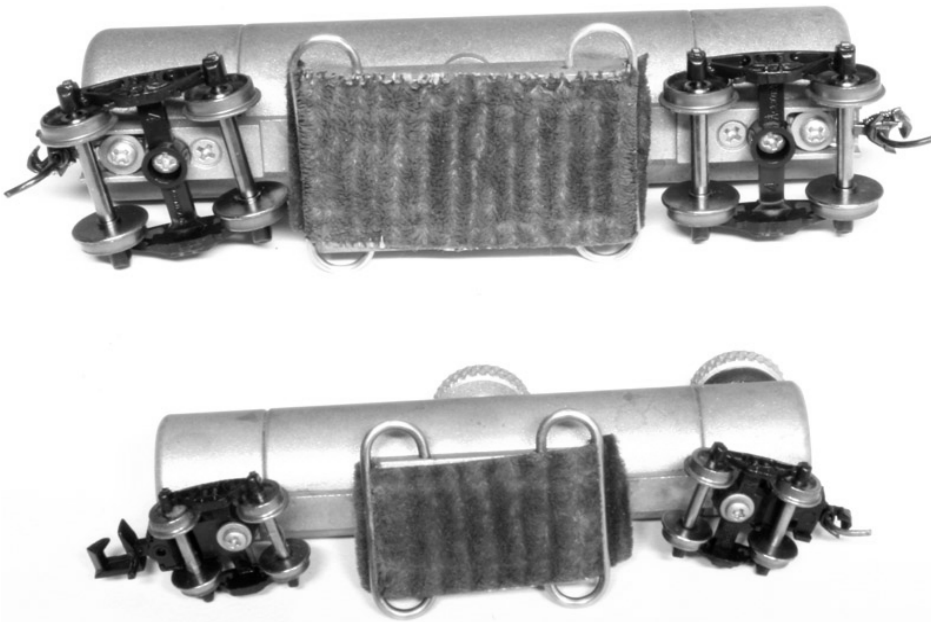
**Bring n' Brag Rules**

*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.*

*Multiple entries may each win points for placing.*

**Bring n' Brag Standings**

High to Low or Tie	Nov. 2007	Pts.
Tom Krill (1st)	5	5
Lou Jaquith	-	5
Tom Miller	2	4
Matthew Coles	-	4
David Battin (T-2nd)	4	4
David Toles (T-2nd)	4	4
Michael Tyra (3rd)	3	3
Stew Winstandley	-	3
Ron Kercheval	-	3
Bill Paulsell	-	2
Phil Lester	-	2
David Battin	-	2
David Oswald	-	2



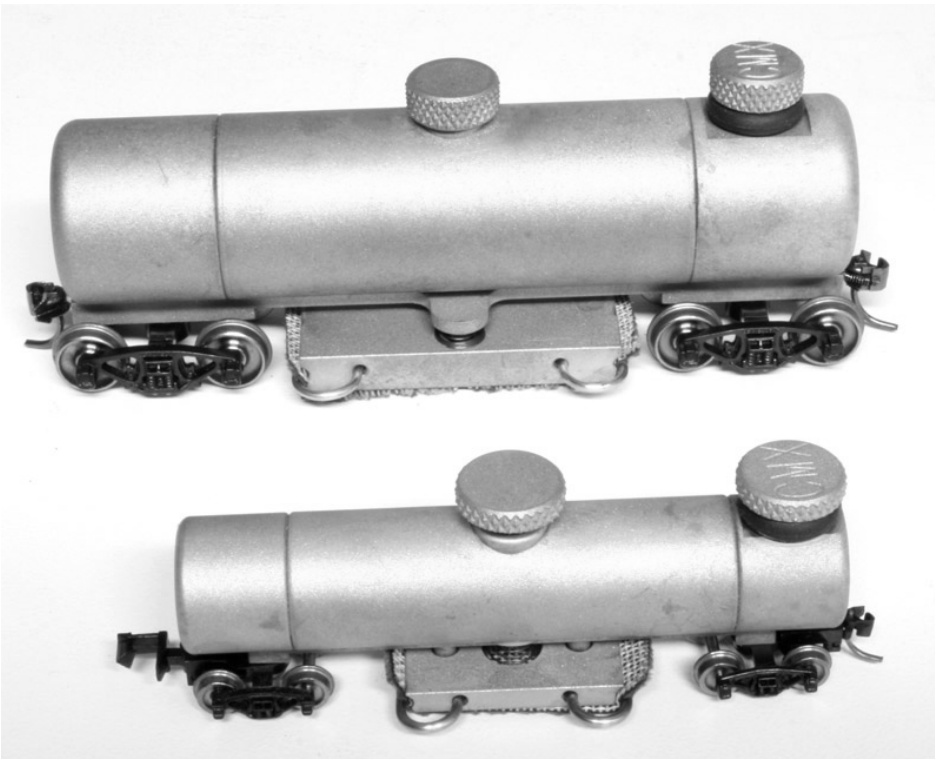
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# RJ Corman Locomotives

by Stew Winstandley



When the RJ Corman Railroad Group took over the “Old Road” from CSX, they acquired some GP16's, GP9's, GP38's, SD40-2's, and SD40T-2's. The ex-Rio Grande SD40T-2 #5353 pictured to the left was brought from RJC's Pennsylvania line to Lexington in November, 2003. The SD40T-2's were put into road service on the aluminum ingot train between Berea and Logan County, KY.

The newest locomotives on RJCC are GP38-2's, numbers 3801, 3802, 3803, and 3804, rebuilt at Norfolk Southern's Juniata Shop. The new GP38-2's have AC units on the roof of the cab. The radio antennas are above the cab windows, the unit number is below the cab window, and a reflective strip runs the length of the sill. The top of the short hood is black. These new GP38-2's are being used in yard service, and on the ingot train.

Recent repainting of other locomotives has included silver roofs over the cab. The ones with AC units have a red roof.



The RJC paint scheme has evolved slightly over the years, although all of the equipment has “Corman Red”. Red was the color of Rick Corman's first pickup truck. The recent picture to the left again shows SD40T-2 #5353, now repainted and with the silver roof over the cab.

I have modeled an RJC GP9, a SD40-2, a SD40T-2, and a couple of GP38's using silver & Soo Line red paint and decals from Highball Graphics ([www.mgdecals.com](http://www.mgdecals.com)). They are available in HO and N scale, and decals for the Bardstown dinner train's F-units are now available.

Pictured here on the right is my latest GP38-2. After painting and applying the decals to an Atlas model, I added the AC unit and antennas, moved the horn, put on the ditch lights, the MU cables, and the window shades. These additions came from BLMA models and Sunrise Enterprises.

Two companies market ready-to-run RJ Corman locomotives. Atlas offers RJCP GP38-2's in both HO and N scale. Inter-Mountain sells a Corman SD40T-2 model in N scale.



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**Witless & Clueless**  
The Continuing Saga of  
**Larry Loungear and Rivets O'Reilly**  
Created by "Railroad" Pete Birdsong  
Written by Mike Armstrong

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

Larry: Oh, not a lot Rivets. I was just contemplatin' puttin' another industry on my layout.

Rivets: What kind of industry?

Larry: Well, I was lookin' through my railroad model railroad magazines, and there are a lot of good laser cut kits out there. I saw this one for a winery, but that is not what I would use it for. I was thinkin' about a Blue Bonnet factory.

Rivets: You mean, like the margarine?

Larry: No way! I mean a blue bonnet factory...a factory that makes blue bonnets.

Rivets: What about red and yellow and all the other colors? Why not a "bonnet" factory.

Larry: Rivets, don't be stupid. I like the name I chose: Bonnie's Blue Bonnets.

Rivets: Larry, I hate to say this, but you seem to be forgettin' that the purpose of a railroad is to move freight. Who is gonna buy a boxcar load of blue bonnets. The factory itself is set up to fail by only stickin' to one color unless you deliver them to a match factory.

Larry: I just want a blue bonnet factory.

Rivets: Larry, yours is the only railroad I ever saw that has all kinds of factories and they don't relate to each other. You oughta have a factory setup that supports each factory. Whoever heard of , say, takin' blue bonnets to a dairy?!

Larry: I've seen cows with bonnets.

Rivets: Yeah, on milk cartons. Besides that, you spent all the time makin' these factories that don't relate to each other.

Larry: What are ya talkin' about?

Rivets: Okay, look over here. Here is a peanut butter factory and over there is a jelly factory. You have no supporting industries to drop things off. And over here, what is this all about? You got magnetic dog factory!

Larry: I like magnetic dogs.

Rivets: Larry, you seem to be missin' the point here. You need a forest where they cut the lumber, a mill where they saw it into boards, and places to deliver it that uses lumber. Look at all the different factories you got: here is one that makes lollipop sticks and one that makes zipper tags. It doesn't even make the whole zip per! And look at this one! Who ever heard of a dent factory?! What goes on there?

Larry: Rivets, Donny's Dent Factory makes dents. If you got somethin' you want dented, you send it to Donny's.

Rivets: When was the last time you sent your head there.

Larry: Now, Rivets, there's no need to get insultin'!

Rivets: Yeah, Larry, you're right. There's no need. I'm sorry. It is just that it's funny ya have all these factories and ya don't have a place that brings raw materials or a place to send the products to.

Larry: Now, I wouldn't say that Rivets. Ya can send anything anywhere. That is how all them shipping companies do business. That United Poor Shipping place and that Fed XXX. They make good money.

Rivets: Yeah, but they're not the railroad.

Larry: All I am sayin' is that stuff needs shipped and my railroad does the shippin'!

Rivets: Well, Rivets, at least now I know why ya have a looped layout instead of a point to point: Yer trains don't have any place to go.

Larry: Sure they do. I stop on every railroad crossin' just to keep the town mayors in a snit.

Rivets: How do yer operatin' sessions go?

Larry: I do have to admit that guys leave here with blood shot eyes from lookin' for a place to drop a car. So far, only six have pulled their hair out. Ya oughta come run sometime.

Rivets: Yeah, Larry, so I can drop a load of potash at the pickle factory.

# AROUND THE BEND...

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE/TIME	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
DEC	2	MCR Div10	Lexington Tates Creek Library 2:00 PM	Monthly Meeting Bring n Brag Homemade Scenic Foam	Bill Crace: Lionel Collection	Off-line Structures
JAN	6	MCR Div10	Lexington (Place TBD) 2:00 PM	Monthly Meeting Bring n Brag How a Steam Locomotive Works	TBD	Freight Cars
FEB	3	MCR Div10	Lexington (Place TBD) 2:00 PM	Monthly Meeting Bring n Brag (Program TBD)	TBD	Diesel Locomotives
MAR	2	MCR Div10	Lexington (Place TBD) 2:00 PM	Monthly Meeting Bring n Brag (Program TBD)	TBD	Passenger Cars
MAR	15	MCR Div10	Lexington (Place / Time TBD)	NMRA Division 10 SWAP MEET	N/A	N/A



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### Next Meeting:

Sunday December 2 @ 2:00 pm  
Lexington, KY  
Tates Creek Library

### Program:

David Oswald:  
Homemade Scenic Foam

### Bring & Brag:

“Off-line Structures”

### Tour:

Bill Crace's Lionel Collection