



# THE LANTERN



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## The Super's Column

By Bill Paulsell

Our October meeting featured a fine program by Bob Frankrone from Louisville on operation. He showed that you can have good operation without having to have DCC. His is a standard DC layout divided into enough blocks to keep four people busy using simple switch lists. He demonstrated that operation does not have to be complicated. He could keep several trains running at the same time, dropping and picking up cars along several routes (see review on page 5). We are grateful for his making the trip to Lexington to show us his layout and how it operates.

The visit to Howard Coleman's setup was amazing. He has a large Lionel collection filling his wall space, two separate Lionel layouts, an N Scale layout, and a G Scale layout outside. This man is a true model railroader!

We had a good board meeting where we discussed a number of routine matters. We have a possibility of a permanent meeting place at a local church but it will be a couple of months before we can actually try it. There are a few matters to be worked out. We will keep you informed. It would be nice to know that we are always meeting at the same place.

A number of our members attended the Division 7 Train Show in Cincinnati. It was well attended with many

vendors. You would not have known that the economy is in trouble from watching that crowd. Model railroading is alive and well in that area.

There has been a change from the previously announced program for December. Ray Persing, from the Dayton area, was to do a program on scratch building, but will come in January instead. Fred Plymale will do the December program on rock casting. Fred is one of our finest modelers and this is sure to be a worthwhile program that should be of interest to everyone.

Now that our Member Aid program is up and running, I hope you will make use of it. Call Fred (223-7270) and he will be able to recommend someone to meet your particular need (see column 3 →).

The layout visit will be at my place. I am working hard to have the pike in good shape when you come. There is still much scenery work to be done, but some is in place. The track plan is simple; it was designed for operation rather than for appearance. There is a simple mainline with lots of yards and siding. I hope you will come. I'll have maps at the meeting. Please come around the back to the basement door. I'll have a sign in the front yard.

**SCALE, GAUGE** - Z, 1:220, 6.5 mm; N, 1:160, 9mm; HO, 1:87.1, 16.5 mm; S, 1:64, 7/8 in.; O, 1:48, 1.25 in.; Large, 1:32 to 1:20.3, 45 mm; Nn3, 1:160, 6.5 mm; HO n3, 1:87.1, 9 mm; On3, 1:48, 16.5 mm.

## Division 10 Member Aid Program

By Fred Plymale

The main reason I joined the NMRA almost 10 years ago was to learn what I needed to know to develop my skills to become a better model railroader. My first layout was built with the help of a member who was willing to share his time and skill to help a novice get started in the hobby. Without his help I might still be running a Bachman J in a circle on a 4x8 piece of plywood with a few plastic buildings. I was very happy with my first effort at that time.

That soon changed when I went to modeling clinics at Mid Central Regional Conventions, and going on layout tours in other areas. I soon realized while my initial effort was OK it didn't approach the level of the structures, scenery and details I saw on the layouts of modelers who had skills far better than what I had previously seen. Bob Lawson, Sam Swanson, Ray Persing, Howard Zane and many other members I met all model at "museum quality" level when they want to for contest purposes. While contests are a great way to test your skill against other good modelers most of us will be content with layouts that look good from three feet and accurately represent the era we want to model.

At our October meeting Bill Pausell asked members who are willing to help others get started building a layout or help with a modeling project to sign on as a member aid volunteer. We currently have ten members with a variety of skills that are available to help you get started. All you need to do is decide what you want to do and when do you want to start. If you want help or ideas about bench work, DCC, electrical, laying and ballasting track, scenery, locomotive or car repair, building structures or other modeling problems pick up the phone and call me at 223-7270. If you are a novice help will be provided! If you are not a novice and want help in more detailed projects, help will be provided! If you want "hands on clinics" to build rolling stock or structures on a Saturday we will schedule them if there is enough interest.

Don't be afraid to make mistakes, everyone does and you will learn from them. Just make the decision to build something and in a few months you will really appreciate the help you received as a member of Div. 10.



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"Railroad" Pete

## Witless & Clueless: The Continuing Saga of Larry Loungecar and Rivets O'Reilly

Created by "Railroad" Pete Birdsong

Written by Mike Armstrong



Mike Armstrong

Rivets: Hey Larry, why lookin' so glum?

judged and I only got 40 points.

Larry: Because I just got my 2009 NMRA calendar.

Rivets: Don't tell me you took the house that was in the picture.

Rivets: Yeah! Me, too. I think it's terrific!

Larry: What if I did?!

Larry: Well, I sent in fifty pictures and none of 'em were chosen for the calendar. I thought sure one of 'em would be chosen.

Rivets: I can show ya three things wrong with it right off. How did ya expect to get enough points with an unfinished house? Their purpose is ta help ya become a better modeler.

Rivets: What were the pictures of?

Larry: I thought it was pretty good.

Larry: Here they are. See for yourself.

Rivets: Larry, these pictures are all of the same thing.

Rivets: You're a ninety percent modeler. A little more effort and you'll be right in there. Ya might even get a Master Model Railroader Certificate.

Larry: Look a little closer, Rivets and you'll see that they are NOT the same picture. It is fifty different angles of the best scene on my layout.

Larry: What good is that?

Rivets: Uh, Larry, maybe its because there are quite a few things missin' or some things are not finished.

Rivets: Well, it puts ya in an elite group. People from all over the country will be standin' at yer door for modeling tips, and it looks good on yer resume when you apply for a job at a hobby shop when ya retire. Besides, don't ya want ta be the best modeler ya can?

Larry: Aw, come on, Rivets. That's good modelin'!

Larry: Well, yeah.

Rivets: What ya did is good, but there are some things not finished. Larry, you are what I call a "ninety per cent modeler". Ya get a project almost finished and then ya quit. I can see a gap underneath yer house. That needs to be filled in. There is no glaze in yer windows. There aren't even any posts holding up the porch roof.

Rivets: Okay, then, start workin' a little harder. Didn't the judges give ya any tips?

Larry: I got the posts in a box. They are almost finished.

Larry: Yeah. They said I needed to glaze the windows, put in porch posts, and fill in the scenery gaps around the base of the house.

Rivets: Larry, ya need to get into the achievement program. That will help improve yer modelin'.

Rivets: Hmmm.

Larry: I tried that, Rivets, but those guys don't know what they're talkin' about. I took a house to be

Larry: Hmmm, yerself.

Rivets: Check out the calendar again. Lookin' at those pictures, you might be glad your picture isn't in it!

## Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting for NMRA MCR Division 10, November 6, 2008 at Superintendent Bill Paulsell's home 7:00-8:30 PM

**In Attendance:** Bill Paulsell (presiding), Bill Robbins, Fred Plymale, Tom Miller, Ron Kercheval, Stew Winstandley. Excused or Absent: Lou Jaquith, Ed Butcher, John Gorman, Pete Birdsong.

The Meeting was called to order by Superintendent Bill Paulsell. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. It was moved and seconded, and approval was unanimous.

### New Business:

**Member Aid Program:** Fred Plymale has put a list together. He reported on the DIVISION 10 MEMBER AID PROGRAM. At our October meeting Bill Paulsell asked for members who are willing to help others get started building a layout or help with a modeling project to sign on as a member aid volunteer. We currently have ten members with a variety of skills that are available to help you get started. Help is available for bench work, DCC, electrical, laying and ballasting track, scenery, locomotive or car repair, building structures or other modeling problems. A decision was made to not publish the list as yet in the Lantern. Fred prefers people give him a telephone call. Discussion followed.

**Membership:** <http://www.nmra.org/nmrastore/index.html> All attendees at Sunday clinics and Tuesday night meetings should be encouraged to pay the NMRA annual dues and contribute to Division 10. We have approximately 50-60 members. We mail out about 90+ newsletters per month. Having flyers available is important for advertising the clinics and programs. Pete Birdsong will be asked by Bill Paulsell about generating a flyer for distribution at all hobby stores. Flyers should also be available at the train layouts for all the weeks of the Horse Park's holiday season open house.

**Trains, Planes and Automobiles:** Bill Paulsell reported on the BGRM "Trains, Planes and Automobiles" show. A one day event in is being considered with a date in August, 2009. The past one was good publicity for our Division 10 program. We will wait to hear about specific arrangements.

**Division 10 Meeting Site:** Bill Paulsell reported he had looked into Central Christian Church as a possible permanent meeting site for Div. 10.

**Division 10 Programs:** Bill Robbins reported on all scheduled programs. There are some changes in our 2009 Programs. February 1, 2009 Pete Birdsong will provide a clinic on Logging and Bill Crace will provide the tour. On March 1, 2009 Pat Gerstle will conduct a clinic on Scenery with a tour to follow. Layouts that could be included in the tours were discussed. Programs and tours are published elsewhere in the Lantern Newsletter. The Board established a policy that distance clinicians receive an honorarium of \$75.00.

**Financial Report:** Lou Jaquith sent his report with a beginning balance (Aug. 31) of \$2978.56, an ending balance (Sept. 30, 2008) of \$3206.34. Expense of \$102.22 was for printing and mailing the Lantern, deposits of \$330.00 came from contributions (\$325) and door prize sales.

**Adjournment:** It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The next scheduled meeting of the executive committee is Thursday night, January 8, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

Tom Miller, Secretary



In past years the Danville Model RR Club's Grider HO layout has been set up for viewing the first Saturday of December at Wilmore's Old-Fashioned Christmas. This year the layout will be in the basement of the Wilmore Presbyterian Church, December 6th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The church is located at 100 N. Lexington Avenue, Wilmore.

This photo was taken in 2007.

### Freight Cars for December's Bring n' Brag

We had four entries in our Model Photography Bring n' Brag to begin our season: Stew Winstandley with his excellent shot of the Monon layout in the Salem, Indiana Depot, Tom Krill with some Kentucky narrow gauge photos, Don Burris with a nice album of Division 10's Layout in Turflland Mall, and Phil Lester with a construction photo of his N scale layout. Stew took first place, Phil came in second, and Tom was third.



Ron Kercheval

The meat of our Bring n' Brag will begin in December with Freight Cars. This should be a popular category and I'm already looking forward to seeing a lot of entries! Also, you will notice our first Standings Table below. Hope all of you have had a happy and safe Thanksgiving. See you next time!

### Bring n' Brag Rules

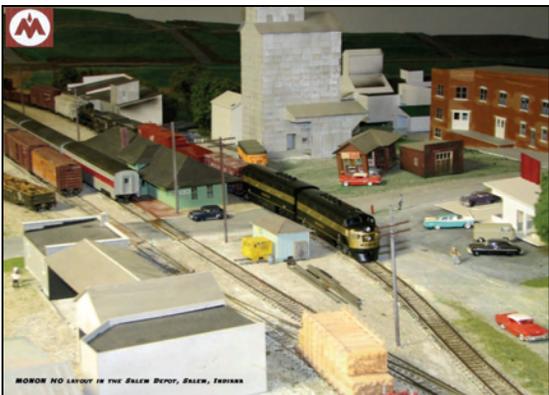
*Points are awarded for models as follows: One point is given for your first entry; a second point is given if that entry is "On Topic". You can have additional entries but you can only be awarded "entry" points for one item each month. Following peer judging, three points are awarded for First Place,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

### Bring n' Brag Schedule 2009

- January . . . . . Off-Line Structures
- February . . . . . Locomotives (Including traction)
- March . . . . . On-Line Structures
- April . . . . . Passenger Cars (Including Non-revenue)

### Bring n' Brag Standings 2008-09 points

1st	Stew Winstandley	5
2nd	Phil Lester	4
3rd	Tom Krill	2
	Don Burris	2



Salem Depot layout depicts the Monon in Washington Co. Indiana 1957-64 with 130 feet of mainline track. The buildings are scratch built replicas of the ones that existed in Salem, Pekin, & Campbellsburg. Four trains run on a single track in two directions.

### VISIT BOB WEINHEIMER'S LAYOUT

#### IN CHARLESTON, WV Overnight Operating Session



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Anyone interested in this trip to Charleston on Friday, February 20, to Saturday, February 21, contact **Pete Birdsong** to get more details and to let him know (his home phone number and email address are on page 2, his cell is 859 552 5467).

The Pennsylvania Southern Railroad is a 1980 era HO scale layout spread across two rooms with a staging yard in the garage. In 1996 Lenz DCC was installed.

Trains are dispatched with a modified train order system that is a hybrid of classic train orders and more modern track warrants. Train crews receive switch lists. A typical session takes a good crew about 15 hours to run.

There are about 600 cars on the layout. Motive power is mostly SD40-2s and SD45s. Call Pete and spend a Friday night in WV.

### Creating Operations on the LSL

#### Notes from our November meeting

Refer to last month's front page of *The Lantern*

The Louisville Southern Line is divided into two divisions with Cabot Yard as the division point. The northern division has Fargo and New Brunswick, the southern division has Falls Creek, Nitro, East Bluefield, and West Bluefield. Cabot Yard has 10 tracks split between the two divisions. No DCC.

Why operate? Running a train with purpose can provide hours of enjoyment.

Two main crews (one for each division) use 11 switch lists to operate local trains, each crew using a cab control throttle. Each local is limited to eight cars. About 172 cars are moved in each session (~ 16 per switch list). There are no through trains.

Cabot Yard is the origin of all trains. The operating philosophy:

- Easy to understand
- Minimal paperwork
- Provide a challenge

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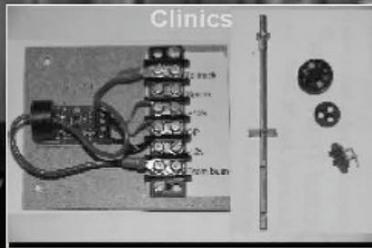
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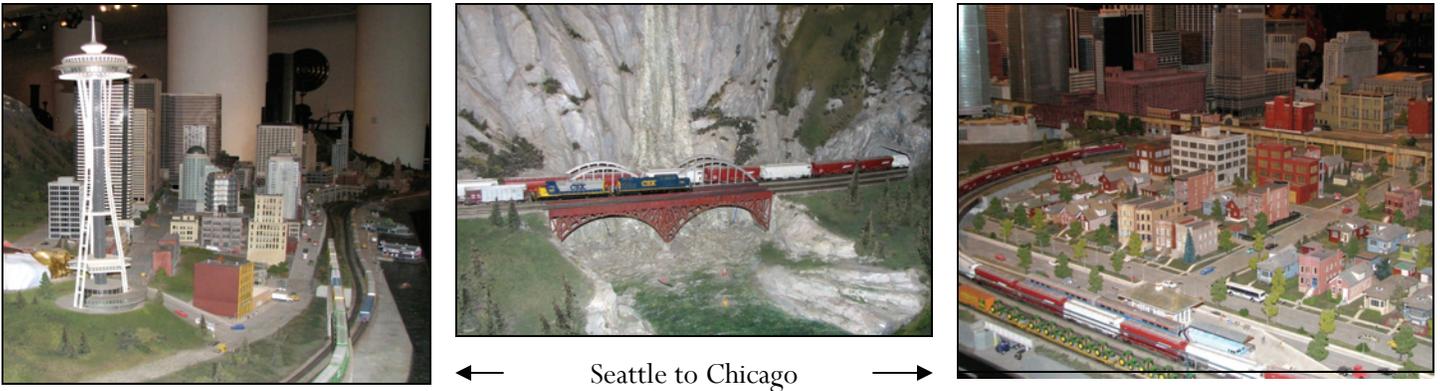
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Santa Claus Train—December 13th, 14th, 20th & 21st

## The Magnificent Model Railroad Display at Chicago's Museum of Science & Industry

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The Great Train Story model railroad allows you to see up to 30 trains running on 1400 feet of HO scale track depicting a 2200 scale-mile journey from Seattle to Chicago. The trains pass through the Midwest, the Plains States, the Rockies, and the Cascades, and are involved in intermodal transportation, passenger service, and the movement of grain and other raw materials. More than 190 buildings were scratch built, including models of the Sears Tower and the Space Needle. The same material used for cobwebs in haunted houses was used in the waterfalls. The present layout opened in 2002.



*NMRA North Central Region Division 4, Comstock Park, Mich.*

### The Grand Rapids Model Railroad Historical Society, modeling the Pere Marquette circa 1945 in HO scale

This permanent HO layout is being built in a building that was used as a fish hatchery. Fingerlings were placed in milk cans and picked up by the Pere Marquette (line now operated by Marquette Rail) that passes within 30 feet of the building. They were dumped into waterways as the trains crossed these bodies of water. In 1995 construction began on the layout, with a 12 foot high stud wall shaped like an "S". The wall is the mounting platform for cantilevered bench work on two levels on each side of the wall. The tracks on the two levels on each side run toward a helix at one end of the room. There is about 750 feet of mainline track, and 350 feet of branch line track. Scenery and building construction is still underway. During operations trains are controlled by the NCE DCC system and all train movement on the mainline will be regulated by a centralized traffic control system operated by a dispatcher in a separate room. The layout has over 25,000 feet of wire, 90 detector cards, 13 DCC boosters, 150 Tortoise switch machines, 50 manual turnouts, and three mother boards with 25 input/output cards. An article about the Pere Marquette's 2-8-4 Berkshire 1225 was on pages 6 and 7 of last month's *Lantern*. The NCR Division 4 web site's address is <http://www.gmrhs.org>.



Club House next to Marquette Rail



Helix



Two level layout on "S" shaped wall  
Photos and text by Stew Winstandley

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NEWSLETTER FOR NMRA DIVISION 10

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*TOUR*

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**AROUND THE BEND**

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE/TIME	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
Dec.	7	Div 10	Beaumont Library, 2 PM Lexington	<b>Fred Plymale</b> <b>Rocks: Molding, Casting, Painting, Installing</b>	Bill Paulsell	Freight Cars (revenue and non-revenue)
Jan.	4	Div 10	<b>Tates Creek Library</b> <b>2 PM, Lexington</b>	Ray Persing Scratch Building with Wood	<b>Lou Jacquith</b>	<b>Off-line Structures</b>
Feb.	1	Div 10	<b>Tates Creek Library</b> <b>2 PM, Lexington</b>	<b>Pete Birdsong</b> <b>Modeling Logging</b>	<b>Bill Crace</b>	<b>Locomotives</b>
Mar.	1	Div 10	Lexington	Pat Gerstle Scenery	Pat Gerstle	On-line Structures
Apr.	5	Div 10	Lexington	<b>Wendell Greer</b> <b>Computer Designed Signs</b>	<b>Tom Miller</b>	<b>Passenger Cars</b>

Ray Persing's layout (January) at <http://www.modelraildayton.com/div3lpix10.shtml>