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THE SUPER'S COLUMN

By Bill Paulsell



The visit at the Grosser's was a delight. Ray and Renee showed us their usual fine hospitality, were patient with our questions, and fed us treats. Their new O-Scale layout was amazing. They had not begun work on it until late November, but it was fully landscaped and already had some beautiful structures. Renee promised many more to come.

Many structures from the old HO layout have been preserved and arranged on a large diorama in the form of a town. A small section of track was on it, but the emphasis was on structures, as only Renee can build them. Renee also provided a demonstration on how to make static grass stand up.

The size and heft of O-Scale is impressive. The two trains that ran were very nice. Some of the cars had been built by Ray. He also built all of the turnouts for the two rail track. It all made me wish that I had room for that scale.

September 5th we will travel north of Cincinnati to visit Bob Lawson's amazing layout as well as a couple of others. For this particular trip the layout hosts asked that only dues paying NMRA members and spouses attend. Once again, the insurance issue has come up. Car pooling from Turfland Mall (see page 6).

I regret to announce that Ron Kercheval has had to resign as Bring and Brag chairman. Ron did a great job for us, organizing the contests each month, keeping careful records, and preparing certificates. We are grateful for his service and his friendship.



Pete Birdsong, Ray Grosser, and Larry Smith during the tour of the Grosser's O layout.

REPORT ON THE NATIONAL NMRA CONVENTION

The convention in Hartford, Conn., July 5-11, was one of the best that I have attended. We were warmly welcomed by the city. There were banners on the lightposts downtown welcoming us, the hotel was decorated with trains everywhere, and a layout in the lobby featured continuous running O-Gauge and HO trains. Even our room keys had a picture of a locomotive on them.

The sessions were held in the Convention Center which was attached to the hotel. Thankfully, the NMRA provided inexpensive breakfast and lunch items for us, as hotel meals are pretty pricey.

The convention had the usual format of clinics, layout visits, and contests, as well as a silent auction. I put in bids for three locos, but was outbid on all of them the last day.

Many of the best know names in model railroading offered clinics, including John Pryke, Lou Sassi, Sam Swanson, Dave Frary, Gerry Albers, Fran and Miles Hale, Dean Frytag, Tony Koester, and Bill Schaumberg.

As is my usual practice, I focused on clinics and didn't do any layout visits. Most of the visits were all day affairs, and I did not want to give up whole days for them.

The schedule included nine clinics each day: three in the morning, three in the afternoon, and three at night. I found that my limit was seven a day. I attended one on photography, four on operation, three on prototypes, four on layouts, six on detailing, one on DCC, two on scratch building, three on craftsman building, and three on city modeling. One that I missed because of a time change was on battery operation, billed as "the next big thing." Some G-Scale layouts already run that way. If we could do it in other scales it would mean no more track cleaning or worry about electrical gaps.

The contest room was filled with excellent models. Those that didn't win anything looked as good to me and those that did. The judges had to work hard to discriminate. The craftsmanship was very impressive. I'll bring some pictures to the November meeting at Central Christian Church. See CONVENTION, 7

Information about our September tours trip is on **page 6**



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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: Man, Larry, what happened to you!?

Larry: You know how it goes. I was workin' in my garden railroad.

Rivets: That must be a dangerous job. You're all cut up and scratched with bruises all over the place. You get run over by one of your trains?

Larry: Really funny, Rivets! I tripped over something in the railroad and the rest is history.

Rivets: Larry, nothin' with you is "the rest is history." What happened?

Larry: Well, it went like this. I was installin' trestle bents and track. The bents are about ten inches high. It was all a blur, but basically this is what happened:

All my tools were spread out on the ground. I stepped on the side of a hammer and lost my balance. My left foot caught on the bent and the track, so I put out my right foot to catch myself, but my Aristocraft yellow farmhouse was right where I was going to plant my foot.

So, I moved my right foot to land in front of it, my left foot shoe string caught on the trestle bent, and I pulled it around along with all the bents and track I had just installed. I had to put my left foot in another awkward position to keep from stepping on my passenger platform and I was still off balance. So I brought my right foot over and to the back to keep away from my track side shanty and I am still off balance.

So...I turned really fast to try to get my balance and ended up walking backward, leaning backward and stepped in the creek, slipped and fell on my Aristocraft wooden bridge, crunching it to smithereens, rollin' over head first into the pond.

Rivets: Which foot?

Larry: Rivets, at this point I don't remember, I was upside down. My foot hit more of the trestle bents and track crunching and bending and I ended up suckin' on a fish.

Rivets: That is quite a story, Larry.

Larry: I just hope none of the neighbors saw me. It was embarrassin' enough dancin' 'round the garden.

Rivets: That sounds like you could name it a dance...the Garden Railway Two Step.

Larry: Rivets, there was more than two steps. And second, spastic railroading only leaves me with cuts and bruises.

Rivets: Ya, know Larry, this story makes a good case to not put so much stuff in a small area. When ya clutter it up with tools and close quarters, accidents are bound to happen. Right now it looks like Godzilla walked through there.

Larry: Yeah, maybe so, but when everything is in place, it looks real good from the lawn chair.

Rivets: Don't ya mean it looks real good from the wheel chair?

Regional Convention "Best of Show"

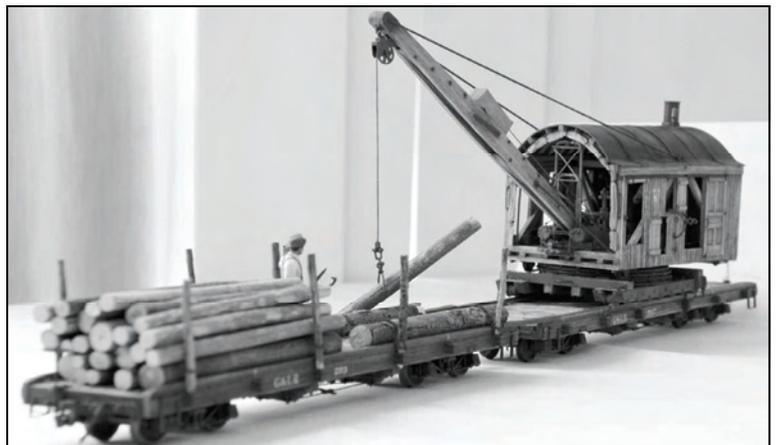
By Tom Miller

Model railroaders at the Mid Central Regional Convention in Columbus, Ohio were treated to several excellent models. Pictured here is the winner of the "Best of Show", *Barnhart Loader & Flat Car*, skillfully created by Sam Swanson. Congratulations from all of us in MCR Division 10 to Sam for his masterful work.

Best of Show: Model

Barnhart Loader & Flat Car

Sam Swanson



Making more than one

Techniques for casting perfect parts in rapid-cure resins

Tom Piccirillo published a four page article in *Model Railroader* magazine about room temperature vulcanizing silicone molding rubbers and fast-curing urethane resins. Bill Pausell demonstrated the use of silicone molds at our June meeting.

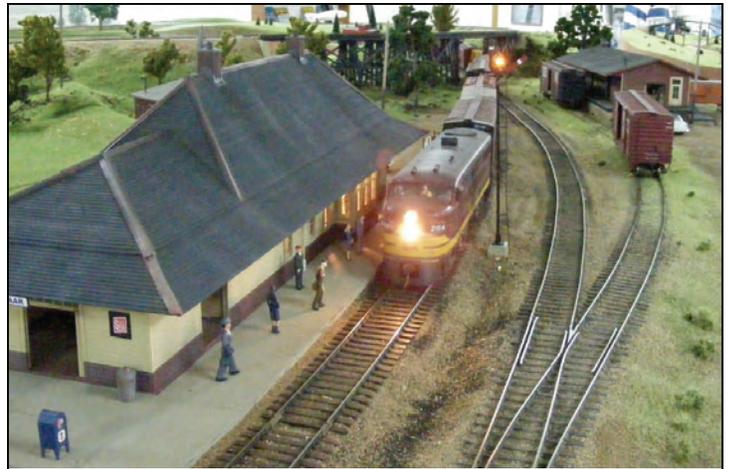
Piccirillo's article is available, if you are interested in casting parts, on the internet by linking to:

http://www.trains.com/mrr/objects/pdf/april_online_extra.pdf

Division 10, NMRA MCR Treasurer's Report

July 31, 2009

Beginning Balance (July 1, 2009)	\$2913.24
Expenses	
Lantern –July	(56.65)
T P & A	(188.62)
Expense Total	(245.27)
Deposits	
Contributions	50.00
T P & A Tables	40.00
Deposit Total	90.00
Ending Balance (July 31, 2009)	\$2757.97



Soo Line freight passing a station on Renee and Ray Grosser's O scale layout during the August MCR Division 10 tour.

Photographs from the Bluegrass Railroad Museum's Trains, Planes & Automobiles Show



Division 10 members Bill Paulsell and Tom Miller are joined by Lalie and David Dick, author and retired CBS newsman. David is an HO model railroader, Lalie is a model train enthusiast with a pre World War II American Flyer.



Tom Krill and Division 10 members Larry Smith, Contests; Lou Jacquith, Treasurer; and Tom Miller, Secretary, at the Div. 10 train swap meet.



RJ Corman Railpower GenSet 5400

Ed Butcher, Div. 10 board member, served as a BGRM excursion engineer.



Train Festival 2009 *A photographic look at Owosso, Michigan*



Southern Pacific Daylight 4-8-4 4449 arrives in Alma, Mich. July 24th, on its second day of excursions between Owosso and Alma. SP 4449 was built by Lima Locomotive Works in 1941, and was used with one of the Freedom Trains and toured the western U.S. in 1975 - 76 during the nation's Bicentennial Celebration. The locomotive is now based in Portland, Ore. An Amtrak locomotive was behind the 4449 on its trip east with 13 passenger cars, and was used for dynamic braking on the long down grades.



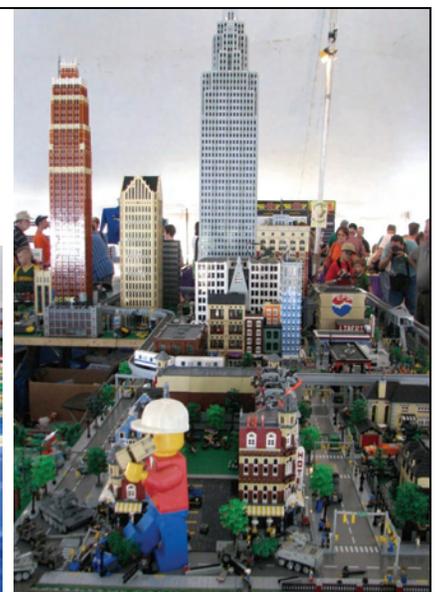
Left: MCR Division 10 member Joe Holbrook's Southern Crescent Limited 4-6-2 was one of the 1:8 scale locomotives at the festival.
 Right: Among the locomotives was this model of Norfolk & Western 611.

There were eight full sized operating steam locomotives (including NKP 765, PM 1225, SP 4449, Flag 75) in attendance, along with a Southern F7A and other diesels.



One of the passenger cars on the 1:8 scale layout was this gondola painted by RJ Corman's paint crew before it left Lexington to go to Owosso.

Right and below: Of the many model layouts at the festival, one was an O scale layout made from Legos.



Southwestern Ohio Model Railroad Tour—Saturday, September 5th

Three great layouts in the Cincinnati area will be featured on our Saturday tour. Carpooling will be available by meeting behind O'Charley's at Turfland Mall at 8 AM. Bob Lawson's is the first stop of the day, and he is expecting us about 10:30. Lunch will be at Bob's house. We'll leave there about 12:15 for a 30 minute trip to Dave Davenport's layout. Around 2 PM we'll leave Dave's to go to John Miller's. Directions to the second and third stops will be provided at Bob's. This tour is open to NMRA members and their spouses. We will be joined by NMRA modelers from Louisville.

Last year we exited from I-75 at exit 29. Due to highway construction at that interchange, Bob suggests we go on to exit 32 and then go south on N. Union Road as indicated on the map. If you see no backup at exit 29, you may not be delayed there. The second layout is in the Mason, Ohio area.



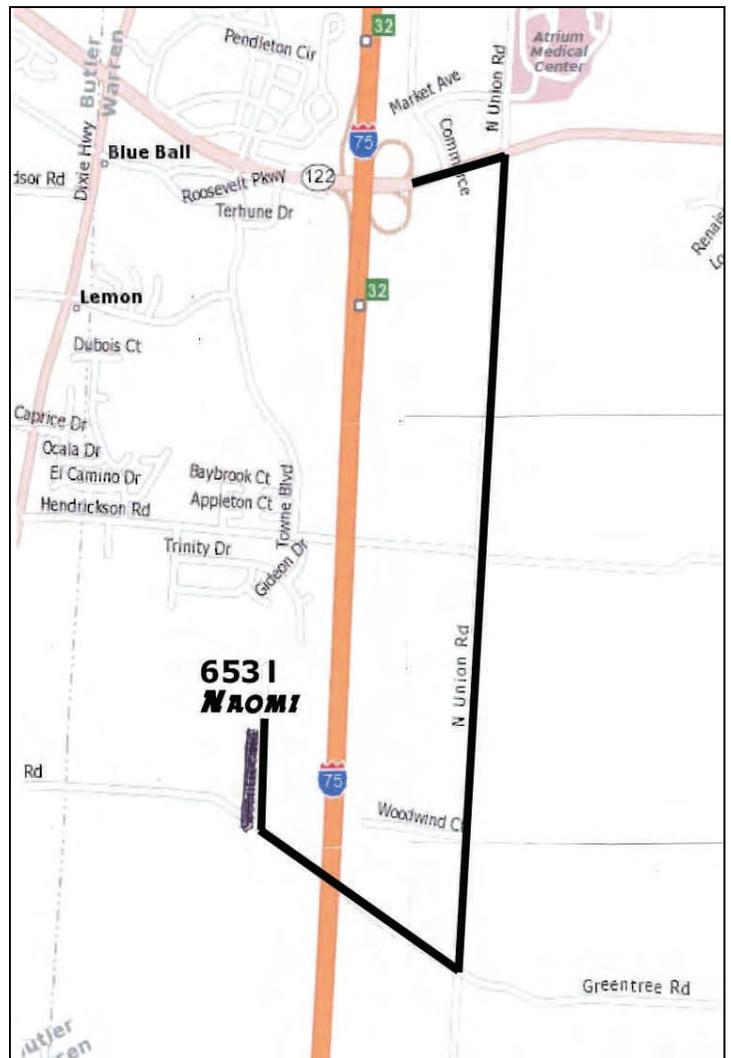
Summary of the three layouts

Bob Lawson's comments

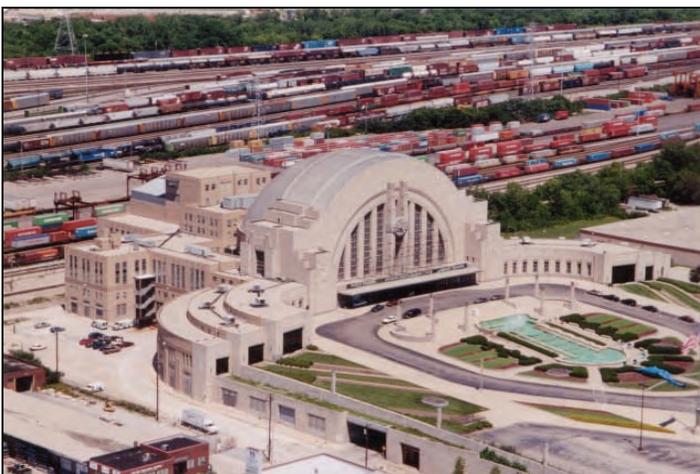
Bob Lawson ... Southern Railway in the late 1940's. Mostly steam with plenty of detailed scenes, mountains, industries, and trains. This year you'll see a number of new industrial scenes, and other changes from last year.

Dave Davenport ... West Virginia mountain scenery. Mountains with a higher table height providing a very direct viewing of the operating trains. Period is the 1990's with long coal trains. Walk around with good backdrop scenery creating individual scenes.

John Miller ... Greater Cincinnati in the 1970's. Great concept using the seven railroads that served Cincinnati during that time. Diesel locomotives with sound, and long trains of coal and other modern freight cars. Many industrial buildings from kits, with some kit bashed. Great lettering and weathering on everything. John is establishing an operating program for this very large layout.



To get to Lawson's, leave I-75 north of Cincinnati at exit 32. This exit is a half clover leaf, shown at the top of the map above. Turn left from the exit ramp and go east on OH 122. Turn right onto N. Union Road. Go south to Greentree Road and turn right onto Greentree. After crossing I-75 turn right onto Naomi.



Cincinnati Union Terminal

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The order of the tours has changed from that on page 6

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The map below shows the location of Dave Davenport's home at 5391 Wandering Way, Mason, Ohio. To get to Wandering Way, leave I-75 at exit **24** and merge onto OH 129 going west towards Hamilton. Take the first ramp off of 129, turning right onto Cincinnati Dayton Road. In less than 2 miles turn right onto Milikin Road. Heading east on Milikin, it becomes Brewer Road. Brewer Road is shown on the map at the left arrow. In about a mile and a half, turn right onto Clubcommons Drive. You'll turn left onto Bentwood, then right onto Broken Ridge, and right onto Wandering Way. 5391 will be on the left.

To get to Bob Lawson's from Dave's, go back to Brewer Road and turn right. Go east a short distance to Mason Montgomery Road (top right arrow). Go north on Mason Montgomery until it ends at Hamilton Road. Turn left onto Hamilton and drive to Nickel Road. Go right on Nickel. You're headed north. Nickel has a left bend, and after the bend, turn right onto S. Union Rd. Go north on S. Union Road until you get to OH 63 at the RR tracks. Continue north across OH 63 onto N. Union Road. Follow N. Union Road to Greentree Road, turn left and go over I-75 to Naomi. Once you get on Greentree, you're on the map that is on page 6.

Map of 5391 Wandering Way Mason, OH by MapQuest

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CONVENTION, from 1

The Operation Special Interest Group set up a layout for operation that had a 200 foot main line. They used a car card system, and people could sign up for an operation session.

I learned that there is a new online magazine: <http://model-railroad-hobbyist.com/>. The most recent issue has 120 pages. Each page fills one screen. Call it up and you will see instructions on how to open it.

The convention show was on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Those registered for the convention could go in on Friday morning for free. The paying public came in at noon. There were many vendors, and many manufacturers were there showing off their new products. As usual, I over spent, but heck, it's only once a year!

Some 860 were preregistered. Another 200 were expected to walk in. The attendance was down, as we would expect given the current economy. Still, it was a very good convention. I learned a number of new things and was inspired by seeing the work of others. There were as many as seven clinics going on at any one time, so you had to be selective. The ones I attended were all very good to excellent.

It was as very intense week, but very worthwhile. Next summer the convention will be in Milwaukee, the home of Walthers and Model Railroader. It will mark the 75th anniversary of the NMRA. The dates are July 11-17. I hope I can attend since it will be in the heart of model railroading activity.

— Bill Paulsell

August NMRA Info Net -- up-to-date news of what's going on in the NMRA.

- The [Hartford Convention](#) drew over 1,000 attendees and returned a surplus larger than the Anaheim and Detroit conventions combined.
- [28%](#) of Hartford Convention registrants used online registration.
- Volunteers at the NMRA Membership booth, headed by Jody Hendricks and "Doc" Robert Chait, signed up [over 250 new NMRA members](#) at the National Train Show in Hartford.
- The [RailPass program](#) (\$9.95 for a six-month trial membership) is increasingly successful, with about 45% of those signing up for RailPasses converting to Regular memberships when it's time to renew. This is up from 35% at this time last year.
- The first in a new series of [NMRA Data Sheets](#) is ready for publication. They'll first appear in *Scale Rails* and then be placed on a members-only section of www.nmra.org.
- [Want to host a National Convention?](#) The Board is still accepting bids. The 2014 convention is scheduled to be held in the central portion of North America. Interested host groups should contact Henry Jordan at nmracd@aol.com.
- Highlights from the [Board of Directors meeting](#):
- [Major topics](#) included retaining and attracting members, reducing the cost of attending National Conventions, and moving the Howell Day Model Railroad Museum and Kalmbach Memorial Library to the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento, CA.
- Treasurer Tom Draper reported that the [NMRA is operating at a surplus](#) through May 31, 2009. He also noted that membership remains steady at around 19,500.
- [Revenues for Scale Rails](#) were up this year, over the same period in 2008.
- The Board [approved a \\$1,000 fund](#) to enable the Standards and Conformance Department to purchase products through normal retail channels, ensuring that all samples are typical of those being purchased by consumers. Models purchased through this program will be sold in the Silent Auction at the National Convention.
- The Board voted to [end the "Patron" category](#) since it closely resembled the "Sustaining" class of membership.
- Tom Draper will soon retire as Treasurer, to be replaced by [Kevin Feeney](#), former Eastern District Director. Mr. Draper has taken over the duties of Marketing, Advertising, and Promotion (MAP) Manager.
- Nominations Chair Frank Koch stepped down and has been replaced by [Standards & Conformance Manager Didrik Voss](#). The Nominating Committee is currently soliciting candidates for the office of Western District Director.
- The Board viewed a presentation of turning *Scale Rails* into an [electronic publication](#). The Board has not yet made a decision about whether to explore this venue further.

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NEWSLETTER FOR NMRA DIVISION 10

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NEXT MEETING

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NMRA MEMBERS

LAWSON'S HO SCALE LAYOUT
6531 NAOMI
NEAR MONROE, OHIO

AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE/TIME	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
Sept.	5 (Sat.)	Bob Lawson	6531 Naomi, near Monroe, Ohio, north of Cincinnati about 10:30.	NMRA MEMBERS and spouses ONLY. Field Trip beginning at Lawson's. Carpooling from Turfland Mall at 8 AM	Lawson's, Dave Davenport's and John Miller's	
Oct.	4	Campbell	242 Calmes Blvd., Winchester, KY. 1:45 PM	Field trip	George Campbell	
Nov.	1	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, East Short St., 2 PM	Mike Baskette—Improving plastic details on rolling stock	Ed Sims	
Dec.	6	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, East Short St., 2 PM	Jerry Ashley—Weathering		
Jan.	3	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, East Short St., 2 PM	Bob Weinheimer	Pete Birdsong	

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