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## Bob Lawson's Cincinnati Model Railroad



Bob Lawson, host on the Division 10's Cincinnati area tour in September.



Plymale's Gymnasium on Bob Lawson's Ohio layout. The billboard above the building includes Fred's picture from this era.

This railroad has been in the planning mode for several years. The home that was built was based on the necessary space for a model railroad as I thought it might evolve.

I use the term evolve because I have never been one to try to plan a completed track plan, and then relate the scenery to it. My plan here is to model the feeling of the CNO&TP division of the Southern Railway. The railroad runs from Chattanooga to Cincinnati, going through central Kentucky and Danville, Ky. Many features of my Danville railroad have been included in this one. The HO layout is based on the late 1940's to 1951 with steam and some diesel locomotives.

I have been building structures and scenes for this Ohio railroad for several years in my Danville workshop, as well as here in Ohio. I am maintaining the Danville layout, but not adding to it at this time.

My style has always been to plan the basic mainline track, and let the rest be based on how the scenery, buildings, and scenes dictate. I like to have trains operating in the most realistic surroundings possible. I spend a lot of time placing buildings, working on ground elevations, and try to make sure there will be operational fun for several.

The railroad room is 52 feet by 34 feet. The ceiling is 9 feet, which allows for different lighting techniques. I have an open workshop and crew lounge in sight of the main layout room. I started on the left side, which is in Tennessee. The first area is the coal field, which I named the Tennessee Consolidated Coal Company, near Shelby City. This is served by the NC&StL, which interchanges with the Southern in Chattanooga.

All of the original sections of the layout have four mainlines, two for each railroad. The Southern serves industries in Harriman, Oakdale, and Spring City.

## The Super's Column by Bill Paulsell

The Cincinnati visit was a real treat. Being caught in UK football traffic as we crossed the bridge was a bit frustrating, but after that it was smooth sailing. David Davenport's layout is beautiful, reflecting fine craftsmanship and interesting design. It is very large, and we were also impressed by his excellent workshop. Would that ours were all so well equipped.

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

Created by Pete Birdsong, written by Mike Armstrong

Rivets: Hey, Larry! What's up?

Larry: I was just lookin' at the stuff I wanted to bid on oobay.

Rivets: See any good deals?

Larry: Oh, yeah, if yer rich!

Rivets: No bargains?

Larry: Everyone in this country knows the economy is in a down swing except the sellers on oobay.

Rivets: Yeah, I know whacha mean. Some of those sellers don't know the difference between a packing box and a paper bag.

Larry: Yeah, I can't count the times I bought something "Mint In Box" and it gets here with some thing busted! And it's all dusty. And the starting bids are way high! I saw this F unit a guy has listed for \$189.95. He listed it three times and it never sold. So he lists it a fourth time and drops the price...one dollar!

Rivets: So, make him an offer.

Larry: I did. And you can guess how that turned out. I wrote him a letter and told him that if he lowered his price enough, people would bid.

Rivets: How'd that work out.

Larry: He wrote back and told me to do something bad.

Rivets: Well, Larry, what can I say. There is always your local hobby shop. They seem to have as good a deals if not better than oobay.

Larry: I know, Rivets, but now and then, something good happens.

Rivets: Probably more then than now!

Larry: And then there are the guys who spend more space describin' what will happen to ya if ya don't pay attention...more space than describin' the item. One guy even wrote me a letter: You sound dopey, customer. If broke, tough. If dusty, tough. If got bat guana all over it, tough. If mouse eat off brake wheel, I will find it and send it to you so you get revenge. No refund, no return, no whinnin'. What kind of note is that?

Rivets: Well, at least ya know where ya stand.

Larry: Yeah, in the middle of nowhere.

Rivets: Well, if ya don't like the way it works, why don't ya stop biddin' on stuff on oobay?

Larry: Are you kiddin' Rivets?! That's where all the good deals are! Besides, ya might find somethin' rare.

Rivets: Larry, the only thing rare on oobay is a good deal on model train stuff!

Larry: And look at this Big Boy. Now that was a steal!

Rivets: You mean the one with the missing valve gear, bell, and whistle, and the broken stirrups, and scratches on the tender?

Larry: Aw, anyone can fix those things.

Rivets: Larry, listen to yourself! Now yer talkin' like eBay is the best thing goin'? That's not how this conversation started!

Larry: Well, Rivets, ya talked me into staying with oobay. Thanks!

Rivets: Don't mention it, Larry, ever again!

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Bob Lawson was his usual gracious self, welcoming us all warmly, pointing out new things on his layout, answering our questions and offering us a fine lunch. Bob's layout is magnificent, but the most outstanding feature is his structures. Many are scratch built and all finely detailed.

John Miller's layout is also huge, featuring steel mill models and an intriguing track plan. All three men were fine welcoming hosts. One of the characteristics of all three layouts is that there was no place you could stand and see the entire layout. They were so large and used a variety of view blocks to stimulate your curiosity about what was around the next bend.

Unfortunately, George Campbell, who was to host our October meeting in his home in Winchester, has to be out of town that day had to cancel our visit. So, we will resume meeting at Central Christian Church in the Watkins Building, which is next to the main church building on East Short Street. Enter from the rear of the building. Pete Birdsong graciously offered to do a program for us. Pete is an excellent modeler, and whatever he presents will be worthwhile (see page 8).

I have been thinking a lot about our group lately. We are small, but have had quality programs and layout visits. I receive a number of newsletters from other divisions in our region. Division 1 in the Louisville area has 88 NMRA members. Division 2 in the

northern Ohio area currently has 253. Division 7 in Cincinnati claims 300 members. Our latest list from the national office names 63 members for our group, many of whom we never see. If you are a member, we hope you will come to our meetings. We have a wonderful group of people, our programs are very helpful, and the layout visits are fun. For me, model railroading is more fun when you can do it with others. We learn from each other and help is only a phone call away.

Thanks to Larry Smith, one of our newest members, for agreeing to take charge of "Bring and Brag". Larry was active in the Atlanta NMRA and hold three Achievement Program certificates. He will be an asset to our contest program and to our board as a new member. We are grateful to Ron Kercheval for the fine work he did with Bring and Brag. Other responsibilities required that he give it up for now.

After a summer of travel visits, it will be good to get back into our regular routine. I hope to see you at Central Christian on October 4, 2:00 PM.

Division 10, MCR, NMRA <b>Treasurer's Report</b> August 2009	
Beginning Balance (Aug. 1, 2009)	\$2757.97
Lantern—August	(74.37)
T P & A Rent	(50.00)
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Contributions	25.00
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## BRING & BRAG

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## TOUR

NONE

## AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE/TIME	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
Oct.	4	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg. Central Christian Church, East Short St., 2 PM	Pete Birdsong—Building logging disconnects, and converter software		
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	Alan Brock	
Jan.	3	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, East Short St., 2 PM	Bob Weinheimer—Operations on the PA	Pete Birdsong	
Feb.	7	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, East Short St., 2 PM	Wendell Greer—Signs	Fred Plymale	

**The trip October 4th to George Campbell's in Winchester has been cancelled. We will meet at the Watkins Building, Central Christian Church, on E. Short Street at 2 OHIO Oct 24-25, noon to 5, Div. 7 Model Railroad Show, Lakota West High School, west off I-75 exit 19**