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## The Super's Column

We had an excellent trip to Danville in June. John Bowling's layout is stunning. There is just no other word for it. It is very large, full of beautiful structures, populated by many figures, and trains traverse an interesting track plan. Although we had seen it last year and thought it was great then, he has done more work on it and is even talking of possible expansion. Building structures is his real love in model railroading. He has more than will fit on the layout, and they are scattered all over the room and the upstairs area.

Our next trip in August 1 will be to the Grosser's in Eubank. They sold their HO layout and have now built one in O Scale. It looked good last summer when we saw it, but after a year's more development there will be more to see. Renee and Ray are always ready to share their knowledge. I have learned many things about structure building from Renee.

In September we will visit Bob Lawson's layout north of Cincinnati. Bob is also a fantastic structures builder, and you can learn a lot just looking at his work. Bob is a gracious host and ready to share his knowledge when anyone asks.

In the afternoon we will visit *EnterTRAINment Junction*, a huge G Scale layout (see page 4). The admission charge will depend on how many of us go. You can also buy a tour of the behind the scenes layout area. It is quite something to see.

I hope you are having a good summer. I have done major surgery on my layout, eliminating grades so that I can run longer trains. My steam engines didn't like my steep grades. Some people are working on Achievement Certificates. Some are hosting operation sessions. Layout construction is taking place. There is a lot going on in model railroading in Lexington. This is a great time to be part of the NMRA.

— Bill Paulsell

## REPORT ON THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

By Bill Paulsell

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary convention of the NMRA met in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 11-18. Our organization was founded in 1935 (the year I was born) as was *Model Railroader* magazine. At that time there were no standards, and clubs discovered that they could not interchange equipment. The hobby has made tremendous progress in these 75 years, going from a time when →

almost everything had to be scratch built to today's highly detailed, ready to run equipment with standards that benefits all.

The celebration was a time for a new logo and the *Scale Rails* magazine is changing its name to the *NMRA Magazine*. The initials NMRA now become the new brand, like NFL or NBA. Plans are under way to improve the website and put the photo library on line. One trustee reported at a session that the officers know that what we all want is more emphasis on divisions and regions. To that end a new handbook for regions and divisions is being developed. Nothing in it will be binding, but it will contain ideas and suggestions for us to use. There will be some minor changes in the structure of the organization. Since most of the important work is done by volunteers, there may be some expansion of offices to spread the workload more efficiently.

The convention followed its usual format with layout tours, clinics, and contests. I took a few photos of contest entries and will bring them to the October meeting. I saw some amazing modeling in the contest room. The judging is very strict, and some models that I thought were excellent got low scores.

I spent most of my time in clinics. I mainly went to clinics on scratchbuilding and operation. The first one I attended was on building an interlocking tower. The presenter took us through the process step by step, beginning with measuring the prototype

He said that if you know the size of a brick and the size of the wood siding, you can pretty much determine the dimensions of the building. The prototype was made more complicated by two later additions to the building, but these made it a more interesting structure. He showed the entire building process as well as how he developed the interior. One presenter said he liked scratchbuilding because he did not have to read instructions!

A second clinic on building craftsman kits was present by Andy Sperandio, the Executive Editor of *Model Railroader*. His focus was on building resin freight car kits, which is one way to have unique rolling stock that you won't see on most layouts. Unfortunately, I learned that one of the major producers of resin kits, Westerfield, is going out of business.

Sam Swanson gave an excellent clinic called "Seven Simple Buildings." He took small buildings and made them look like contest quality structures. Fortunately, he will give that clinic for us at our October meeting. I highly recommend it. He has a good article on page 18 in the new issue of *NMRA Magazine*.

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Lantern (June)	-53.75
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## Witless & Clueless

### The Continuing Saga of Larry Loungecar and Rivets O'Reilly

Written by Mike Armstrong

Rivets: Hey, Larry, what's new?

Larry: What's new? Have you seen the recent issues of Model Railroad News or Model Railroader or any of a dozen or more mags? Everything is new.

Rivets: It sure is different than when we were kids. If ya wanted it, ya had to build it from scratch.

Larry: Tell me about it! My grandpa made all kinds of great stuff. Today it seems like we are all in a hurry to get a layout up and running, so we plop down all the ready made stuff and we are happy as a fly in jello.

Rivets: You mean jelly?

Larry: The flies at my house get jello or nothin'!

Rivets: Whatever. I still enjoy scratch buildin'.

Larry: I suppose when my eyes and fingers go, I'll enjoy ready made stuff too.

Rivets: Judgin' by some of your stuff, your eyes and fingers went a long time ago.

Larry: Well, I am kinda biblical about those things: Judge not that ye be not judged.

Rivets: I don't think Jesus was a model railroader.

Larry: You got your theology and I got mine! Ya don't know that for sure.

Rivets: Larry, let's talk about somethin' else.

Larry: I remember when the first hobby shop came to a town about twelve miles from my house. Man was that excitin'. One day a friend of mine and I walked the whole way and back.

Rivets: Walked?

Larry: Yeah. I was fifteen and used to hitchhike everywhere. My friends mom wouldn't let 'im hitchhike...so we walked. I wanted to go to the hobby shop and he wanted to see a girl he met.

Rivets: You walked? I think I'da hitchhiked anyway. Let my friend take his lumps.

Larry: You would do that to me?

Rivets: I thought it was yer friend who couldn't hitchhike.

Larry: Yeah, now I remember. But I'll tell ya, I had a pocket full of money and was ready to buy. I bought two armloads of stuff...couldn't carry it all.

Rivets: How'd ya get it home?

Larry: I bought a wagon to put the stuff in.

Rivets: You pulled a wagon of train stuff twelve miles.

Larry: Not exactly. I got tired of pullin' so we were passing a house in the country where these kids were sellin' lemonade.

Rivets: I'll bet that was refreshing.

Larry: Are you kiddin'? Those four boys looked like they had been rollin' in a coal bin. I didn't drink the stuff they made.

Rivets: I'm not followin'.

Larry: They had a pet goat. I bought the goat to pull the wagon.

Rivets: So what did yer parents say when ya got home?

Larry: Rivets, my dad could barbeque anything on a grill. For realism, I put goat guts in my new reefers.

Rivets: In yer new reefers. You do know that model reefers are not really refrigerated don't ya?

Larry: Well, after a few days I had to clean the cars...it stunk pretty bad.

Rivets: So, ya walked twelve miles to buy train stuff, a wagon and a goat and ya put goat guts in yer new reefers that ya ended up cleanin' Larry, you've done some crazy things, but this one...

Larry: Well, Rivets, like most things in model railroadin', ya learn as ya go.

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There was a clinic on "Line Poles and Pole Lines" that showed how to add an important detail to a layout. Another was on "Taking Your Structures from Standard to Stellar."

Wayne Wesolowski makes very large scale models, including models of mansions, churches, government buildings, courthouses, and other notable structures. His basic method is resin casting. He did a great clinic on modeling tips from 50 years of experience. My favorite of his clinics, however, which I had attended before at another convention but wanted to see again, was on the Lincoln Funeral Train. He described the train, its travels from city to city where services were held in many places with large crowds, and the different locomotives that pulled it. Huge crowds gathered to see it go by, and at night they built bonfires so it could be seen. He then described how he built a large museum model of it, again using resin castings from his own masters.

Gerry Albers presented clinics on electronics, and I attended one called AC-DC-DCC. It was very clear and very interesting. He will present a clinic for us on signaling in the Spring.

Tony Koester presented a clinic on operation on his new Nickel Plate layout. Allen McClelland gave one on operation on his Virginian and Ohio railroad. Another presentation was on operation on a layout that modeled a switching area between Houston and Galveston, Texas. Bill Schaumburg, the editor of *Railroad Model Craftsman*, had clinic on commuter rail operation.

There were several other clinics on operation. Most groups use car cards, timetables and train orders, bills of lading, and other paperwork. Having spent most of my career burdened by paperwork, that element does not appeal to me even if it is prototypical. I like the simple switch lists that we use in Lexington operating sessions. One presenter said, "Operation is an extension of good modeling."

The most entertaining clinic I attended was on weathering locomotives with an airbrush. The presenter demonstrated his technique by weathering a Dr. Pepper can. He uses only four colors: Rust, Engine Black, Gray, and Roof Brown. He also weathered a small truck during the clinic. When asked if he weathered structures, he said, "Nothing goes on my layout until it is weathered!"

These are just examples of the many clinics available. There are three in the morning, three in the afternoon, and three in the evening. I have found that two out of every three works well for me.

There were a number of things for spouses to do. Sally went on a tour of three major churches and a synagogue, known for their unique architecture. One was built from material of the Chicago Post Office when it was demolished. Another was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. A visit to the Milwaukee Art Museum was a real treat; it is a magnificent building.

It was a good convention; I learned a lot and brought home new ideas for my layout and a number of new items from the show. The show featured some fine layouts and manufacturers' exhibits as well as dealers. The next convention will be in Sacramento, Calif.

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## AROUND THE BEND

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Aug.	14	BGRM	Woodford Co. Fair- grounds, Versailles, Ky.	Planes, Trains & Automobiles Show	Free admission, 10—5	
Sept.	11	Div. 10	Saturday trip to north of Cincinnati (I-75 exit 29)	Lawson's HO and EnterTRAIN- ment Junction	Bob Lawson	
Oct..	3	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church, 2 PM	Seven simple structures, Sam Swanson; new officers	Pete Birdsong	Returns
Nov.	7	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church, 2 PM	Mistakes I've made scratch build- ing, Eric Zabilka	Clay Faulkner	

Mark your calendar on Saturday, September 11th. We will be carpooling, leaving about 8 AM for a trip to 30 miles north of Cincinnati. The first stop is at Bob Lawson's to see his HO layout. From there we'll go to the "EnterTRAINment Junction". There you will see 25,000 square feet of the world's largest indoor train display (<http://www.entertainmentjunction.com/>). There is an entrance fee at the Junction. Lawson's location is north of exit 29 off of I-75, and the Junction is at exit 22 off of I-75 in Ohio.