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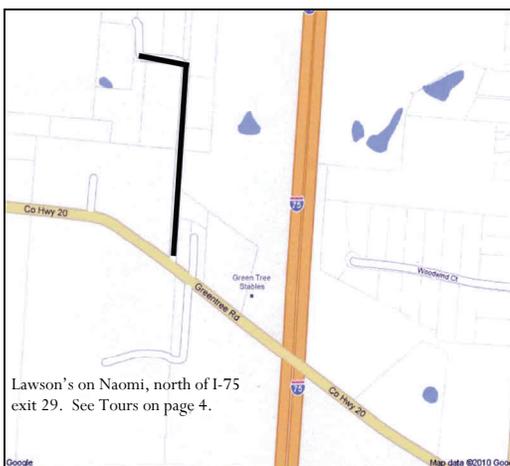


The Super's Column by Bill Paulsell

The visit to the Grosser's layout was a fine excursion. Reneé and Ray offered their usual warm and friendly hospitality, explaining things and answering our questions. The layout had developed quite a bit since our visit last year. Reneé had built many new structures, many with full interiors and lighting. Power lines had been strung from pole to pole around most of the layout, adding an important touch of realism. Static grass and other scenic touches added to the overall ambiance of their work. It is a great privilege for all of us to know such outstanding modelers.

Next on the agenda is our visit to Bob Lawson's layout north of Cincinnati. He is also an excellent modeler, and it

will be fun to see what has developed on the layout since our last visit. We will also have the option of visiting a huge commercial G Scale layout. Admission price will depend on how many of us are there.



At the national convention I had a few brief conversations with Sam Swanson who will present a clinic for us at our October meeting. His picture is on page 21 of the new *NMRA Magazine*. He entered a scratchbuilt log loader which won first place in the non-revenue category. It also won the Gold Award for Best of Show and the Most Innovative Model award, sponsored by Bachmann. Sam is a fantastic modeler and a very fine person. I know you will enjoy his clinic when we resume our meetings.

One of the great things about the NMRA is having access to outstanding model railroaders who are ready to share their knowledge and experience with us.

Several of us will be attending the Narrow Gauge Convention in St. Charles, Mo., September 1-4. I'm not into narrow gauge, but the modeling techniques are universal, and I expect to learn things that will be helpful in trying to accomplish what is needed for the structure certificate.

The Room at Central Christian Church has been reserved for our 2010-2011 meetings. Now that you will always know where we will meet, I hope to see you when we meet again in October.

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Bring and Brag

Witless & Clueless

The Continuing Saga of Larry Loungear and Rivets O'Reilly

Written by Mike Armstrong

Rivets: Hi, Larry. Whatcha been up to?

Larry: Hey, Rivets, I been working on a magazine article for *Module Modeler*.

Rivets: Never heard of it. Is it a US mag?

Larry: Of course it is, Rivets. Here is my latest copy.

Rivets: Larry, what kind of modelin' is this about? All I see are pictures of boards and saws.

Larry: It is for every kind of modelin', Rivets. Things other than trains need modules for display, but I write from the 'spective of a train modeler.

Rivets: What's the circulation? Fifteen?

Larry: You'd be surprised at how many module builders there are.

Rivets: Larry, this guy looks like he doesn't build anything BUT modules. Look at these pictures. Nothin' but modules. What kind of modeler is he?

Larry: Rivets, that is what I'm tryin' to tell ya, he is a module modeler.

Rivets: With a room full o' modules?

Larry: That is the beauty of it, Rivets. When he gets ready to model something, he already has his modules.

Rivets: What's the subscription cost?

Larry: Two hundred fifty a year.

Rivets: Geez, Larry. They won't sell many at that rate.

Larry: Well, at that rate, they won't have to sell many issues. Ya get it six times a year.

Rivets: I 'spose you got a module around.

Larry: I got fifteen two feet by four feet modules. I could build another layout.

Rivets: If ya had the room.

Larry: If I had the room...But look at all the skills I'm learnin'. Gluing and pasting and cutting and...

Rivets: All the things my kids learned in kindergarten.

Larry: Rivets, don't be so sarcastic. I have learned a lot of cool stuff bein' in the group. I can now build a module from start to finish in an hour and a half.

Rivets: Is it square?

Larry: Nobody's written a article on how to do that, yet. We just try to get close. I have all the back issues.

Rivets: All one of 'em?

Larry: Aw, Rivets give me a little credit. There are three. Ya get all the back issues with your subscription.

Rivets: Larry, LarRY, LaRRY, LARRY!!! You make me crazy with some of the things you get mixed up in.

Larry: Well, Rivets, ya gotta admit one thing...it's always interestin'.

Rivets: That it is, Larry. That it is.

Larry: Say, Rivets, ya got any room at home for a few modules. I am makin' six more. Thought maybe you could get some of these out of my way.

Summer will soon be over and we will again be meeting inside the church. It will be time for the new season of Bring and Brag which will begin in October. We had a good year last year but as I mentioned earlier, I would like for us to have a little more participation this coming year. I said I would try to bring one more model this year than last, and if we all can do that, our participation should grow. One more could be your first time to participate as a model bringer. Remember, the goal of Bring and Brag is to increase our modeling skills and to have fun.

We are going to try something a little different with the Bring and Brag modeling topics for this coming year. We will have some of the familiar topics, but we are going to try some different ones to see what the response will be. I have some ideas, but I am interested in your suggestions for a modeling topic for future Bring and Brags. We will continue our judging sheets we used last year. One month when we will not use them is January, when we will have you bring in one of your favorite train related Christmas gifts. I am looking forward to a good year and some fun. The topic for October is **Revenue cars**.

— Larry K. Smith

June 5, 2010, Division 7, MCR, toured the three local area layouts of Pete Birdsong, Pat Gerstle, and Fred Plymale. The following was written by Fred about the tour at his house:

It was a fun event and I learned a lot from the visitors and their comments. Pete Birdsong ran the Shay route from the FSM sawmill thru two switchbacks up to the top of Cheat mountain while Bob Lawson ran two MTH engines with smoke and sound pulling a freight and passenger train. The trains ran better than I had expected for a tour of this size, thanks to both Pete and Bob.

The visitors took many photos and there were lots of nice comments and questions regarding the layout. The waterfront scene, as well as the town on the hill with the burlesque house, were hits as was the infamous "Red Light" district. I had just made and installed over 100 more trees using Scenic Express products and was pleased with the positive comments and questions about how I made the trees. Perhaps I should do a mini clinic on that subject.

What really surprised me was the attention and comments regarding the farm scenes. I guess it's because they usually see lots of roundhouses and structures on tours but not many rural scenes with corn and pumpkin crops, and the hay field that was made using hair from our Cavalier King Charles Spaniels.

I learned that ladies see lots of things that many men overlook. They noticed the bee hives and were discussing what brand of tomatoes were growing in the garden next to the farm house. One commented that the burlesque house was a little close to the town church but had no problem with the girls sunbathing on the cabin cruiser.

One visitor said "he has better structures on his shelf than I have on my layout". Another asked his wife "why can't you paint backdrops for me like that?" It was a fun visit.

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AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE/TIME	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
Sept.	11	Div. 10	Saturday trip to north of Cincinnati (I-75 exit 29) arrival at 10:30	Lawson's HO and EnterTRAINment Junction	Bob Lawson	None
Oct.	3	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church, 2 PM	Seven simple structures, Sam Swanson; new officers	Pete Birdsong	Revenue Cars
Nov.	6	Div. 3	Hara Arena, 1001 Shiloh Springs Rd., Dayton, Ohio	Dayton Train Show, 11 AM to 5 PM	G-O-S-HO-N-Z layouts	
Nov.	7	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church, 2 PM	Mistakes I've made scratch building, Eric Zabilka	Clay Faulkner	Your favorite locomotive
Dec.	5	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church, 2 PM	Techniques in scratch building, Renee Grosser	Joe Holbrook	Box cars

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.entertrainmentjunction.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.