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## Message From The Superintendent

The clinic at Sunday's meeting will be another good one you won't want to miss. Wendell Greer has a layout with an excellent lighting system. His clinic is "Overhead Lighting Concepts". The clinic will give all of us a lot of the information and tips we need to install a good lighting system on our layouts and in buildings.

After the clinic, we have two excellent and very different tours. Bill Crace is a former NMRA member and has one the best collections of three rail Lionel/MTH collections in the city. His large operating layout has a beautiful stone trestle and scenery that sets it apart from many other layouts. Bill has had a lot of help from his wife AK with the scenery and like many of us in smaller scales, negotiations are under way for more trackage rights for expansion.

Our other tour is the VRRC or Virtual Reality Railroad Co. Ruth and Charlie Hamrin are members of the Cincinnati Garden Railroad Club. Their beautiful layout has been on local TV and they really have a BIG bridge. Anyone who has any interest in building a garden railroad needs to see this railroad and get ac-

quainted with Ruth and Charlie. They are enthusiastic railroaders who love to show their layout and share their knowledge. Garden railroading has become one of the most popular and fastest growing segments of model railroading. Do you think "trackage rights" might be easier to obtain in the back yard than in the basement?

Flying back from The Great Scale Train Show in Timonium, MD Sunday evening, Bob Lawson suggested we add a "How To" or "Tips" column to The Lantern. It's a great idea and Bob has volunteered to contribute some articles to the column next month. If any member has a modeling idea, tip or technique that works for you, please share it with us by sending it to Pete Birdsong to be published on a space available basis each month. The mission of our division is to meet the needs of model railroaders in our area by sharing what we know and help develop the skills we all need to get more enjoyment from our hobby in any scale.

Plans for the Somerset/NMRA show on Sept 16 and 17 are moving along nicely. We are still looking for good operating displays to set up for the show. Also, table rentals are inexpen

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& ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Achievement Awards**

Pete Birdsong: Golden Spike and M.R Engineer - electrical

Joe Holbrook: M.R. Engineer - electrical

**New Members**

Please welcome Kip Sulham, John D Lathrop and David Reed, who have all joined since our last meeting.

**Superintendent's Message**

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sive for those of you who have a lot of railroad items you want to sell or trade. Div. 10 will operate a "White Elephant" table to sell items for those of you that don't have enough surplus equipment to justify renting a table of your own and be there two full days. IMPORTANT! We will need volunteers to help set up operating displays, man the "White Elephant" table and membership booth. More on this event next month. Division 10 Model Railroading is Fun!!! See you Sunday.

*Fred*



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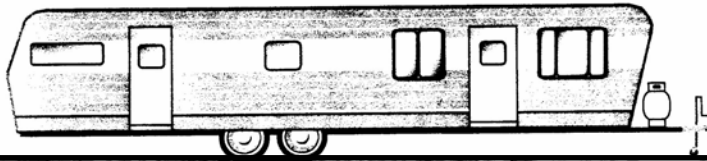
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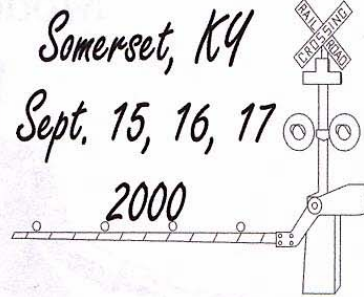
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## MEMBER PROFILES

## Bill Paulsell



Bill lives at 2269 Camberling Drive in Lexington with his wife, Sally. He grew up in "Big D" (Dallas), and is a graduate of TCU and Vanderbilt.

He began modeling at age 6 when he received a Marx set for Christmas. He graduated to Lionel, and began HO in junior high school, and worked at a Dallas hobby shop as a teenager.

Bill resumed model railroading after graduate school, and taught at Barton College in North Carolina for 19 years. He later served as Dean and President at Lexington Theological Seminary (1981-1992). He finished his career as Senior Minister of North Christian Church in Columbus, Indiana, 1992-1997, where he established a model railroad club. He returned to Lexington in 1998 upon retirement.

He joined the Bluegrass Railroad Club during his first Lexington stay, and has been a current member since his return.

Bill has an 18 X 10 HO layout currently, as well as a small Lionel layout "for his grandchildren," Amanda and Theo. The HO layout is controlled by Digitrax DCC. The primary interest is in Norfolk & Southern, which began as an interest in Southern. The layout is called the Lexington, Tennessee and Southern (LTS). It's motto is "Usually on Time."

His current big project is a garden road, displayed on a recent NMRA tour.

# Witless vs Clueless

*Rivets O'Reilly and Larry Loungecar*

## "The Test Bench"

*Larry:* Hey, Rivets, howya doin'?

*Rivets:* Pretty good, Larry; how 'bout you?

*Larry:* Great! Whatcha doin'?

*Rivets:* I've been testin' and tunin' my engines, Larry.

*Larry:* Sounds like work. How do you go about it, Rivets?

*Rivets:* It ain't work, Larry. I put 'em on my test bench and run 'em through the tests. You do have a test bench, don'tcha?

*Larry:* Well, uh, sure, Rivets. Whatcha got on yours?

*Rivets:* Just a few things, Larry – a test track with a power supply, voltmeter, ammeter, ohmmeter, scale, oscilloscope, dynamometer, radioisotope transponder, metallurgy stress inducer – what about you?

*Larry:* Uh....same as you..

*Rivets:* Really?

*Larry:* Naw, not really. I've never even heard of some of the things you said, Rivets. Are you serious?

*Rivets:* Not really, Larry. I've got some of those things, but some I just made up. But seriously, how do you test your engines?

*Larry:* I put 'em on the track, and if they run, they pass. Whatta you do?

*Rivets:* Mainly I check to see if they need a little lubrication, but I usually also weigh 'em and check their pullin' power with a scale, and their amperage at various voltages, like the product reviews in some of the magazines.

*Larry:* That's interestin', Rivets. Whatta you do with all that information?

*Rivets:* I keep it in a log, Larry, and calculate how many cars the engines can pull. How do you figure that?

*Larry:* I hook up as may as I want, and if it won't pull 'em, I add another engine, or take off some cars.

*Rivets:* How'd we ever get to be friends, Larry?

*Larry:* I dunno, Rivets, but that's the great thing about this hobby, when two people as different as you and me can be friends, right?

*Rivets:* Yeah, but sometimes you just make me wanna cry, Larry.

*Larry:* Go ahead, Rivets, it'll do you good.

### Member Aid

For help with modeling problems call Joe Holbrook, Member Aid Chairman, for expert, free help, cheerfully given.

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| <b>AROUND THE BEND....</b> |
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**August**

**Aug. 6:** NMRA MCR Div. 10: 2:00pm Beaumont Center Library.  
Clinic: Judging For NMRA Standards.- Frank Koch, MCR AP Chair  
Tours: Wes Ross, Bill Robbins

**September**

**Sep. 3rd:** NMRA MCR Div. 10: 2:00pm, Danville, KY.  
Clinic, Tour & BBQ: Bob Lawson  
**Sep. 16-17th:** Somerset "Railroad Days" Train

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**October**

**Oct. 1:** NMRA MCR Div . 10: 2:00pm at Beaumont Library.  
Clinic: Woodland Scenics - Diorama and "30 miles in 3" Master Model Railroader Miles & Fran Hale  
Tours: Wendell Greer and Joe Holbrook

**NEXT MEETING:**

Sunday, July 2, 2:00 pm at Eagle Creek Library.  
Clinic: Layout Lighting by Wendell Greer.  
Tours: Bill Crace, Ruth and Charlie Hamrin

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