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## Louisville Layout Tour! November 16

Saturday, November 16th is a red letter day for Div. 10 members. Div. 8 in Louisville is hosting a cookout and layout tour for us starting at 11:00 am at Bluegrass Junction, their new home for several of their portable layouts. This is an exchange tour for their visit to Danville in August when over 40 Div. 8 members attended a cookout at Lawson's and toured Bob's, Bowling's and Dick Hammond's layouts.

After lunch at Bluegrass Junction and viewing a HO, O scale, O-27, N-scale and S gauge operating layouts we pick up maps to **Jim Harington's** highly detailed and scenced HO logging layout.

We will also tour **Miles and Fran Hale's** South Park Valley, a ON3 Colorado Mountain Railroad. It is a

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## Message From The Superintendent

Before beginning a new year, I would like to thank **Fred Plymale** and his staff for the terrific job they did in re-starting division 10, bringing it up to its high level of excellence, and actively promoting model railroading.

### Great job Fred!!

I am extremely pleased with the officers and chairmen who will be serving you for the next two years.

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## November Meeting Features an Engine Tune-Up Workshop

The November 3rd. meeting will feature an all-meeting workshop (no tour), leading off with a 15 minute video presentation on the steps to clean, lubricate, test and tune an engine, followed by a hands-on clinic designed to help you do those things to your engine, so bring one in (N and HO only.)

We'll have three tables set up, each directed at a particular set of steps to get your engine in top shape, and to understand and document how it performs.

This is NOT a repair workshop, though. So if the engine isn't running at all, or you know it has mechanical difficulties, don't bring it. See you there.

### 'Railroad' Pete

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**“STUFF” & OPPORTUNITIES**

Mike Armstrong occasionally knows of *members’ overstock* situations and other opportunities to acquire or dispose of “stuff.” Get in touch with him to find out what’s currently available. These liquidations, generally via a web auction, bear a 15 to 20% fee.

In addition, *The Lantern* is in a position to advertise your “overstock” items, for a fee of 10%.

Contact Mike Walter to arrange for an ad, or Mike Armstrong for liquidations.

**Committee Chairs**

<b>Achievement Program</b>	David Greer
<b>Advertising</b>	Mike Walter
<b>Community Activities</b>	Open
<b>Company Store</b>	Chris Cord
<b>Contests</b>	Ron Kercheval
<b>Conventions &amp; Shows</b>	Fred Plymale
<b>Editor &amp; Webmaster</b>	John Gorman
<b>Estate Liquidations</b>	Mike Armstrong
<b>Member Aid</b>	Wendell Greer
<b>Membership</b>	Wendell Greer
<b>Photographer</b>	Pete Birdsong
<b>Programs</b>	Fritz Dutro

**Witless vs. Clueless**

*The Continuing Railroad Adventures of Rivets O’Reilly and Larry Loungecar*

Created by ‘Railroad’ Pete Birdsong  
Written by Mike Armstrong

Larry: Well, Rivets, I'm goin' in!

Rivets: Whaddaya mean, Larry, "You're goin' in?"

Larry: For years, Rivets, I've been buyin' things for my railroad. I have stuff in boxes everywhere. In the garage I have boxes stuffed under my work bench. Remember those closets I built three years ago to put in paints and solvents and seldom used tools and everything I didn't have a place to put any place else? Full! All full. Today, my wife is visiting her sister and I am gonna organize it all!

Rivets: Sounds like work to me!

Larry: No kiddin'!! That is because every nook and cranny is full of railroad goodies. It is like I have my own little hobby shop right here. And look over there in the corner of the basement at all those boxes. There must be twenty of 'em.

Rivets: Larry, those boxes say fish food.

Larry: Rivets, did you ever see a fish tank in my house? I told my wife I was storing those for a friend. They are full of HO buildings.

Rivets: Larry, you model in N scale.

Larry: So what?! A good buy is a good buy!

Rivets: Why don't you store stuff under your layout?

Larry: Rivets, all that space if full of every imaginable model, still new in the box and every imaginable tool that there is no place for on my workbench!!! God help me!

Rivets: Don't feel so bad, Larry, most modelers buy a little more than they need.

Larry: Rivets, you aren't hearing me. You know how most people have dust collect around he tubes at the bottom of their refrigerators? Well, I use that dust to hide the details parts I have stuffed there. Lift the plant out of any pot in our house and under the roots are packets of couplers. Take a guess why the grandfather clock doesn't work. It is full of bolster pins. And my wife thinks I am a shoe-aholic because sixty shoe boxes line my bedroom closet walls. And she thinks only one of our three toilets work because they cannot be fixed. Thank God she has never looked in those tanks. They are filled with strip wood. I tell ya, Rivets, my nerves are shot tryin' to hide all this! I can't take it any more.

Rivets: Larry, go buy some ham and eggs. a few jelly donuts, some fresh squeezed orange juice and some of that gourmet coffee. That will solve all your problems and you will never have to worry about being found out again.

Larry: Rivets, are you nuts? I'm lookin' for a better way to hide this stuff and still be able to enjoy it! The anxiety makes me too sick to my stomach to eat!

Rivets: Larry, it is not for you. Take it from me, there is nothing like an occasional breakfast in bed to warm a spouse's heart to a husbands needs.

Larry: That all sounds well and good, but I am talkin' about railroadin' here!

Rivets: So am I, Larry, so am I.



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**2002 PATRONS**

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Our advertisers are supporting us with their ads, so let's support them with our business! A strong retail network is vital to keeping the hobby visible to the public, and provides valuable help to newcomers. By our patronage of their stores, they are able to continue bringing more people into the hobby, and promoting our organization.....

**win-win!!**

## *Plymale Honored at October Meeting*

At the October meeting **Bill Robbins** presented to **Fred Plymale** a plaque honoring him for his service to Division 10. Fred has been the primary



Bill Robbins presents plaque to Fred Plymale

force in reestablishing Division 10 and building it's membership over the last three years.

Since October 1999, in his role as Superintendent, Fred has been instrumental in building membership to near 100, bringing great clinics from around the country to our monthly meetings, arranging tours of some of Central Kentucky's best layouts, managing two division sponsored train shows in Somerset, KY, fostering growth and building interest in the model railroading hobby, offering his help to those in need of modeling assistance or tips, and being an over all great guy.

There is no question in this member's mind that if it were not for Fred Plymale there would not be a division 10. And, I would be trying to learn about modeling all alone.



## *Division 10 Logo Designed by Pete Birdsong*

The long awaited and desperately needed Division 10 logo has finally become a reality. Since **Pete Birdsong** is no longer responsible for




the terribly mundane, frustratingly time consuming and insanely tedious job of Lantern Editor and Division 10 Web Master, he has finally had the time to create the logo for Division 10.


In all seriousness, Pete you did a great job and I know everyone appreciates it. We now have an identity that we can use on our newsletter, banners, literature, tee shirts, caps, underwear, or anywhere else our wives will let us put it.



Fred working hard to dream up new Div. 10 projects.



National Model Railroad Association  
Mid Central Region, Division 10



*Presented to*

### *Fred Plymale, Superintendent*

*October, 1999 to October, 2002*

*In appreciation for your outstanding efforts in reestablishing and managing the Division to a self-sufficient, first class organization, and for promoting the model railroad hobby.*

## *Call For Articles*

Your newsletter editor needs your help. In order to keep the Lantern interesting to all we need to include articles covering all aspects of railroad modeling. From Z scale to garden railroads, from engine building to tree making we need to know how you get the most out of the

hobby. If you have product reviews, modeling tips, how-to articles, or horror stories, we want you to share them with the rest of the Lantern readers.

Send your articles to John Gorman, [jgorman@earthling.net](mailto:jgorman@earthling.net) or 143 Chennault Road, Lexington, KY 40502



*Louisville Tour (Continued from page 1)*  
spectacular layout. The scenery is partially completed and the railroad has already hosted several operating sessions.

**Bama Harmond's** railroad was recently featured in Model Railroader but is currently being rebuilt with operations in mind. It may not be running but he does have several completed dioramas that will be on the railroad. They may have another layout open for our tour.

A map to Bluegrass Junction is included in the Lantern. To expand on

the directions, take exit 17 south on Blankenbaker Parkway and turn right on Plantside Drive. Check with **Bill Robbin's** at our monthly meeting to learn where we meet in Lexington to carpool to Louisville. We should leave here about 9:30 AM to be there by 11:00.

The very best way to increase your skills and get ideas to build or improve your layout is to tour layouts especially those built by Master Model Railroaders. This is rare opportunity to do just that on November 16 in Louisville. Let's have a large turnout of members for this exciting event.



*November Meeting (Continued from page 1)*  
We have a good combination of experienced people and new office holders. Your officers and chairmen are:

Superintendent - Bill Robbins

Asst. Superintendent - Fritz Dutro

Treasurer - Fred Plymale

Secretary - John Gorman

Achievement - David Greer

Advertising - Mike Walter

Community Activities - Open

Company Store - Cris Cord

Contests - Ron Kercheval

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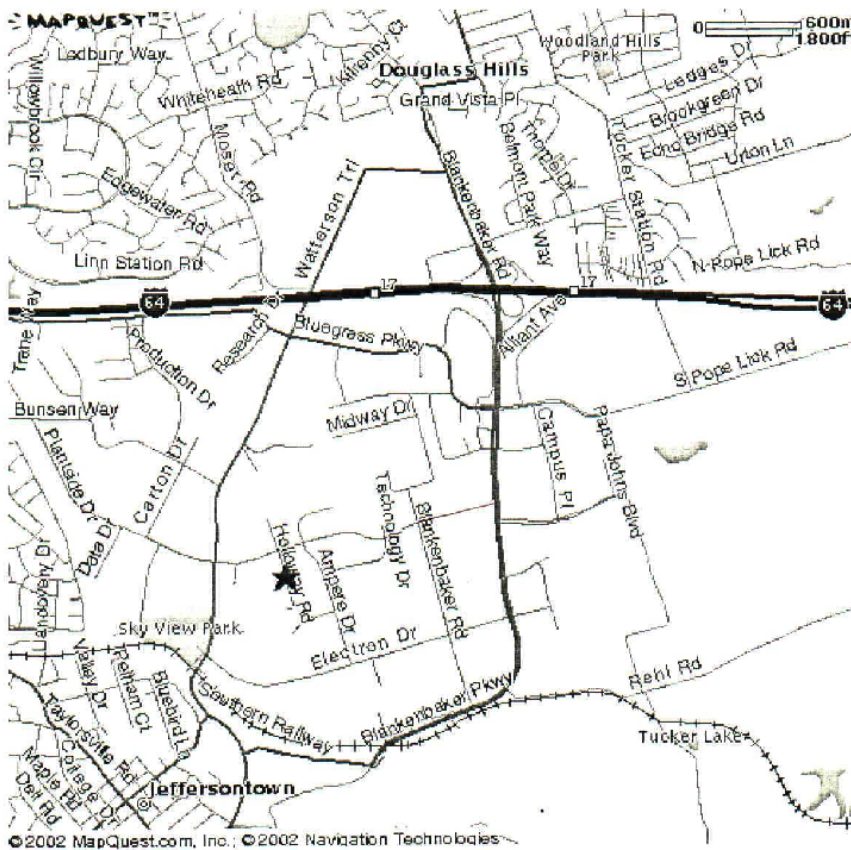
Photographer - Pete Birdsong

Program Dir. - Fritz Dutro

One of my interests in 2003 will be to emphasize layouts. We would like to provide ideas and help for those contemplating or building layouts. We ran a survey and that survey indicating your interests will be the cornerstone for your programs in 2003. In addition to programs, we plan to have several workshops such as the one at our November meeting. We are also looking at many layout tours for next year.

2003 looks to be a great year for our club. Your officers and chairmen would like to see you at the meetings.

*Bill*



The room is located on Holloway Drive, off of Plantside DR in J-Town. The building is at the very end of Holoway Drive. Plantside can be accessed from Watterson Trail or Blankenbaker Parkway. From Watterson Trail, Holloway is the second street to the right. From Blankenbaker Pkwy, Holloway will be the 5th street to the left. Please use the map provided to come to our open house.

## Editor's Notes

As your new editor I want to say 'thank you' to all of you who voted for me as secretary of your division and demonstrated your trust in me to continue the work **Pete Birdsong** has done so well over the last three years. I will do my best to not disappoint you!

Last month's meeting had a good turnout. We had five participants in the Bring and Brag contest with nine entries. Of the model entries **Fred Plymale** won first place. **Pete Birdsong** won second and Fred and **Wendell Greer** tied for third. **Bill Paulsell** took first place in the picture category. Pete took second and third was awarded to **Bill Robbins**.

Opening remarks were made by our new Superintendent, **Bill Robbins**. **Fred Plymale** was presented a plaque for his three years of dedicated service. And a clinic was given by **Bob Frankrone**.

Bob's clinic on 'Open Loads' was great. His slide show and explanations were of interest to all. There is nothing more boring than a string of empty flat cars and gondolas and Bob certainly demonstrated how to solve that problem. Thanks Bob for such an interesting clinic.

The tour was hosted by our new Superintendent, **Bill Robbins**. Bill has enhanced his layout since our last visit. His addition of several new buildings and scenes has certainly made a difference. It is his intention to soon add Digitrax DCC control. We all had a great time thanks to Bill and Betty's hospitality.

I hope to see everyone at the meeting November 3rd. And again on the 16th. in Louisville.

*John*

## Bring & Brag

### MODELS

High to Low or Tie	Oct	YTD
<b>Fred Plymale (1st &amp; 3rd)</b>	5.5	37
<b>Pete Birdsong (2nd)</b>	4	26
John Gorman	0	19
Fritz Dutro	0	13.5
Bob Lawson	0	8
Lou Jaquith	0	7
<b>Wendell Greer (3rd)</b>	2.5	4.5
Mike Armstrong	0	4
Howard Coleman	0	4
Mike Barrett	0	2
John Bowling	0	2
Pat Gerstle	0	2
Bill Paulsell	0	2
Bill Robbins	2	2
Mike Walters	0	2

### PHOTOS

High to Low or Tie	Oct	YTD
<b>Pete Birdsong (2nd)</b>	4	26.5
John Gorman	0	17.5
Fritz Dutro	0	17
<b>Bill Robbins (3rd)</b>	3	8
<b>Bill Paulsell (1st)</b>	5	8
Fred Plymale	0	2

## COLEMAN'S COLLECTION

*(Favorite Railroad Websites from Howard Coleman)*

This site has the trains of the South listed. not everyone's like these but you can look and see what is and was going on in the land of Dixie.

Have a good time surfing?

<http://rayspics.railfan.net/>

*Howard*



# AROUND THE BEND

MON	DAY	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
NOV	3	MCR DIV 10	Tates Creek Library, Lexington, Sunday, 2:00 pm	Pete Birdsong will present an engine tune-up workshop.	None	Passenger Cars
	8	BGRRC	Meadowthorpe Community Ctr., Lexington, 7:30 pm	Phil Ditchen on Garden Railroading		
	16	MCR DIV 10	Bluegrass Junction, Louisville, Saturday, 11:00 am	Tour and cookout hosted by Division 8 of their new club house and several area layouts. See newsletter for details.	See page one of the Lantern for further details.	
	17	MCR DIV 6 SHOW	Franklin County Fairgrounds, Hilliard, OH, 10:00—4:00	Train Show, Operating Layouts, Demos, Food		
DEC	3	MCR DIV 10	Beaumont Library, Lexington, Sunday, 2:00 pm	TBD	TBD	Flats/Gondolas with Loads
MAR 2003	21-23	MCR	Railroad Prototype Modelers East Pittsburgh, PA, Holiday Inn at Exit 6, Pa. Turnpike	Contact Dick Flock, 724 850-8882 Email rflock@worldnet.att.net. Clinics on prototype info		
APR 2003	24-27	MCR DIV 7 CONV	Springdale Best Western, Rt 4 and I-275, Cincinnati, OH	Contact Charlie Atkinson, atrain@juno.com, or Div website: <a href="http://www.cincy-div7.org/">http://www.cincy-div7.org/</a>		
JUL 2003	13-19	NMRA Nat'l Conv	Toronto, Canada	See Website for full details: <a href="http://www.ml2003.com/pages/home.html">http://www.ml2003.com/pages/home.html</a>		
MAY 2004	13-16	MCR Conv	Four Points Sheraton, Cranberry, PA	Contact Div 2 for more information		
JUL 2004	4-11	NMRA Nat'l Conv	Seattle, WA	See Website for full details: <a href="http://www.nmra2004.org/">http://www.nmra2004.org/</a>		
MAY 2005	12-15	MCR Conv	Comfort Inn, Austinburg, OH	Contact: Matt Kross e-mail mkross@earthlink.net		
JUL 2005	TBD	NMRA Nat'l Conv	TBD, Cincinnati			



**Don't miss the Louisville cookout and layout tour on November 16th.**

Next Meeting:  
Tates Creek Library  
Lexington,  
Sunday, November 3,  
at 2:00 pm

Workshop:  
Pete Birdsong on  
Engine Maintenance

Tour:  
NONE

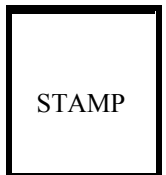
Bring & Brag:  
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