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## August 3rd. Danville Event

Division 10 members and modeling friends . . . . .

It was good to see you at the Grosser's in July. I hope that most of you will make it to Danville for the August meeting. It is only a short drive to Danville. I believe that you will see a lot of new additions to the railroads since you were here last year. I have added over 20% new things to my Southern Railway layout. I was "under the gun" to better things for the Model Railroader photo work, but recently the railroad was filmed by Allen Keller for his "Great Model Railroads" series. I worked my buns off adding many,

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## Message From The Superintendent

I would like to thank Ray and Renee Grosser for the invitation to visit their layout. They are gracious hosts and they have a superb layout. It is always a great opportunity to be able to see it. Hopefully next time we are invited those of you who did not go will be able to do so.

Lou Dalton has resigned as MCR Vice-President. An opening has been created and the MCR is accepting nominations. Pete Birdsong has submitted John Gorman's name in nomination. Nominations may be submitted to Dick Briggs [div6super@aol.com](mailto:div6super@aol.com). (too bad we don't allow politicking in the lantern).

We have declined the Bluegrass Railway Museum offer to join them. The officers and many members did not feel that this was a good fit at this time.

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## Latest about the Union Pacific RR

The latest from the Union Pacific RR is that they are going to start requiring registration and licensing fees for the use of their trademarks and logos. This is according to Ray Grosser who has decided to write a letter of protest. Supposedly, this also includes all of the fallen flags they have purchased.

One lawyer has ventured the opinion that they can't do this for trademarks they do not use. Be that as it may, the cost I heard was 5%. I am not sure what it covers, i.e., list price, wholesale or other. The problem is that the RR's cannot discriminate between model equipment and other users. For instance, one guy was selling ladies hot pants with "UP...we can handle it" printed on the rear...that sort of thing. I don't not know how this will work out eventually but hopefully this can be resolved without any major impact on the model railroad modelers.

*-Wendell*

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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
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**Witless vs. Clueless**

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



Created by ‘Railroad’ Pete Birdsong  
Written by Mike Armstrong

Larry: Hey Rivets! Glad ya came over. Come on out back. I have just completed my garden railroad!

Rivets: Really?! I didn’t know you were building one!

Larry: Well, I kept it kinda hush hush. I wanted it to be a surprise to everyone. Come on back! . . . . What do ya think?

Rivets: Man o man! This is gorgeous. You have really put some work into this!

Larry: Well, I had some help. I gave the neighbor kids a popsicle and a banana to help me dig the holes for the ponds. Four year olds don’t ask for much. I went into this pond store and they had everything I needed: pond liners, pumps, hoses, water treatment, expanding foam sealant, bags of real rocks! That’s somethin’ ya don’t see every day. Close to five hundred bucks!

Rivets: Wow, Larry. I didn’t know building a pond was so expensive.

Larry: Rivets, that ain’t the half of it. See those tall grassy looking plants? Thirty bucks each! And those water floaters--seventeen fifty. By the time I got the pond finished, I had over a thousand bucks wrapped up in it. Seems like I got a ton of money wrapped up in sand.

Rivets: What sand?

Larry: The sand you can’t even see because it is under the liner.

Rivets: Where did you get all the rocks?

Larry: Man, that is another story. I saw this pile of rocks out along the highway and I thought they were just piles of rocks, so I stopped and got my fill. I couldn’t believe my luck. All I needed. Come to find out, the owner of the land

there had just paid to have those rocks hauled in for a wall he was having built. Somebody got my license number. My court date is next week.

Rivets: Why didn’t you just give them back?

Larry: I tried but the guy said I ruined them. He was like some of those people I meet on eBay. The least little thing! Man!

Rivets: You’re flowers sure look good!

Larry: Yeah! Last fall I put those in. I didn’t know perennials were so expensive. I guess I got the fever and bought enough to fill up the rest of the garden. I even bought that wind generator to power the lights in my buildings. Pretty slick, huh?

Rivets: How much you figure ya got wrapped up in all of this?

Larry: Well, at last count, about thirty five hundred, and that is ‘cause I did all the work myself!

Rivets: But I gotta ask ya, Larry. This is a great garden railroad, but I only see the garden part. Where are your trains and buildings?

Larry: Well, Rivets, in about fifteen months I ought to have my credit card paid off. After all I spent on the garden part, I didn’t have any credit limit left for the railroad part.

Rivets: Ya know, Larry, sometimes you make me want to cry.

Larry: It’s not all bad, Rivets. Some nights I sit out here blowing my train whistle and I can almost see my train comin’ round the bend. And the nice part is that the neighbors hardly ever call any more.

Rivets: Only out of pity, Larry. Only out of pity!



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## Notes form Fritz

It's August you say. Traditionally the slowest modeling month of the year but I beg to differ. If hot steamy weather isn't your cup of tea then you'll find yourself indoors barricaded behind those triple pane windows and armed with air conditioning.. Holed up like there was a blizzard outside. Seems like a perfectly good time to drag out a kit or two and get back to making progress on the layout.

Speaking of the layout, there may be an opportunity for yours truly to dust of his and see about making some progress on it for once. Stay tuned for updates.

This month our traveling circus goes to Danville to see what the Boyle county crowd has to show us this year. Our two stops will be at Robin Grider's Danville Model Railroad Museum Club layout and also Bob Lawson's Southern Railroad. Maps to each layout will be provided. All bring and brag items will be displayed at Bob's. As a side note, for a preview of Bob's layout you can turn to the current issue of Model Railroader, Bob's is the one on the cover. Due to circumstances, John Bowling's layout will not be available for this year's tour. We look forward to seeing it (and John) again in the future.

Next month our tour will be back in Lexington at the home of Charlie and Ruth Hamrin where we will be seeing their fine outdoor G scale garden layout. Be praying for good weather on September 7 or bring your umbrella.. This, of course, will happen immediately after our newest clinician, Chris Cord, presents us with the ins and outs of operations dispatching.

I am still accepting reservations from members for layout tours and able bodied members to give more great clinics like we have been treated to in this and past years. I'll keep watching my e-mail and answering machine for your responses.

*-Fritz*

## Division 10 Model Railroad Data Base

Bob Lawson's



Southern Railway Layout

*Name:*.....Southern Railway  
*Scale:*.....HO (1:87.1)  
*Size:*.....24 x 30 feet  
*Railroad:*...Southern Railway  
*Location:*...central and eastern Kentucky  
*Period:*.....1945 through early 1950's  
*Style:*.....walk in with one duck-under  
*Height:*.....42" to 54"  
*Benchwork:* L girder  
*Roadbed:*...Homasote on 3/4" plywood  
*Grade:*.....1.5% maximum  
*Length:*.....main line run 425 feet  
*Track:*.....mostly code 83 flextrack, with some code 70  
*Turnouts:*...#8 with some #6  
*Radius:*.....30" minimum  
*Scenery:*...Hydrocal over carved and shaped foam board and wire screen, with Hydrocal cast rock formations  
*Backdrop:*...painted on drywall  
*Control:*...Digitrax DCC with wireless throttles  
*Comments:*..Bob Lawson's Southern Railway layout is featured in the August 2003 issue of Model Railroader magazine.

*August Event (Continued from page 1)*

many things to provide sufficient filming opportunities. I learned a great deal through that process. I believe that you will enjoy the many new scenes. I also have several finished dioramas that you have not seen. There is plenty of room for the "Bring and Brag" program.

Also, you get the opportunity to visit Robin Grider's layout. His work is certainly first class!

You can start arriving anytime from about 12:30 on. We will have bar-b-que hotdogs and hamburgers, along with other good food. Good weather will make it much better. You can relax, enjoy, run trains, drop over to Robin's layout at your leisure (about 7 minutes away), or go rail-fanning at the Southern yard. I have several improved clinics on dioramas, scratch building, and scenic tips, if you chose.

Please bring your spouse and/or friends. You all will have a fun filled day.

*-Bob Lawson*

*Super's Message (Continued from page 1)*

However I want to thank them for considering us. We still would like to find a permanent location for our layouts.

George Campbell ordered our cars on July 14th. Athern has been raising prices since January, so we will have to pay a little more. Dry transfer has been ordered with expected delivery in September. We still expect the cars in time for our show.

*-Bill*

## NMRA

### Proposed New Regulations

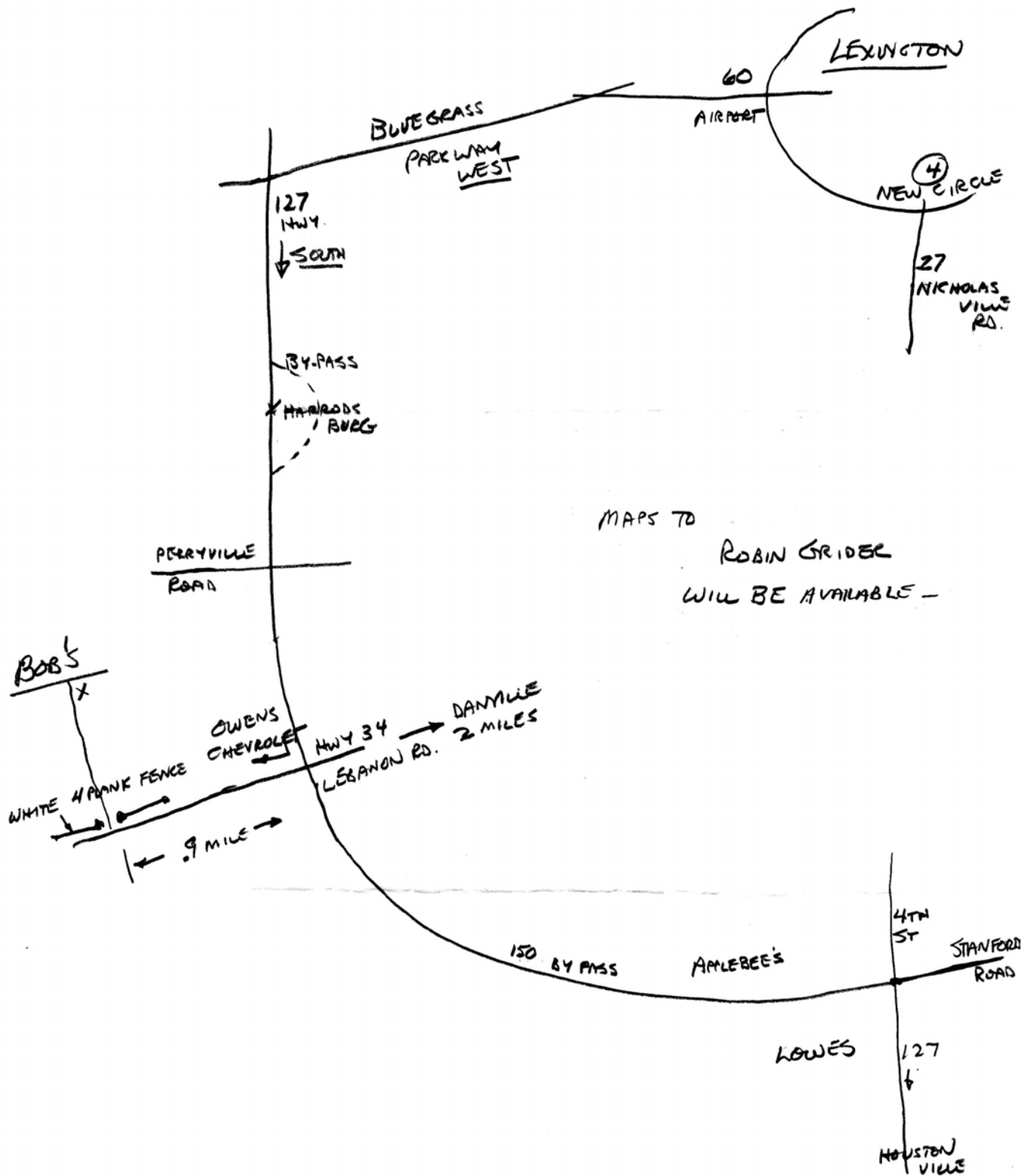
The NMRA Board of Trustees has released proposed new regulations (intended to replace the current NMRA constitution and bylaws).

This document can be seen in it's entirety on the NMRA website at:

[www.nmra.org/news/regulations.pdf](http://www.nmra.org/news/regulations.pdf)

# Map to Bob Lawson's HO scale Southern Railway

(Maps to Danville Railroad Club & Robin Grider's layout will be available at Bob's)



## Bring n' Brag July, 2003

We had such a good response with "Anything Goes" last month we decided to continue it to July with the scheduled category of "Favorite Trains". Thanks to Ray and Renee Grosser's wonderful hospitality we had a great place to show our efforts!

We had four entries in the modeling division: Bob Lawson had two gorgeous scratch built Southern heavy-weight Pullman cars (O scale), Peter Bourne entered a great looking brass C&O E8 (HO), and Mike Walter set up a sharp BNSF N scale coal train. Last but not least, Bob Lawson had a neat diorama of a small town business with HO scale versions of our own Fred Plymale and John Gorman discussing business in front of the building. John, I finally got to see how you look in a coat and tie! Bob's great cars handily took first place, his diorama took second, and Peter's E8 placed third.

There were only two photo entries: Ray Grosser had two dramatic shots of Soo Line steam locomotives, both of which tied for first place.

Congratulations and a big thanks to all who entered! Award certificates will be handed out at the next meeting on August 3 at Bob Lawson's. The planned category for August is On-Line Structures (except stations). See you in August!

*-Ron Kercheval*



## 2003 Bring n' Brag Scores

### MODELS

### PHOTOS

High to Low or Tie	July	YTD	High to Low or Tie	July	YTD
Fritz Dutro		27	Fritz Dutro		27
Mike Walter	2	23	Randy Coffman		15
Bill Robbins		14	<b>Ray Grosser (Tie 1st)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
Howard Coleman		9	Howard Coleman		6
<b>Bob Lawson (1st, 2nd)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	Bill Robbins		6
Pete Birdsong		5	Pete Birdsong		5
Mike Baskette		4	Mike Baskette		4
Pat Gerstle		4			
<b>Peter Bourne (3rd)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>			
Chris Cord		2			

## Bring n' Brag Schedule for 2003

Aug. - On-line Structures (except stations)

Sept. - Diesel Locomotives

Oct. - Commercial Structures: Industrial, businesses, municipal.

Nov. - Passenger Cars

Dec. - Open Loads: Flat Cars, Gondolas and Intermodal



# AROUND THE BEND

MON	DAY	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
AUG	3	MCR DIV 10	Bob Lawson's Danville, KY Sunday, 1:00 pm (map on page 5)	Hamburger & Hot Dog Cookout!	Bob Lawson Robin Grider	On-line Structures (except stations)
SEP	7	MCR DIV 10	Beaumont Library, Lexington off of Harrodsburg Road Sunday, 2:00 pm	Chris Cord on Operations Dispatching	Charlie & Ruth Hamrin's "G" Scale Outdoor Garden Layout	Diesel Locomotives
OCT	5	MCR DIV 10	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	Commercial Structures: Industrial, businesses & municipal.
NOV	2	MCR DIV 10	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	Passenger Cars
NOV	15	Division 10 Annual Fall Train Show	Knights of Columbus 1604 Versailles Road Lexington Kentucky	Watch This Space for More Information		
MAY 2004	13-16	MCR Convention	Four Points Sheraton, Cranberry, PA	Contact Div 2 for more information		
JULY 2004	4-11	NMRA Nat'l Convention	Seattle, WA	See Website for full details: <a href="http://www.nmra2004.org/">http://www.nmra2004.org/</a>		
MAY 2005	12-15	MCR Convention	Comfort Inn, Austinburg, OH	Contact: Matt Kross e-mail <a href="mailto:mkross@earthlink.net">mkross@earthlink.net</a>		
JULY 2005	TBD	NMRA Nat'l Convention	TBD, Cincinnati			

## Editor's Notes

July came and went like lightning. As I get older days, weeks and months get shorter. I guess that is the way life is!

I will be retiring at the end of August and plan to have a lot more time to devote to model railroading. Our HO sectional layout will be ready to display at the Division 10 Train Show on November 15th. If I am lucky we can find

a place other than my basement to set it up and I can start building my dream layout.

Speaking of dream layouts we certainly have been lucky in July and this month to get to see some of the best layouts in Kentucky.

For those of you who missed Ray & Renee Grosser's fantastic work, I can only say don't miss it next time!

This month we will get to see the fea-

ture layout in August's Model Railroader magazine, Bob Lawson's Southern Railway. This is a DO NOT MISS opportunity to see how to do it right.

We will also get to see Robin Grider's HO layout at the Danville Model Railroad Clubhouse. Robin has been working on his railroad for several years and always has something new and interesting to see. Hope to see you there!

*-John*

**Next Meeting:  
Danville Kentucky  
(map inside)  
Sunday, August 3,  
at 1:00 pm**

**Cookout &  
Layout Tour:  
Bob Lawson  
&  
Robin Grider**

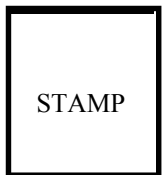
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