



# The Lantern



Volume 6 Issue 08

Division 10, Mid Central Region

August, 2004

## *Message From The Superintendent*

Many thanks to Ray and Renee Grosser for hosting our July meeting. As always it is a great trip for our club and a rare privilege to see such a fantastic layout. The trip was even better than last year.

Our layout at Turfland Mall is now operational. There is plenty of opportunity for NMRA members to help run the trains. Call Mike Armstrong to get on the schedule to run on the weekends, the schedule is on our web site. Look at the very bottom of the page.

Keep in mind that our train show is November 13th at the Knights of Columbus. Please reserve that date on your calendars.

We are in the process of ordering more club cars. We will have 40' box cars in two L&N styles and Southern in one

*(Continued on page 2)*

## *August Meeting to be in Danville Ky.*

If it is August it is the time of year to again visit three great layouts belonging to our fellow MCR members in Danville, Kentucky. On August 1st. Bob Lawson's fantastic HO scale Southern layout will be open from 10:30 to whenever everyone leaves. A map to Bob's is on page 5 of this newsletter. He will serve barbecued hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixins' from about 11:00 to 1:00 (or later if you are running late).

If you have not seen Bob's layout then be prepared for a real treat! Bob's Southern railroad has been recently featured in Model Railroader and was the subject of Allen Keller's "Great Model Railroads" volume #45. Bob's work was also featured on the cover of a recent NMRA Bulletin. If you have

*(Continued on page 2)*

## *Notes From Fritz*

One of the hardest things to accomplish when one is writing a column is finding a good lead sentence every month. Since that's now out of the way I can continue my monthly ramblings and rants. No one seems to be stopping me so that either means you seem to be

enjoying this or no one is reading it. Oh by the way, congratulations to John Gorman on his final edition as editor and hello to the fresh meat in the person of Ron Kercheval.

Last month I spoke of several things and since everyone seems to have forgotten or forgiven me I'll start on a new tack. Three months ago I started what I thought would be a three month project. Due to a number of incidents, the three month project has now been

*(Continued on page 7)*

## *July Bring & Brag Winner - Fred Plymale*



Fred Plymale entered this spectacular HO scale overpass diorama with a two track main passing over another two track main as well as a highway and creek. Some figures and a vehicle adds interest to the scene. This entry took first place in the Bring n' Brag for July. Way to go, Fred!



# National Model Railroad Association

The Lantern is a monthly publication of Division 10, Mid Central Region, National Model Railroad Association. Opinions expressed herein are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect those of Division 10, the Mid Central Region, the NMRA, or anyone else.

## Mid-Central Region Officers



**President:**  
Howard Smith, MMR  
3255 Big Run South Road  
Grove City, OH 43123  
614-871-0500  
howardsmithmmr@aol.com

**Vice President:**  
Brian Petroziello  
6341 Silverbell Ct  
Clayton, OH 45315  
937-837-7533  
bpetroz@aol.com

**Secretary:**  
Ivan Baugh  
9910 Shelbyville Road  
Louisville, KY 40223  
502-245-9816  
ivbaugh@insightbb.com

**Treasurer:**  
Judy Logan  
6322 Mid Pines Ct.  
Grove City, OH 43123  
614-870-1433  
logandj@earthlink.net

**Trustee:**  
Michael C. Brestel  
3208 Vittmer Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45238  
513-661-2141  
mbrestel@eos.net

## Division 10 Officers and Board

**Superintendent:**  
Bill Robbins  
4704 Sunny Point  
Lexington, KY 40515  
859-271-8839  
bandbbears2@aol.com

**Asst. Superintendent:**  
Fritz Dutro  
306 Savannah Drive  
Richmond, KY 40475  
859-749-0566  
fritzdutro@yahoo.com

**Secretary:**  
John Gorman  
143 Chenault Road  
Lexington, KY 40502  
859-269-3573  
jgorman@lex-ky.us

**Treasurer:**  
Fred Plymale  
3463 Snaffle Road  
Lexington, KY 40513  
859-223-7270  
f.plymale@insightbb.com

**Board of Directors:**  
Wendell Greer  
212 Southpoint Drive  
Lexington, KY 40515  
859-272-8731  
dewvalley@juno.com

**Board of Directors:**  
Pete Birdsong  
2308 The Woods Lane  
Lexington, KY 40502  
859 268 1462  
rpete@insightbb.com

**Board of Directors:**  
Mike Armstrong  
4809 Agape Drive  
Lexington, KY 40514  
859-296-4746  
pikaa@peoplepc.com



## Committee Chairs

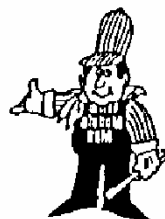
<b>Achievement Program</b>	David Greer
<b>Advertising</b>	Mike Walter
<b>Community Activities</b>	Open
<b>Company Store</b>	Ron Kercheval
<b>Contests</b>	Ron Kercheval
<b>Conventions &amp; Shows</b>	Fred Plymale
<b>Editor &amp; Webmaster</b>	John Gorman
<b>Estate Liquidations</b>	Mike Armstrong
<b>Member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

*Super's Message (Continued from page 1)*  
style. We will also a 50' Southern Green Light box car.

It is election time. This is for officers starting October 1st for two years. You will find a ballot in this bulletin. If you are a NMRA Div. 10 member please vote and turn it in or mail it. We encourage all of you to volunteer for a committee position. Our club is only as strong as the contribution from it's members.

Don't forget that in August we have our trip to Danville. This is another "can't miss" trip. There will be 3 great layouts to see.

*-Bill*



## "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 Bill Robbins to arrange for an ad, or Mike Armstrong for liquidations.

*Danville Trip (Continued from page 1)*  
been there, then I know you can't wait to come back.

The Bring & Brag contest will be held at Bob's and voting will begin at 1:30. There will be tables for "Show 'n Tell" and our "Swap Meet" also. Maps to John Bowling's and Robin Grider's layouts will be available at Bob's.

John has done an amazing amount of work this year on his layout. He has added over 65 signals and crossings. He decided on using the Digitrax signal system and had it installed by Rick Sester of Memphis Digital. There are many other additions and improvements everywhere. If you have seen it before you will appreciate it even more now. Don't miss it even if you have to leave Bob's earlier than you want to.

The third layout is the work of Robin Grider. Robin's layout is located in the Danville Model Railroad club building. Robin has another really great modular

*(Continued on page 4)*

# Scale Reproductions

3073 Breckinridge Lane McMahan Plaza

Louisville, KY 40220

(502) 459-5849 [brian@sri.win.net](mailto:brian@sri.win.net)

- Specializing in HO and N scale model railroading
- Large selection of accessories, decals, detailing parts and reference.
- Large selection of DCC items including Digitrax, Lenz, NCE and more!
- Most items 10%-20% off retail price everyday.
- We also give an additional 10% discount to NMRA members!!
- Special order and mail order service available.



Dealer for brass at

20% off retail:

Overland Models

Hallmark

Key Imports

Garden Springs Shopping Center

Mon-Sat 10:00 - 9:00; Sun 1:00 - 7:00

820 Lane Allen Road

Lexington, KY 40504

859 276 4240

1 888 797 3938

BOOKS  
VIDEOS  
MAGAZINES  
ACCESSORIES  
COMPLETE TRAIN SETS  
SPECIAL ORDERS  
PERSONAL SERVICE

## In Recognition....

Many thanks to our Patrons and Sustaining Members listed below. (Sustaining Members contribute \$10.00 per year, and Patrons \$20 or more.) We encourage all members to help support *The Lantern* and our website. Division 10 receives NO monetary support from the NMRA. Division 10 is recognized by the US government as a 501c3 corporation and your donations may be tax deductible.

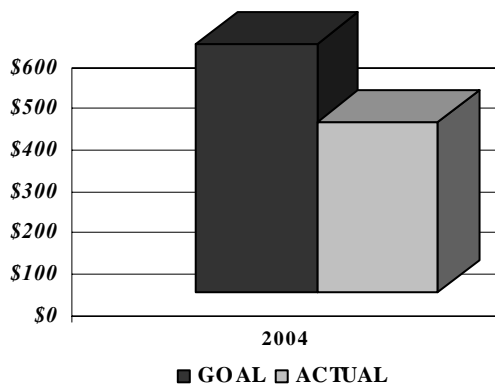
New Donations last month are in **Bold**.

*Sustaining Members:* Phil Ditchen

*Patrons:* Alan Brock, Ed Butcher, John Deville, Fritz Dutro, Irv Frary, Richard Frye, John Gorman, Ray & Renee Grosser, Bill Hammer, Jeff Hinrichs, Mark & Catherine Hunt, Lou Jaquith, Ron Kercheval, Skip Keyser, Bob Lawson, Bill Paulsell, Fred Plymale, Bill Robbins, Ron Saylor and Mike Walter

**MCR Division 10**  
**wishes to thank**  
**Turfland Mall**  
**for the use of the space**  
**to display and run our**  
**N Trak Layout**

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE VERSUS GOAL:



## Support Our Local Hobby Shops

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!!**

*Danville Trip (Continued from page 2)*

HO layout. It includes both rural and urban scenes. And you need to take a close at Robin's rolling stock. His are among the finest running engines and cars to be found in Kentucky. I know the Danville Model Railroaders will be glad to have you visit. Please stop by and spend some time at the layout and say Hi to the guys.

All in all this promises to be one of our best meetings of the year! Please do yourself a favor and do not miss it.

On another note. You will find the Ballot for officers for the 2005 - 2006 term on page 6 in this bulletin. If you are a NMRA Division 10 member please vote. And more importantly, please indicate your willingness to serve on one of our committees. You can bring the ballot to Bob's in Danville (the map is conveniently located on the back of the ballot) or you can fold it as indicated, put a 37 cent stamp on it and drop it in the mail. Even though there is only candidate running for each office it is necessary to know they have your support or otherwise. Please don't forget to put your NMRA number on the ballot to validate it.



## Bring n' Brag July, 2004

We had a new category for July which was "Infrastructure: Trackwork, Signals and Bridges". We also had a good number of entries, which was no doubt helped by our being at Ray and Renee Grosser's great layout!

We had six modeling entries: First, Fred Plymale's excellent overpass (see elsewhere this issue), Pete Birdsong's intricate code 55 N scale trackwork display, and Fritz Dutro showed up with a nice wooden boxcar and a neat wooden overpass. Fritz also lightened things up with an "OOS Line" train complete with purple diesel switcher and caboose dragging a cow down the tracks and Wendell Greer joined the ranks with a sharp crossover diorama complete with signals and bumping posts. Fred handily won first place with Pete taking second and Wendell

## 2004 Bring n' Brag Scores

### MODELS

High to Low or Tie	July	YTD
<b>Fred Plymale (1st)</b>	5	27
Pat Gerstle	2	20
Bill Robbins	2	10
Fritz Dutro	2	10
<b>Pete Birdsong (2nd)</b>	4	6
Richard Frye		5
Mike Baskette		4
Tony Lucio		4
David Greer		3
Lou Jaquith		3
<b>Wendell Greer (3rd)</b>	3	3
Bill Hammer		2
David Batten		2

### PHOTOS

High to Low or Tie	July	YTD
Pat Gerstle		27
<b>Fritz Dutro (1st)</b>	5	20
John Lathrop		8
<b>Ray Grosser (1st)</b>	5	5
Pete Birdsong		4
Lou Jaquith		3
Bill Robbins		2

\* Off Topic

*Points are awarded for models according the following rules. Three points for a first place. Two points for second place and one point for third. One point is awarded for your first entry. A second point is given if that entry is "On Topic". More than one entry in any month's contest can win place points but is not eligible for additional entry points.*

## Bring n' Brag Schedule for 2004

*August* - On-line Structures (except stations)

*September* - Diesel Locomotives

*October* - Commercial Structures: Industrial, businesses, municipal, etc.

*November* - Passenger Cars

*December* - Open Loads: Flat Cars, Gondolas and Intermodal

taking third. We have consistently had several excellent modeling entries each month for the last several months! Everybody deserves a hearty applause for all their work.

In photography, Fritz exhibited another nice layout photo of a W&LE steam loco and Ray Grosser had several super digital photos of their lay-

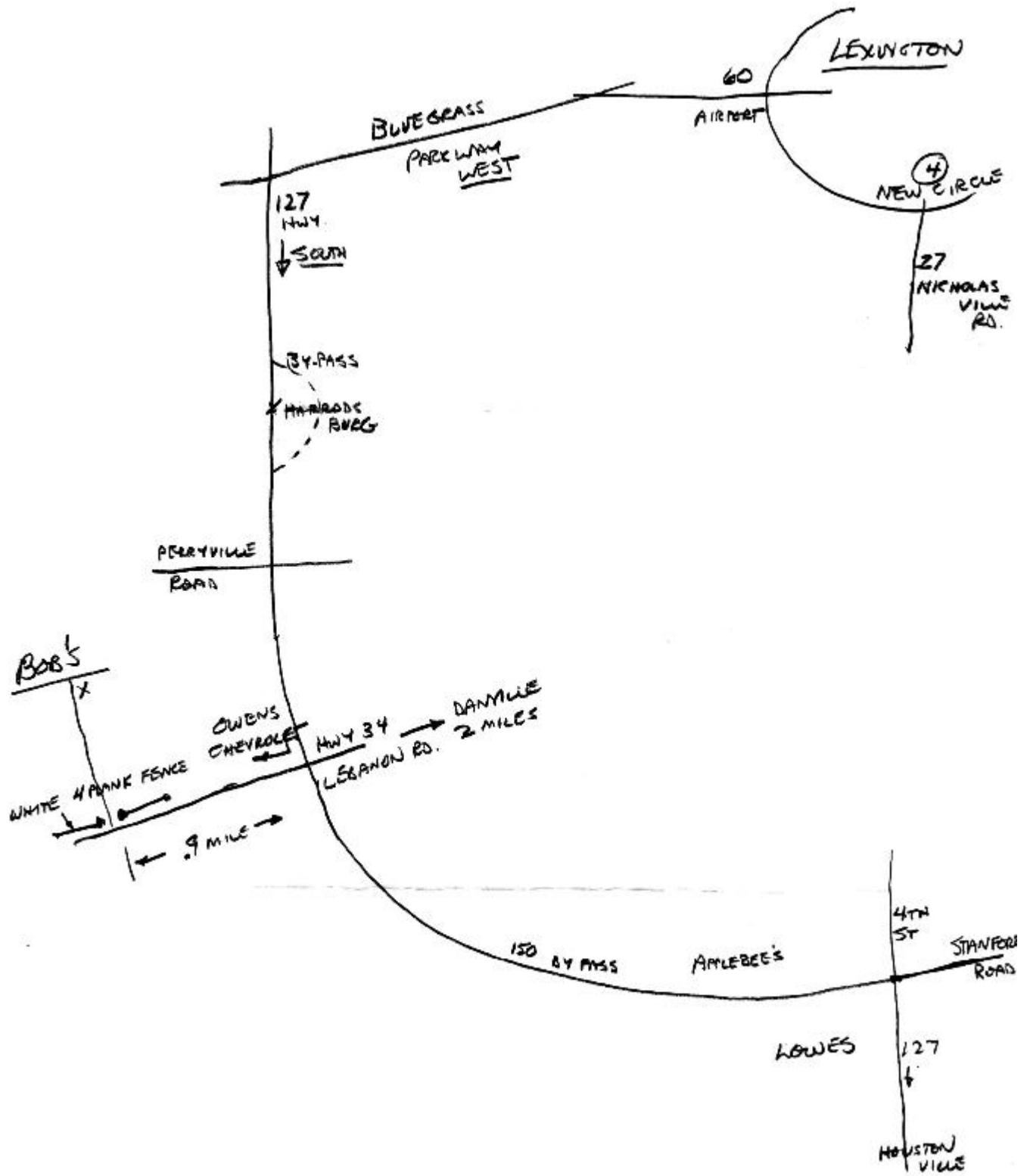
out. There was a tie for first place.

Next month we continue our summer swing in Danville. The theme will be On-line structures (except stations). Also, don't forget the "Swap Meet" and "Show 'n Tell" tables. See you all then!

*-Ron Kercheval*



# Map to Bob Lawson's - Danville, KY.



A map to John Bowling's and Robin Grider's layouts will be available at Bob's House.

Fold This End First

### 2004 NMRA Division 10, Mid Central Region Officer Election Ballot

If you are a NMRA Division 10 member please vote for the Board's recommendations or write in a candidate of your choosing.

If you do not know your NMRA number you may write in your name. A member number or name is required or your ballot will not be valid!

If you are coming to Danville please deposit this ballot in the voting box at Bob Lawson's Layout.

If you are not attending the Danville tour please fold as indicated and mail before August 15, 2004.

NMRA # _____ (or member name)		
Superintendent	<input type="checkbox"/> John Gorman	<input type="checkbox"/> Write In _____
Assistant Super.	<input type="checkbox"/> Fritz Dutro	<input type="checkbox"/> Write In _____
Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Ron Kercheval	<input type="checkbox"/> Write In _____
Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Robbins	<input type="checkbox"/> Write In _____
I am interested in the _____ committees.		

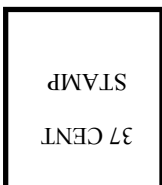
*Postmaster  
Election Ballot  
Please Rush!*

**Div. 10, M.C.R. NMRA  
143 Chenault Road,  
Lexington, KY 40502**



**Division 10, Mid Central Region  
National Model Railroad Association  
143 Chenault Road,  
Lexington, KY 40502**

Fold This End Second and Tape Here



*Notes from Fritz (Continued from page 1)*

extended to a 6 month, 1 day project, (the 1 extra day necessary to remove three months of accumulated dust on the project). I think I have run into the justification for all the pre-built and ready to run (AKA: ready to take it apart and rebuild it so it CAN run) model railroad items on the market today. Let's face it, with corporate downsizing and other demands both career and personal, there seems to be less and less time of late to do quality modeling, when was the last craftsman kit you built?????

So, as I went out into the hobby room recently and gazed at the 50 odd Jordan highway kits yet to be built I wondered how much it would take to get someone else to build them for me. A quick trip to the computer monitor to check the modeling futures market (EBAY) turned up a number of pre-built kits waiting for me to hit the BUY-IT-NOW key. Then I noticed that the seller had the audacity to want 25 bucks for a 5.95 kit, cheaper yet if you can find a hobby store with a dusty version on the shelf. Fortunately the cheap side of my brain (left or right, I can never remember which one) won out so I guess that instead of getting the instant gratification of having all the vehicles the layout could possibly need, I've set myself up to complete what I've started. I guess I would have never bought all of this stuff if I'd know I had to build it.

So I guess I have my next three months' scheduled to be spent knocking together 1/87 versions of Detroit's finest products prior to 1929. (and what shade of yellow did Packard paint its trucks?). If I don't, I'll have fodder for another column and with the new editor - - why he won't even know I'm turning in a retread. As I am finishing up this months edition, the inspiration for next month's column has smacked me between the eyes. Look forward to "Smart investing for retirement: going back in time to buy Fine Scale Miniature kits". Has ANYONE ever figured out the annual return on these kits?

Until next month.....

*-Fritz*

## Witless vs. Clueless

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



Created by 'Railroad' Pete Birdsong  
Written by Mike Armstrong

Rivets: Hey, Larry, ya got any new "brainstorms" today?

Larry: As a matter of fact, Rivets, I do. I have written seven model railroad magazines to suggest a new column. I like readin' all those columns 'bout "how to fix this" or "how to paint that" or "how to weather an N scale windshield wiper" or "how to . . .

Rivets: Yeah, yeah, yeah! Get to the point, Larry. What are ya up to?

Larry: Well, I have volunteered to seven model magazines to write a column on "how NOT to do somethin'". I thought I could help modelers keep from makin' the same mistakes I made.

Rivets: Ya mean like the time ya tried to make your main line have a loop the loop?

Larry: In theory, that is still a good idea! Ya have more main line in a little bit of airspace. The train just couldn't get up enough speed to make the run.

Rivets: Or what about that end bumper ya made with the electro magnet super spring?

Larry: I had no idea that thing would shoot trains back out on the main line. But that is kind of the thing I thought might be kinda' helpful.

Rivets: Actually, what might be helpful is to tell people never to try somethin' like that for the first time at an open house. Gets kinda dangerous! Larry: That little kid was standin' too close to the layout any-

way. Besides, I saw him the other day and ya can hardly see the scar.

Rivets: Hey, remember that time ya had real water in your river. Ya had a small hose from your sump pump to the top of the river and a drain hose leading back to the pump. That worked pretty well til that heavy rain and that old pump couldn't keep up with the incomin' water.

Larry: Well, that is still another good idea in theory. I expect to perfect that one.

Rivets: Hey, Larry, this is really fun rememberin' your ideas. Remember the time you couldn't get the cap off your paint jar and you drilled a hole in the bottom of the jar with a ceramic bit. Now THAT is sometin' ya need to tell people not to do!

Larry: I ...

Rivets: And what about the time you dropped your styrene cement and cracked the bottle and tried to store the liquid cement in one of those plastic medication containers. Yeah, better tell people not to store plastic cement in a plastic bottle!

Larry: Yeah, but . . .

Rivets: Or what about the time you tried to solder your HO rail joiners with a blow torch!? Ya know, Larry, ya got a lot of stuff to tell people not to do!

Larry: Rivets, you makin' fun o' me?

Rivets: Oh no, Larry. I am amazed at how much I picked up on what not to do just by bein' your friend!

## Division 10 Model Railroad Data Base

## Editor's Notes

This month we will visit John Bowling's HO scale L&N layout. This layout depicts the L&N railroad during the fall of the mid 1950's in Central and Eastern Kentucky. John has recently added over 65 signals and crossings to the layout as well as many new buildings and over a thousand trees. Even if you have seen it before you will find many new and interesting things to enjoy.

This is my last Lantern for a while. I have enjoyed writing it for the last two years. I hope you have enjoyed reading it.

The pen, or should I say software, will be passed on to Ron Kercheval, who has agreed to be responsible for the newsletter for the next two years. I wish him luck and hope he finds it to be as rewarding an endeavor as I have.

If you have looked at the enclosed ballot you know that I am running for Superintendent. Please send in your vote. I need to know how many of you actively support our officers. Bill Robbins and Fred Plymale before him, have left a pretty big set of shoes to fill. I will do my best not to disappoint you.

- John Gorman

### John Bowling's

### L&N of Central & Eastern KY



Scale:.....HO (1:87)

Size:.....26' x 50'

Railroads:..L&N

Location:....Central & Eastern KY

Period:.....Fall of the mid 1950's

Style:.....Walkaround with peninsulas

Height:.....45" to 55"

Benchwork:..L-girder

Roadbed:....Homosote on plywood

Trackage:....1,600 feet of Atlas code 83

Mainline:....Point to point w/loops triple main

Turnouts:....110 code 83 Walthers Shinohara switches

Radius:.....Minimum 32" to 48" or more

Grade:.....Maximum 1.5%

Scenery:.....Sculptamold over wire screen

Control:.....Digitrax DCC

Signals:.....Over 65 working signals and crossings

Roster:.....40 Brass Steam Engines and 35 Diesels

Sound:.....Soundtrax

#### Comments:

John's layout depicts the activities and scenery of the L&N railroad in central and eastern KY. This massive layout includes five towns, Louisville, Dante, Winchester, Corbin and Pineville. It has over 6,000 trees and 120 buildings with 30 more to be added in September. Ray Grosser built the benchwork and did all the track work. Ray and his wife Renee built all but 4 or 5 of the buildings. Rick Sester of Memphis Digital was responsible for the installation of the Digitrax control and signal systems.

## TRAIN festival 2004

**What:** Three Day Train Festival celebrating the 15th Anniversary of the Dennison Railroad Museum showcasing railroading, past and present, to families and railfans

**When:** July 30, 2004, to August 1, 2004

**Host:** The Dennison Railroad Depot Museum

**Where:** Train Festival 2004 will be held in Downtown Dennison, Ohio, on 25 acres around the Museum.

**How Much:** Gate price will be \$12.00/Adult and \$8.00/child (12 and under). A one-hour train ride will cost \$15.00/adult and \$12.00/child (12 and under)

**Expected Attendance:** As many as 20,000 over three days, 2500 coming in by train

**Excursions:** Trips are being planned to bring passengers to Train Festival 2004 from Columbus, Pittsburgh and other locations

#### Attractions:

- Several of the largest operating Steam Locomotives in the Eastern United States
- Several different excursions, behind different locomotives
- Free Motorized track car rides
- Free miniature scale live steam train rides
- Model Railroad display
- Cab tours of both steam and diesel locomotives
- Art exhibit
- Live entertainment (bands, entertainers)
- Railroad Flea Market
- Craft Tent
- Face painters, clowns, etc...





# AROUND THE BEND

MON	DAY	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
JULY AUG	30 - 1	Ohio Central RR	Dennison RR Depot Museum Dennison, Ohio 740-622-8118 for Tickets & Info.	Train Festival 2004	See <a href="http://www.trainfestival2004.com/">http:// www.trainfestival2004.com/</a> for more information	
AUG	1	MCR DIV 10	Danville, KY Map will be available later Time to be determined later	None	Bob Lawson Robin Grider John Bowling	On-line Structures (except stations)
AUG	13	BGRRC	Meadowthorpe Community Center 333 Larch Lane, Lex. Ky 7:30 PM	Program to be announced		
SEP	12	MCR DIV 10	TBA 2:00 PM	Mike Armstrong Gadgets	Bob Larger	Diesel Locomotives
OCT	3	MCR DIV 10	TBA 2:00 PM	Mike Baskette: Assembly & Weathering Plastic Structure Kits	Bill Paulsell	Commercial Structures: Industrial, businesses, municipal, etc.
NOV	7	MCR DIV 10	TBA 2:00 PM	Bill Hammer: Anatomy of a Private Road Name Railroad	David Greer	Passenger Cars
NOV	13	Division 10 MCR NMRA Train Show	Knights of Columbus 1604 Versailles Road Lexington, KY 10:00am to 4:00pm	Adm \$5.00, \$4.00 with coupon. Children under 12 free. Table rental \$15.00.	For reservations contact Fred Plymale, 3463 Snaffle Road, Lex., KY 40513. (859)223-7270 F.Plymale@insightbb.com	
DEC	5	MCR DIV 10	TBA 2:00 PM	Tom Wheeler on Working with Styrofoam	Morgan McIlwain	Open Loads: Flat Cars, Gondolas and Intermodal
MAY 2005	12-15	MCR Convention	Comfort Inn, Austinburg, OH	Contact: Matt Kross e-mail mkross@earthlink.net		
JULY 2005	TBD	NMRA Nat'l Convention	TBD, Cincinnati			



**Next Meeting:  
Sunday, August 1st.  
10:30 - 5:00pm  
Danville, KY**



**Tour:**

**Bob Lawson's  
Southern Layout**

**John Bowling's  
L&N of Central & Eastern KY**

**Robin Grider's  
HO Modular Layout**

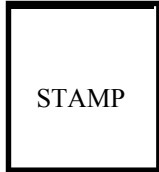
**Bring & Brag:  
On-line Structures  
(except stations)**

*Don't forget the  
**NEW**  
Show 'n Tell  
and  
Swap Meet  
events during our  
regular meetings.*



# The Lantern

Published monthly by Division 10  
Mid Central Region  
National Model Railroad Association  
143 Chenault Road,  
Lexington, KY 40502  
jgorman@lex-ky.us  
On-Line: [nmra-division10.railfan.net/](http://nmra-division10.railfan.net/)



Contents	
1	Superintendent's Message Division 10 August Meeting Notes from Fritz B&B Winner
2	Officer Listing Company Store Committee Chairs
3	Support Your Hobby Shops Sustaining Members & Patrons
4	Bring n' Brag Report Bring n' Brag 2004 Scores & Schedule
5	Map to Danville Layouts
6	Division 10 Ballot
7	Witless vs. Clueless
8	Div. 10 Model Railroad Data Base Editor's Notes Train Festival 2004
9	Around The Bend