



# The Lantern



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## ***Bring n' Brag May 2007***

We closed out the Bring n' Brag 2006-07 season with "Anything Goes" and had an excellent variety of entries to enjoy.

First, Tom Miller brought a nice American Flyer work train, then Bill Robbins entered a sharp looking Miracle Chair Co. built from a Bar Mills kit. Next, Bill Hammonds brought a neat little outhouse diorama. Michael Tyra came loaded for bear with no less than six ALCo road switchers in his home road Clear Branch Southern. He also showed us a genuine L&N lantern. Rounding things out, David Toles shared a nice potpourri of memorabilia including a brick from the Lexington Southern depot, a Queen and Crescent lithograph, and a toy 2-8-4.

Michael's fleet of ALCo's easily took first place, Bill Robbin's structure came in second, and Tom Miller and Bill Hammonds tied for third. There were no photo entries. Certificates will be presented during our June outing at the Grossers.

Thanks to everybody who participated over the last year. Kudos to David Toles and Michael Tyra for all of the great work they have shared with us. Also, a big thanks to Bill Hammonds for his generosity in providing us with raffle prizes.

As mentioned before we will be having our three month summer break from Bring n' Brag. When the days get too hot - don't complain - head for the basement or some other cool place and do some modeling!

Okay, let's look forward to September and the new Bring n' Brag! First, the photo portion of each monthly contest will be eliminated due to the sporadic participation we have had over the last year. Instead, we will be having Photos and Slides as a theme for September.

This is not to discourage anyone from bringing photos throughout the year if they so desire. It's just that we haven't had enough participation to justify having a monthly photo contest.

Certificates for first, second and third places will be awarded each month. We will also be keeping a running point total as the season progresses just for the fun of it.

Stay tuned for any future developments. In the mean time, have a happy and safe summer. As the old sixties song goes, "See you in September!"

**- Ron**

## ***Bring n' Brag Schedule***

September 2007 - Photos & Slides

October 2007 - Dioramas

November 2007 - Steam Locomotives

December 2007 - Off-line Structures

January 2008 - Freight Cars

February 2008 - Diesel Locomotives (Including Traction)

March 2008 - Passenger Cars

## ***Bring n' Brag Rules:***

***Points are awarded for models as follows: One point is given for your first entry; a second point is given if that entry is "On Topic". Following peer judging, three points are awarded for First Place, two points for Second Place, and one point for Third.***

## ***The Super's Column***

The May meeting was a great success. Sam Swanson, as always, gave a great clinic then answered questions for another 30 minutes. I wish we could have clinicians like Sam every month. I am sure that everyone who attended was pleased that they chose to attend. Many folks mentioned how interesting Sam was and how much they learned. On behalf of Division 10, I wish to thank Sam Swanson for giving of his time to make the trip to Lexington and present his clinic.

On June 3rd. Ray and Renee Grosser are hosting our meeting at their farm in Eubanks, KY. There will be a pot luck lunch and lots of fun activities. The most important of which will be the viewing of the "Nostalgic Trip" HO SOO Line Railroad that Ray and Renee have built and greatly expanded and improved over the years. Also, the Grossers' new O-scale layout will be on display. If you saw it last year you won't recognize it, so much new work has been done. There may also be an operating steam engine and other items of interest.

The pot luck will be served beginning at 1:00 until all the food is gone or we all are too stuffed to eat any more. If you want, we would appreciate it if you would bring a dish of some kind, drinks or desert. In past years I have tried to organize the food, but it seems that most of you don't know what you are going to bring until the day before, however it always works out great.

So this year, I'll just say bring whatever you want and plenty of it. If you want a suggestion, give Ray or Renee a call and they can probably tell you what will be needed. AND, if bringing food is just "not your thing", then give somebody else a few dollars to help pay for what they are going to bring.

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## MCR Division 10 continues to thank Turfland Mall in Lexington

for the generous donation of public space  
to build display and operate  
our N-Trak Modular Layout



**From the Editor....**

Some old adages truly do stand the test of time. Such as P.T. Barnun's famous line "There's a sucker born every minute" - which explains why I am now in charge of The Lantern!

In truth, I merely jest above. I'm looking forward to keeping John, Ron, Pete, and the usual cast of regular contributors in line. My own better half will of course need to keep *me* in line to make sure I actually get this out to you in time (ah, but I pass the buck already). Once the transitional kinks get worked out, it should hopefully be smooth sailing. But you can help too!

In the past few months, The Lantern has been little more than a summary of meeting minutes and

So with that said, I'd like to open the floor and ask you the reader to remember: The Lantern isn't just a bulletin board and soapbox for the Board of Directors - it is also YOUR newsletter!

I have my own ideas of things I could do to "fill this space", but before I commit to further embarrassing myself I'd like to solicit YOUR ideas, opinions, rants, raves, reviews, columns, articles, or anything else you'd like to share, contribute, or see in print.

Do you have some unique off-beat modeling building tips? Or know a few great online resources? Or maybe even have some stuff you'd like to sell or part with but don't want the hassle of Ebay fees?

I hereby welcome any and all contributions, no matter how seemingly silly or small (or large!), as long as they have something to do with this hobby we all love. You can send them to me at [goingincirclez@gmail.com](mailto:goingincirclez@gmail.com) The deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month, for the following month's issue.

I'd also like to know what you like or dislike about The Lantern. Are the columns too long? Too short? Is it hard to read? Are fonts too small? Layout too boring? Remember this is YOUR newsletter, and it, just like the Division 10, depends on you for its continued success and relevance. And we ALL benefit!

Feel free to drop me a line at the email address above. Like all of



## Field Trip to the New Unionville & Western RR

(near Bloomington, IN)

and The Salem Depot Museum in Salem, IN

**Saturday June 9, 2007 7am - 8pm**

The **New Unionville & Western RR** is a 1/8 scale railroad on 40 acres, complete with grade crossings!  
Web address: [www.newrr.com/2003NEWRRSITE/INFO.html](http://www.newrr.com/2003NEWRRSITE/INFO.html)

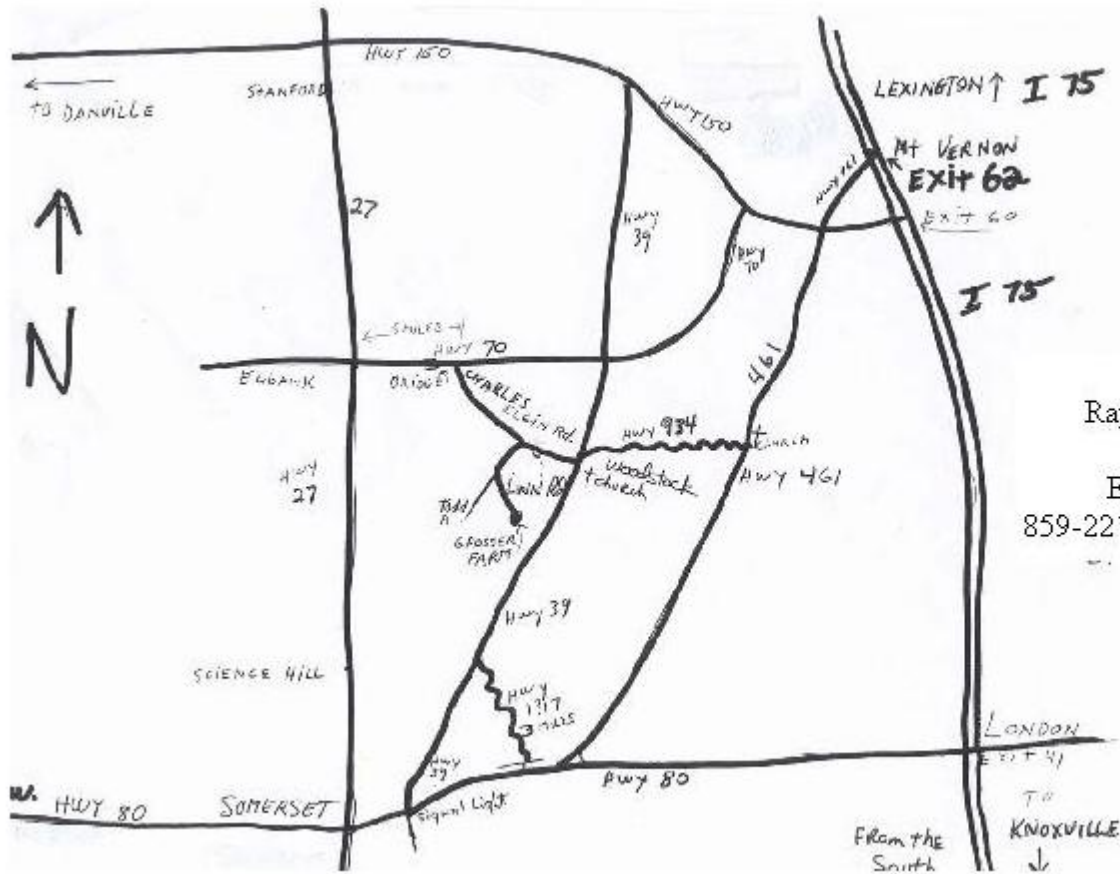
We will Depart from Lexington about 7:15am. The drive to 4450 N Stidd Lane, Bloomington is 180 miles, so we would arrive about 11am.

The **Salem Depot** (admission \$2) has a HO layout that has 130 feet of mainline track. The depot is also a RR museum. 206 S College Ave. 47167. Web address: [www.salemdepot.com](http://www.salemdepot.com)

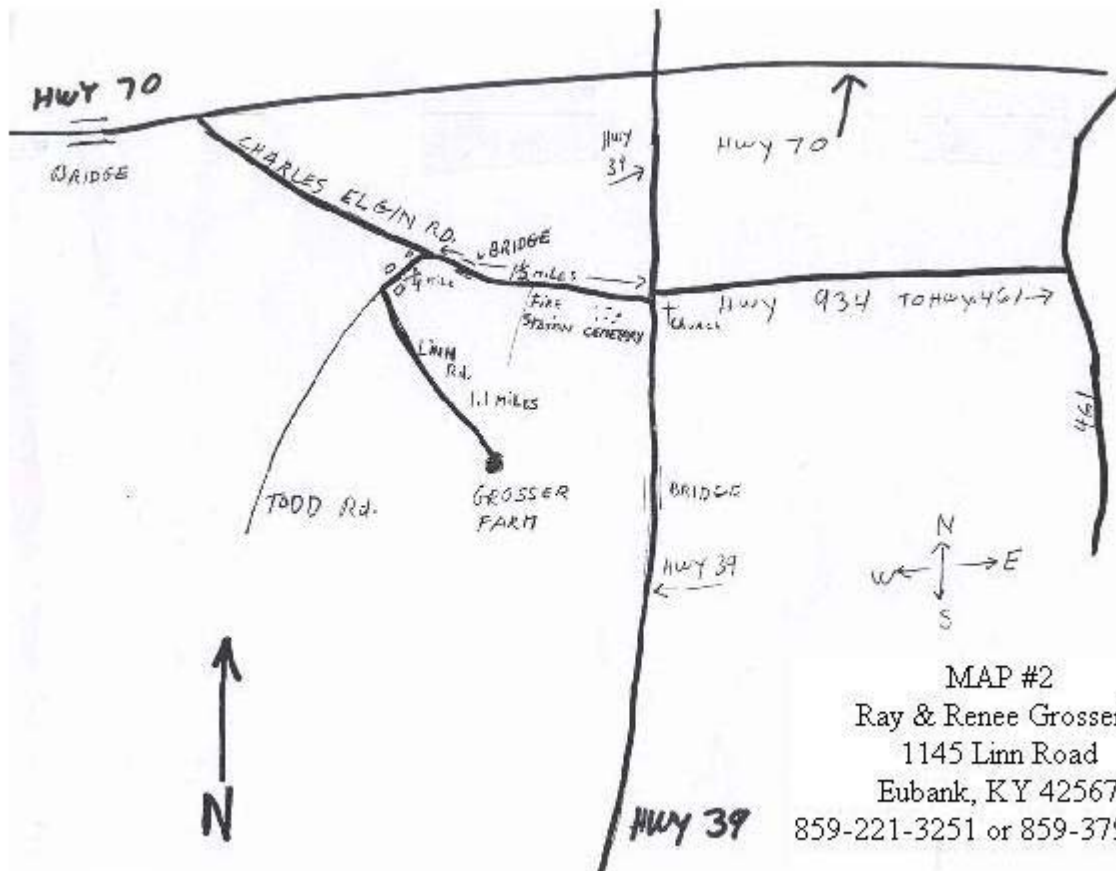
From Bloomington, the trip to Salem, IN is 65 miles. We must be in Salem by 3:30pm. The layout stops running about 4:00; the museum is open until 5:00pm.

The trip from Salem back to Lexington takes about 2.5 hours.

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If you know you are going to be late, don't worry, the food usually lasts all day, but bring a dessert. That always seems to run out first!! (Or they do a good job of hiding it from me?)

A map to the Grossers' is on page 3. If you have any questions give them a call and they will help you find us. If you have never been there, I can't say enough how much there is to see and learn. If you have been there before, I don't need to say much. In any case I know you WILL NOT want to miss this opportunity to see and enjoy one of Kentucky's most well known model railroads.

Our Fall train show is scheduled for Saturday, October 20 and will be held at the Shriner's Temple on Southland Drive. We will have lots of display space and great parking. Ed Butcher is the Show Chairman and he will be looking for many volunteers. Please let him know you want to help.

We continue to have our N scale layout displayed at Turfland Mall. The Mall is good enough to allow us to use this space for meetings, etc. at no charge. The only thing we do in return is to have the room open and trains running from Noon to 4:00 on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. In order to meet this commitment we depend on your volunteering your time to help us run trains. It is great fun and only takes 4 hours per month. Stew Winstandley is the volunteer coordinator for this project. Please let Stew know that you want to help so he can put your name on the schedule.

And last, but certainly not least, please make plans to attend the Berea, Ky 8th Annual L&N Day. It is an all day event held in Old Town at 201 North Broadway. Admission is FREE as well as free balloons and other items for kids. For more information call 800-598-5263.

Normally we do not schedule a meeting in July and therefore do not publish a newsletter. However, if something comes up, we will send out a post card to inform you.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Ray and Renee Grosser's on June the 3rd. Please bring me something good to eat!

## *Witless & Clueless*

*The continuing story of*

*Larry Loungecar and Rivets O'Reilly*

*Created by Railroad Pete Birdsong*

*Written by Mike Armstrong*

Rivets: Hey, Larry! How ya doin'?

Larry: Aw, Rivets, I'm mad at myself.

Rivets: What about?

Larry: Well, I ain't got any more room. I got trains on the walls and trains on shelves and trains everywhere. The train room is full of my layout and I got a ten by twenty storage bin full of train stuff. I either gotta start sellin' stuff or we got ta get a bigger house.

Rivets: What's your wife say?

Larry: Oh, you know her. She can't see the beauty in ownin' model railroad stuff. I asked a guy once why he had so many brass engines. He said he just liked to hold 'em and look at 'em. I said, "Boy, I hear that!" I told Bonnie 'bout him and you know what she said? She said any body that would do that ought to see a doctor.

Rivets: When's your appointment?

Larry: Very funny, Rivets. I gotta figure a way to display my stuff. I love lookin' at it.

Rivets: Why don't ya just devote more time to your layout? Model railroadin' is fun for all of us.

Larry: Well, Rivets, you know how it is. There are different facets to the hobby and sometimes a body gets more in the mood for one facet than another.

Rivets: And right now, you just wanna sit back in a chair and look and think, "my empire!"

Larry: What's wrong with that? My model train stuff is gonna help me fulfill my dreams.

Rivets: Larry, ya gotta learn moderation. Ya can't have it all!

Larry: No, but I can make a good run at 'er.

Rivets: Larry, you ain't listenin'. Ya gotta begin to focus on a particular scale, a particular era, a particular railroad.]

Larry: I am focused, Rivets...wide angle!

Rivets: Yeah, you're wide angle all right. You just got big eyes and spend too much money.

Larry: It's okay, Rivets. Bonnie works!

Rivets: And when Bonnie has to help ya move all that stuff back here, she isn't gonna be happy.

Larry: Not so loud, Rivets. She doesn't know about the storage shed stuff. She thinks her grandma's trunks with his army souvenirs is there.

Rivets: Ain't it?

Larry: Rivets, there was this big sale and I was short on cash, so I traded, but the guy's gonna hold it til I get the money.

Rivets: When did you do that?

Larry: A couple of years ago.

Rivets: Larry, I used to think that story about model railroader's disease was a joke, but you're outta you mind!

Larry: Maybe you're right, Rivets. What do you think I ought to do to get out of this bein' upset about things?

Rivets: Well, I would suggest that you see a doctor for a prescription. As a matter of fact, I have a prescription for you already.

Let's go to the NMRA train show next weekend.

Larry: Doctor Rivets!

Rivets: Exactly!

# AROUND THE BEND...

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE/TIME	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
JUNE	3	MCR DIV 10	Woodstock (Eubank), KY About 1:00 PM	Ray & Renee Grosser's "Nostalgia Road Trip"	Soo Line Layouts!	N/A
JUNE	2	Berea, KY's 8th Annual L&N Day	201 North Broadway In Old Town Berea All Day	Free Admission, Free balloons & other fun for kids	CALL 1-800-598-5263 For more information	N/A
JUNE	9	MCR Div 10	Bloomington & Salem, IN All Day	New Unionville & Western RR; Salem Depot Museum	Departing Lexington @ 7:15	N/A
AUG	5	MCR Div 10	Danville, KY About 1:00 PM	Annual SUMMER TRIPLE PLAY: Three Big Layout Tours	Layouts by John Bowling, Bob Lawson, & Robin Grider	N/A
SEPT	2	MCR Div 10	Lexington (Library TBD) 2:00 PM	Monthly Meeting + Bring n Brag; RailOPS Software by Pete Birdsong	Lou Jaquith	"Photos & Slides"



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**Next Meeting:**

**Sunday, June 3 @ 1:00 pm**  
**Grosser Farm**  
**Eubank, KY**  
**(map enclosed)**

**Program:**

**Annual Potluck Cookout,**  
**Soo Line HO "Nostalgia Trip"**  
**PLUS**  
**NEW Soo Line O-Scale...**

**Bring & Brag:**

**On summer hiatus;**  
**returning in September**