



# The Lantern



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The new home and “headquarters” for Division 10—or the N-SIG’s modular N scale layout at the very least—is in the rebuilt main office of the Bluegrass Railroad Museum in Versailles, KY. Meetings will still be conducted in Lexington for the foreseeable future. The old location at Turfland Mall will be vacated by the end of March. *Photo by Stew Windstandley*

## *Division 10 Rolls Into Its New Location*

*By Tom Miller*

The best crowd of people in months showed for the Division 10 farewell swap meet at Turfland Mall, with better than expected exhibitors and a better than expected turnout of modelers and interested train enthusiasts. In some ways it seemed like the mall of a better time and there was something for everyone!

The swap meet was held on Saturday March 15 at Turfland Mall from 9:00am until 2:00pm. This closed another era in our history and laid the way for a new era for NMRA Division 10. By 2:00, the remaining club layouts and models were being moved to the Bluegrass Railroad Museum in Versailles Kentucky under Ed

Butcher’s supervision.

Remaining materials and club property were scheduled to be moved the morning of March 29.

The Bluegrass Model Railroad Museum was founded in 1976 by members of the Bluegrass Railroad Club. It began acquiring equipment from local railroads, initially storing the equipment in the former L&N RR’s Lexington yard. In 1987-1988, five and a half miles of railroad line from Versailles, KY to the Kentucky River and nine and a half acres of land in Woodford County Park just outside of Versailles were acquired to begin the process of creating a museum site and train ride. The rail line was originally built by the Louisville Southern Railroad in the 1880’s. For a brief time it was acquired by the Monon Railroad; later it became part of the Southern Railway and later the Norfolk Southern

Railroad.

The line from the Kentucky River to Lawrenceburg, KY is still owned by Norfolk Southern. The line from Versailles to Lexington was sold first to the former Lexington & Ohio, which transferred it to the R.J. Corman Railroad system.

The Museum’s headquarters and grounds in Versailles is the new home for the N-scale modular layout, and we will explore options for Tuesday night meetings.

Our next monthly clinic meeting is on Sunday, Apr 6 at 2:00pm, at the Bates Creek Library. Plans for Tuesday night meetings will be addressed at the clinic. As always, the Division 10 web site ([nmra-division10.railfan.net](http://nmra-division10.railfan.net)) and The Lantern will update members of continuing plans for model railroading in the Bluegrass.



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### IN RECOGNITION...

Many thanks to folks listed in the column below. They have given their time, materials and/or money to support our club. We encourage all members to help with financial support to The Lantern and our website or with their time and/or materials to support our layout at the Mall and the Division 10 train shows. To be listed here your contribution needs to be at least \$20 in cash or material valued at \$50 or a total of 20 hours time within the last year. Division 10 receives NO monetary support from the NMRA or the Mid Central Region. Division 10 is recognized by the US government as a 501c3 corporation and your cash or material donations may be tax deductible.

Contributions of money, materials and time should be reported to John Gorman so that he can keep track of them.

To the right of each contributor's name is the date of his or her latest contribution. Whenever one makes a contribution of money, material or time, his or her date will be updated and for new contributors, their name will be added. Folks who have not made a contribution in one year will be dropped from the list.

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**THANKS!**

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**MCR Division 10 wishes to thank**

**Turfland Mall**

**For being a gracious host for the past 4 years.**

## The Super's Column

By Bill Paulsell

Thanks to Fred Plymale for the tour of layouts he had visited. At our last meeting he showed photos of some remarkable, multilevel layouts. Several showed how to blend scenery into a background. Others revealed river and pond scenes that looked incredibly realistic. Overall, we saw some amazing modeling that I hope inspired you as much as it inspired me.

Next month we will visit Bob Larger's fine layout. Over several visits I have watched that layout progress, and I look forward to seeing the latest developments. We still need layouts to visit. Please volunteer yours. If you have only recently started, let us see what you have done. Over the months and years it will be fun to watch yours progress. Mine progresses in fits and starts, but the great thing about model railroading is that you can always do more to improve a layout. I often read about some of the really great layouts where people are still replacing structures with better models, adding new electronic features, and re-working some track areas.

I'm beginning to get the hang of building laser cut kits which I would call semi-craftsman types. I'm learning what to paint first, which parts are supposed to overlap others, and better techniques for windows. I really like the looks of wooden structures. However, I notice that some of our friends like the Grossers and Bob Lawson can take a simple plastic kit and by the careful application of paint, weathering, and details, make it look like a museum quality model. There are always new things to learn in our hobby.

Our Assistant Superintendent, Mike Baskette, is still searching for programs. Some of you have mentioned your willingness to offer one. Please contact Mike. His phone number and e-mail address are listed in this issue of The Lantern under Division 10 officers.

Our Regional Convention is May 15-18 in the Cleveland area at the Holiday Inn in Independence, OH. There will be prototype tours. The program lists 55 clinics, everything from assembling laser kits, to layout design, to operations, to

prototype subjects. There is even a three parter on the ABC's of steam locos by a professional steam locomotive rebuilder. I always enjoy these events and have learned much.

The national convention will be in Anaheim, California in July. I have already registered. One clinic I have signed up for is board by board modeling. It will be my 7th convention. I could never attend during my working days, but in retirement I have been able to go. It's something to look forward to.

I began model railroading as a kid, but I notice now that it is older people who begin to take up the hobby. Once the children are through school and college some of the pressure is off and time for a hobby becomes available. One of the purposes of the NMRA is to promote model railroading. Introduce your friends to the fun of it. It's never too late to start.

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## **Bring n' Brag March 2008 Results**

By Ron Kercheval

March was time for passenger the cars to roll around and we had a good and well balanced mix of entries. Lou Jaquith had a well done display of how to upgrade an inexpensive passenger car with a Rivarossi heavyweight Pullman, followed by Don Burris' Amtrak super dome. Next, Tom Krill had an exquisite St. Charles Car Company coach in On30 painted in his Mexican road. Tom Miller presented two beautifully restored Pennsy American Flyer coaches, and Mike Citak had an excellent Northern Pacific pike sized passenger train with kit-bashed Athearn heavyweights and a great paint and decal job.

The voting was evenly matched with Tom Krill's entry coming in first followed by Lou's Pullman. Mike's NP train took third. Kudos to all for sharing your models and outstanding work!

Next month's subject will be On-line Structures. This can include depots, coaling towers, engine shops, icing platforms, or anything related to the operation of a railroad. See you next time!

## Bring n' Brag Schedule

April 2008	On-line Structures
May 2008	Non-revenue incl. Caboose & MoW

## 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". You can have additional entries but you can only be awarded "entry" points for one item each month. Following peer judging, three points are awarded for First Place, two points for Second Place, and one point for Third Place. Multiple entries can each win points for placing.*

## Bring n' Brag Standings

High to Low or Tie	Mar. 2008	PT
Tom Krill (1st)	5	16
Lou Jaquith	4	14
Tony Lucio	-	11
Tom Miller	9	9
David Battin	-	7
David Oswald	-	7
Don Burris	2	6
Tim Day	-	5
Bill Paulsell	-	5
Matthew Coles	-	4
David Toles	-	4
Mike Citak (3rd)	2	3
Michael Tyra	-	3
Stew Winstandley	-	3
Ron Kercheval	-	3
Phil Lester	-	2
Bill Robbins	-	2



## Final Run

*This Monon way freight was one of the last trains to operate across the Turfland Subdivision of the Division 10 / N-SIG club layout. Soon after this photo was taken, the layout was dismantled and transported to its new home at the BGRRM. The Museum does not have quite the same floor accommodations, and the club layout will be rebuilt in a new configuration less some of the corners.*

*The Mall was a good home for the past 4 years, and despite "deferred maintenance" and declining mall patronage, the Turfland layout held up very well and was enjoyed by visitors and operators alike.*

## March 2008 Executive Committee Minutes

March 6, 2007  
7:00-8:30 PM

**Attending:** Bill Paulsell (presiding), Ed Butcher, Pete Birdsong, John Gorman, Bill Robbins, Tom Miller, Ron Kercheval, Lou Jaquith, Fred Plymale.

**Absent:** Mike Baskette, Tony Lucio.

The Meeting was called to order by Superintendent Bill Paulsell. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.

### New Business

1. Train Swap: The train swap on March 15, 2008 will be held at Turfland Mall. We have thirty tables. We will open for set up at 8 and the swap will be from 9-2. One table will be provided per person. Pete will make signs for the

entrance to Turfland Mall. We will have a membership booth and club table.

2. Financial Report: Bill Robbins provided the financial report in detail. There are about 20 people who support the club. We sold 5 of the club cars. Income was \$401.75 for February. Balance for this month is \$3693.45.

3. Clinic Schedule: Bill Paulsell reported that the next three clinics will be at Tates Creek library.

4. Berea L&N Days. Bill Robbins reported on the layout and details. This will be for the June 7, 2008 program. We will likely use the HO scale set up for this program. Ed Butcher will help to transport the HO layout.

5. Turfland Mall Store Status. N Scale Layout is to be moved to the museum. The museum will open May 13, 2008. We need to move the N Scale layout

before that time. Consensus is to move it sooner rather than later. Mall is now locked up at 7:00PM daily. This will eliminate Tuesday night meetings. Ed Butcher has keys and the trailer for the museum and will coordinate the move. We will plan to move the layout immediately after the swap meet.

6. Future Club Meetings. Clinics will continue on the first Sunday of the month at 2:00 PM. Tuesday night meetings will be scheduled and posted on the web. Club members should consult the web for details and schedule.

**Adjournment:** It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The next scheduled meeting of the executive committee will be announced.

Respectfully submitted:

Tom Miller  
Secretary

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## WITLESS & CLUELESS

THE CONTINUING SAGA OF  
LARRY LOUNGEAR AND RIVETS O'REILLY  
CREATED BY "RAILROAD" PETE BIRDSONG  
WRITTEN BY MIKE ARMSTRONG

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Rivets: Hey, Larry! Whatcha been up to lately?!

Larry: Oh, hi Rivets. Well, I'm just polishing the buttons in my collection. I just added a brand new solid gold Northern Pacific button, a solid silver Burlington Northern button, and a gold Great Northern button with a diamond in Rocky's eye.

Rivets: Wow! Solid silver and gold? Where did ya get 'em?

Larry: Rivets, you won't believe it when I tell you! I was at the bus station the other day, havin' a sandwich at the lunch counter. A guy musta seen me wearin' my railroad hat, 'cause he says to me, "Pssst, hey buddy!" It was kind of a loud whisper. I says, "You talkin' to me?" He says, "Yeah. You like trains?" I says "Sure!" He says, "I thought so by all them pins on your hat." Then he asks me, "Do you know a bargain when you see one?"

Rivets: Larry, tell me you didn't buy the buttons from that guy!

Larry: Rivets, he takes me off to the side and opens his coat and the inside is full of gold buttons and pins and stuff. No wonder he whispered. He musta been carryin' a fortune in his coat!

Rivets: Larry, those ain't real gold! They're probably brass. What did you pay for them?

Larry: That is why I know their real gold. I only gave a hundred and fifty bucks for all three. He even showed me how the diamond was real. He took me over to the door and he made a scratch mark on the glass in the door from the diamond in the goat's eye.

Rivets: Larry, that's an old trick... He switched buttons.

Larry: Naw! I was watchin' him all the time. I tried to show my wife that trick and the diamond broke into little pieces. I think I musta used tempered glass or somethin', so now the goat looks like he's winkin' atcha.

Rivets: Did you take them to anyone to have 'em appraised?

Larry: I did, but those guys don't know nothin' about buttons. They said they were so cheap ya could probably buy 'em at a bus station. That's when I walked out.

Rivets: Ya got any more room on your vest for 'em?

Larry: Yeah. I'm gonna put 'em on a place where everybody can see 'em: right around the collar.

Rivets: Larry, ya have to know they're not gold!

Larry: Aw, Rivets, how do you know?! The most expensive thing you ever bought in your life was a traction tire for your Lionel!

Rivets: Larry, I can't believe you. Nobody sells anything legitimate when the first thing they say to you is "Pssst". So just enjoy your buttons and from now on do your shopping at the Division 10 Train Show.

Larry: I guess I shouldn't show you what else he sold me.

Rivets: What?

Larry: Well, I bought a brand new 2008 button for the Lionel Railraoder Club for seventy-five bucks.

Rivets: Larry, now that is what I'm talkin' about. Membership in the Club is only thirty bucks. All you got is a button when ya coulda had a membership and got the mailings for a lot less. Why would ya buy anything from somebody at a bus station, anyway?

Larry: Well, she was....I mean...he was...

Rivets: Larry, what do you mean "she was"?

Larry: Well, she was pretty and seemed like a nice person.

Rivets: What do ya think now?!

Larry: I think she was only pretty.

Rivets: I hope ya learned yer lesson. There's no such thing as a free lunch.

Larry: Actually, lunch was free. I gave her all my money and didn't have any to pay for my lunch. The guy at the counter said my lunch was free. He had been watching the whole thing and said it was the best entertainment he had had that day. I wonder what he meant by that?

Rivets: Larry, somehow, I don't think ya want to know.



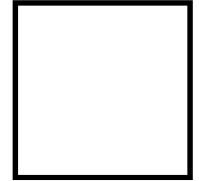
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## Next Meeting:

Sunday April 6 @ 2:00 pm  
Lexington, KY  
Tates Creek Library

## Program:

Mike Baskette & Pete Birdsong  
"Modeler's Tools"

## Bring & Brag:

On-Line Structures

## Tour:

Bob Larger's Layout

# AROUND THE BEND...

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE/TIME	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
Apr	6	Div. 10	Tates Creek Library Lexington, KY 2:00 pm	Mike Baskette & Pete Birdsong: Modeler's Tools	Bob Larger	On-Line Structures
May	4	Div. 10	Tates Creek Library Lexington, KY 2:00 pm	Monthly Meeting	TBD	Non-Revenue Equipment
May	15-18	MCR	Holiday Inn Independence, OH	NMRA MCR Regional Convention	Program	Program
June	1	Div. 10	Tates Creek Library	Monthly Meeting	TBD	TBD
June	28-29	MRIA	Louisville, KY Int'l Convention Center	World's Greatest Hobby On Tour	—	—