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This large (as deep as wide!) rock quarry with its huge crane is just one of the many impeccably-rendered and finely detailed scenes on Ray and Renee Grosser's HO Soo Line Nostalgia Trip. But if you want to see it in person, this is your last chance: it and all the other famous scenes will themselves become mere history, as the entire layout will be dismantled soon after our annual visit in August.

For more details and a map to the layout, see inside.

Photo by Stew Winstandley

D10 Participating in Gigantic Multi-Hobby Show

By Pete Birdsong

Division 10 is partnering with the Bluegrass Railroad Museum for the First Annual Giant Swap Meet and Trains, Planes & Automobiles Show.

See the enclosed flyer for more details on this super event, which, in addition to the Division 10 Swap Meet, will feature live full-size prototype train rides, miniature steam train rides, an exhibit of Model A Fords, street rods, flying model airplanes, automotive models, a food vendor, and lots more.

We've sent out flyers to organizations in 5 states, including over 150 dealers, plus some historical societies, clubs, and other organizations, including Division 7

and 8 (Cincinnati and Louisville). The Museum, the model airplane group, the car groups and the live steamers are also doing advertising.

We'll be in a giant 80' X 60' covered pavilion at the Woodford County Fairgrounds (site of the Bluegrass Railroad Museum). Division 10 members can rent tables for \$10.00 as long as supply lasts, or bring your own table (limit one) for free. After that, we may have to rent tables, which will cost more, so reserve early. Register with Lou Jaquith, per details in the flyer.

We're going to need lots of help to move the tables from the museum to the pavilion, so call me today at 268-1462 or 552-5467 to volunteer for that or other duties, such as relief on the ticket tables, manning the Company Store, set-up and take-down, clean-up, etc.

This giant two-day event should be a huge success given the variety of attrac-

tions, the advertising blitz, and the involvement of so many diverse organizations in putting it on, each lending their own expertise.

Let's all make it happen—sign up today! Volunteers are needed to help us work the event, and to either rent tables for their wares, or bring their own tables (at no charge).

For younger members in reasonably good health, we're looking for backs to carry up the tables from the museum basement, and haul them back after the event.

The museum has promised to provide some help for this, too. Please call and volunteer today!! Contact Pete Birdsong at 268-1462 or 552-5467.

This could turn into the biggest thing we've ever done! Thanks a lot for your support.



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The Super's Column

By Bill Paulsell

So many good things are happening at Division 10. Sam Swanson gave another of his fine clinics at our June meeting. We have been fortunate to have him twice this year. He showed us how to make good backgrounds for our layouts.

Bill Robbins, our new Assistant Super, has programs planned into next winter. Next on the list is our visit to Ray and Renee Grossers excellent layout on Sunday, August 3. This will be our August meeting. We will gather at noon at Turfland Mall. There can be some car pooling and we will have maps available. This time we will not be bringing any food. The Grossers will provide some snacks. I hope everyone will come. The Grossers built a separate building for their layout and it is an amazing set-up.

Our September meeting will be on Saturday rather than Sunday, and we will go to Cincinnati to visit Bob Lawson's layout and several others. Bob will provide lunch for us. More information in the next Lantern. Bob is one of the NMRA's premier modelers, and you will be amazed at this work.

On August 8 and 9 we will have a swap meet as part of a big event at the Blue Grass Railroad Museum in Versailles. Tables will be available for \$10. Lou Jaquith (276-1358) will reserve one or more for you. This is a good chance to get rid of things you will never use, and I hope many of you will participate. In addition there will be train rides, live steam, a car show, and a model airplane fly-in.

The Regional Convention in Cleveland was a fine event. Pete Birdsong won third place for a structure. Sam Swanson was first, Bob Lawson came in second. Pete was in high quality company! His building looked great. At the regional board meeting we heard that the other divisions are also doing well. Some are putting heavy emphasis on the achievement program; others are having successful shows and swap meets.

I hope you are having a good summer. With two trips and a swap meet in August and September there is a lot to do in Division 10! These are great opportunities and I urge you to participate.

Bring n' Brag 2007-08 Results

By Ron Kercheval

Tom Krill withstood a furious late charge from Lou Jaquith to take final honors for the 2007-08 Bring n' Brag season by *one point!* See how it happened in the final standings table.

First, Don Burris brought his AT&SF caboose and then Tom Krill shared his dad's 1918 Ives train set. Lou Jaquith entered his excellent Paducah and Louisville kitbashed doodlebug and RPO-Baggage two car train. Jim Campbell entered an outstanding N scale coaling tower, with Stew Winstandley bringing a sharp looking set of N scale RJ Corman units and aluminum ingot car. Finally, Tony Lucio brought his custom painted Frankfort and Cincinnati ALCo S2 switcher just in the nick of time.

Lou squeaked by Jim for first place while Tony's S2 came in third for June's contest. Congratulations to not just the winners, but to everybody who participated in our Bring n' Brag over the entire season. We will be having a two month break from our regular library meetings until October. In the mean time, we have some great layout tours over the summer to get inspired for next season.

Stay tuned for the September issue of the Lantern for our 2008-09 Bring n' Brag. In the mean time, hope to see you at the Grossers in August and our Cincinnati outing in September!

TREASURER'S Report

June 30, 2008

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$3,439.31 |
| Expenses: | |
| Lantern | (66.45) |
| Clinic Stipend | (75.00) |
| Library Rental | (20.00) |
| Contests | (14.83) |
| Deposits: | |
| Contributions | 100.00 |
| DoorPrize Tickets | 3.00 |
| Ending Balance: | \$3,366.03 |

Bring n' Brag Schedule

****The 2008/2009 Bring-n-Brag Program will be announced in the September 2008 Lantern****

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 | June 2008 | PT |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Tom Krill | 2 | 24 |
| Lou Jaquith (1st) | 5 | 23 |
| Tony Lucio (3rd) | 3 | 14 |
| Don Burris | 2 | 12 |
| Tom Miller | - | 11 |
| Pete Birdsong | - | 8 |
| David Battin | - | 7 |
| David Oswald | - | 7 |
| Bill Paulsell | - | 7 |
| Jim Campbell (2nd) | 4 | 7 |
| David Toles | - | 6 |
| Tim Day | - | 5 |
| Michael Tyra | - | 5 |
| Stew Winstandley | 2 | 5 |
| Matthew Coles | - | 4 |
| Mike Citak | - | 3 |
| Ron Kercheval | - | 3 |
| Phil Lester | - | 2 |
| Bill Robbins | - | 2 |

Watch for details on our special
SEPTEMBER 6 CINCINNATI ROAD TRIP
in next month's *Lantern*

Fred Plymale treats D10 to Expanded Layout

By Fred Plymale & Tom Miller

In entering the train area, one first sees a large round house area that was saved from the old layout. The small adjoining town still needs more details and people added to be considered finished. A keynote feature of Fred's layout is his now famous "Red Light District" that was also saved from my old layout. The siding to the right of town has Gorman's Coal and Bill Robbins' blacksmith shop as well as a couple of other interesting small businesses. The left siding supports three small business structures and ends at the Cabin Creek coal tipple where a C&O Alleghany has delivered a consist of empties and is ready to leave with a consist of full coal hoppers for Newport News.

Fred's very first layout was built about eight years ago in an unfinished basement. It was flat built on plywood without foam and the track was mostly straight. At the time it was better than his previous 4x8 table. The new layout the club toured is far from finished. When completed it will have much improved lighting and a full backdrop! However there is still a lot to see and learn at this stage of construction.

What made this tour unique is the raw bench work with risers supporting a double main on 3/4" wood. Some prefab bench work was used and the rest is scratch built with help from Bob Lawson and his crew. One small area has strips of cardboard hot glued and covered with Rosin paper that will soon have scenery added. Other areas are foam covered with either plaster cloth or Structo-lite. Structo-lite is a textured plaster coating that cures slowly, makes good rural roads and can be used to cover up a lot of mistakes.

Fred noted that the unfinished part will eventually have a fairly large waterfront area and a supporting costal town with two sidings for small industries. Several railroad bridges will cross the river for both trains and cars. He is currently struggling to build the shay route with two switch backs from the rural engine facility to the top of the mountain where the lumber barons are raping the virgin forests of WV. The green cloth on the top of the mountain will eventually be covered with ground scenery material.

The MCR Convention

By Fred Plymale

May was a very good month for model railroaders with two regional conventions held within easy driving distance of Lexington. If you have never attended a convention you should try to attend one next year. Our Mid Central Region Convention was in the Cleveland area on May 15th - 17th.

It was extremely well organized and had a good schedule of clinics especially if you are interested in steel mills and industrial modeling. One clinic "Cheap and Easy Pine Trees" using artificial Christmas pine roping was a real winner. Bob Lawson and I were very surprised to see the beautiful pine trees David Lawler made using stuff usually thrown out after the holiday season. He also demonstrated how to make excellent birch trees from golden rod. His techniques were all new to me and produced beautiful trees.

They had a large silent auction but as usual I got sniped on most of my bids. The contest models were very good. Sam Swanson won best in show. Bob Lawson won 1st place Popular Vote and another 1st place in structures. Pete Birdsong didn't attend but sent an excellent model with a full interior that won second place in structures. Bob and I toured several good and one very outstanding layout on our way home.

The next weekend Betty and I attended the South East Region convention at beautiful Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. The SER always has a train show in conjunction with their convention and this year was no

exception. I did find a few small treasures that I didn't need but now own. The clinics were outstanding! I attended Scratch Building 101 and 102 by Ron Gough MMR and learned a lot about building board on board kits with HO scale lumber. Not an easy task but worth the effort. Working with Styrene by Ben Bartlett was excellent for building contest models but far exceeded what most modelers need to build structures for a layout. Sam Swanson's new clinic "Modeling Maine" demonstrated how he built his beautiful waterfront model that won best in show the previous week in Cleveland.

The guys in SER are very serious when building models for the contest room and as you can guess the contest room was full of outstanding models. Sam Swanson won 1st place in structures with his Maine waterfront model and Best in Show was won by the second place in structures. Sam was out of his region and could not compete in the best of show category.

While most of us will never build models to the Best in Show level like Sam and Bob Lawson, each of us can make significant progress in developing our modeling skills by attending clinics at the regional level and most importantly in our own division. We have a good schedule of tours and clinics scheduled for the rest of the year. If we are to continue to attract award winning modelers to conduct clinics for Division 10, it's very important that attendance at our meetings improves. If you want to become a better modeler, Division 10 is the best organization to help you achieve your goal.

***** SPECIAL NOTICE FOR AUGUST MEETING *****

AUGUST 3 at the GROSSER'S place. Don't miss this annual event at one of the nation's PREMIER HO LAYOUTS, featured in multiple magazine articles and formerly ON TOUR ACROSS THE NATION, with beautiful scratch-built structures by Renee Grosser and features by Master Model Railroader Ray Grosser too numerous to mention. <http://www.grossersnostalgiaatip.com/>

This will be the LAST RUN of this great layout. It will be dismantled after this visit and sold off... If you have any interest in acquiring any of it, talk to Ray while you're there. Otherwise, it will go on E-Bay. We'll also see what's new on the O scale layout under construction, and a NEVER-BEFORE-SEEN model will be shown.

See MAP on PAGE 7. **CARPOOL** will leave from **Turfland Mall** in Lexington at **NOON**. The gathering at Grosser's begins about 2 PM.

Witless & Clueless:
The Continuing Saga of
Larry Loungecar and Rivets O'Reilly
Created by "Railroad" Pete Birdsong

Rivets: Hey, Larry! I hear yer goin' on a trip!

Larry: Yep! I'm goin' to the Derby City for the N Scale Convention.

Rivets: I didn't know you were interested in N Scale.

Larry: Rivets, you know me better than that! I am always interested in trains, but I like Louisville and several of the clinics look pretty interestin' to me, especially this work shop on tools.

Rivets: Who's leading it?

Larry: Some no-name guy I've never heard of from Davenport, Iowa. I didn't even know there was such a state!

Rivets: Seems like a long way to go just for a clinic on tools.

Larry: Well, I'll tell ya, Rivets, I do have sort of a hidden agenda. In the description to the clinic, the guy says to bring a favorite tool to show. Boy am I gonna shine!

Rivets: Uh-oh! What are ya gonna do?

Larry: Well, I am gonna bring my inventions that enhance the tools and make them easier to work with.

Rivets: Where did you learn a word like enhance?

Larry: I read it on a restroom wall. But let me show ya a few things. Look at this!

Rivets: What is that?! It looks like a toilet paper spool with duct tape on the ends.

Larry: To the untrained eye, yes, but to a master of tools this is for cleanin' yer scenery. A lot of times model railroaders don't want to lug out the vacuum cleaner. So this fits on the end of the hose of that mini vacuum attachment set and you can reach areas without all the hassle. You put it on the end of the hose and suck up the loose debris.

Rivets: And then you walk around with ground foam in yer teeth!

Larry: Ah, Rivets, take note! I made a filter out of my wife's old panty hose! And check this out!

Rivets: Oh I can't wait!

Larry: Woodland Scenics' ground foam in a shaker jar is great, but ya always have ta shake it out. Well, I took off the fence from a Lionel cow pen; you know, the kind that makes the cows go in and out of the box car. Then I duct taped it to the bottom of the Woodland Scenics ground foam, hooked it up to a transformer, and it vibrates the ground foam right out of the jar!

Rivets: Does it work?

Larry: In theory it does. There are still a couple of kinks to work out.

Rivets: Like what?

Larry: Like how to make it buzz harder.

Rivets: Larry...

Larry: Now Rivets, just a minute. This one will wow you.

Rivets: A spray bottle?

Larry: All ya have ta do is put two thirds liquid fence with one third wet water. It gives a prototypical smell.

Rivets: Larry, do you know what's in that stuff!? Putrescent egg solids! Rotten eggs! It stinks.

Larry: Well, ya only use it around barnyards and outhouses.

Rivets: That stuff is to keep rabbits out of your garden! Do you think that the smell will only stay in one place?

Larry: It adds realism!

Rivets: Larry, that stuff will keep rabbits AND people away from your layout.

Larry: All right, you come up with a better idea!

Rivets: Okay. I think it would be better if you just stayed home!



NMRA DIV. 10 TRAIN SWAP MEET

SATURDAY August 9 10am–5pm

SUNDAY August 10 11am-4pm

In Conjunction with the Bluegrass Railroad Museum

TRAINS PLANES & AUTOMOBILES SHOW

Featuring remote control airplanes, classic & custom automobiles, model cars, real train rides, miniature train rides and more!

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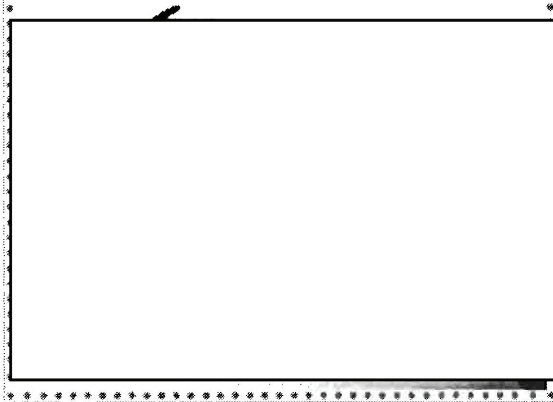
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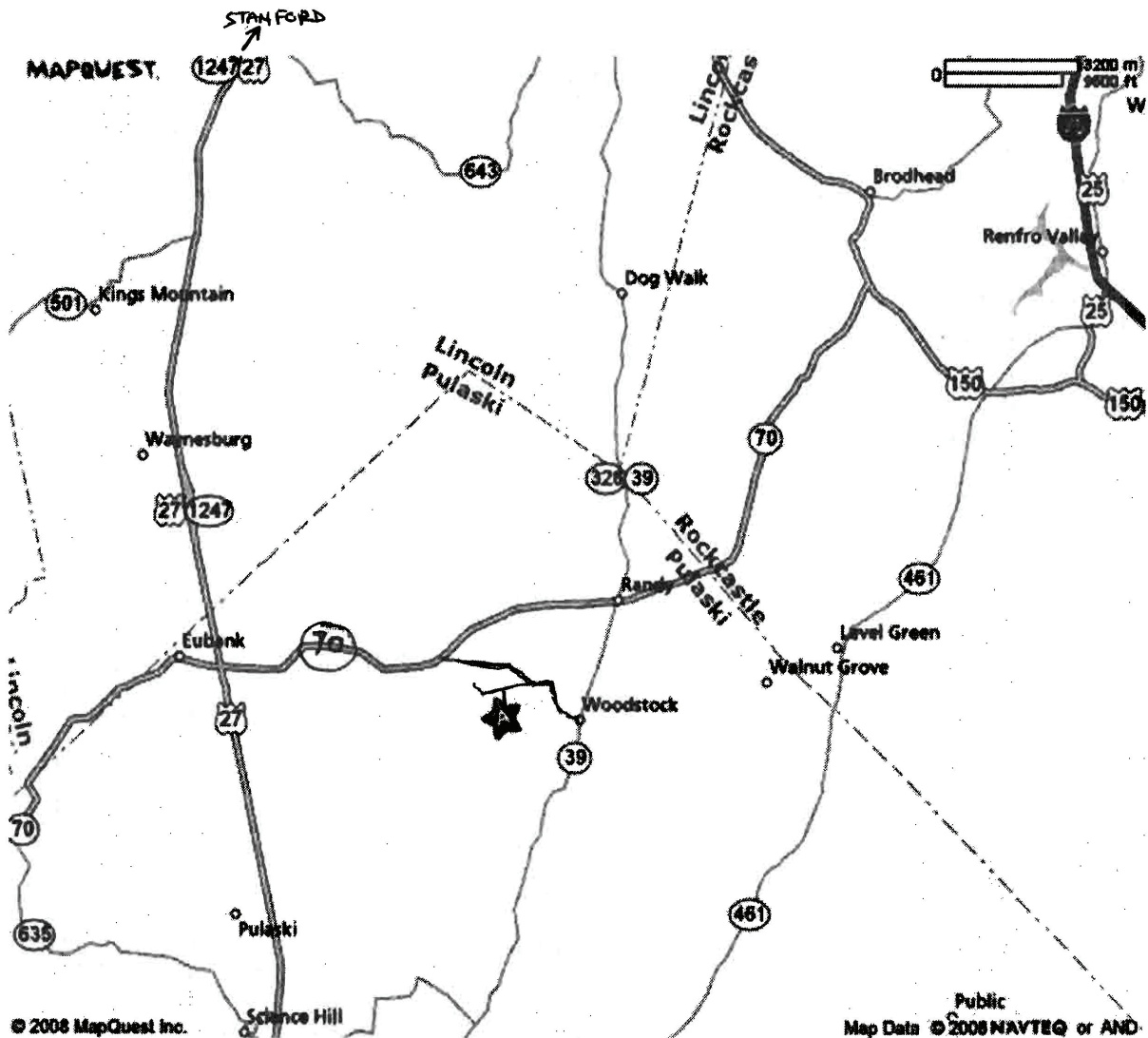
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Map to the Grosser's residence: 1145 Linn Road Eubank, KY 42567 (US27 S, 54 mi. from Fayette Co.)

From US 27, go east on KY 70 4.5 miles to a right onto Charles Elgin Rd.
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 From either direction, take Charles Elgin Rd to Todd Rd, go east on Todd to Linn Rd. Grosser's is near the end of Linn Rd.



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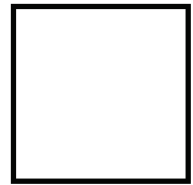
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Next Meeting:

Sunday August 3 @ 2:00 pm

Program:

Grossers' Soo Line
HO FINAL RUN

Bring & Brag:

Returns in October

Tour:

The Grossers' layouts

AROUND THE BEND...

| MON. | DAY | HOST | PLACE/TIME | EVENT / PROGRAM | TOUR | CONTEST |
|--------|------|---------------------|---|--|---|---------|
| August | 3 | Ray & Renee Grosser | The Grossers' Eubank, KY (see enclosed map) | Annual HO SooLine Nostalgia Trip FINAL RUN | The Grossers' | N/A |
| August | 9-10 | Div 10 & Others | Bluegrass Railroad Museum Versailles, KY | PLANES TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES SHOW & SWAP MEET | N/A | N/A |
| Sept | 6 | Cincinnati Modelers | Carpool from Turfland @ 8:00 am (Lexington) | Cincinnati ROAD TRIP | Bob Lawson John Listerman Perry Simpson | N/A |
| Oct | 5 | Div 10 | Tates Creek Library Lexington, KY | John Gorman: DCC / Sound decoders | TBA | TBA |
| Nov | 2 | Div 10 | Lexington KY | Monthly Meeting | TBA | TBA |