



# THE LANTERN



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## Membership Policy By Bill Paulsell



At the recent regional convention, NMRA national president Mike Brestel met with the regional board to discuss the liability insurance which the national organization provides for us.

It covers any NMRA sponsored event: division meetings, regional and national conventions, shows, swap meets, open houses, anything sponsored by any NMRA group.

The problem with it, Brestel said, was that if we have to file a claim, the insurance company, like any insurance company, will try to find some legal way to avoid paying the claim. They will check us out very thoroughly. One of the reasons they can deny a claim is if we treat non-members as if they were members. If we are not a 100% NMRA member club, then they will not pay.

Brestel said that it is possible for us to have guests, but we cannot treat them as members. For example, if you participate in Bring and Brag, host an open house, or receive the newsletter by mail and are not a dues paying NMRA member, we are violating the national NMRA policy. The newsletter, of course, is available to anyone on-line.

So, the bottom line is you must be an NMRA member to participate fully in our Division activities. Brestel's presentation at the board meeting has developed a new sensitivity to the membership policy. That is why the Cincinnati layout owners want to limit our visit to NMRA members. If you were injured falling down someone's basement steps, for example, and are not a member, the insurance would not apply, and our group could be liable.

I receive several division news letters. Division 1 has said that only members may enter their contests. Visitors are allowed to attend only two meetings, then they must join. Many of the divisions insist on membership after a few visits.

I know this is a difficult matter. We are all into model railroading because it is a fun hobby. However, the organization must protect itself. Our local board had a long discussion of the matter. We all want to promote model railroading in every possible way. However, it is essential that we be a 100% membership club.

So, with regret we must say that only members can participate in Bring and Brag or any other contests we may have, can receive the newsletter, attend hands-on clinics, or can host open houses. The NMRA is essential to our

hobby. Without the standards the hobby would be chaotic with equipment not matching and no way to determine quality before we buy engines and cars and track. We all need to support it. If an item has the NMRA seal of approval, we know it will work with anything we have.

As we have mentioned many times, a trial six months membership is available for \$9.95 (see page 7). That is a good way to start and determine the value of membership.

Meanwhile, I welcome any comment or conversation anyone wants to have. My email address is listed on page 2 in this newsletter.

## The Super's Column

We had a nice turnout for the June meeting. The program was on resin casting. The use of silicone molds for casting buildings and other parts was demonstrated, followed by a demonstration of Joel Bragdon's method of casting rocks for scenery with resin and foam material. See ads for Bragdon Enterprises in the model railroading magazines. More on resin castings in the next issue.

Our next meeting at Central Christian is in November. In August we will visit the Grosser's new O-Scale layout, in September NMRA members will visit Bob Lawson's incredible layout plus several others, and in October we will have our meeting at George Campbell's layout in Winchester.

We will meet in front of *Hobby Lobby in Brannon Crossing* at noon on August 2 to go to the Grosser's. Maps will be provided (page 6).

Note that the Cincinnati layout tours are for dues paying NMRA members only. Read the membership article on this page.

I attended the NMRA national convention in Hartford, Conn., July 5-11, and will report on that later. It was a week of clinics, layout visits, contests, and getting to know other model railroaders. This is my seventh national convention. I always learn some new techniques and gain some new ideas for my layout.

We will be having a swap meet as part of the Trains, Planes, and Automobiles event at the Bluegrass Railroad Museum in Versailles on August 22. If you would like to reserve tables, send \$10 per table to Lou Jaquith (see page 7).

At our most recent board meeting I mentioned that it was time for a new election of officers. Actually, our constitution says that our elections should be held on even number years. We are out of sync because our previous superintendent decided to step down in the middle of his second term. Our board decided to keep me in office for one more year so we can get back on the right schedule. I agreed to do it, but when next summer comes, I will push a vigorous campaign for someone else to take the job. It is important to have new ideas and new perspectives. I do appreciate the support and cooperation of everyone.



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To the right of each contributing member'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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[Read the article on page 1 about membership](#)

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"Railroad" Pete

## Witless & Clueless: The Continuing Saga of Larry Loungecar and Rivets O'Reilly

Created by "Railroad" Pete Birdsong, written by Mike Armstrong



Mike Armstrong

- Rivets: Hey, Larry! What's up?
- Larry: Well, Rivet's, my model railroad is finally finished.
- Rivets: Well, Larry ya have a lotta bare spots with no scenery, and lights and signals that are not hooked up, and a lotta unfinished building projects all over the place. How can ya say it's finished? I can see several years' worth o' work that needs to be done!
- Larry: (Sigh) Well, Rivets the point is that I have finally run outta space. I can't bring one more model railroad thing into this house.
- Rivets: Larry, I see lots o' room.
- Larry: Rivets, ya don't understand. Bonnie has given me an ultimatum...no more trains. She says she feels I'm spendin' too much money on trains.
- Rivets: Is that true?
- Larry: Well, I told her I married her for the money I thought she was gonna earn.
- Rivets: You didn't say that!?!?
- Larry: Then she said she was gonna cut off my ears in my sleep.
- Rivets: Well, do some of those projects. You can still "model?"
- Larry: Yeah, Rivets, but that is not my favorite part of the hobby.
- Rivets: I like it all. What do you like to do best?
- Larry: Buy stuff. When I get busy and don't get my railroad projects done, I always feel like I'm workin' on my layout when I buy somethin'.
- Rivets: Larry, ya can't own it all!
- Larry: The heck I can't! That's my goal.
- Rivets: Aw, Larry, come on! Now is a time to be a model railroader.
- Larry: But Rivets, Bonnie said somethin' I just can't get out of my head. She told me, that when I die, she is gonna sell all my stuff to the first guy who comes along with a shiny nickel.
- Rivets: Boy, that is enough to make ya cry! So what do ya plan to do?
- Larry: Well, I got a plan. The first thing is that everything is all catalogued as to price I paid and the value of it. My kids could make some bucks when I die...if their mom hasn't sold it all for a nickel?
- Rivets: Well, that is a good start.
- Larry: Well, that is not the best part of the plan.
- Rivets: Dare I ask what is?
- Larry: Well, the next thing I did was give my mailin' address as the place where I work. My boss is a real understandin' guy. So when I get somethin' in the mail, it comes there.
- Rivets: Well, ya still gotta get it in the house!
- Larry: And that is the genius part. I bought a membership at the health spa across the street from work. I can smuggle stuff in my gym bag.
- Rivets: But ya said ya ran outta room. How ya gonna get it past Bonnie.
- Larry: Well, I considered that and realized that everything is so cluttered, if I bring in a piece, I'll just set it in the mess so she won't notice.
- Rivets: What if she ever opens yer gym bag?
- Larry: Well, Rivets, I have already started sleepin' with huge headphones duct taped to my head.
- Rivets: What for?
- Larry: You know, to protect my ears. Model Railroad buyers forever, Rivets.
- Rivets: Forever, Larry. I'll drink ta that!

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### **MCR Div. 10 Executive Board Meeting, the full minutes are available from the secretary**

The Board extended the current officers' term for one year. Vote was unanimous for approval. The executive committee reappointed the current board members.

About a third of our meeting attendees are non-members of the NMRA. Beginning in November, non-members can display in Bring and Brag but cannot participate in Bring and Brag competition and receive a certificate, or receive our newsletter, or attend hands-on clinics. We want to encourage model railroaders to join the NMRA and if a non-member attends as many as three meetings, they may be asked to join and pay NMRA dues. Applications will be available at all meetings for those who are not members.



Bill Paulsell demonstrating Joel Bragdon's method of casting rocks for scenery with resin and foam material at the June meeting.



Four combination LCL / crew rider cars were built in 1956 for use on the Monon RR's freight locals. The scratch built HO model in the photo can be seen on Alan Brock's layout during our December meeting tour.

MCR Division 10, NMRA Treasurer's Report

May / June, 2009

Beginning Balance (4-30-09)		\$2925.83
Expenses		
Lantern –April	(42.59)	
Blue Moon Internet (08&09)	(160.00)	
Ky. State Treasurer	(10.00)	
Expense Total	(212.59)	
Deposits		
Contributions	65.00	
Clinic Income	120.00	
Kit Sale	15.00	
Deposit Total		200.00
Ending Balance (June 30, 2009)		\$2913.24

## Don Burris Takes Bring n' Brag for 2008-09

Congratulations to Don Burris for capturing the Bring n' Brag championship for 2008-09! Please see the final tabulation below for point totals.

Open loads was the theme for June. First, Tom Miller entered his S gauge American Flyer flat car with sewer pipe load. Next, Don Burris brought his flat car with logs. Michael Tyra shared his NYC gondola with truss load. Michael's load was so well sanded and painted you couldn't tell it was wood!

Michael handily took first place for his efforts while Tom placed second and Don was third.

Stay tuned for information on next season's Bring n' Brag (beginning in November). A big thanks to all for your support and participation.

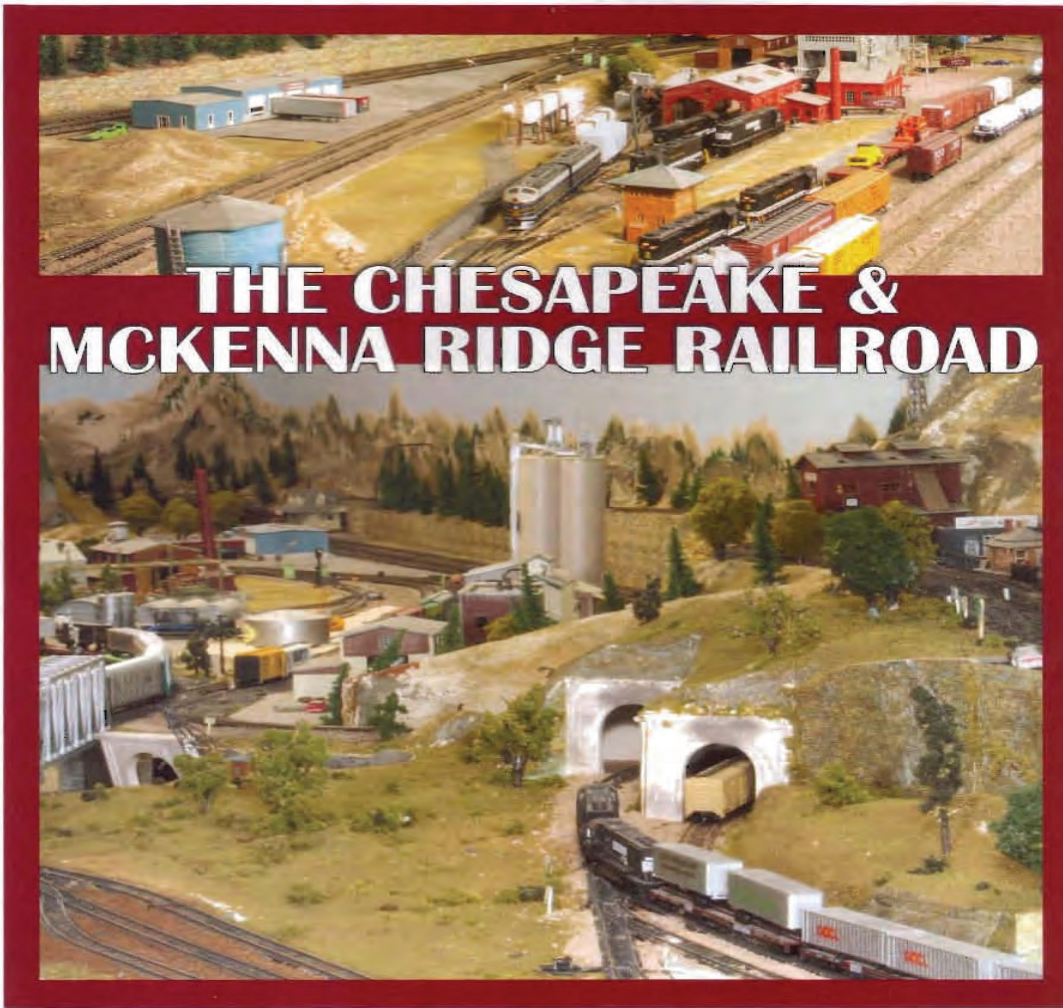
-Ron Kercheval

### 2008-09 Bring n' Brag Final Standings

	June 2009	Total
Don Burris	3 (3rd)	17
Tom Miller	4 (2nd)	13
Lou Jaquith	-	12
Pete Birdsong	-	10
Michael Tyra	5 (1st)	8
Stew Winstandley	-	7
Fred Plymale	-	7
Bill Robbins	-	5
Tim Day	-	4
Tom Krill	-	4
Dave Battin	-	4
Phil Lester	-	4
Rich Raspentti	-	3
E.B. Tyra	-	3
Ed Sims	-	2
Mike Walter	-	2



*Pete Birdsong's N scale Chesapeake & McKenna Ridge has been abandoned*



After about 20 years of expansion and operations, The Chesapeake & McKenna Ridge Railroad has ceased operations, been abandoned, and everything has been removed.

In an article in a recent issue of *N-Scale Magazine*, Pete wrote that he was “anticipating taking down the C&MR.”

There is no longer any anticipation. The top pictures to the left are what was before the layout removal.

The bottom picture is the remains of the C&MR loaded on a truck on its way out, to never be seen again.



**Mini Model Engineering Show**  
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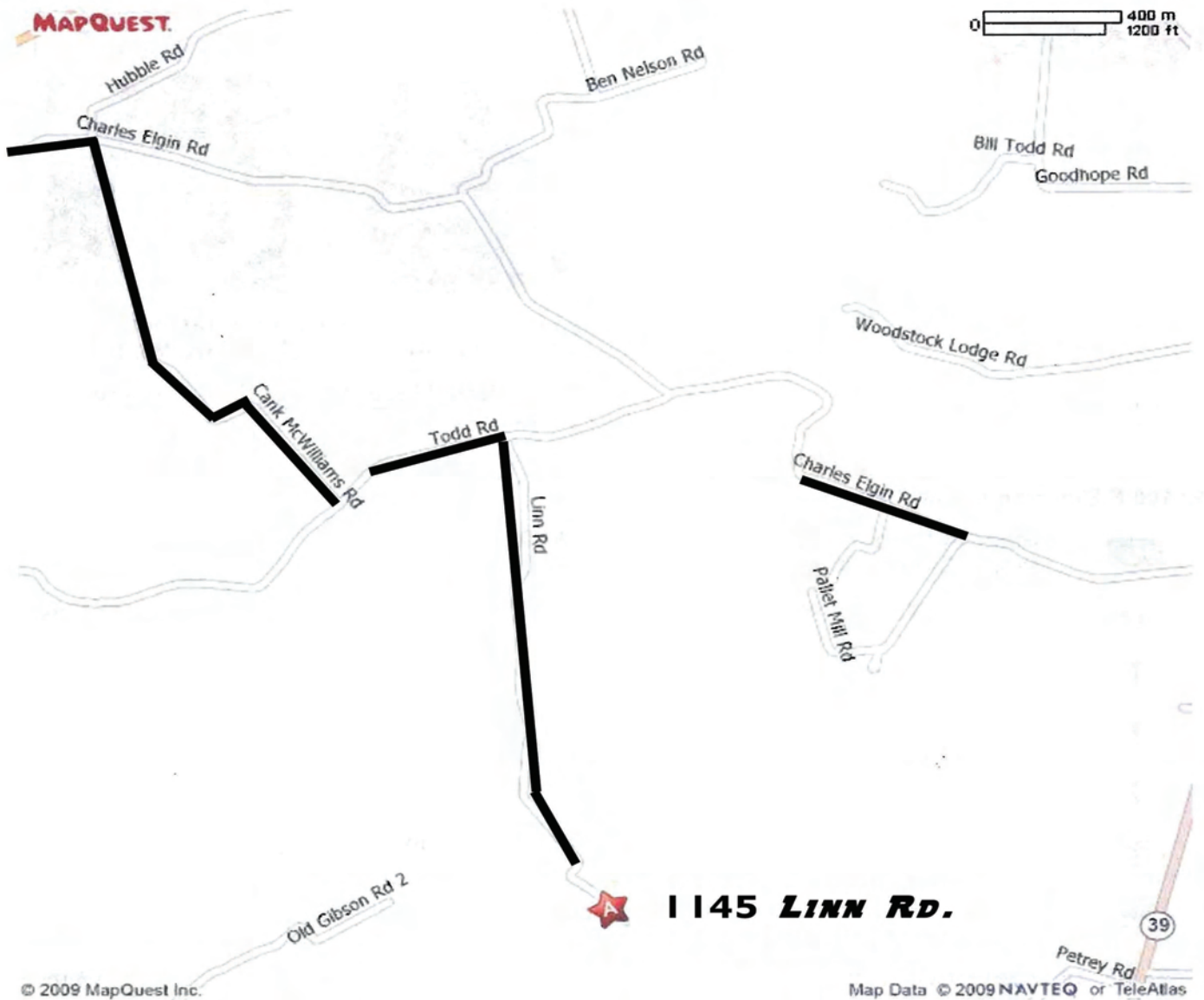
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 and  
 Sunday, September 13  
 Noon to 5 PM

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## Map of 1145 Linn Rd Eubank, KY by MapQuest

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### August 2nd trip to Grosser's O scale layout

Meet for carpooling at the Hobby Lobby store in Brannon Crossing (south of Man o' War off US 27) at 12.

Grosser's can be reached from US 27 by going east on KY 70 near Eubank. Traveling south from Fayette County on US 27, the trip to KY 70 is about 55 miles from Man o' War Blvd. Turn east onto KY 70 from US 27 at the Eubank intersection and go 4.5 miles and turn right on Charles Elgin Road. In less than a half mile on Charles Elgin, you'll be on the top left corner of the above map. Turn right onto Cank McWilliams Road, and go a little over 1 mile to Todd Road. Travel on Todd Road for less than a half mile, and turn right on Linn Road.

Grosser's can be reached from I-75 by exiting onto US 25 at the Mt. Vernon exit 62, traveling west over Mt. Vernon on KY 461 and going south on KY 461 to KY 934. Turn right onto KY 934 and travel to Woodstock. Turn left onto KY 39 for a very short distance to Charles Elgin Road. Take Charles Elgin for 1.5 miles to Todd Road, continue straight on Todd Road for about a half mile to Linn Road, and go south about 1.2 miles to Grosser's.



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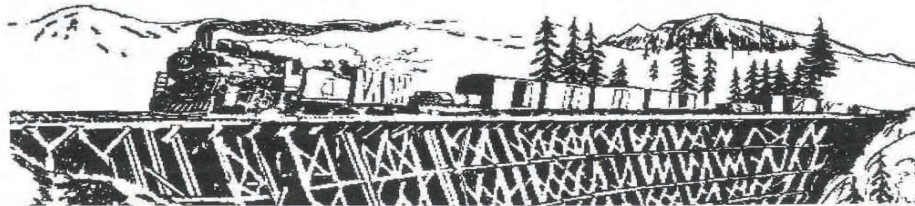
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NONE—TOUR ONLY

*BRING & BRAG*

RESUMES IN NOVEMBER

*TOUR*

GROSSER'S O SCALE LAYOUT  
1145 LINN ROAD  
EUBANK, KY.

**AROUND THE BEND**

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE/TIME	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
Aug.	2	Ray & Renee Grosser	1145 Linn Road, east of Eubank, Ky. 1:30 PM	<b>Field Trip—carpooling at noon from Hobby Lobby parking lot in Brannon Crossing (US27 S of Man o' War)</b>	Grosser's O scale	
Aug.	22	BGRM	Woodford County Fairgrounds, Versailles	Trains, Planes & Automobiles Swap Meet	BRGM Depot	
Sept.	5 (Sat.)	Bob Lawson	6531 Naomi, near Monroe, Ohio, north of Cincinnati	<b>NMRA MEMBERS ONLY</b> Field Trip beginning at Lawson's	Lawson's HO & others	
Oct.	4	Campbell	242 Calmes Blvd., Winchester, KY.	Field trip	George Campbell	
Nov.	1	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, East Short St., 2 PM	Mike Baskette—Improving plastic details on rolling stock	Ed Sims	

August 2 [http://www.grossersnostalgia.com/?Venture\\_into\\_O\\_scale](http://www.grossersnostalgia.com/?Venture_into_O_scale)