



# THE LANTERN



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## The Superintendent's Report

Thanks to hosts **Ray & Renee Grosser** in Eubank for our tour of their acclaimed O Scale layout. They're always gracious hosts and the bucolic setting makes for a great outing. Great job you both have done, and thanks also for the drinks and eats.

In October, we're looking forward to the 10/02/11 meeting back at home base, featuring a clinic by **Dave Battin** on Open Car Loads, a tour of Howard Coleman's Lionel and N-scale layouts, and a Bring and Brag event for Flats or Gons. We're hoping to try out our new clinic video projection system this time, so be sure to come.

Like to operate?

•Check out the information on the SWOOPS (SW Ohio OPS) 2011. This is a huge open operating session, but you have to register at their website. <http://swoops2011.wordpress.com/>

•Also, we're invited to revisit Bob Weinheimer & Co. in W.V. & environs. If you're interested, link to [www.div10-mcr-nmra.org/wv-ops-session.php](http://www.div10-mcr-nmra.org/wv-ops-session.php), and fill out the form.

Like tours?

•**Bill Robbins** has scheduled us for an April tour of four Cincinnati layouts, all of which have been in the Kalmbach Great Model Railroads publications.

Congratulations to renewing members Mike Cummins, Bruce DeMaeyer and Bob Lawson, and Bill Benysh.

Bill has started an On30 layout based on a plan by Ian Rice published in the Jan. 2000 issue of Model Railroader. The real OR&W operated a 3' gauge 112 mile railroad between 1880 and 1930 in eastern Ohio between Bellaire and Zanesville and is the subject of a book, Hidden Treasures, by Ed Cass. The lime kilns were inspired by a Narrow Gauge and Short Line Gazette article published May/June 2009.

In October, in addition to our regular meeting, we'll also be participating in the Bluegrass Railroad Museum's Trains, Plane & Automobiles show on October 1st, near Versailles, Ky.

— Pete Birdsong

## October Auction and Sales

Available at the October Division 10 meeting will be two HO Undecorated Athearn GP9s and an HO Undecorated Athearn SD9. These are powered units, new in the box, donated by **Lou Jaquith**.

We will also have a number of A.H.M. HO Trackside Construction Kits ranging from a Signal Tower to an Old Time Factory and topped off with a Three (was Four) Building Trackside Pack and Three Building set including a Station, Court House and Fire Station. These are very nice looking, detailed, plastic kits. With a little care you can add an excellent scene to your layout. These kits were also donated by **Lou**.

If you wish a little more challenge in your modeling, we have two Suncoast Models Craftman Kits, an HO Freight Station and an HO Yard Office. Both are wood and cardstock construction, with plastic windows. Also donated by **Lou J.**

Rounding out the Auction is a RTR Athearn C&O 50' Box Car, NIB, donated by **Pete Birdsong**.

— Brian Jones

## *Modeling Tips*

If you have a modeling tip that you would like to share with our members, pass it on to Tom Miller. His email address is [tom.miller@uconn.edu](mailto:tom.miller@uconn.edu). Here are two tips that have been received:

Here is one suggestion: Avoid gluing your ballast. I would never do it again on my HO railroad. Because, when one wants to make a change there are problems.

I did not glue my ballast on my O Scale railroad and have no problem with it blowing away and my track is just spiked down making it easy to make a change if desired. I use Kitty Litter and have no trouble with it moving around either.

Orville Boes

When building structures I often apply glue with a toothpick or a straight pin. Where do you put the glue?

At a convention clinic some recommended turning a small glass upside down and putting a little glue on the bottom. Then you can pick it up with a pin or whatever you want to use and apply it where you need it. I use an old orange juice glass. The presenter actually suggested a shot glass. Periodically, I clean the glass with a little acetone.

Bill Paulsell



For the NMRA MC Region officers link to [www.midcentral-region-nmra.org/bod2.html](http://www.midcentral-region-nmra.org/bod2.html)

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Deposits; Contributions 205.00 , Raffle 135.00, Auction 200.00 = \$540.00

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## Witless & Clueless

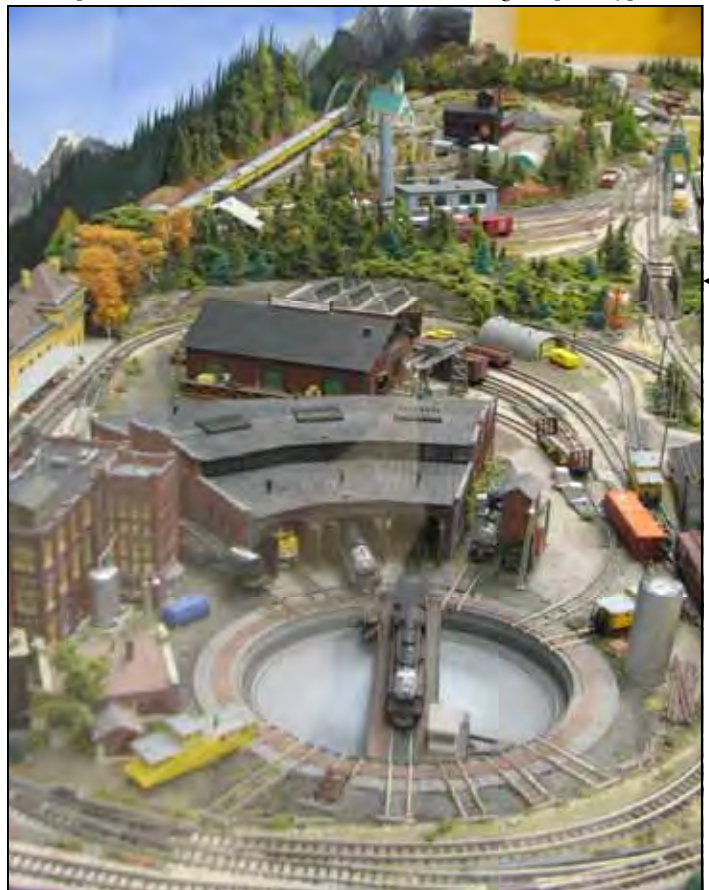
### *The Continuing Saga of Rivets O'Reilly & Larry Loungecar*

Written by Mike Armstrong

- Larry: Rivets, ya know what bugs me?
- Rivets: It's hard tellin, Larry!
- Larry: The nitpickers.
- Rivets: You mean the rivet counters?
- Larry: Yeah, them too. I was readin' *Model Railroad News* the other day and there were two letters about the same thing. One was whinnin' and the other was praisin' the article about whatever product it was.
- Rivets: That's one o' the great things 'bout livin' in America, Larry, everybody is allowed to express his or her own opinion.
- Larry: Yeah, Rivets, I know that, but who cares if there are 429 rivets instead of 450. When you look at it, nobody can tell if they're all there or not.
- Rivets: Well, a lot o' guys like to have a model that is an exact replica of the real thing. Otherwise, it's like eatin' a meal and not gettin' dessert.
- Larry: And who is gonna take the time to count all those rivets?
- Rivets: Boiler Bill will.
- Larry: I guess I know that. I was at the club the other day and Boiler Bill was countin' the rivets on a tender. He was about three quarters the way through and I started talkin' to him and he lost count and got mad at me.
- Rivets: For Boiler, that is a fun part of the hobby... knowin' the difference between what is correct as the prototype and what isn't correct on a model.
- Larry: Well, I don't care about all that!
- Rivets: I know, Larry. For cryin' out loud, ya break off most of the details that come on the stuff ya buy.
- Larry: I don't "break" 'em off. I cut 'em off. They are gonna get broken off anyway from handlin' 'em all the time. So I cut 'em off neatly.
- Rivets: That is the difference between you and most modelers. Their stuff looks like the real thing.
- Larry: Hey, my stuff looks like the real thing, too.
- Rivets: Larry, after ya cut off all the detail, your stuff looks like somebody salvaged it from the junk yard or is getting ready to send 'em there!
- Larry: That wasn't a nice thing ta say.

- Rivets: Larry, I didn't mean ta hurt your feelin's. I didn't say what ya do is bad. Every modeler has a take on what is fun and what isn't, what looks good and what doesn't, what is worth the time and what isn't. Look at all yer scratch built structures. They look pretty good...and they have detail.
- Larry: That is because they are not handled and things don't get broke off.
- Rivets: So, because Boiler is mad at ya, yer down on all rivet counters?
- Larry: Well, he didn't have to get so worked up!
- Rivets: Larry, there is an old railroad sayin' that seems to fit here: One man's mainline is another man's branch line, and only the man knows which is which.
- Larry: I never heard that before.
- Rivets: Well, that's because I just made it up.

During my current trip to New England and Quebec, Canada, I visited the ExpoRail Museum in St-Constant, QC. Among the prototype



equipment is a room of model layouts. The one pictured above is Z scale. It is built in three large suitcases that are joined together. The turntable and surroundings up to the tree line to the left of the bridge is in one suitcase. One would not notice how the layout is put together if it were not for the handles on the front. — Stew Winstandley

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MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
Oct.	2	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	David Battin, Open car loads	Howard Coleman	Flat or gondola car
Oct.	29-30	Div. 7	Lakota West High School, 8940 Union Center Blvd.	Cincinnati Model Railroad Show, (formerly the Div. 7 show) 11AM-5PM		
Nov.	6	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Dick Briggs, Modeling the Pennsy prototype	Fred Plymale	Cars that carry people
Nov.	19	Div. 8	Ramada Plaza, 9700 Blue Grass Pkwy, Louisville, Ky.	Division 8 Train Show, 10 AM—3 PM		
Dec.	4	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Bob Lawson & Fred Plymale Scratch building	No tour	Open car loads

**Registrations for Grand Rails 2012**, next year's national convention in Grand Rapids, Mich., are taking off. Half of the available Furniture City Flyers Club memberships are already sold. Details about this club can be found on the convention's website at [www.gr2012.org](http://www.gr2012.org). In addition almost 90 clinic slots have been filled, with topics ranging from geared locomotives to timetable/train order operation. If you are interested in presenting a clinic, fill out an application form on the website.