



# THE LANTERN



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## The Superintendent's Report

By Pete Birdsong

Like tours? Bill Robbins has scheduled us for a Saturday, April 21 tour of four Cincinnati layouts, all of which have been or are scheduled to be in the Kalmbach *Great Model Railroads* publications. This will REPLACE our April meeting (see page 3).

Our March meeting was the long-awaited annual DIORAMA CONTEST, with lots of participation (5 contestants with 8 entries). **Ray Grosser** and **Fred Plymale** judged the entries. The results are in the right column, and pictures of the dioramas are on page 3. In the May *Lantern* **Larry Smith** will provide results of the popular judging. The My Favorite Tools presentations were a lot of fun as well, and I personally learned a lot from them. We'll definitely have to do that again.

**Rick Cobb's** presentation on our trip to Cass last year, with lots of photos, brought back a lot of fond memories for those who went, and spiked some interest about this year's trek. Let me know if you'd like to sign up for it. The cabin we have reserved for August 17, 18, 19 has 4 double and 3 twin beds, and we have nine signed up, so some will need to agree to share a double or bring a cot or air mattress. Signed up: Pete Birdsong, Thomas Bookout, Rick Cobb, Mike Cummins, Clay Faulconer, Brian Jones, Ron Kercheval, Fred Plymale and Larry Smith.

Congratulations to **Bill Paulsell** on earning the AP certificate in Structures. Way to go, Bill. See photograph below.

A hearty welcome to new members **Clay Faulconer**, **Mark Underwood** and **David Winkle**, and to guest **David House**. Thanks to renewing members **Dave Battin** and **Ron Kercheval**.

Bill Paulsell, left, receiving his Structures AP Certificate from Pete Birdsong.



## THIRD ANNUAL DIORAMA CONTEST

By all measurements this year's diorama contest was a great success. In my opinion everyone who entered was a winner. They actually built something and tried new modeling techniques and also improved their existing skills. Since our first "hands on" clinic several years ago and our annual diorama contests the level of modeling by Division 10 members has significantly improved. Animation (the use of people), water, weathering, detail and overall design were excellent this year. Scratch building also played a very important part in judging the best dioramas. There were only 3 points between 1<sup>st</sup> and second place and 7 points between 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

First place went to Rick Cobb with a total of 83 points out of 100. Rick is relatively new to model railroading but those of you who have seen his built collection of model cars can understand why he will be an excellent model railroader too.

Second place went to Bill Paulsell with a total of 80 points. Bill's weathering and overall design was especially good and he is well on his way to becoming a Master Model Railroader. Keep it up Bill!

Third place went to Bob Ferguson with a total of 76 points for his "Neighborhood". Bob would have placed much higher if he had earned any scratch building points. His "Moonshine Manor" was also an outstanding diorama that would have placed higher with scratch building points.

Stew Winstandley entered a very good Z-scale diorama with good hills and use of water. His construction and details were outstanding as was the overall design.

Bill Robbins had a large diorama built mostly from DPM modules that unfortunately doesn't qualify as scratch built. Lots of people and vehicles did well in the detail category.

Pete had the most unique diorama of all. He built a T-scale operating railroad in a very small portable case. He was handicapped by the age of the judge's eyes and our lack of a magnifying glass. It was a great effort and very unique.

Judged by Ray Grosser MMR, and Fred Plymale



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**"Witless and Clueless" returns in the May issue of *The Lantern*.**

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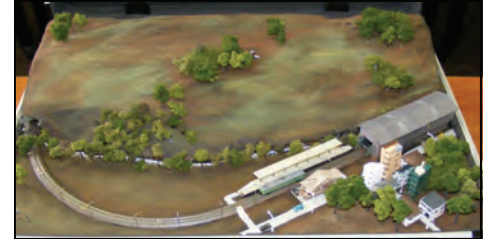
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**Weekdays 10 - 7:30, Saturday 10 - 5, Sunday 1 - 5**

Top left, Rick Cobb's winning diorama.



Dioramas: Top left, Rick Codd; top right, Bill Paulsel; above left, Bob Ferguson; above right, Pete Birdsong; left, Bill Robbins; and right, Stew Winstandley. Read about each on page 1.



Special Lexington Div 10 Visit April 21, 2012

<b>32</b>	<b>HO/HO<sub>n3</sub></b>	<b>The Eastern Loggers</b>	<b>The Eastern Loggers</b>	<b>GMR 98</b>
<b>SIZE:</b> 150 sq. ft	<b>SCENERY:</b> 100 % started, 99 % done	<b>THEME:</b> Pennsylvania logging		
<b>ERA:</b> early 1920's	<b>STYLE:</b> 10 x 20 walkaround sectional	<b>LOCALE:</b> mountains of central Pennsylvania		
<b>ACCESS:</b> enter front, interior basement stairs, restroom		<b>TRAINS:</b> period steam, loaders, cars (log, bark, cordwood, box)		
<b>FEATURES:</b> must see, highly detailed scenery, locos, cars, all scratch bldgs/track/trees, 10 sections plus interior staging				
<b>COMMENTS:</b> featured in RMC, Bulletin, Great Model Railroads 98, National Best of Show, foamboard pioneer, Digitrax DCC				
<b>56</b>	<b>HO</b>	<b>Curt LaRue</b>	<b>Pennsylvania Railroad Panhandle Div</b>	<b>GMR 11</b>
<b>SIZE:</b> 500 sq. ft	<b>SCENERY:</b> 75 % started, 75 % done	<b>THEME:</b> PRR mainline, branchline and transfer operations		
<b>ERA:</b> 1946 to 1954	<b>STYLE:</b> 20 x 40 pt-to-pt walkaround	<b>LOCALE:</b> western PA, northern West Virginia, eastern Ohio		
<b>ACCESS:</b> enter front of condo, interior stairs to basement		<b>TRAINS:</b> large steam locos & diesels, many detailed frt cars		
<b>FEATURES:</b> nice large steam power, trains and scenery, two coal mines w/ empties in / loads out				
<b>COMMENTS:</b> must see, very nice large layout, double track mainline w/ branchline, Lenz DCC, RMJ and GMR articles				
<b>9</b>	<b>HO</b>	<b>Gerry Albers</b>	<b>Deep Water District Virginian Railway</b>	<b>MRP 05</b>
<b>SIZE:</b> 1500 sq. ft	<b>SCENERY:</b> 85 % started, 35 % done	<b>THEME:</b> New River Division, Deepwater District		
<b>ERA:</b> 1959	<b>STYLE:</b> large walkaround	<b>LOCALE:</b> Central West Virginia		
<b>ACCESS:</b> outside front steps to basement, 30 car parking		<b>TRAINS:</b> Virginian, N&W, C&O steam/electric/diesel, frt, pass		
<b>FEATURES:</b> computer layout design, computer signals/dispatching, custom painted backdrop, W. Allen McClelland scenicked part				
<b>COMMENTS:</b> must see large layout, realistic large scale operation, nice station motif train and dispatch rooms, featured in MRP '05				
<b>97</b>	<b>HO</b>	<b>Jerry Strangarity</b>	<b>Reading RR (+ N. Schuylkill &amp; Hilldale)</b>	<b>GMR MR</b>
<b>SIZE:</b> 300 sq. ft	<b>SCENERY:</b> 85 % started, 75 % done	<b>THEME:</b> Reading Railroad - coal and freight hauling		
<b>ERA:</b> 1930's	<b>STYLE:</b> shelf + new oval layout	<b>LOCALE:</b> southeast Pennsylvania w/ urban industrial area		
<b>ACCESS:</b> sidewalk to rear basement entrance (one step)		<b>TRAINS:</b> steam locos, camel backs		
<b>FEATURES:</b> must see, exquisite scratchbuilt structures and scenery w/ large city industry area, Master Builder Structures				
<b>COMMENTS:</b> highly detailed, new oval + prior 2.5 ft x 16 ft city area, GMR03, Tracks Ahead TV show fall 2005, MR Nov10				

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*BRING AND BRAG*

NONE

*NEXT MEETING*

*CINCINNATI TOURS*

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CARPOOLING FROM THE TARGET  
PARKING LOT IN HAMBURG  
PLACE, LEAVING AT 8 AM

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**AROUND THE BEND**

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
Apr.	21 (Sat.)	Div. 10	Cincinnati, Ohio	Four layout tours beginning at 10AM at 7367 Wheatland Ct., West Chester, Ohio; see carpooling above	Cincy area layouts	None
Apr.	26-29	MCR	Pittsburgh, PA	Mid-Central Region Convention www.highlinetopittsburgh.org		
May	6	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Bring and Brag, then trip to Bourbon County	Keith Wiseman 898 Black's Cross Rd, 40361	Something scratchbuilt
June	3	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Mark Underwood on Operations	Bill Crace	Prototype & model photograph
Aug.	5	Div. 10	near Eubank, Ky.	Trip to O scale layout	Grosser's	None

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to Pittsburgh for the  
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Region Convention!**

**April 26-29, 2012**

