



# THE LANTERN



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## The Super's Column

By Bill Paulsell

The weather took its toll on the NMRA. Our program presenter and layout visit host were without power and had to cancel. After consulting with our Assistant Superintendent, who is our program chairman, we decided it was too late to come up with another program and visit, and the probability was that many of our members also had power problems, too.

We sent out an e-mail notice to our membership list, but a few showed up at the library. I was supposed to post a notice on the door, got busy with other things, and when I realized the time, it was too late. To quote President Obama, "I screwed up!" I apologize to those who made the trip and regret that you were left in the dark about the situation. I wish I could come up with a good excuse, but I can't. It was just inexcusable neglect on my part.

Our board met in January. We looked over a facility at Central Christian Church downtown where we could meet every first Sunday of each month, and would not have to move from place to place as we do now. The libraries limit how many times we can meet in each one and how far ahead we can schedule the facility. Before we can meet at Central, located at Short and Martin Luther King downtown,

we will have to purchase computer projection equipment. John Gorman is researching that situation for us, and we will need your help in paying for it. One member has offered to pay half the cost.

Our March meeting will be at the Beaumont Library, and we will let you know when and if we make the switch to Central Christian. Our March meeting will feature a program by Pat Gerstle on scenery and a visit to his beautiful Sn3 layout. Pat is a terrific modeler and his programs are always first rate. I hope you will be present.

Meanwhile, I hope everyone has power and your homes are back to normal. Again, please accept my apologies for my failure to provide adequate notice for the cancellation.

**NMRA Div. 7 Swap Meet and Flea Market**  
**Sat., March 14th, 10 AM to 4 PM**  
**Lakota West H S, West Chester, Ohio**

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Beginning balance 12/31/08	\$3,275.47
Expenses:	
Lantern	- 85.83
Honorarium	- 75.00
Library	- 20.00
Deposits: Contributions 40.00	
Ending balance	\$3,134.64

## Locomotives for Bring n' Brag in March, Add Open Loads to the Schedule

by Ron Kercheval

We are sliding our schedule back one month due to the recent ice storm which caused the cancellation of February's meeting. **Locomotives (Including Traction)** will now be the subject for March.



Since June will be the last regular meeting before our summer break, we needed one more theme to round out our 2008-09 season. Open Loads is a popular category we haven't had for a while. Thanks for your patience, and happy modeling!

### 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.*

### Future Bring n' Brag

- April . . . . . On-Line Structures
- May . . . . . Passenger Cars (Including Non-revenue)
- June . . . . . Open Loads

### Standings

Current point totals were published in last month's Lantern.



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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

Larry: Hi Rivets! Have ya seen the February issue of Scale Rails? There is a great article 'bout buildin' a cabinet for a DCC system. I thought it was pretty good.

Rivets: Yeah, I read it. It kinda reminded me of a cabinet I once made for my railroad control center. Let me tell ya a true story, Larry.

Larry: I thought all yer stories were true.

Rivets: Well, this one is truer than most with a really sad and dangerous ring to it.

Larry: No kiddin'?! Tell me more.

Rivets: Well, when I was buildin' my first railroad, I was a junior in high school. Back then, I didn't have a lot of money to put into extras and all I had was an 8' x 4' layout on plywood across two saw horses.

Larry: Yeah, I remember those days.

Rivets: Well, I needed a place to set my controls. Now over in the corner was this old chest of drawers. It had sat there for a couple years. So, I took it and knocked the front off the drawers, drilled some holes in the back for wires and had a great cabinet for my controls. And the drawers slid in and out, so things were put away neatly when I was finished runnin' for the day.

Larry: Sounds like it worked pretty good.

Rivets: Yeah, it did! It didn't look near as good as the one in Scale Rails, but for the day and time, the cost was right.

Larry: I thought you said there was a sad and dangerous part.

Rivets: I'm getting to that. One Saturday mornin' I was sleepin' in and my aunt came to the house. Apparently that chest of drawers was hers and was an antique. At least I heard her say when she went down and saw it, "That was an antique!!!" And she came stormin' up to my bedroom.

Larry: What did ya do?

Rivets: Well, I was trapped so I did the only thing I could do. I pretended I was in a deep sleep and couldn't be awakened. She must have shook me for twenty minutes.

Larry: Didn't ya ever get up?

Rivets: No, but she gave up just about the time the sweat started to bead up on my forehead.

Larry: Wow! That was a close one!

Rivets: Yeah, I thought I was home free, but she went into the kitchen and talked to a friend of mine who had spent the night. Truth be told, he had helped me tear that chest apart, but he wasn't sayin' anything!

Larry: Then what happened.

Rivets: Well, she stomped back into my bedroom and I figured the jig was up. So I opened my eyes to the devil! There was fire in her eyes. I had never seen my aunt so mad. I told her I could fix it, but she wasn't listening at that point and that was it. Took her about six months 'fore she would speak to me again. Said she didn't want it any more. My family is from Arkansas, Larry. I though she was going to kill me.

Larry: Boy, Rivets, I'll bet you got that chest of drawers back together in no time.

Rivets: Naw. I got up, went down stairs and patted the top of it and said, "You and me, all the way." After what I had been through, I figured I had just earned it. Gives me the sweats just to think about it, but I had that cabinet all through the rest of high school.

Larry: What ever happened to it.

Rivets: Well, my brothers threw it away when my mom moved out of the house, but every now and then when I'm feelin' blue, I go lookin' for it, for old times sake.

Larry: Rivets, that is the saddest story I ever heard. You should send that one into Scale Rails.

Rivets: Thanks, Larry. I knew you'd understand. You got a Kleenex?

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MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE/TIME	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
Mar.	1	Div 10	Beaumont Library, 2 PM Lexington	<b>Pat Gerstle Scenery</b>	Pat Gerstle	Locomotives
Apr.	5	Div 10	2 PM, possibly at Cen- tral Christian Church, E. Short Street	Pete Birdsong Logging	<b>Tom Miller</b>	<b>On-line Structures</b>
Apr.- May	30-3	Div 9	Columbus, Ohio	<b>MCR Convention The 21st Century Limited</b>	<b>Layouts and Prototype</b>	
May	3	Div 10	Refer to the Super's Col- umn, page 1	<b>Wendell Greer Achievement Program Require- ments</b>	<b>Rich Raspenti</b>	<b>Passenger Cars</b>
June	7	Div 10		<b>Bill Paulsell Resin Castings</b>	<b>Wendell Greer</b>	<b>Open Loads</b>

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