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Message From The Superintendent

This month's meeting is the last one I will attend as Superintendent of Div 10 and I know it is going to be an exceptional one. We will travel to Ray and Renee Grosser's to see their new building which has become a permanent home for their award winning layout and a new workshop. It's out in the country near Eubank and a map is included in this issue for your use. Ray's phone number is 606-379-6590 so call if you need directions.

Bob Lawson is going to furnish the food and drink so it's fine if you arrive earlier than our usual 2 PM meeting time. One of the clinics we have always needed but could not do at the libraries because of an odor problem has been how to paint engines. Ray has agreed to tell us about how he does it and will use his airbrush to weather a steam engine that has already been painted and decaled. The clinic will start promptly at 3 PM and is one you won't want to miss.

It will be wonderful afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship so let's have a big turnout. I'll see you at the Grosser's.

Fred

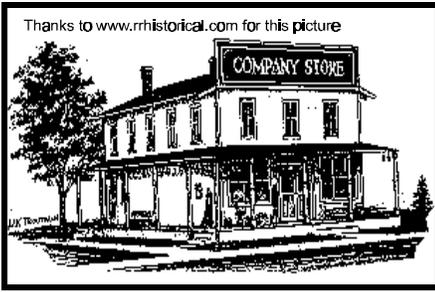
Editor's Notes

Many thanks to our clinicians and tour host for the great August meeting. **Fred Plymale** and **John Gorman** gave an entertaining and educational clinic on model photography, with Fred concentrating on traditional film, and John providing insights on digital photos.

Bob Larger hosted the tour, which featured his HO layout with Digitrax DCC control. Bob has a

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“STUFF” & OPPORTUNITIES

Fred Plymale occasionally knows of *members’ overstock* situations and other opportunities to acquire or dispose of “stuff.” Get in touch with him to find out what’s currently available. These liquidations, generally via a web auction, bear a 15 to 20% fee.

In addition, *The Lantern* is in a position to advertise your “overstock” items, for a fee of 10%.

Contact Pete Birdsong to arrange for an ad, or Fred for liquidations.

Committee Chairs

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Community Activities	Open
Company Store	Mike Baskette
Contests	Alan Brock
Conventions & Shows	Wendell Greer
Editor & Webmaster	Pete Birdsong
Estate Liquidations	Mike Armstrong
Member Aid	Wendell Greer
Membership	Mark Hunt
Photographer	John Gorman

Witless vs. Clueless

Rivets O’Reilly and Larry Loungecar
“National Media Coverage at Last”

Rivets: Hey, Larry, where’ve you been? I haven’t seen you in a long time.

Larry: That’s right, Rivets. I’ve been on vacation, out on the left coast.

Rivets: All right! ‘Ja have fun?

Larry: You bet. Saw a lot of model shops, some great tourist attractions, and would you believe I was on national TV?

Rivets: What? How did that happen?

Larry: I went to see David Letterman, and they decided to do a studio audience version of the top ten, and I was selected.

Rivets: No kiddin’! So what was your top ten list, Larry?

Larry: Whatta ya think, Rivets, top favorite pancake recipes? I did the top ten favorite parts of model railroadin’.

Rivets: Uh-oh! So what was in your list?

Larry: You sure you want to hear this, Rivets?



Picture courtesy http://www.railroadpix.com/rrphotos/Tourist_Railways_and_Museums/

Rivets: I’m not sure at all, Larry, but go ahead.

Larry: O.K. Here they are, Rivets—the Top Ten Favorite Parts of Model Railroading!

10. Getting less than ten head wounds while working under the layout.

9. Getting less than 10 cuts while building a craftsman kit.

8. Rationalizing ruining an expensive kit as replenishing the spare parts box.

7. Having your favorite brass engine survive a drop to the concrete basement floor.

6. Finding creative new clandestine ways to finance new purchases.

5. Avoiding having a cornfield meet at the monthly operations meeting with all the guys.

4. Watching one of the other guys have a cornfield meet at the monthly operations meeting.

3. Gripin’ about the NMRA.

2. Shouting, “Eureka! I have found it!” over a coupler spring retrieved from the carpet.

AND...the number one favorite part of the hobby...

1. Buying stuff and sticking it under the layout to do later.

So, whatta ya think, Rivets?

Rivets: I think it’s going to take the hobby a long time to recover from this, Larry.



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win-win!!



AROUND THE BEND

MON	DAY	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
SEP	1	MCR DIV 10	Eubank, KY	Ray & Renee Grosser: Airbrushing weathering	Ray & Renee Grosser	Scratch/Kitbash
	13	BGRRC	Meadowthorpe Community Ctr., Lexington, 7:30pm	David Greer: Video on Building a Model Layout		
OCT	5-6	MCR DIV 4 SHOW	Contact Div 4 for information:	Paul R. Lemermeier, Superintendent., 440-734-0399 prlemer@juno.com		
	6	MCR DIV 10	Beaumont Library, Lexington, Sunday, 2:00 pm	Bob Frankrome of Div. 8: Open Loads	TBD	Non-Revenue Cars (MOW)
	11	BGRRC	Meadowthorpe Community Ctr., Lexington, 7:30pm	Doug Clarke on Insurance		
	25-26	MCR DIV 7 SHOW	Lakota West High School, 8940 Union Centre Blvd., West Chester,	Contact Rick Crumrine for info: rkcrumrine@aol.com, or visit website:		
NOV	8	BGRRC	Meadowthorpe Community Ctr., Lexington, 7:30pm	Phi91 Ditchen on Garden Railroading		
	17	MCR DIV 6 SHOW	Franklin County Fairgrounds, Hilliard, OH, 10:00—4:00	Train Show, Operating Layouts, Demos, Food		
APR 2003	24-27	MCR DIV 7 CONV	Springdale Best Western, Rt 4 and I-275, Cincinnati, OH	Contact Charlie Atkinson, atrain@juno.com, or Div website: http://www.cincy-div7.org/		
JUL 2003	13-19	NMRA Nat'l Conv	Toronto, Canada	See Website for full details: http://www.ml2003.com/pages/home.html		
MAY 2004	13-16	MCR Conv	Four Points Sheraton, Cranberry, PA	Contact Div 2 for more information		
JUL 2004	4-11	NMRA Nat'l Conv	Seattle, WA	See Website for full details: http://www.nmra2004.org/		
MAY 2005	12-15	MCR Conv	Comfort Inn, Austinburg, OH	Contact: Matt Kross e-mail mkross@earthlink.net		
JUL 2005	TBD	NMRA Nat'l Conv	TBD, Cincinnati			

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wonderful layout room in his basement, with ample and nicely decorated "crew quarters." Be sure to see the pictures in the website album.

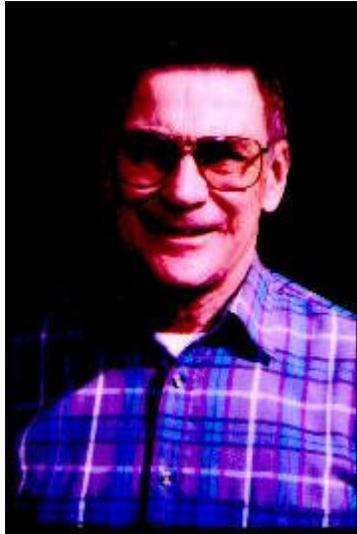
And speaking of the album, go there also for additional pictures of the fantastic August 10 outing to **Rick Rideout's** layout in Evansville, Indiana. For anyone who enjoys operations, this was the opportunity of a lifetime. Rick's layout is huge (it takes most of a 35 by 110 foot basement) and operation is impeccable. We had nine people there for the operating session, most of whom had never operated there, and a couple who did it about ten years ago. To be able to have such a flawless session with so many "greenhorns" is just absolutely amazing.

We also got a tour of Rick's injection molding shop, and an opportunity to buy RIX products, and some of us also did some railfanning. Evansville and Henderson, across the river, are great railfanning spots.

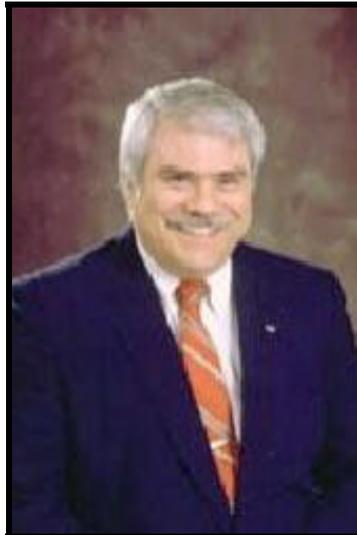
The Bring & Brag contest results for August are on page 6. There were unfortunately only two entries in the photo contest this month, with **Fritz Dutro** and **Pete Birdsong** taking first and second place, respectively. We regret the lack of competition, but we'll take the awards! There were four modeling entries, with **Fred Plymale** taking first, **Pete** and **Fritz** tying for second, and **John Gorman** snaring third

The Third Tuesday Operations Session was at Pete's this month, with a fairly smooth session recorded, thanks in part to a complete rewiring of the layout,
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Officer Candidates



Bill Robbins is the nominee for Superintendent, replacing Fred Plymale. Bill is a retired railroad employee, has an HO layout and hosts an operating session on it every other month.

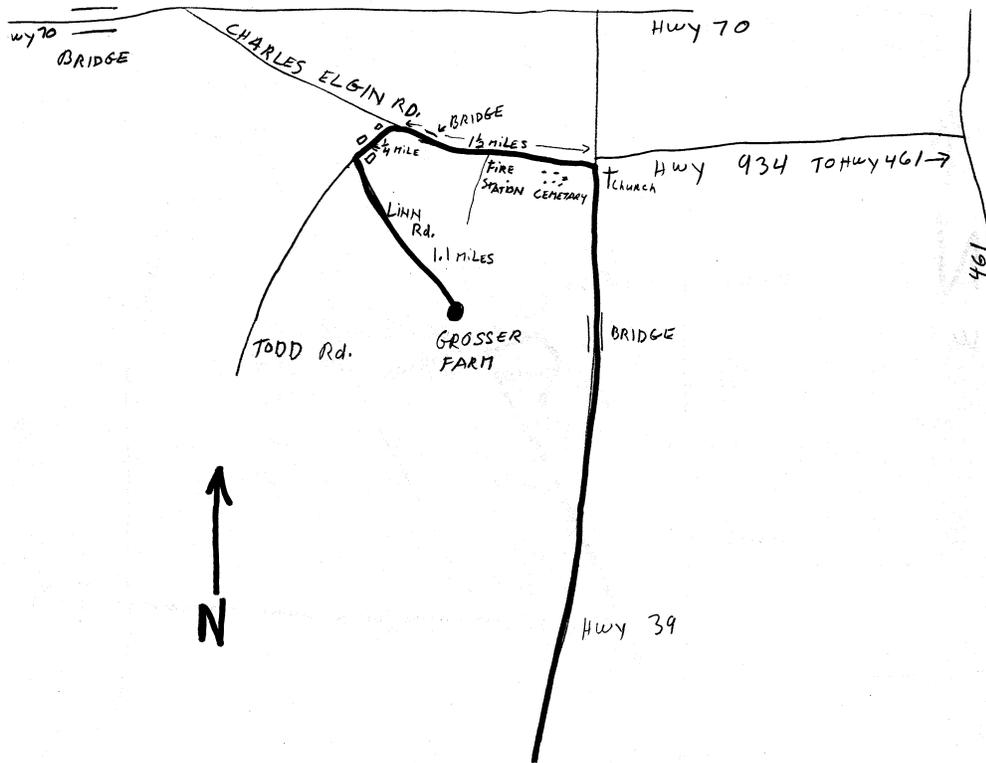
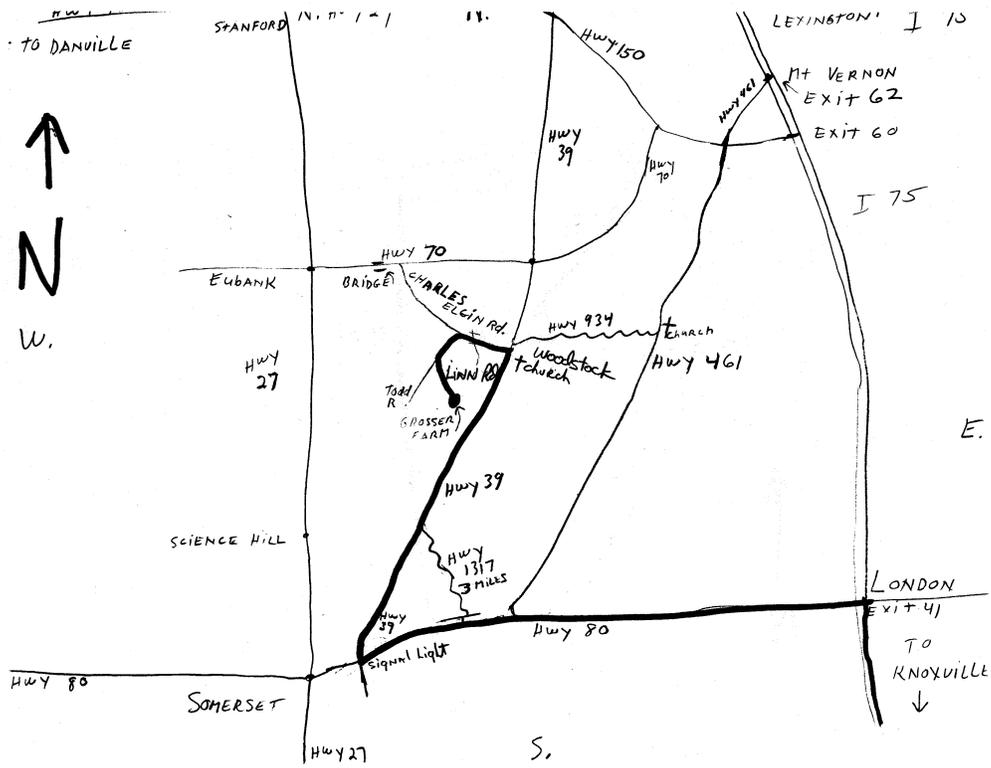


Mike Armstrong is the nominee for Assistant Superintendent, succeeding Wendell Greer. Mike is a minister, active in the N modular group, and has N, HO, Lionel and G home layouts. He is the current Treasurer.



John Gorman is the nominee for Secretary, Newsletter Editor, and Webmaster, replacing Pete Birdsong. John is active in the HO modular group, and plans to start an HO home layout after his rapidly approaching retirement from KET.

Fred Plymale is the nominee for Treasurer, succeeding Mike Armstrong. Fred is a retired executive, and active in the N and HO modular groups, and has an HO home layout. He is the current Superin-



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which included replacement of a defective power supply. The year -to- date operations standings are posted on the web site in the updates section. The operations group is experimenting with radio dispatching, after enjoying it so much on Rick Rideout's layout.

Don't forget to submit your officer election ballots, and to complete the survey on the back of the ballot. The new officers are to be installed at the October 6 meeting, and **Wendell Greer**, our Nominations Committee Chairman, needs to have the official results to me prior to that.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you in Eubank, when we get to see the Ray & Renee Grossers' fabulous layout, in its new home. This ought to be a real treat. See the maps on page 6, and this looks like a good trip to carpool, so you have at least a driver and navigator. Thanks in advance to the Grossers and to **Bob Lawson**.

Pete

Treasurer's Report

July 1, 2002 Bal	\$4661.53
Income	
Expense	153.52
July 31, 2002 Bal	\$4508.01

Please contact me if you would like more details.

Mike

Bring & Brag

MODELS

High to Low or Tie	Aug	YTD
Fred Plymale (1st)	5	27.5
John Gorman (3rd)	3	19
Pete Birdsong (2nd -Tie)	3.5	17
Fritz Dutro (2nd -Tie)	3.5	11.5
Lou Jaquith	0	7
Bob Lawson	0	5
Mike Armstrong	0	4
Howard Coleman	0	4
Mike Barrett	0	2
Pat Gerstle	0	2
Wendell Greer	0	2
Bill Paulsell	0	2
Mike Walters	0	2

PHOTOS

High to Low or Tie	Aug	YTD
Pete Birdsong (2nd)	4	18.5
John Gorman	0	17.5
Fritz Dutro (1st)	5	12
Bill Robbins	0	5
Bill Paulsell	0	3
Fred Plymale	0	2

COLEMAN'S COLLECTION
(Favorite Railroad Websites from Howard Coleman)

<http://www.rebelrails.com/>

This is a very good site to explore, or I should say surf. If you go to the WHIM section you could win a free tee shirt. I have three and Mike Armstrong has also won. Be sure to check it out, and ENJOY!

Howard

Pictures From The Evansville Trip

The top picture is the prototype railroad bridge across the Ohio River between Evansville, Ohio, and Henderson, Kentucky. The bottom two are of Rick's selectively compressed model.



Pictures From The Evansville Trip

Top left is our host, Rick Rideout, dispatching from the CTC panel he built. Below Rick is Don Leduc, one of the regular operators, who volunteered to help us operate. This shot shows a little of the lighting, fascia and local control panels. There are five seventy-foot aisles like this! Both photos also show the radio communications facilities. The two pictures at bottom right are the two end staging yards on the layout.



TOP: Two Happy Campers
BOTTOM: Family Lines Cabose and Henderson Depot.



Next Meeting:
Ray & Renee Grosser,
Eubank,
Sunday, September 1,
at 2:00 pm

Clinic:
Ray & Renee Grossern

Tour:
Ray & Renee Grosser

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