

Lou Sassi Cincinnati Area Layout Shoots - by John Burchnall

Division 7 enjoys a productive relationship with model railroad photographer, author and modeler Lou Sassi. So far Lou has either photographed or is scheduled to photograph a total of 32 Cincinnati area layouts for articles in Kalmbach Publications. Additionally he's scheduled or shot 21 other layouts in neighboring cities. I've had the pleasure of arranging and/or witnessing nearly all these shoots.

Our Division's relationship with Lou started in the early 1990's when Mike Brestel brought video producer Allen Keller to visit the Eastern Loggers layout. Allen subsequently referred the Eastern Loggers to Lou for a possible photo shoot. That was the first of many articles on Cincinnati area layouts and a lasting relationship with Lou. Additionally, on several occasions during his visits, Lou has presented clinics at our monthly meetings. This all has produced many benefits for our area including much deserved publicity for our modelers, education for our members, and a general snowballing effect of additional high quality layouts under construction.

Here's a summary of all the layouts Lou has or plans to photograph in this area, with disposition and publication specifics. Amazingly, 16 Cincinnati area layouts have been published in Kalmbach's annual Great Model Railroads magazine plus 15 more in Model Railroader or Model Railroad Planning magazines, with 1 other pending. It is hard to imagine any city coming close to this quantity and quality.

GREATER CINCINNATI	scale	publish	mag	comments
Eastern Loggers	HO/HOn3	1998	GMR	+ RMC, NMRA articles by owners
Tony Michel	O	1999	GMR	
Bob Bales	HO	2000	GMR	gone, dismantled
Larry Kraft	G	Aug-01	MR	gone, moved away
Dan Morgan	N	2002	GMR	gone?, deceased
Neal Horning	HO	2003	GMR	deceased, layout intact
Rick Crumrine 1	HO	2003	GMR	layout phase 1
Ray Faragher	G	2003	GMR	relocated into Museum
Jerry Strangarity 1	HO	2003	GMR	layout phase 1 (city)
Jerry Strangarity 2	HO	Nov-10	MR	layout phase 2 (rural), w/ cover too
On3 Eastern Loggers	On3	2004	GMR	
John Fultz	HO	2004	GMR	gone, moved away
Matt Snell / Debbie Baker	HO	2006	GMR	
Curt LaRue	HO	2011	GMR	+ RMJ article
Greg Simpson 1	OO	Apr-05	MR	gone, replaced by #2
Greg Simpson 2	OO	2012	GMR	gone, moved, building #3
Cincinnati Northern	HO	2012	MRP	
Perry Simpson	HO	2013	GMR	
Bill Doll	HO	Apr-13	MR	with cover, too
Jim Bonnett	HO	Aug-13	MR	dismantling late 2014
Gerry Albers	HO	2014	GMR	+ published MRP article by owner
Allen McClelland, MMR (Cincinnati)	HO	2014	GMR	part of Gerry Albers' layout
Frank Fieler	HO	Jul-14	MR	
Bob Lawson (Monroe)	HO	Aug-14	MR	+ MR and NMRA Calendars
Ron Pearson	HOn3	Oct-14	MR	+ other published articles by owner
Dave Davenport	HO	Oct-14	MR	
Ed Swain	HO	Apr-15	MR	with cover, too
Steve Montgomery	HO	Jul-15	MR	with cover, too
Dave Nenna	N	Aug-15	MR	
Rick Stern	HO	Dec-15	MR	
Rick Crumrine 2	HO	Aug-16	MR	layout phase 2 (steel mills)
John Listermann	HO	shot Oct-15	pending	
KENTUCKY				
Bob Lawson (Danville)	HO	2008	GMR	gone, dismantled
John Bowling 1	HO	Aug-07	MR	gone, rebuilding
Ray / Renee Grosser 1	HO	2008	GMR	gone, replaced by #2
Ray / Renee Grosser 2	O	2012	GMR	
Pete Birdsong	On30	Jan-15	MR	moved to California in 2014
Pat Gerstle	Sn3	Mar-16	MR	with cover, too
John Ottman	HO	shot May-16	tbd MR	
Chris Broughton	N	shot May-16	tbd GMR	
John Bowling 2	HO	2018 shoot	tbd	approved June 2015
Bob Ferguson	N	2018 shoot	tbd	approved June 2015
George Campbell	HO	2018 shoot	tbd	approved June 2015
INDIANA				
Matt Hewitt	HO	Oct-10	MR	with cover, too
Jim Munns	HO	Apr-10	MR	
Ron Lane	HO/HOn3	Oct-15	MR	with cover, too
Jack Simpson	HO	Jul-16	MR	
Mike Havens	HO	Oct-16	MR	with cover, too
Vern Sargent	N	shot Oct-15	pending	
OHIO				
Dave Holl	HO	Oct-08	MR	gone, +'99 GMR by owner
Howard Clark	HO	2018 shoot	tbd	approved December 2014
David Powell, MD	HO	2018 shoot	tbd	approved December 2014
Coshocton Club	HO	2018 shoot	tbd	approved February 2015