

Lou Sassi Cincinnati Area Layout Shoots for Kalmbach Media - by John Burchnall - revised April 2023

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 45 Cincinnati area layouts for articles in Kalmbach magazines. He's also scheduled or shot 27 other layouts in neighboring cities. This started in the early 1990's when Mike Brestel brought video producer Allen Keller to visit the Eastern Loggers. Allen referred the Loggers to Lou. Here's a list 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 19 more in Model Railroader or Model Railroad Planning, with 10 other articles or shoots pending. It is hard to imagine any other city coming close to this quantity and quality.

GREATER CINCINNATI	scale	publish	mag	comments
Eastern Loggers 1	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 2001	MR	gone, moved away
Dan Morgan	N	2002	GMR	deceased - layout gone?
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 2010	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 2005	MR	gone, replaced by #2
Greg Simpson 2	OO	2012	GMR	gone, moved, replaced by #3
Cincinnati Northern	HO	2012	MRP	portable layout
Perry Simpson	HO	2013	GMR	
Bill Doll	HO	Apr 2013	MR	with cover, too + Oct 2020 RMC article
Jim Bonnett	HO	Aug 2013	MR	dismantled 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 2014	MR	
Bob Lawson (Monroe 1)	HO	Aug 2014	MR	+ MR & NMRA calendars - moved locally
Ron Pearson	HOn3	Oct 2014	MR	+ other published articles by owner
Dave Davenport	HO	Oct 2014	MR	
Ed Swain 1	HO	Apr 2015	MR	with cover, too
Steve Montgomery	HO	Jul 2015	MR	with cover, too
Dave Nenna	N	Aug 2015	MR	dismantled, moved to CA in 2019
Rick Stern	HO	Dec 2015	MR	
Rick Crumrine 2	HO	Aug 2016	MR	layout phase 2 (steel mills)
John Listermann	HO	Feb 2018	MR	
Todd Smalley	HO	Apr 2022	MR	May 2018 shoot
Roy Allan	Fn3	Nov 2019	MR	including 2-page photo spread
Eastern Loggers 2	HO/HOn3	Dec 2022	MR	Nov. 2021 move to Pa. Lumber Museum
David Wendt	HO	shot Oct 2021	tbd	pending 2023 MR?
Jerry Strangarity 3	HO	shot Oct 2021	tbd	layout phase 3
Mark Albert	HO	shot Apr 2022	tbd	
Greg Albert	N	shot Oct 2022	tbd	
Rick Crumrine 3	HO	shot Apr 2023	tbd	layout phase 3
Ed Swain 2	HO	Apr 2024 shoot	tbd	layout phase 2 - shoot appr. Apr 2019
Bo Sis	HO	Oct 2023 shoot	tbd	approved Aug 2021
Dennis Malloy	HO	Apr 2024 shoot	tbd	approved Dec 2021
Curt LaRue 2	HO	Oct 2023 shoot	tbd	approved Feb 2022
Bob Lawson (West Chester 1)	HO	Apr 2025 shoot	tbd	approved Jan 2018
KENTUCKY				
Bob Lawson (Danville)	HO	2008	GMR	gone, dismantled
John Bowling 1	HO	Aug 2007	MR	gone, replaced by #2
Ray / Renee Grosser 1	HO	2008	GMR	gone, replaced by #2
Ray / Renee Grosser 2	O	2012	GMR	
Pete Birdsong	On30	Jan 2015	MR	moved to California in 2014
Pat Gerstle	Sn3	Mar 2016	MR	with cover, too
Chris Broughton, MMR	N	2018	GMR	
John Ottman	HO	Jun 2018	MR	
Bob Ferguson	N	Jan 2020	MR	including full page photo spread
George Campbell	HO	Sep 2021	MR	with cover, too - now deceased
John Bowling 2	HO	shot Apr 2022	tbd	new layout
INDIANA				
Matt Hewitt	HO	Oct 2010	MR	with cover, too
Jim Munns	HO	Apr 2010	MR	
Ron Lane	HO/HOn3	Oct 2015	MR	with cover, too
Jack Simpson	HO	Jul 2016	MR	
Mike Havens	HO	Oct 2016	MR	with cover, too
Vern Sargent	N	Nov 2017	MR	
OHIO/MARYLAND/PENNSYLVANIA				
Dave Holl 2	HO	Oct 2008	MR	gone + prior layout in '99 GMR by owner
Howard Clark	HO	May 2019	MR	with cover, too
David Powell, MD	HO	2020	GMR	including 2-page photo spread
Coshocton Club	HO	July 2020	MR	with cover - article in 2019 MRP
David Arrell	HO	March 2022	MR	shot May 2021
Mike Farrow	N	shot Apr 2023	tbd	
Youngstown Model Railroad Club	HO (O)	HO shot Oct 2022	tbd	
Dave Holl 3	HO	July 2023 shoot	tbd	new layout - approved March 2021
4 County Society of Model Engineers	HO	Nov/Dec ?? shoot	tbd	approved April 2019 - c/o Rick Shulby
Art Kear	HO	Oct 2024 shoot	tbd	approved Nov 2021