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## Gathering 'Round the Railroad

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*An intricately detailed model railroad brings friends, neighbors and train enthusiasts together in Bob and Norma Evans' back yard.*

*Photos Doug Kohen*

Under a flowering and tree lined hummock, a lumberjack loads up the bed of his truck. A moose, stock still near a curtain of waterfall, regards a downstream fisherman whose knees are deep in a glassy pool. In the nearby town, a man reclines. He reads a paper and has his shoes shined as he waits for a ruby train. Only a passing

butterfly, apparently the size of a glider, belies the reality of the model railway.

Bob Evans, a long time Lafayette resident, and his wife Norma are the proud owners of this model railway. The model landscapes perhaps a third of the Evans' yard, and includes four trains which run on one thousand feet of track. ... continued on page D11