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Message From The Superintendent

Our first meeting of the new century is any indication, Div. 10 is going to have a great year. Joe Holbrook's clinic on soldering and resistance soldering was extremely well received. It was a "Masters Degree" in soldering. Several members have already started putting together a resistance soldering unit. Check out Mike Baskette's source for parts in this issue.

Many thanks to Joe for his outstanding clinic and to both Pat Gerstle and Mike Armstrong for the tours of their excellent layouts. It was an informative and fun day for model railroading in Division 10.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Doug Clark, Irv Frary, and Ron Keacheval who joined the NMRA in January. We look forward to your fellowship and the sharing of modeling skills in the months ahead.

Pete Birdsong will conduct our next meeting for you at the Eagle Creek Branch library on Feb. 6th. After a clinic on decaling by Mike Baskette there will be two tours you won't want to miss. I'll be back from Florida for the March meeting. Check our "Round the Bend" column to see our schedule of interesting

clinics and tours through the month of May. If you don't see a modeling activity you want on the schedule, ask for it and we will do our best to bring it to you.

We will have a membership table at the LCD show at the Continental Inn on March 3rd and 4th. If you have any surplus items that you would like to donate or intend to sell, we will put them in our "White Elephant Sale" at this show for a 15% commission to the Division. You can bring items to the next meeting or call Mike Armstrong by February 26th with the list of items you have. We will make arrangements for additional table space if necessary.

Last but not least, we are going to offer our members the opportunity to put their "Pike Ads" in "The Lantern". For those of you who haven't seen a pike ad, we have included several examples from another division in this issue. Several of you already "own your railroad" so who will be first? The cost will only be ten dollars a year, to be used to cover the cost of our recently upgraded web site. World wide web exposure will be included to the first ten who sign up by posting your personal pike ads on our web site! I

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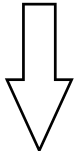
can't make up my mind between C&O, costly and outrageous, and HT&W, hoot, toot, and whistle. Send your ad to Pete for "The Lantern" along with your check. He will forward them to David Mikulec, our web site chairman.




Have a great meeting. I'll see you in March when my lovely wife will conduct a clinic on painting backdrops. She's the Plymale of Plymale Gallery in downtown Lexington.

Fred

**PLUG YOUR
RR EMPIRE HERE
AND SEE IT
ON THE WEB
FOR ONLY \$10 / YEAR**

SAMPLES:



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|  HUNTINGDON NORTHERN RAILWAY <i>"THE ALLEGHENY ROUTE"</i> R.J. Prehoda, Operations Manager Serving Southwestern Pennsylvania with connections to: B&O, CP&W, Erie Lackawanna, N&W, NYC, P&WV, PRR, WM | |  LOCAL 2 |
|  JOHNSTOWN MARYANNVILLE SCOTSDALE RAILROAD | CEO John L. Scott Cheswick, PA (724) 274-4136 A 20' x 30' HO scale model railroad with Walk-around Command Control, serving Pennsylvania's Southwestern Railroads. Operators needed. | |
|  Turtle Creek Railroad <i>"The Hardshell Route"</i> Serving the Center of the Universe Ken Hanawalt (724) 941-6107 Carl Volkwein (724) 941-6954 Website: http://www.nb.net/~hanawalt Snappy Service | | |

Witless vs Clueless

Rivets O'Reilly and Larry Loungecar

Larry: Hi-ya, Rivets! Good to see ya. Watcha been doin'?

Rivets: Hey, Larry. Not much. How about you?

Larry: Not much, either. Got the new NMRA calendar in the mail a while back, and I'm thinkin' about what events I can go to this year.

Rivets: Yeah, me too. And the ballots - I'm tryin' to decide how to vote. In fact, I thought about runnin' for President, myself this time...

Larry: You? President of the NMRA? You out of your mind, Rivets? What makes you think you'd make a good President?

Rivets: Lotsa things, Larry. For starters, I'd reorganize the whole thing, change the titles of the officers to be more meaningful...

Larry: More meaningful titles? Whattaya mean, Rivets?

Rivets: Well, like we'd have bishops and priests instead of trustees and superintendents - that sort of thing, you know, somethin' to instill a little more fervor.

Larry: Oh...and I guess the dues would be more like tithin', too, I bet.

Rivets: Good idea, Larry. But we could be flexible on that - maybe allow a deduction for model railroad

magazine subscriptions or medical expenses as a result of bein' in a train wreck, or somethin' - sort of a cross between tithin' and the IRS 1040.

Larry: Wow! What about the standards and practices, Rivets? What'd you do for them?

Rivets: That's one of the best planks in my platform, Larry. We'd go from voluntary to mandatory compliance, with some *pretty stiff* penalties for anyone who doesn't comply.

Larry: Uh-huh! I'm almost afraid to ask, Rivets, but what about membership growth?

Rivets: That's a key issue, Larry. My plan is to have mandatory membership by all modelers; you'd have to give your NMRA member number in order to buy any modeling equipment - sort of like gun registration.

Larry: Rivets, you're not serious about this, are you? You're pullin' my leg, right?

Rivets: I'd appreciate your support, Larry. Write me in on the ballot, OK?

Larry: Well, I'm sure gonna vote, Rivets, you can count on that!

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David Mikulec, Web Chair

News, Events & Announcements

Opportunity:

(From Mike Armstrong) Walthers HO 2000 catalog available for \$10.00 with free shipping from joshwgc@aol.com

Resistance Soldering Follow-on:

(From Mike Baskette) Herbach and Rademan Company, www.herbach.com has a transformer and several foot switches. On page 46 of their current on-line catalog is: Item # TM98XFR3247: this is a 360 watt transformer with output voltages between 0.5 and 46.5 VAC. This is plenty of low voltage/high current range to power a soldering tip for various conditions. Price \$24.95. Also, on page 50 of the same is a nice selection of foot switches ranging in price from \$8.70 to \$39.00 and rated from 7 to 20 AMPS.

Background Buildings Tip:

Before assembling a building kit, but after painting the desired facade, place it face down on a scanner, with black paper behind it, and scan it into your PC, then edit the color and size if desired, print it out on heavy stock, and you have a "free" background building!

Double-slip Switches?

If you have experience with N-scale double-slip switches, please share it with the editor by phone, e-mail or snail-mail. How reliable and trouble-free are they? What brand do you have? Would you recommend them in a yard with lots of switching?

Recognition/Discounts:

Division 10 received a congratulatory letter from Berkshire Trains, 209 Rosemont Garden in Lexington, with best wishes, solicitation of ideas of how they can better support us, announcement of plans for a Dispatch Board for announcements and a website, and an offer of discounts (amount unspecified) in January and February when presented with the NMRA membership card.

January Meeting Notes:

Fred Playmale kicked the meeting off, introducing three guests and requesting nominations for officers for the Mid Central Region. Fred announced updates to the website, and highlighted the Division 10 schedule of events for the next few months.

AP Chair David Greer presented awards (see below)

Joe Holbrook gave an informative and entertaining clinic on resistance soldering, with a hands-on demo, and presented several great examples, including a bridge and two signal bridges in O scale.

Congratulations:

- to Tom Brough for Golden Spike Award
- to David Greer for multiple Merit Awards in Scenery and Structures
- to Joe Holbrook for multiple Merit Awards in Structures and Motive Power.

The Treasury Report:

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| 12/01/99 Ending Bal. | \$334.81 |
| Income: Estate Sale | 589.76 |
| Subtotal | \$924.57 |
| Expenses: Estate Sale:Shipping & Ins. | 62.30 |
| Ebay charges | 24.47 |
| Proceeds to donor | 427.54 |
| Newsletter Copies | 10.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$524.31 |
| 01/01/00 Ending Bal. | \$400.26 |

MEMBER PROFILES David Greer



Dave lives at 2021 Parasol Drive in Lexington with his wife Rita and son Jonathan. Dave's originally from upstate New York but has lived in Lexington since the mid-70s. He is an engineer for Lexmark International, Inc.

Dave has been a model railroader for as long as he can remember. His father is responsible for his early interest in trains, having built a layout before David was born. Dave got his first layout, an HO loop and a spur on green plywood, for his fourth Christmas. Due to space constraints, Dave switched to N-scale in the early 70's. N-scale equipment at the time did not run very well; however, the compact size allowed him to have more exciting track plans on his 4 by 6 layout table. Much has changed since then; his N-scale layout has grown to 10 by 14 with further expansion in the plans. Dave is the CEO of the Durham, Oakhill, and Ohio RR (Doo Line for short.) The modeled portion of the Doo Line is set in West Virginia in 1968.

Dave is our Division 10 Achievement Program Chairman. He has also been active in the Bluegrass Railroad club for many years, where he has been on the board of directors and a program chairman. He also enjoys building model cars and airplanes, wood working, Habitat for Humanity and cruising in his vintage Corvette.

AROUND THE BEND....

February

NMRA MCR Div. 10: 6th
Eagle Creek Library, 101 N. Eagle Creek Rd., Lexington, off Richmond Rd. East of Man-O-War;
Clinic: Mike Baskette - Decaling
Tours: Pete Birdsong & Franklin Miller

March

1. Lionel Collectors Club of America
3rd & 4th, Continental Inn on New Circle Rd. in Lexington
2. NMRA MCR Div. 10: 5th, Beaumont Center Library;
Clinic: Betty Plymale - Scenery painting with acrylics
Tours: David Drake & Fred Plymale
3. MCR Div. 7 Swap Meet & Flea Mkt.
11th, Scarlet Oaks, 3254 E. Kemper Rd. Cincinnati, OH
4. MCR Div. 8 Train Show & Sale, 11th, VFW Robt. E. Newman Post, 4809 Poplar Level Rd., Louisville, KY

April

NMRA MCR Div. 10: **1st (Saturday)**
Danville, KY;
Clinic: Ray & Renee Grosser;
Tours: Bob Lawson, John Bowling, maybe a third

May

1. NMRA MCR Div. 10: 14th
J.O Johnson farm;
Clinic and tour: J.O. Johnson - **1 1/2" LIVE STEAM!!**
2. MCR Div. 4
New Century Express:
May 18-21, 2000; Medina, OH
Linda Atherton, Registrar,
337 University St.,
Middleburg Ht., OH 44130 -440-234-4176
(between 5 & 9pm)

See You There!

NEXT MEETING:

Sunday, February 6 at 2:00pm
in the Eagle Creek Library on 101 N. Eagle Creek Rd., off Richmond Rd. east of Man-O-War Blvd. in Lexington.

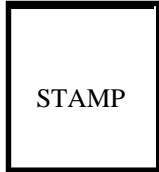
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