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## Message From The Superintendent

It has been a great year for NMRA Div. 10 in Central Kentucky. We started a year ago with no money but with the idea that a strong modeling organization would be successful if we provided the clinics and tours needed to enhance the skills of model railroaders in our area.

During the past twelve months Division 10 members have attended twelve excellent modeling clinics, toured twenty two layouts and conducted our first train show in Somerset. Many of you, including some of the old timers, have seen layouts that you didn't know existed or at least had only heard about. Your NMRA membership card is truly a "Passport" to activities and members homes that other modelers do not enjoy.

During this same time we have also established an excellent web site and published an outstanding newsletter to promote our NMRA modeling activities. The end result of all these positive activities is the growth of our membership. It has more than doubled and with your active participation and support, the best is yet to come.

We will continue our mission

to provide interesting modeling clinics in 2001. The schedule is set for the first three months and I expect the first six months will be in place before year end. We plan to start a fun raffle at the January meeting so bring an extra buck for five tickets. We will also start a "show and tell" or "popular vote contest" on various types of structures and models at future meetings to see what you are building and your

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## NEWS, EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Welcome to new member:

91 Jerry Kosterman, HO,  
Somerset, Kentucky

### General meeting:

The meeting started with an on-time 'departure' at 2:00 pm, Sunday, October 1. The Somerset show was reprised, and an October 15 & 16 date has been set for a repeat next year. The show earned over \$650.00 for Division 10.

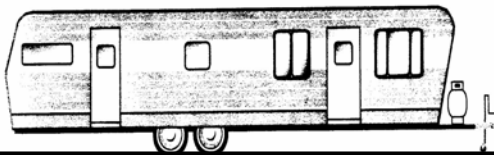
Brass from Fred Welch's collection is for sale on E-Bay by "freddde" - Fred Plymale, with a percentage of the proceeds going to the Division.

Miles & Fran Hale gave a great clinic on building realistic scenery, using Woodland Scenics kits to demonstrate how easy it can be to create the scenery using the materials in the kit—track board, culvert, rock castings, plaster cloth,

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**MCR  
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\$3.00 each  
See  
Mike Armstrong**

**THE NMRA'S MID-CENTRAL REGION IS PLEASED TO OFFER A BRAND NEW HO SCALE STRUCTURE KIT - A "CLASSIC" 1950s MOBILE HOME KIT**



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In addition, the initial run being

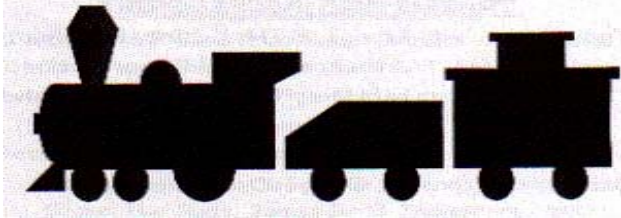
the MCR and Division 10. Help support us by buying as many as you can. Please pre-order by sending your check (payable to NMRA Div. 10.) to:

Fred Plymale  
3463 Snaffle Rd.,  
Lexington, KY 40513.

Include your name, address, telephone #, and \$14.98 per kit (two for \$25.00), plus \$2.00 shipping for one kit, or \$3.00 for more than one.

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**win-win!!**

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stains & polymer colors, ground foam, talus, poly fiber, etc. The Hales also demonstrated constructing trees from bare armatures, using spray glue and ground foam, and painting backdrops using common spray paint and templates. See the pictures on page 5.

### Website Changes

The secondary website, <http://pages.prodigy.net/rrpete> is planned at this writing to be **discontinued** as of **October 21**, since all its features have been incorporated into the **main website** (see box below).

Some of the changes to the site include additional pictures for the album pages, and its expansion to a rolling 12-month organization, plus additional sections for special events, such as the Somerset show; additional information in the scrolling banner for latest interest items at the bottom of the screen, and links to other MCR sites. Let me know if you have other suggestions.

**Thanks** to Joe Holbrook for taking minutes at the October meeting for me, and for some nice

pictures from Somerset and Danville.

### Looking ahead...

Check "Around the Bend" on the cover for short-term events, but keep in mind some big ones next year:

- *The Thoroughbred Express in Louisville May 17 - 20 (you probably got a yellow flyer on it in the mail)*
- *The NMRA Gateway 2001 national convention in St. Louis July 8—15.*

Both of these should be on our "hit list" for activities next year.

### Reminder:

The September Bulletin has the annual index of model railroad periodical articles. This is, in my opinion, one of the great benefits of being an NMRA member. It's a super research tool.

*Pete*

### Member Aid

**For help with modeling problems, call Joe Holbrook, Member Aid Chairman, for expert, free help, cheerfully given.**

**859 277 5835,**

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### In Appreciation....

Many thanks to our Sustaining and Patron members listed below. (Sustaining members contribute \$10.00 per year, and Patrons \$20 or more.) We encourage all members to help support *The Lantern* and our websites.

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Check out the improvements to our website at:

<http://nmra-division10.railfan.net/>



Pictures from the October Clinic, on scenery, with Mike and Fran Hale.

### Message from the Superintendent

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skills/tips you want to share with others. A schedule of the contest will be in next month's Lantern.

We need your active participation in the months to come. Do you have a layout? Has it been on tour? Why not? Would you like to conduct a modeling clinic? Why not? Many years ago or perhaps not so many, someone helped you learn your modeling skills. Share them and experience the fun of helping

others. Want to work on a committee? Call me!

Marty Vaughn, Master Model Railroader and our MCR President, will conduct our November clinic on Resin Injection Castings at Home. It is a great opportunity to learn how to make your own resin molds and castings. He will explain the different types of molds and the differences in resins available. He will also cover the advantages and disadvantages of one and

two part latex and have available for viewing some of the different things that can be cast. Let's have a big turn out for the November meeting.

*Fred*

## MEMBER PROFILES

### Thomas Bookout



Thomas lives at 3369 Boston Road, Lexington, KY. He graduated in the class of 2000 from Lafayette Senior High School. He is currently attending Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, VA near Harrisonburg, with plans to transfer to Centre College in Danville, KY. He is majoring in chemistry.

Thomas was born in Huntington, WV; and lived also in Greenwood, SC, where he saw plenty of Southern Ry. equipment on the newly formed Norfolk Southern, as well as trains on the SCL.

His favorite train watching memory from SC is the ca-

boose on the end of every train (they were one of the last states to repeal the caboose law). When he was four he moved to Buckhannon, WV, where he got to see the end of the caboose era on the Chessie/CSX. He received his first train set, a Lionel, for Christmas when he was six years old, and at eight he extended his modeling interests into HO scale, but he still has his first Lionel to this day.

Shortly after moving to Lexington in 1989, his neighbor, the late J.R. "Bob" Ford Jr., introduced him to the Bluegrass Railroad Club. After joining the club, he got into N scale, which is now his primary modeling scale: but he also has Lionel (MTH), a modest collection of HO, American Flyer S, and one G-gauge train. He has an N-TRACK module, which has been used for the past three years at the Kentucky Horse Park's Southern Lights show, and was recently shown in Somerset.

He has an O gauge layout under construction, and an N scale layout in the planning stage.

He models primarily the

B&O and the C&O in N scale; and whatever he wants in the other scales (mostly Southeastern roads). His preferred era is the steam to diesel transition, but occasionally he will bend that rule.

Other organizations that Thomas belongs to are the Bluegrass Railroad Club, Bluegrass Railroad Museum, Kentucky Railway Museum, Lionel Railroaders Club, and the TAMR. He is a Conductor and Student Engineer at the RR Museums. He has recently been heading a project at BGRM to restore a (you guessed it - Southern Railway )bay window caboose to its former bright red color. He wishes the best of luck for Division 10 and hopes to be a part of its success.

Thomas supports cooperation with other organizations in the area to promote the preservation of railroad history through modeling, education and restoration.

Thomas is a real asset to the Division, and we all wish him well in his new academic endeavors.

# Witless vs Clueless

*Rivets O'Reilly and Larry Loungecar*  
"Building Rome"

Rivets: Hey, Larry, what's happenin'?

Larry: Oh, hi, Rivets. Not much - howya doin'?

Rivets: Pretty good. Whatcha workin' on there?

Larry: Well, Rivets, I've decided to try to get on with some scenery for the layout. So I pulled some of these structure kits I've been accumulatin' for years, and started tryin' to put some of 'em together.

Rivets: That sounds good, Larry; how's it goin'?

Larry: Terrible!

Rivets: What's the problem?

Larry: For starters, most of these kits don't have any real instructions, Rivets—just a picture. And there must be a bazillion parts. And you've gotta cut 'em all loose from a big web (but they call it a "sprue" for some reason).

Rivets: Anything else?

Larry: You bet! If you glue the pieces together before you paint 'em, they're too hard to paint, but if you paint 'em first, the glue don't stick!

Rivets: Uh-huh. And you said this was for "starters"?

Larry. Yeah. And then even if you get one of the little boogers built, you need about a hundred more, and nobody's got that much time OR money! And that's just if you're buildin' standard kits. If you want to kit-bash or scratch-build, it's even worse! I tell ya, Rivets, it's too much!

Rivets: Well, Larry, ya don't reckon you're tryin' to do too much at once, do ya?

Larry: Whatcha mean, Rivets?

Rivets: I mean, lotsa people work on one structure at a time, and some of 'em may take months just on one building, and they still seem

to enjoy it. "Rome wasn't built in a day," as they say....

Larry: What are they, nuts? I wanna get these buildings done NOW!

Rivets: Easy does it, Larry. Don't you enjoy buildin' the kits?

Larry: Well sure, if I didn't have so many of 'em to do.

Rivets: Then just enjoy each one as you do it, and don't worry about the rest.

Larry: But what will people think when they see how much I haven't done, Rivets?

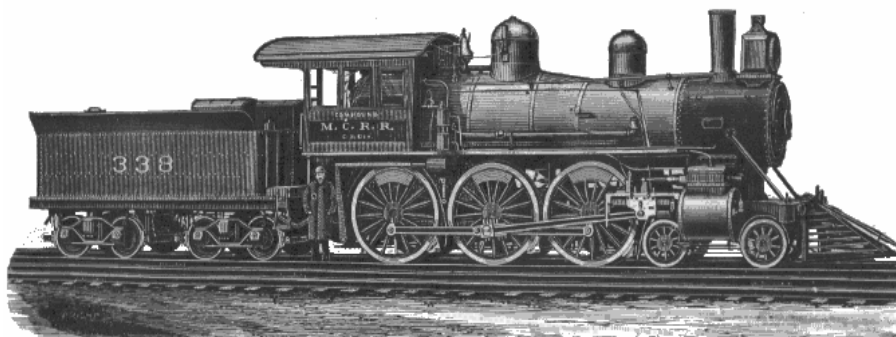
Rivets: They'll think they're not the only ones in the same boat, Larry. We've all got more projects than we have time or money for.

Larry: Gee, Rivets, sometimes you make a little sense. Maybe there's hope for you yet. While you're here, why don't you help me put together ten or twenty of these kits.....

**Thanks to**

**[www.ribbonrail.com/](http://www.ribbonrail.com/)  
for this picture.**

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AROUND THE BEND...

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Sunday, November 5:**

NMRA MCR Div. 10: 2:00 pm, Beaumont Library.

**Clinic:** Marty Vaughn, Master Model Railroader and MCR President, on Resin Casting at Home.

**Tour:** Mike Armstrong HO & N

**November**

**Nov. 4:** Division 8 Flea Market, 10:00am VFW Hall, Louisville

**Nov. 5:** Division 3 Train Show & Sale, Hara Complex, Dayton

**Nov. 11 & 12:** Div. 7 November Show, Northern KY Con-

vention Center

**Nov. 24 & 25th:** LCCA show, Continental Inn, Lexington

**December**

**NO DIV. 10 MEETING!**

**Dec. 2 & 3rd:** GATS in Cincinnati

**Dec. 3rd:** Train Show, Fairgrounds, Springfield, OH

**January**

**Jan 7:** NMRA MCR Div. 10: 2:00pm,

**Clinic:** Pat Gerstle on Western USA scenery

**Tour:** David Greer—N Scale

**February**

**Feb. 4:** NMRA MCR Div. 10:

2:00pm, Beaumont Library

**Clinic:** Pete Birdsong - DCC 101

**Tour:** Pat Gerstle, HOn3

**March**

**Mar 4:** NMRA MCR Div. 10: 2:00pm, Eagle Creek Library

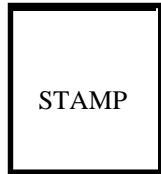
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