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Message From The Superintendent

There was a great turnout, 32+ members and guests, at our February meeting for Pete Birdsong's clinic on Digitrax and the tour of Pat Gerstle's Sn3 layout. One new member signed up since the meeting. Thank you Pete and Pat for an interesting and fun day.

Our next meeting will also be a good one with a clinic on detailing diesels by Mike Baskette and a "show and tell" by Franklin Miller on quick and inexpensive coal loads, followed by a tour of Pete Birdsong's N scale layout. Don't miss it!

From my slightly biased point of view, the best part of being a NMRA member is the local Division activities and the new friends you meet by participating in local activities. Included in this issue of *The Lantern* is an up to date membership roster of Division members. Even with the passing of several members in the last year we still have over 90 members and grow stronger each month.

Speaking of passing, we re-

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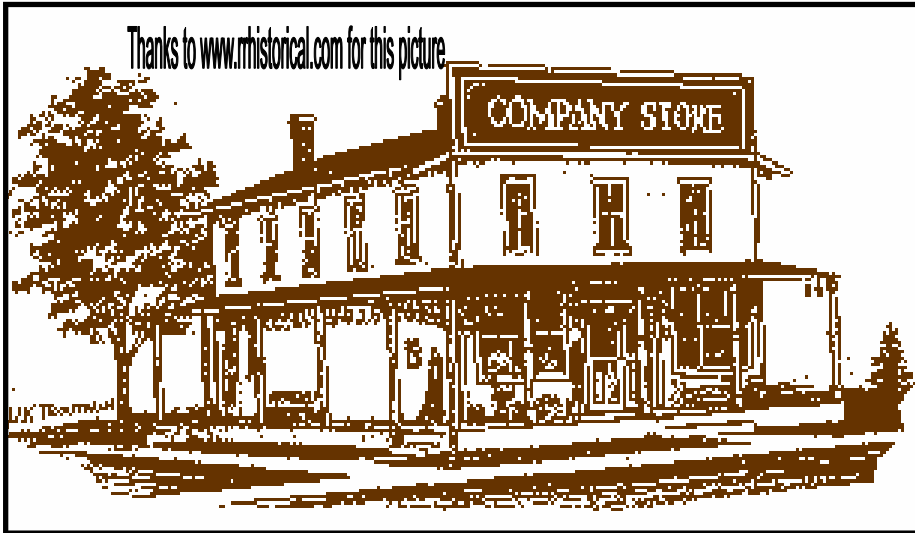
Editor's Notes

The February meeting was especially rewarding for me, since I got to give the clinic (on DCC Basics). It was a lot of fun to prepare and to present. Many thanks to **Wendell** and **David Greer** for bringing in and demonstrating Wendell's portable DCC setup, to **Mike Armstrong** for bringing in the sub-\$40.00 DCC equipped Atlas SD60, to **Fred** for the overhead projector, and to **Loy Spurlock** of Loy's Toys for the free DCC Primers.

I look forward to hosting the March tour, as sort of a follow-up to the clinic, so you can see

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Editor's Notes

the decoder-equipped engines actually in operation on the layout (keeping my fingers crossed on that, of course.)

Robin Grider received the plaque for the Golden Spike award presented to him last month.

Please welcome new member **Roger Fischer** of Lancaster, who models in O scale. Membership stands now at 93. (*Count 'em in the new roster enclosed with this issue!*)

It's looking fairly positive for a March date for the first Operations Session. I'll update the Web site when I know for sure.

We had a great turnout for the February meeting – 32 signed the roster, plus some additional guests and latecomers. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did.

If it's been a year or so since you contributed \$10 or \$20, how about "re-upping," by sending a check to Mike Armstrong.

Thanks.

Pete



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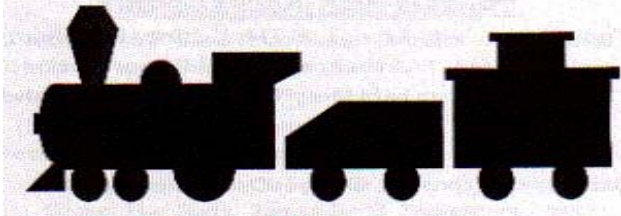
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“STUFF” & OPPORTUNITIES

Fred Plymale and Mike Armstrong, as part of their Estate Liquidations committee roles, and “networking” in general, occasionally have or know of *members' overstock* situations and other opportunities to acquire “stuff.” For example, Fred has some Atlas HO nickel silver 3' flex track available at \$1.89/section in lots of 10. Get in touch with them to find out if anything is currently available.

Liquidations, generally via a web auction, bear a 15 to 20% fee. Also, the Lantern is in a position to advertise your “overstock” items, for a fee of 10%. Contact Pete Birdsong to arrange for an ad, or Mike or Fred for liquidations.. Also, it's a good idea to come to the Tuesday night meetings. Quite often someone will bring in something he no longer needs, and it is usually bought on the spot.

There's a lot of “stuff” out there collecting dust on shelves. Let's get it circulating!



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win-win!!

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ceived the following letter from Carole Thompson, widow of former member Walt Thompson:

Received your final check yesterday. Again I would like to tell you and your club how very much I appreciate what you have done for me. I was amazed that the trains sold so quickly and I am well pleased with the final results.

I know that Walt would be happy to know that someone is enjoying his trains.

Thank you again.

Carole Thompson

Model railroaders are a very friendly group of people and love to share and help other modelers. Use the new roster to contact your fellow members and join in the activities. Call our committee chairs and volunteer your services in helping us build your division and expand our modeling activities in our communities. Participation and fun go hand in hand.

Don't forget our Tuesday evening informal meetings. Check the location on the web site, or call one of the officers for it, and bring your engines to run them on the host layout. Making new friends, sharing modeling skills and enjoying the hobby is the reason Division 10 exists. Enjoy it!

Hope to see you soon!

Fred

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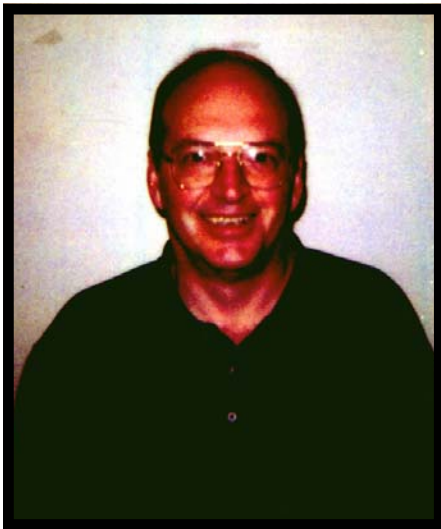
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MEMBER PROFILES

Alan Brock



Alan lives with his wife and their cat at 1348 Prather Rd. in Lexington. He owns National Workwear. His grandfather was an engineer on the Illinois Central RR., (Ed. Note: so was mine!) and Alan believes that was what got him interested in model railroading. It has been an on and off thing (mostly off) since he was in grade school. But it should be easier now that he is supposed to have more time for himself.

Alan enjoys best watching the trains run, and piling up more boxes of "stuff" than he will ever be able to use. (Ed. Note: we should all reread and heed the "Stuff" feature on page two!)

Remembering a conversation at one of the recent Tuesday night informal meetings, in which someone said most of us tend to model the railroads we saw when we were growing up, Alan

Witless vs Clueless

Rivets O'Reilly and Larry Loungecar
 "If Alan and Tony can do it, I can do it"

Rivets: Hey, Larry, watcha got in that long box there?

Larry: What else would be in a box like this, Rivets? Track, of course

Rivets: Yeah, but why so much?

Larry: Well, I've been readin' 'bout all these guys tearin' up decades of model railroadin' to begin all over again and make it better. And I'm gonna do the same thing, Rivets!

Rivets: Geez, Larry, how long you been thinkin' 'bout this? You haven't said anything to me about it.

Larry: Well, you know that

is puzzled by the fact that he likes the Monon. Even though he grew up in Indiana, he was never around the Monon.

The aforementioned cat, according to Alan, likes to watch the trains more than Alan himself does! And Alan knew he was on to something when the woman he was dating told him she thought "she could like trains." (She is now his wife).

Alan is an active member of Division 10: a regular at the Tuesday night meetings, and recently appointed chairman of the Contests Committee, which he will be launching soon.

layin' track is one of the parts of the hobby I like most. And you know I've been designin' layouts with CAD software. So I've designed the perfect layout and I'm gonna tear up my old one and begin again. If Koester and McClellan can do it, so can I. I'm gonna be just like the big guns, Rivets, not afraid to tackle a new layout at an older stage in life.

Rivets: You got a track plan in mind?

Larry: Yep. I've been workin' on this baby for months. Got it right here. Wanna see it?.

Rivets: Yeah, show it to me... uh, Larry, this looks like exactly the same layout you have now!

Larry: I really like that plan, Rivets.

Rivets: Be careful, Larry...

Larry: I'm only layin' track. What's to be careful about?

Rivets: I'm not talkin' about track! Someday, somebody's gonna put you away, Larry.

(Thanks to Mike Armstrong for this month's feature)



AROUND THE BEND...

NEXT MEETING:

May

March

Mar 4: NMRA MCR Div. 10:
2:00pm, Eagle Creek Library
Clinic: Mike Baskette on De-
tailing & Painting Diesels;
Franklin Miller on Coal Loads
Tour: Pete Birdsong N-scale

Mar 10: Div 7 Swap Meet &
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No Contest? (See Inside)



Southern Railway 4610

These pictures were taken in Lawrenceburg in February, 2001 by one of the members of the Bluegrass Railroad Museum.

The 4610 is a GP59, and is the only engine on the Norfolk Southern active roster that is still maintained in a retired paint scheme and still referred to by a retired name.

It is gone from Lawrenceburg now, on another assignment.

Thanks to Thomas Bookout for submitting the picture and narrative.