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## Message From The Superintendent

September has been a very productive and fun month for Div. 10 members, beginning with our visit to Danville with lunch and a great clinic by Bob Lawson on planning and building a small diorama. Many thanks to Bob for his generosity and willingness to share his home, layout and skills with those of us who are still learning. Ray and Renee Grosser opened John Bowling's layout for the afternoon and he has made amazing progress getting trees, people and other details installed. The sidewalks are full of interesting people and the trees are ablaze with color.

Our Somerset show was well attended with more paid admis-

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## Editor's Notes

It's very sad to learn of the death of a member, *David Williams*, of Richmond, as reported in the memorial column.

Let us also remember those who had friends and relatives in the disasters in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington.

Meanwhile, as life goes on, we can be glad of the success of the show in Somerset, as you can read in Fred's column. Thanks to all who contributed to the success of this show, especially to *Bob Lawson* for loaning the trailer to transport the layouts.

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### In Memoriam

David Williams, III, of Richmond, KY, died at his home on Friday, August 10. David was born in Richmond December 13, 1929. He was a member of the NMRA, the Bluegrass Railroad Club, and other local organizations. Our condolences to the family.



## “STUFF” & OPPORTUNITIES

Fred Plymale and Mike Armstrong occasionally have or know of *members’ overstock* situations and other opportunities to acquire or dispose of “stuff.” Get in touch with them to find out if anything is currently available. These liquidations, generally via a web auction, bear a 15 to 20% fee.

In addition, *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 no longer needed, and it is usually bought on the spot.

### Community Activities Committee

A reminder to all NMRA members of the exciting opportunity we have to pass on our enthusiasm, knowledge and skill (well, some of us anyway) to the next generation by serving as a Railroad Merit Badge Counselor with the Boy Scouts of America.

(This is also a way to earn Volunteer points for those of us working towards NMRA Achievement in this area!)

Bob Richardson has all the information you need to take part in this program. Give him a call at 219-1583, or e-mail to BRich948@aol.com.

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Editor’s Notes

Welcome to our two new members: **Gary Barkman**, of Danville, in S and HO scales, and **Jerry Feather** of Parksville, in HO. We hope to see you both soon at the meetings.

The Bring and Brag continues to add some excitement and rivalry to the monthly meetings. **Fred Plymale** was the winner in September, with **Mark Hunt** taking second place, and yours truly bringing in third. See the standings on page 4.

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## Committee Chairs

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Superintendent’s message

sions than during the previous year. Vendors also increased considerably over last year with 42 tables sold. In addition to “Big Mo” the MTH layout in a trailer, we had Division 10 represented with our large N gauge layout and Mike Armstrong’s G gauge layout. Both attracted a lot of attention. Danville was well represented with the Robin Grider’s beautiful HO layout and a new S gauge layout owned by new member Gary Barkman. The Bluegrass club had their expanded HO layout running well and a large G gauge layout that Phil Ditchen provided. Thanks to all groups and individuals who participated and had a good time at the show. Plan on about the same time next year.

I recently had the pleasure of speaking to two groups of cub scouts with their parents about model railroading. The text used was “The Worlds Greatest Hobby” and was provided by Kalmbach. Thirty attended the Lexington meeting where Mike Armstrong ran his G gauge engine and over fifty attended the Frankfort meeting. It was very rewarding to see parents with their children interested in a family oriented hobby.

Our next meeting, Sunday Oct. 7, will be at the Tates Creek Library and will feature a clinic on weathering buildings especially metal roofs by Pat Gerstle. As the owner of several Suydam corrugated metal kits, I plan on being in the front row. Our tour will be at Lou Jaquith’s HO layout. Check out his beautiful ballasting and get him to explain how he does it. He always has interesting techniques and tools.

See you on the 7th at the new Tates Creek Library. Don’t forget to

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**win-win!!**

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 Editor's Notes

I'd like to remind everyone again that the next Newsletter will be a combined November/December issue, mailed in late October. The next issue after that will be for January, mailed in late December.

Don't forget about GATS IN LEXINGTON! In November. This should be a great opportunity for us.

The following information was provided by Gene Cornett of CSX, which is having its annual open house in Corbin on Saturday, Oct 13, from about 10:00am to about 6:00pm. See Website for time changes.

No agenda is available, but in the past they have had several engines on display, some with doors open, have demonstrated engine me-

chanics, traction motors, etc. and had cab walkthroughs and rides, as well as give-aways, hamburgers & pop, etc. If interested, see map:

Take I75 south to second Corbin exit, going through town on Hwy 25, to a tee (Hardware store, Root Beer, BP Station).

Turn right at tee, onto Hwy 26, and go about a half mile to CSX South Entrance. Open to public, no charge.

*Pete*

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 Superintendent's message

bring an Urban Building for our Bring and Brag contest.

*Fred*

**BRING & BRAG**

High to low or tie:	Sept.	YTD
Fred Plymale	5	17
Mark Hunt	4	14
Pete Birdsong	3	13
John Gorman	2	6
Joe Baker	0	4
Mike Armstrong	2	3
Lou Jaquith	0	2
Not Identified	0	2

The September contest was well represented, with Fred Plymale taking first place by pandering to scatological interests. Join the rest of us this month to dethrone the tyrant titillater.

Remaining events:

- October—Urban Building
- November—Caboose
- December—Free Category.

See the April Lantern, or contact chairman Alan Brock, for a refresher on the rules!



## MEMBER PROFILES

## Howard Coleman



Howard lives at 4021 Peppertree Drive in Lexington, with his wife, Connie. They have 2 grown children, Howard, in Lexington, and Jeff in St Louis.

Howard is retired from his position as Station Superintendent with the U.S. Postal Service, and Connie works for Health Care Collections.

A long-time host of the informal Tuesday night get-togethers, Howard has been very active in model railroading in the area. His primary interests are in N-scale and O27. He currently has in his basement layout room an N-scale layout at table height, plus an O27 overhead shelf layout. At one time he had several N-trak modules, since sold.

Some of his recent activities have been the overhead O27 shelf system, expansion and scenicking the N-scale layout, and starting an O27 portable layout. But the most obvious was the acquisition and conversion of a 1 1/2 inch to the foot gondola to a coffee table, which also is used to display railroad items below its glass top.

Down the road, Howard is looking to starting a garden railroad layout. Howard has been one of the people

## Witless vs Clueless

*Rivets O'Reilly and Larry Loungecar**“Ridin’ the High Iron”*

*Rivets:* Hey, Larry, I heard you were workin’ on a new railroad project, so I thought I’d drop by and have a look.

*Larry:* Great, Rivets. Come on out back and I’ll show you.

*Rivets:* Whaddaya mean, “out back?” What kinda project have you got out there?

*Larry:* Come on, I’ll show ya, Rivets.

*Rivets:* Larry, what in the world is that? It looks like half of a giant trestle set from Tyco!

*Larry:* Well, to be honest, Rivets, Tyco was the prototype. I got those timbers shipped in from out west: genuine Ponderosa pine, cut and shaped to make a slope about 50 yards at a 4% grade. The rails are solid brass, 1

1/2“ to the foot.

*Rivets:* This thing fills up your whole yard! You’re gonna run an engine on that? Where is it gonna go? All you got is 50 yards of track to nowhere, on a 4% grade! Even if it gets to the top, it’ll fall off the end!

*Larry:* Calm down, Rivets. That’s the beauty of this layout—you don’t even need an engine—just rollin’ stock.

*Rivets:* What kinda rollin’ stock are you talkin’ about, Larry?

*Larry:* I have one really nice gondola. I pull it up to the top, set the brake, and get in. Then I release the brake, and awaaaay we go!

*Rivets:* So you ride it like a roller coaster!

*Larry:* That’s an insult, Rivets. This is NOT a roller coaster. This is a non-motorized, gravity-propelled, point to point branch line, from High Point to Low Point!

*Rivets:* Ya know, Larry, that gondola is just about the size of a small coffin, just about your size, and it’s a good thing, because I think you’re gettin’ ready to ride from here to eternity!

Thanks to Mike Armstrong for this month’s feature.

to count on to help out for a show or other activities that come up.

And if you get on his e-mail list, you’ll never be without mail! He’s never adjusted to not being the super at the post office!

**AROUND THE BEND...**

MON	DAY	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
Oct.	7	NMRA MCR Div. 10	2:00 pm, Tates Creek Library, Lexington	Pat Gerstle: Weather- ing (metal) Structures	Lou Jaquith	Urban Build- ings
	12	BGRRC	7:30 pm, Meadowthorpe Community Center, Lexington	TBD		
	13	CSX Open House	Corbin, KY on Hwy 26 1/2 mile south of Hwy 25; 8:00 to 3:00	Engines, rides, food, etc.		
	27	LCCA	Continental Inn, US 27 & New Circle Rd, Lexington			
Nov.	4	NMRA MCR Div. 10	2:00 pm, Beaumont Library, Lexington	Jack Green: Brass Col- lecting	Morgan McIlwain	Cabooses
	17-18	GATS	Heritage Hall, Lexington	Displays by NMRA Div. 10 and BGRRC		
Dec.	9	NMRA MCR Div. 10	2:00 pm, Beaumont Library, Lexington	Members: Introduction to Model Railroading	TBD	Free Category

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