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Message From The Superintendent

We had an excellent turn out for our February meeting and Pete's clinic on Digitrax. There were lots of questions and interest in the subject. Thanks, Pete, for a clinic that even I understood, most of it anyway.

Everyone who toured my "practice layout" learned how to avoid some of the mistakes I have made in bench work and design. The eastbound double headed 2-8-8-2 coal train and westbound 2-8-0 freight ran just fine, thank you. It is a direct result of soldered track joints and the transmission fluid I use to keep the track clean. Trust me on this!

Our next meeting will feature Sam Swanson and his national award winning techniques for building structures and scenery. This clinic is a must for all members who want to develop modeling skills that can compete successfully on the national and regional level, or just want to improve their home layouts. Bring a friend so you can share with other modelers what the NMRA and Division 10 are all about.

After the clinic we will tour

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Editor's Notes

Great turnout for the February meeting - 21 on the sign-in sheet, and several more we recognized, who forgot to sign in. There were three guests: **Doug Carr** and **David Toles** of Lexington, and **Travis Long** of Versailles. Welcome, guys. Hope you enjoyed the meeting, and will come again. The tour at **Fred Plymale's** was a real treat, not only for the interest and execution of Fred's beautifully done

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“STUFF” & OPPORTUNITIES

Fred Plymale occasionally knows of *members’ overstock* situations and other opportunities to acquire or dispose of “stuff.” Get in touch with him 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 Fred for liquidations.

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Message from the Superintendent

one of the finest O scale layouts in the area. David Drake has the largest turntable I have ever seen and has done a lot of work on his layout since our last visit, well over a year ago. It is very close to our meeting site and a map will be provided at the meeting.

It is 60+ degrees and sunny in Biloxi so I must be brief to make my tee time. See you at the Tates Creek Library in March.

Fred

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Editor’s Notes

layout, but also for wife **Betty’s** superb refreshments. I move that when Fred’s term is over, we elect Betty to succeed him.

Alan Brock presented plaques to the first, second and third place winners of the 2001 Bring & Brag program (see the flyer in last month’s Lantern, or on the website: <http://nmra-division10.railfan.net/B&B/index.html>.) and announced a Photo B&B contest. To enter

this contest, just bring in a photo you’ve taken of modeling you’ve done. If the photo is of a model that has already received a B&B certificate for the model itself, the photo is not eligible to win. The first contest category is open, and if there is sufficient interest and participation, Alan will provide additional details for future contests.

Alan also presented certificates to the winners of the February contest. See details below.

For the serious modelers out there, consider submitting your projects for Achievement Program points. Check out Achievement Program details on the NMRA website:

<http://www.nmra.org/achievement/>

Or ask our A.P. Chairman, **David Greer**, if you have questions. Dave presented an A.P. award at the February meeting, and would be happy to give out many more. As a reminder, the A.P. awards categories are:

Motive Power, Cars, Structures, Scenery, Civil Engineer, Electrical Engineer, Dispatcher, Official, Volunteer and Author. And in addition to those, you can get started in the program very easily with a Golden Spike Award.

Read about the Golden Spike at

<http://www.nmra.org/achievement/gold.html>

Also, talk to Dave’s dad, **Wendell Greer**, about the A.P.

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win-win!!

2001 Treasurer's Report

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Editor's Notes

He's gotten enough awards to qualify as a Master Model Railroader.

It's a very satisfying program, and very easy to participate in, which you'll find out for yourself if you just get started! Check out the Golden Spike—most people with a layout or a module or two can easily qualify for it.

Pete

ITEM	INCOME	EXPENSE	NET	BALANCE
Opening Balance				\$2711.00
Ads	200.00		200.00	
Donations	401.60		401.60	
Estate Sales	6427.29	4206.59	2220.70	
NMRA	34.00	138.00	(104.00)	
Shows	1936.00	1218.73	717.27	
Miscellaneous	302.60	109.17	193.43	
Newsletter		797.84	(797.84)	
Clinicians		225.00	(225.00)	
Transportation		244.04	(244.04)	
2001 YE Balance	9301.49	6939.37	2362.12	5073.12

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Armstrong, Treasurer

Notes:

1. Detailed report available on request.
2. Year-end balance reported in the newsletter last month inadvertently reflected the bank balance, rather than the book balance (with the difference being items not yet cleared by the bank)
3. Fortunately, we didn't invest in any Enron stock.

Bring & Brag 2002

High to Low or Tie	Feb	YTD
Fred Plymale	5	5
John Gorman	4	4
Pete Birdsong	3	3
Wendell Greer	2	2
Lou Jaquith	2	2

MEMBER PROFILES

Mike Walter



Mike lives with his wife Carla and 8 year old daughter Tori at 221 Crimson Drive in Richmond, KY.

He is a civil engineer with his B.S. from the University of Maryland, and served in the U.S. Army for 7 years. He currently works at Sunbelt Rentals in Lexington as a sales representative for heavy equipment rental..

Besides his model railroading interests, Mike also likes bird hunting and clay target shooting.

He has an N-scale layout under construction, modeling Burlington Northern in the current era (1995 to present). Mike plans on 12 foot long unit train consists of Double Stacks, Auto Racks, and other modern day equipment. The layout will use DCC control from the start, and he has already installed decoders in his engines.

Mike is a relative newcomer to Division 10, and is an enthusiast in every sense, enjoying the design, construction, and eventually operations of his own layout, and at the same time participating in many of the Division 10 activities: the recent GATS show, several construction projects, the monthly and Tuesday night meetings, etc.

Be sure to greet him when you see him, or e-mail at michaelcwalter@aol.com

Witless vs Clueless

Rivets O'Reilly and Larry Loungecar

"Bargain Hunter"

Larry: Hey, Rivets, guess what! I found the best bargains in model railroadin'! I'm waitin' for the first good deal to arrive in the mail.

Rivets: What're ya talkin' about, Larry? You find a special sale in a magazine?

Larry: Naw, Rivets—better'n that! I heard everybody talkin' about this on-line auction and the good deals they were getting', so bein' the smart wheeler-dealer I am, I bought me a computer. I figure these deals are so good I'll pay for it with the money I save.

Rivets; Right! Carry moonbeams home in a jar!

Larry: Yesterday I won a Rivarossi 2-8-8-2 for \$250.00. They retail for over \$300.00!

Rivets: Larry, the Proto 2000 retails for over \$300.00. Most Rivarossi you can get for \$139.00 to \$189.00, depending on the sales.

Larry: Oh....well, at least I got my Bachmann Heavy Hauler large scale set. It's got track and everything!

Rivets: What'd ya pay for that?

Larry: I got that little jewel for \$205.00, plus shipping.

Rivets: Larry, don't you pay any attention at all to the world around you? You can pick those

things up for \$100.00 and sometimes less! Why did you pay so much?

Larry: Well, I didn't like this guy's handle—iamwinner@sol.com. And I just decided that iamwinner@sol.com wasn't gonna win this one. Guess I just got the fever.

Rivets: You got the fever, all right. See ya later!

Larry: Dontcha wanna know what else I won?

Rivets: Naw. If I stay here much longer, you'll be tryin' to borrow money from me to pay for all your "good deals."

Larry: You oughtta try it yourself, sometime, Rivets. Check out www.eDay.com.

Rivets: eDay, huh? What's that stand for, Every Dope and Yoyo dot com?

Larry: Sometimes, Rivets, I just don't understand you!

Rivets: And most of the time, Larry, I do understand you, and it scares me to death!



Thanks to Mike Armstrong for this month's feature

AROUND THE BEND...

MON	DAY	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
MAR	3	MCR DIV 10	Tates Creek Library, Lexington, Sunday 2:00pm	Sam Swanson: (national diorama award winner at St. Louis) Scenicking and Detailing Model RR's	David Drake: O layout	Rural Structures
	8	BGRRC	Meadowthorpe Comm. Ctr., 7:30pm			
	9	LCCA	Civic Center, Lexington			
	16	Div 8 Train Show & Flea Mkt.	Louisville			
	16-17	Colis P. Huntington Train Show	Greenbow State Park			
APR	6	Div 7 Flea Mkt.	Cincinnati			
	7	MCR DIV 10	Beaumont Library, Lexington, Sunday, 2:00 pm	George Campbell: Dry Transfers in Detailing Model Rail- roads	Jim Shoo: HO Circus & N-trak (Versailles)	Freight Cars
	25-28	MCR CON- VENTION (DIV 3)	Dayton-Fairborn Holiday Inn Fairborn, OH. See website for more details: http:// www.modelraildayton.com/ Spring2002.shtml	Banquet, Raffle, Auction, Clinics, Hos- pitality Room,	Layouts, Garden RR, Prototype, Self-guided	NMRA Rules contests and non- rules contests
MAY	5	MCR DIV 10	John Bowling's, Danville Sunday, 2:00 pm	TBA	John Bowling, Bob Lawson HO Layouts	On-line Structures
JUN	2	MCR DIV 10	Bob Doepke's, in Moorehead (See map)	Bob Doepke on model railroad video- graphy	Bob Doepke HO	Diesel Engines

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