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Message From The Superintendent

The turnout for the Danville tour was very good and all who attended enjoyed seeing the layouts of John Bowling, Bob Lawson, and the Danville RR Club. There is always something new to see or at least something I missed from the previous tours. Thanks to John, Bob and the Club for inviting us to tour again.

We have a lot of modeling activity taking place in Lexington. The HO and N SIGS are both set up for work on Winchester Road in the space that previously housed Alan Brock's National Workware. Alan moved his business to a new location on New Circle and has graciously allowed us to use some of his space to build the HO layout and wire the N scale yard. We have had some work sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and the HO group has also worked on Saturdays. Progress is being made and we still anticipate the HO layout to be operational no later than the middle of September.

A van load of our members traveled to Blue Licks State Park recently to have dinner and see an old 16 mm film being shown by Wes Ross's Kentucky Central Division of the National RR Historical Society. The food was exceptional as was the film of

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Editor's Notes

Congratulations to **Bob Lawson** on his awards at the MCR Gem City Flyer convention in Dayton. Bob won the President's Award and the category award for his Icing Facility. See Bob with his awards and the entry on page 6.

I had to miss both the convention and our May meeting in Danville, since I was preparing for and attending my youngest daughter's

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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 what’s 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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Editor’s Notes

college graduation., but thanks to the excellent pictures **John Gorman** took (you can see a few of them on the web site), and comments from several who attended, I’m convinced everyone had a great time (as usual) . Thanks to **John Bowling, Bob Lawson** and **Robin Grider** for hosting the outing.

Although I was unable to attend the convention, I did attend the AP judging workshop, and the MCR Board of Directors meeting. A summary of the BoD meeting is on page 6, and the full minutes will be posted on the MCR web site after approval at the next meeting. Let me know if you’d like details on any of the summary items. The really good news was that it appears that HQ may be getting back in control and in the black again.

Back to the convention: **Fred Plymale, Bob Lawson** and **I** all attended the AP judging workshop,

and found it very enlightening. Even **Bob**, who is an expert modeler if ever there was one, learned something that will increase his points on future projects. I’m hoping we can get some AP judging going in Div 10 soon, so everyone can start accumulating points towards AP certificates. We have a lot of great modeling going on, and it should be getting credit.

Congratulations to **Fred Plymale** for first place in the May Bring & Brag, and to **Fritz Dutro** for third place (yours truly took second.). **John Gorman** and I tied for first in the photo section, with **Fritz** taking third in that. See this and the year-to-date standings on page 4. It’s great to see all the participation in these events! Be sure to get in the act if you haven’t already.

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Both the HO and N modular SIG’s have moved into **Alan Brock’s** old business location (he’s moved to a new one) to facilitate work on the modules, which is coming along, although much remains to be done. The HO group is starting to lay track, and the N group is wiring the tracks in the four new modules devoted to a yard, and continuing track work on a new tee-section, and connector sections for it.

Thanks to **Jeff Hinnrichs** for a \$20.00 donation.

The last Operations Session was May 21 at **Bill Robbins’** layout. There were 8 operators, and only minor mishaps. Next session will be June 17 at my place.

Be sure to make your plans for the tour and clinic hosted by **Bob Doepke** on his layout in Morehead, which is a “virgin” tour for Division 10, I think. I went last year on the BGRRC tour, and can recommend it as well worth your time. And the clinic Bob is giving on model railroad videography is another first. I know there’ll be car-pools going out, so contact any of the Tuesday night regulars to hitch a ride, or form your own pool, but be sure to come to this outing, and don’t forget to bring your diesel engine entry and a photo for Bring & Brag. It takes about an hour to get there from Lexington, so plan to leave around 1:00pm.

Is this fun, or what?

Pete



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win-win!!

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old steam engines running in Kentucky in the 40's and 50's. Check our web site each week to see what the Tuesday evening group has planned and where it is meeting. It's a fun group that likes modeling in all scales as well as operating sessions at Pete Birdsongs and Bill Robbins.

We still need your help in managing Division 10 for the next two years. It's time for new leadership to build on the foundation that has been developed by the present board and officers during the past three years. A new superintendent and assistant superintendent are the prime positions to be filled. The task is not nearly as daunting as you might imagine. The Superintendent plans our future activities and conducts two local board meetings a year. He is expected to attend the annual regional convention and serve on the regional board at two meetings held in the Columbus, Ohio area.

The assistant superintendent in Div. 7 and most other divisions assists the superintendent in any way possible and is primarily responsible for the monthly meetings and pro-

grams. Although I have handled meetings and programs since Div. 10 was reactivated, the job should be assumed by the Asst. Super. on Oct 1 of this year to lighten the new superintendents work load. The present board and officers will be happy to help next years management team to transition smoothly in the job and continue the fun modeling activities we have enjoyed for almost three years. Don't hold back, and call if you are interested in helping or have any questions. The number is 223-7270. The more you participate, the more fun you will have.

Unless we have a full slate of Officers on our ballot by mid July for the Sept election, we will have to consider the very undesirable prospect of merging back with Div 8 in Louisville or Div. 7 in Cincinnati.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on the Morehead tour.

Fred

COLEMAN'S COLLECTION

Favorite Railroad Websites

Here is a really nice site to explore the trains of the South, You really have to look around to get all the benefits of this site, as it has a lot of information. Just take your time and you'll learn a lot about all the trains of the South. Have fun.

Howard

<http://rayspics.railfan.net/>

Treasurer's Report

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The report will be provided next month.

Please contact me if you would like more details.

Mike

Bring & Brag

High to Low or Tie	May	YTD
Fred Plymale (1st)	5	18.5
John Gorman	2	13.5
Pete Birdsong (2nd)	4	11
Lou Jaquith	0	7
Bob Lawson	0	5
Mike Armstrong	0	4
Howard Coleman	0	4
Fritz Dutro (3rd)	3	3
Mike Barrett	0	2
Pat Gerstle	0	2
Wendell Greer	0	2
Bill Paulsell	2	2
Mike Walters	0	2

Bring & Brag Photo

High to Low or Tie	May	YTD
John Gorman (1st)	4.5	14.5
Pete Birdsong (1st)	4.5	12.5
Fritz Dutro (3rd)	3	3
Bill Paulsell	0	3
Fred Plymale	2	2

Witless vs. Clueless

Rivets O'Reilly and Larry Loungecar

Rivets: Hi ya Larry. Why looking so glum?

Larry: Well, I was planning a garden railroad.

Rivets: Sounds like fun. So why aren't you smiling?

Larry: Well, I wanted to run DCC but there are no standards. So, every locomotive and every manufacturer has a different system and DCC wasn't part of their scheme.

Rivets: That should be easy enough to fix. Call the manufacturer. That's what customer service is all about.

Larry: Oh, right. MRC has made a DCC system and DCC decoders that has no uniform standard for installation in anything. So, first I called Aristocraft. You would think a manufacturer knows how to convert their own locomotives to DCC. Their customer service advice was to follow the manufacturers instructions of the decoder. So I went to the instructions.

Rivets: So, I am sure you go some good information there!

Larry: Yeah, right again. Those instructions were like using a map globe of the world to find my way across town.

Rivets: That's too bad. So what did you do?

Larry: I called Train World.

They sell the stuff and they should know how to use it. Right?

Rivets: Right!

Larry: Wrong! I said, do you have to run your locomotives only with that particular manufacturers power source? And he said, "They all tell you that. Use what you want. I have a nice one here for a good price. And when I asked if he had any advice on installing decoders in G scale locomotives he told me that he had been working with them for fifteen years, but couldn't tell me squat. He suggested I call Aristocraft again.

Rivets: Okay, now you're getting somewhere.

Larry: Rivets, I was there! Anyway, I called Aristocraft again and asked if they knew how to install a decoder. They finally said they didn't but I should call MRC and ask for Frank.

Rivets: Did ya?

Larry: Yeah, no sweat. Had a nice conversation with Frank. He said their Command 2000 would work with the Aristocraft locomotives, but I would have to buy the MRC power booster to bring the amperage up enough to run the things. That would give me about ten amps to run two trains. He

was really knowledgeable.

Rivets: So, now ya ARE getting somewhere!

Larry: NO! When I asked how to isolate the motor in an Aristocraft steam engine, he told me to call Michael and ask him because he knows how to get the things apart.

Rivets: Who is Michael.

Larry: He is the guy I talked to in the first place. He works at Aristocraft.

Rivets: So, let me get this straight. None of the manufacturers, including the manufacturer of the DCC system, Command 2000 can tell you how to isolate the motor and install the decoder.

Larry: Right. Now you are catching on.

Rivets: Well, what are you going to do, Larry? You got all this good G scale stuff!

Larry: I'm going back to N scale, at least there when things go wrong, I can throw the engine really far!

...thanks to Mike Armstrong for this month's feature.



An 0-6-0 shuttles a short consist in the yard. ▲

Congratulations to Bob Lawson on his awards at the Gem City Flyer MCR Convention in Dayton! The icing facility shown below received the President's Award (best in show) and best in its category (On-line structures).



MCR Board of Directors Meeting Summary:

- Web site operational
- Educational form available
- Ohio legal documents in process
- 26 new AP judges available
- Mobile Home kit project nearing completion
- New kit project being initiated
- Nominating committees are being formed for national trustee and MCR elections
- Committee formed to review & recommend Constitution & By-laws changes for emergency funds
- Next Board Meeting in late September
- Net Worth stands at \$21953.14
- Home office fully staffed, expects surplus in fiscal 2002
- Several projects under way at home office
- MCR Trustee and National Executive VP up for re-election
- Participation urged for "World's Greatest Hobby" campaign
- Several Board Members' terms are expiring

MEMBER PROFILES

Skip Keyser



Skip is a native of Chicago who got interested in model railroading when he received his first Lionel train set for Christmas when he was 7 or 8 years old.. With his two brothers, he used to watch it go around the Christmas tree every year collecting dust from the rug and pine needles from the tree. The set grew throughout the years, but he lost interest after joining the Navy and seeing the world through a port-hole. There just was no room for railroading.

After buying his first home in San Diego, he returned to railroading, this time in HO scale. Reluctantly giving up half his garage, he began a typical 4x8 layout and started putting together a small collection of rolling stock and buildings. During two trips to the Gulf of Tonkin during the Viet-

nam War, he spent his off time building Ambroid and Quality Craft rolling stock, accumulating a nice consist of contemporary freight cars. But the dreams of a layout came to an abrupt end when he received orders for Hawaii. He shipped his 4x8 piece of plywood but it never arrived. That was just as well, because there was no place in Hawaii to build anything. The rolling stock and buildings remained in the moving boxes until he moved to Lexington in 1996.

Retiring from the Navy after 26 years, he and his family settled in El Paso, Texas where he eventually found work with the Customs Service and became a Customs Inspector in 1988. After working on the Southern Border of our Country, he realized that there was another war going on

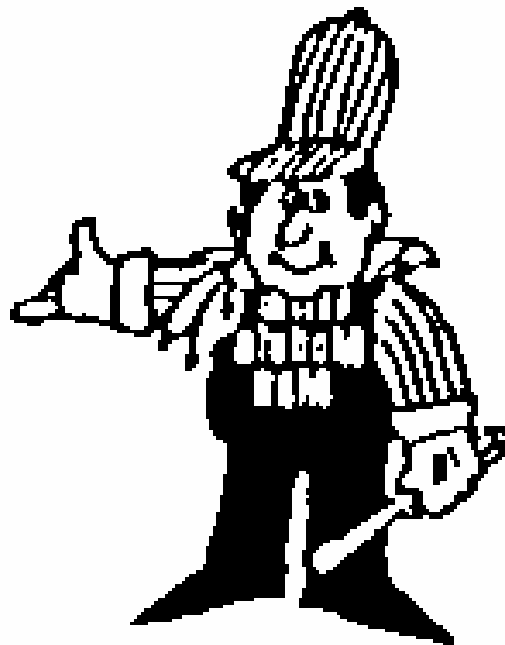
and decided that he did not want to participate again. This war must be fought by the next generation. So he looked for another job and found Lexington, compliments of some friends in Louisville.

Arriving in April, 1996, he heard about the Bluegrass Model Railroad club when it visited Southern Lights and was invited to come to a meeting. He did and that re-started his railroading career.

Currently, he is into building modules in the Bluegrass Model Railroad club layout and still has not given up his garage for a more permanent layout. He learned from Orville Boes that "you can never have enough engines" so he is trying to accumulate enough contemporary rolling stock and is into building "stack trains" from the far West, i.e., Southern Pacific, Union Pacific and BNSF, to provide a contrast to the coal trails of the CSX and Norfolk Southern that are predominantly modeled in this area. Skip is into intermodal operations and enjoys the contrast to the local modeling of the Kentucky area.

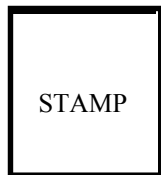
He enjoys everyone and readily accepts ideas from anyone in the club. A regular member of the Tuesday Night group, he enjoys the company and criticism of everyone.

**Sunday Outing,
June 2, 2:00 pm:
Bob Doepke's
in Morehead, KY.
Tour Bob's HO layout,
and clinic on Model
Railroad Videography.
See Insert for Map.
B&B: Diesel Engines
and Photographs**



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**Does Saltwater Affect Nickel Silver?
(See Inside)**