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## Message From The Superintendent

If there were any doubt in your mind that model railroading is family fun, our tour of Bob Doepke's layout in Morehead would certainly have changed your mind. Both Bob and his son have worked together to build the layout and the scratch built furniture in the buildings was excellent. The custom decaled boxcar with the dates of Eagle Scout awards for Bob and all three of his sons attest to his family involvement in model railroading. Many thanks to Bob and his family for the tour, excellent clinic on digital photography, and the food. Another Golden Spike Award is in the works.

I'm pleased to announce we have a full slate of at least one candidate for each office in our September election. If you are interested in office, there is still plenty of time to get on the ballot. A contested election is a sign of a healthy organization. Division 10 is a participatory group of men and women sharing a common interest in model railroading. If you don't participate in meetings, clinics,

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## Editor's Notes

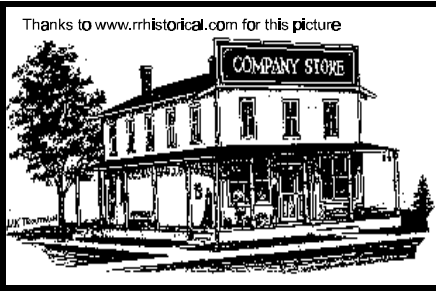
I screwed up Bring & Brag for June—left the materials in the wrong car. So we've moved the schedule out a month, and now Diesel Engines is the category for July. The web page has been updated accordingly, and a new insert with the revised schedule for the year is enclosed as an insert.

Thanks to **Bob Doepke**, wife Barbara, and kids Brady & Caroline for their great hospitality at their home for our June meeting. All those attending enjoyed seeing Bob's layout and his clinic on videography, and the great meal. It's really great to see a whole fam-

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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.

**Committee Chairs**

<b>Achievement Program</b>	David Greer:
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**Witless vs. Clueless**

*Rivets O’Reilly and Larry Loungecar*

*Rivets:* Hey Larry, whatcha got in that box?

*Larry:* Glue.

*Rivets:* Glue? Let’s see it. That looks like a *whole* lotta glue to me!

*Larry:* Well, Rivets, it ain’t all the same kinda glue. I got Testers (which ain’t as good as it used to be. It don’t quite smell the same.) I got super glue. I got white glue. I got yellow glue. I got liquid glue, the plastic cement kind.

*Rivets:* That looks like a big box for such a little bit of glue.

*Larry:* Well, I bought a four years’ supply.

*Rivets:* That glue isn’t going to keep four years. Once you open it, air gets to it and its properties change. How much did you spend on that glue?

*Larry:* It only cost me \$250.00. And the best part of it all is that I got this little punch coupon, and when you spend \$250.00 you get it all punched and get twenty-five dollars’ worth of store merchandise.

*Rivets:* So you spent \$250.00 on glue that’s gonna go bad so you could get a store credit for \$25.00?!

*Larry:* Yeah. Pretty good deal, huh?! It is like getting twenty five dollars worth of something free.

*Rivets:* So, what are you going to get with your coupon?

*Larry:* Well, I forgot to buy five minute epoxy so I spent it on that. I’m no dummy.

*Rivets:* Yeah, and I’m sure the dummies are relieved!

*Thanks to Mike Armstrong for this month’s feature)*

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Editor’s Notes*

ily involved.

The Tuesday night group was hosted by **Mike Walter** recently, to see his new layout under construction. It’s a two-level plan, with all the track on the lower level now operational. Mike has done a great job of track laying, and it really shows in the rock-steady operations of his Piggy-backs, Double-stacks and Auto-racks. Makes me drool! Mike, you’re going to have to host a tour soon!

The Third Tuesday Operations session was at my house on June 18, and was fairly uneventful. We now have a combined total of over 316 hours of AP time on this project. Four members have over 25 hours, and a few more have 20 or more. (50 are needed for the certificate.) We had a guest, Don Barnes, a pilot from South Carolina, at the meeting. He’s planning to start a 36 X 85 foot HO layout when he retires next year—a possible future tour?

There are some great layout tour possibilities in the works—one to Indiana, one to northern Ohio, and one to Eubank. We’ll keep you posted as we get firmer details.

So long to **Rich Mittan** and son Leland, who moved to Harrisburg, PA in April.

The Mittans’ departure brings our membership to 90.

I’m especially excited about this month’s meeting. First off, Wendell’s clinic on molding and casting should be great –if you’ve seen any of his work, you know

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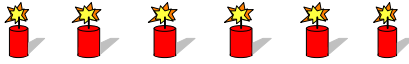
### *In Appreciation....*

Many thanks to our Sustaining and Patron members for 2002 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 website. A number next to a name indicates a second or subsequent donation.

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| Pat Gerstle           | Mike Walter     |               |
| Robin Grider          |                 |               |
| John Gorman           |                 |               |



**CAPS FOR  
SALE!**

Howard Coleman still has three quality N-Trak caps for sale at \$12.00 each, less than cost.



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**win-win!!**

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why. Secondly, I've not seen Bill Paulsell's layouts before, so I'm looking forward to that.

**Pete**

*Superintendent's Message (Continued from page 1)*

tours, committees and elections, you won't get as much out of your membership as when you do.

One good way to start participating will be to fill out and return the survey of activities that interest you which will be included in the August issue of *The Lantern*. You can either mail it back or bring it to the next meeting. Your ideas, interests, suggestions for future clinics, workshops, and train shows will be an important tool for the new administration to provide activities that interest the majority of our members. You can help by conducting a clinic, having a layout tour, or just showing your support by attending the monthly meetings. We also honor and appreciate our Patrons and Sponsors for their contributions.

After two months of successful road trips, we return to the Tates Creek Library for a modeling clinic by Wendell Greer, MMR, on making molds. I have seen the details and buildings that Wendell casts and it is a clinic we will all enjoy. Any clinic by a MMR is a must for serious modelers.

**Fred**

### Treasurer's Report

<b>May 1, 2002 Bal</b>	\$4780.53
Income	0.00
Expense	80.00
<b>June 30, 2002 Bal</b>	\$4700.53

The expense was for 12 months for the website. Please contact me if you would like more details.

**Mike**

### COLEMAN'S COLLECTION

*Favorite Railroad Websites*

Here's a website that has tons of information on any train equipment. It should be interesting to everyone. Hope you enjoy it. Check out the Rail Sims tab for an unbelievable list of train simulators, free software, etc. The Switchyard has an incredible list of over 7000 links in many useful categories, and also check out the classifieds (sample entry—a 7000 pound hydraulic lift for live steamers!)

<http://www.railserve.com/Equipment/>

**Howard**

### Bring & Brag

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

### Bring & Brag Photo

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

## MEMBER PROFILES

### Ralph Haddock



Although born in Oregon, Ralph grew up in Wheaton, Illinois and the Black Hills of South Dakota. During the school year he lived a block from the C&NW main line coming west from Chicago, so he became quite familiar with the sounds and sights of both the E's and F's of the commuter fleet and the SD's and other freight power. Later he observed the transition to the Metra and run-thru power with its colorful variety, but it has never had the appeal of the "real C&NW". In the summers he enjoyed the beauty of the hills and frequently hiked on the right-of-way of the defunct Rapid City, Black Hills & Western (RCBH&W) Railroad.

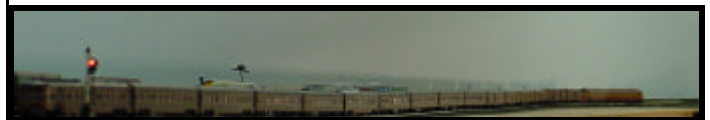
His parents got him a Marx 027 train set to run around the Christmas tree, which he did with great gusto for a few years until he figured out that there was more to model railroading. He bought a Trix set in N gauge, figuring that he could get a lot more activity into a limited space. It is amazing how much track one can cram into a 4'x8' area when he isn't concerned about a minimum radius or realistic scenery!

After graduating from Wheaton College with a degree in Geology and an ROTC commission into the Army Corps of Engineers, he spent the next 10 years wherever the Army sent him (IL, VA, TX, CA, MO, Germany, SWA, KS, KY). He learned that a large single-piece layout just doesn't travel well, no matter how well built, but that a larger one made of smaller modules travels just fine. He also took the opportunity to observe railroads across the US and in Europe and collect numerous samples of N scale equipment whenever it was available, in most of the US and western Europe.

After completing his last active duty assignment at Fort Knox in 1996, he moved to Lexington where he works as a program manager for a defense contractor. He also stayed active in the Army Reserve until mid 2001. Although several times He had encountered local model railroaders at the Southern Lights display by the Bluegrass Model Railroad club, He didn't feel he had the time to join a club until last fall when he joined the NMRA.

After many years of a little work and a lot of neglect, last year he decided to scrap his well-traveled 4'x8' N-scale layout and build a bigger/better one. The room over the garage just happened to be available, after removing the bookshelves and building cabinets around the walls, and he is currently in the throes of construction. After going through a number of 'draft' plans, he has settled on a 100% Kato Unitrack design and has all of the track placed, pending updates to the drawings, wiring, and anchoring the foam terrain base into position. Many of you may have seen 'in-progress' pictures at a Tuesday meeting. At this point he has no plans to install DCC, but who knows... The scenery planned for the layout includes an area depicting some of his old stomping grounds in the Black Hills at one end, an area based on his duty station in Wildflecken, Germany at the other end, and areas in between representing various other places he has lived or visited. His grand scheme is to eventually have some rolling stock (both US and European prototypes) for the Rapid City, Black Hills & Wildflecken (RCBH&W) to supplement the C&NW/UP, BNSF, IC and predecessor roads which dominate his inventory.

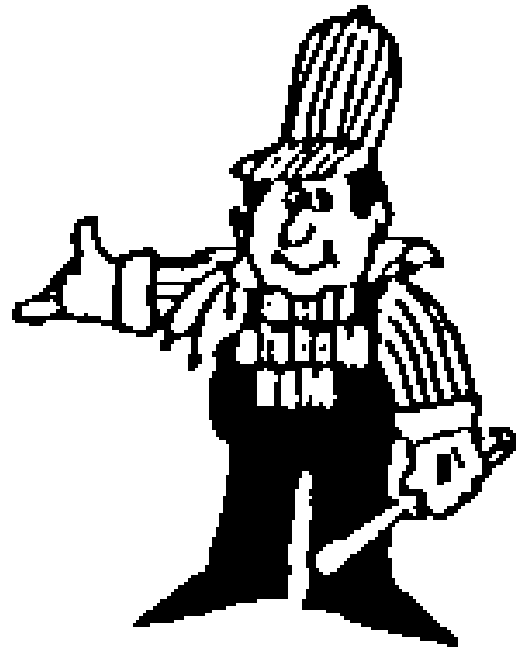
His wife of almost 17 years, Anita, has tolerated his having a "train room" everywhere they have lived, his building a model railroad diorama which lives on top of her piano, and the assorted rail fanning and modeling efforts over the years. Their three boys, Michael (12), David (10) and James (7) all enjoy railroading at varying levels and are frequently with him at Tuesday evening meetings when not at Boy Scouts, Soccer, T-Ball/baseball, etc. When not doing anything relating to trains, he enjoys playing and watching most competitive sports, fishing, shooting and hunting, and far more things than he has time for!



Next Meeting:  
Sunday, July 7, 2:00 PM  
Tates Creek Library

Clinic by Wendell Greer  
on Mold Making  
and Casting

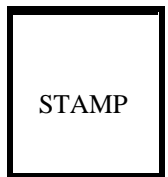
Layout Tour: HO and G  
at Bill Paulsell's



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