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Message From The Superintendent

Many thanks to Miles Hale and Bama Harmon for a very professional clinic on mold making. It was a great clinic and most of us were able to learn a lot from it. I encourage all of our members to attend our meetings as Fritz is bringing together some excellent programs. Our attendance Sunday was very good.

John Gorman reminds us that 2004 is almost here and the club will need financial support. To help us support you and your interests, please consider giving to the club for 2004. \$20 Patron or \$10 Sustaining member. Your donations will be for the costs of publishing and mailing our bulletin.

Train show #2 last spring had about 330 attendees, and 70 tables rented. The first show about 220 came and we rented 57 tables. Both shows were profitable. Train show #3 is scheduled at the Knights of Columbus on November 13th, 2004. All members of the club who worked on the show deserve recognition for the hard work they did to make the show a success. We still have some club cars for sale at \$15 each. They are 40' C&O box cars, dated for 1937 and 1952.

Turfland Mall has offered us 21x23 foot store fronts, free of charge, if we would run trains for the public. I have turned down the offer, because I could not get enough members to committ to manning the layout. We would have to run on Tuesday night and Saturday (10:00-4:00) and Sunday (12:4:00). If I get more response from you members, I would be glad to go back and talk to them.

I have been approached by a representative from the Legend's ball club, to possibly set up and run a layout at the ball park. We might want to build a model of the park. There was enough interest at our meeting for me to try and get more information and details. I will try to do that.

Don't forget to fill out Fritz's 2004 survey! - **Bill**

Bring n' Brag December 2003

We had a banner year for Bring n' Brag with a good number of outstanding models and photos entered. Although most of the points were earned by a small number of modelers and photographers, we should be inspired rather than intimidated by their efforts. Our newly instituted Show and Tell has been a big hit! We will continue Bring n' Brag and Show and Tell for 2004.

Also, we will have a Sale and Swap table starting with January 2004. Those who have items they wish to sell or trade can have an alternative to eBay or having to wait for the next train show. Who knows, that item you have been wanting just might show up one Sunday!

This month's B 'n B category was open loads including intermodal. In modeling, Mike Walter had a sharp looking N scale array of double stacks and lumber loads. Fritz Dutro entered a super detailed and weathered cut of W&LE gondolas, and Bill Robbins showed a nice ATSF wide cab diesel and double stack train. The results for December's modeling reflect the year end total. Fritz was the overall winner, Mike came in second, and Bill came in third.

In photography, Fritz Dutro entered a nice black and white layout scene of W&LE hoppers and John Lathrop had four interesting digital photos of Thurmond, WV. Fritz came in first and John was second. Year end totals are: Fritz – first place, Randy Coffman second place, and there was a tie for third between Bill Robbins and Howard Coleman. See all of the totals on page two.

Year End Plaques will be awarded at January's meeting as well as certificates for December. January's subject will be Houses and Farm Buildings. February will be Steam Locomotives and March will be Non-revenue (Including Cabooses and Maintenance of Way). We will have the schedule for the rest of 2004 next month as we are considering some new categories. Any input or suggestions are welcome.

-Ron Kercheval

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"STUFF" & OPPORTUNITIES

Mike Armstrong 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 Mike Walter to arrange for an ad, or Mike Armstrong for liquidations.

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In Appreciation....

Many thanks to our Sustaining and Patron members for 2003. It is time to make your donations for 2004. (Sustaining members contribute \$10.00 per year, and Patrons \$20 or more.) We encourage all members to help support *The Lantern* and our website.

2004 PATRONS

2004 SUSTAINING MEMBERS

2003 Final Bring n' Brag Scores

MODELS PHOTOS

High to Low or Tie	Dec.	YTD	High to Low or Tie	Dec.	YTD
Fritz Dutro (1st)	5	46	Fritz Dutro (1st)	5	46
Mike Walter (2nd)	4	34	Randy Coffman		30
Bill Robbins (3rd)	3	21	Howard Coleman		6
Bob Lawson		19	Bill Robbins		6
Howard Coleman		9	Pete Birdsong		5
Pete Birdsong		5	Mike Baskette		4
Mike Baskette		4	Tony Lucio		4
Chris Cord		4	John Lathrop (2nd)	4	4
Pat Gerstle		4	David Reed		3
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Tony Lucio		4			
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MON	DAY	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
JAN 2004	4	MCR DIV 10	Tates Creek Library	Fritz Dutro Cheap and easy coal loads for hop- pers and gondolas. & Rolling stock weathering	NONE	Houses & Farm Buildings
FEB	1	MCD		*		
2004	1	MCR DIV 10	Tates Creek Library	John Gorman	To Be Announced	Steam Locomotives
	13-16		Four Points Sheraton, Cranberry, PA	Contact Div 2 for more information	To Be Announced	Steam Locomotives

Next Meeting: Tates Creek Library Lexington, KY January 4 Sunday, 2:00 pm

Program:
Fritz Dutro on
Cheap and Easy Coal
Loads for Hoppers and
Gondolas
&
Rolling Stock Weathering

Bring & Brag: Houses and Farm Buildings



Don't Forget the NEW Sale & Swap Program at January's Meeting

Happy New Year!



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!! This Month !!

Bring a Hopper or Gondola and Make Your Own Coal Load with Fritz Dutro