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Message From The Superintendent

We would like to welcome Bill Hammer and Mike Fulkerson to our meetings. Bill is a MMR and is currently working with On30. He has been an advisor to National for many years. Mike is into HO and slot cars. Both are avid modelers. We hope to see both of you at our future meetings.

Good news from Fritz. He is home and is doing well. He is doing some modeling and even went back to work for a little while. He hopes to see us at our

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Notes form Fritz

Well, it looks like we've all survived the winter although it still seems to be hanging around. With good weather (hopefully) just around the corner I want to bring a special event to your attention.

The Ohio Central Railroad will be hosting Train Festival 2004 this year at Dennison, Ohio. For a refresher, The Ohio Central owns and has restored to active duty the largest stable of privately owned steam engines in the country and still occasionally uses them in freight duty. You can see the railroad both a t their website http://www.ocsteam.com/ and at the on line Lantern photos section from where some of the membership toured the property last year.

TrainFest 2004 will run from July 30 to August 1 at Dennison, Ohio, about 90 miles east of Columbus. "Too far to drive you say?" They will be running excursions from Columbus to Dennison and back on the old Pennsy tracks on both Saturday and Sunday. There will be 5 operating steamers there with three pulling excursions and no less

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NMRA Achievement **Program Explained**

Last month I described Association Volunteer. This month I step into the political arena and describe the requirements for Association Official. As I said in last month's column, the Achievement Program is designed to promote more that just model building and operating but also activities that promote the hobby in general and the NMRA in particular. Association Official gives you credit for holding political offices in the NMRA. Association Official differs from Association Volunteer in that it pertains to offices that make you a voting member of an NMRA Regional or National Board of

The requirements are pretty straightforward. You must serve in an office of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Director. The requirements state that you must have satisfactory service in one of three categories. The categories are National, Regional and Divisional. The national

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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.

Committee Chairs

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Witless vs. Clueless



The Continuing Railroad Adventures of Rivets O'Reilly and Larry Loungecar



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Created by 'Railroad' Pete Birdsong Written by Mike Armstrong

Rivets: Larry! What in the world happened to your model railroad?!!

Larry: It's a long story, Rivets!

Rivets: Aren't they all. Where is your layout?!

Larry: I sold it. I sold it all. Lock, stock and barrel. Some guy came over and even dismantled it for me. He even pulled up the track nails. I was surprised he didn't look for the rivets (no offense to you, Rivets) on the locomotives, but he took them too!

Rivets: Why in the world did you do that? You had a lot of hours put in!

Larry: Well, I was coming back from vacation, and I was driving through the little town of Gnawbone, Indiana. I saw this sign on the high school: Model train layout tours today. So, I stopped in and got a map and saw some of the most fabulous layouts I ever saw—in varyin' stages of construction.

The first one had the most beautiful benchwork your have ever seen! Then another had the most beautiful scenery. Then the third one had the most perfect buildings I ever saw. And the rolling stock was perfectly weathered. The track was so smooth I couldn't even find the joints. And the backdrops were magnificent! I felt like I could go off into the sunset and never look back. So, I sold everything and am starting from scratch.

Rivets: Everything?! What about that new Proto 0-6-0 I gave ya? You hadn't even taken it out of the box yet.

Larry: Sorry, Rivets, everything had to go. I couldn't be tied to the old railway even if it were new. Nor could I let friendship get in the way of progress. I am building the best railroad ever and am going to do it right! Look over there.

Rivets: Holy cow! Where did ya get all those videos?!

Larry: Different places. I just put one in before you got here. Videos is the answer, Rivets. "How to videos". I told ya I'm gonna to do it right. I bought every how to video on the market. I am gonna be "modelin' with the disasters" right here in my own home!

Rivets: Don't ya mean modelin' with the "masters"?

Larry: Oh. Whatever. I have a "how to" video on every aspect of modelin'. Rivets, this is the best I have ever felt model railroadin'! I am gonna know every thing I need to know. This is gonna be great! No more forty five degree slopes to keep my rollin' stock movin'. No more weed killer for the weeds growin' in the real dirt I used on my layout. No more locomotives doin' high hurdles at the railjoiners. No more every town lookin' like an earthquake just hit. No more backdrops lookin' like they been painted by that Pablo Picalo guy. No more runaway locomotives in a stub end yard. No, sir! This is gonna be done right. There is even a video on "how to retrieve the small parts your dog swallows" and a two hour video on "how to get the fish smell out of your woodland scenery ponds".

Rivets: And ya think that watching all these videos is going to make ya a better modeler?

Larry: Think?! I know!! I am already enjoyin' myself like I never have before.

Rivets: It seems to me you are out of your mind. You are just sittin' there watchin' television as far as I'm concerned.

Larry: Well, wait and see. Meantime, pass me some more of those pickles and salami. I got some model railroadin' to do. The Lantern Page 3



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win-win!!

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Nominees Needed

Two special awards will be decided by the MCR Board of Directors at their last meeting in October. The first award is the "Russ Wenderfer Award". It is sponsored by Division 7 and is given for promotion of the hobby of model railroading. Candidates are nominated by the MCR BOD, and the MCR President picks the winner.

The second award is the "Directors Award" for unsung service to the MCR. This is someone who works in the background, spending many hours doing something for the region that he or she otherwise would not get credit for. This award is sponsored by and paid for by the MCR. The MCR BOD votes by secret ballot for the winner.

Please consider fellow members of Division 10 and make your nominations to our Superintendent, Bill Robbins. The nominations may be sent to MCR president, Howard Smith (see address, front page) if you wish. It would be best that a written nomination be presented with the reasons why the person is being nominated.

Bring n' Brag February, 2004

Talk about momentum! The excitement from January carried over as there was an excellent array of Bring n' Brag entrants and show and tell displays. February's theme was steam locomotives and we had a diverse selection of goodies to feast our eyes upon.

In modeling, Bill Robbins had a beautiful Union Pacific Proto 2000 0-6-0, Pat Gerstle brought in a super detailed and weathered SN3 D&RGW steamer #375, and Mike Baskette entered an excellently done Athearn Genesis Monon 2-8-2. Also, Pete Birdsong presented a nice group of three Mississippi Logging On30 locos and David Greer rounded things out with a sharp looking DOO Line N scale 0-8-0. Pat took first place with his entry, Mike came in second, and David came home with third place.

2004 Bring n' Brag Scores

MODEL	S		PHOTOS			
High to Low or Tie	Feb.	YTD	High to Low or Tie	Feb.	YTD	
Pat Gerstle (1st)	5	9	Pat Gerstle (1st)	5	12	
Bill Robbins	2	6	Pete Birdsong (2nd)	4	4	
Mike Baskette (2nd)	4	4	Lou Jaquith		3	
Richard Frye		3	Bill Robbins		2	
David Greer (3rd)	3	3	Fritz Dutro		2	
Pete Birdsong	2	2				
Lou Jaquith		1				
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^{*} Off Topic

Points are awarded for models according the following rules. Three points for a first place. Two points for second place and one point for third. One point is awarded for your first entry. A second point is given if that entry is "On Topic". More than one entry in any month's contest can win place points but is not eligible for additional entry points.

Bring n' Brag Schedule for 2004

March - Non-revenue: Including Cabooses and Maintenance of Way

April - Stations: Passenger and Freight

May - Freight Cars

June - "Anything Goes" – All classifications

July - Infrastructure: Trackwork, Signals and Bridges

August - On-line Structures (except stations)

September - Diesel Locomotives

October - Commercial Structures: Industrial, businesses, municipal, etc.

November - Passenger Cars

December - Open Loads: Flat Cars, Gondolas and Intermodal

In photography, Pat entered an evocative shot of the canyon trestles on his layout, and Pete had a nice set of photos of his three Mississippi loggers. Pat took first in a close one over Pete.

Show and Tell continued to be a big hit! Fred Plymale had a sharp looking barn and a highly detailed dockside diorama complete with small boats; and Mike had a great looking Monon Fairbanks Morse switcher and an ET&WNC RS3 in the process of being super-detailed. Pete shared two beauti-

ful framed prints of Mississippi logging narrow gauge trains. There ARE other places besides Colorado if anyone is considering narrow gauge!

Don't forget to bring in any items you wish to sell or trade. Things are beginning to look mighty tempting on that table. Next month's category is Nonrevenue (including cabooses and maintenance of way). See you next month!

- Ron

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Product Review

Branchline Coach

I just completed a Branchline L&N coach for a customer. It has turned out to be a very nice model.

I found several items of concern while finishing it up.

- 1. The couplers are too high, and when I lowered the bolster on the car, the wheels touched the angled section, so I ended up having to file that down some to clear the wheels. Next time, I will lower the coupler draft gear box and not use the box supplied with the kit. I finally got it running well, but it was a fair bit of work. It is possible that I missed something in setting this all up, but without someone again pointing out the obvious, I will not find it in this decade.
- 2. The diaphragms are working but they do not cover the coupler face to allow them to fully contact the adjacent car. I will use the American diaphragms on the Soo Line cars I will eventually build for our layout. I like to have the diaphragms touching between cars as I have 40-inch radius curves and the cars look so much better if they are engaged.
- 3. The car wobbles a little when run in

a train. My next car will weigh more to help ease this common problem with cars that are too light. I will also install Intermountain 36-inch wheel sets on the next cars I build, I prefer metal axles in the plastic journals rather than having both of them plastic as on these Kadee type wheel sets that are supplied with the kit.

4. The leaf spring details on the truck side frames do not have lugs long enough to go into the side frame, and they come off with frustrating regularity. I finally fixed them more securely with the rubber type ACC cement. I had some difficulty with the liquid plastic cement keeping the details in place.

These cars will be a great addition to any railroad. They go together very well, all the parts fit as though a real tool maker made the molds, and the shrinkage of the plastic is obviously very well designed as all the parts fit in the holes they are intended to fit in. The cars are time consuming to build. I spent 6-hours on this one including the weathering, but not including the time I spent adjusting and getting the couplers the correct height. It will go faster the next time, so those of you, who have 3packs, do not be discouraged....just keep working on them. BTW, I took the photo before I weathered it.

-Ray Grosser

~ Grosser's Nostalgia Trip



Ray Grosser's Branchline Blueprint L&N coach. See the Lantern Web Site for the Color Version.

AP Explained (Continued from page 1)

level requirement is that you complete at least one year as a national officer. The regional level requires that you complete at least two years as a regional officer either Regional President or Trustee. Other officers at the regional level must complete three years in office. The division level requirement is that you complete at least three years as a divisional officer that votes in the Regional Board of Directors. Satisfactory service is defined as actually performing the duties of your office. Being elected and doing nothing does not count.

You are permitted to count Association Official credits towards Association Volunteer as long as you don't count the years of service in both. In other words if you complete the requirements for Association Official, any additional years of service can be counted toward Association Volunteer.

So if you have an urge to run for office, here is your chance to get real credit for your efforts.

-Dave

Notes from Fritz (Continued from page 1) than 25 coaches. There will be some vintage diesels there also for those of you who go for that sort of thing.

This promises to be one of the premiere events for railfans this year with engines from a 4-8-4 and 2-8-4 to one of the largest 2-8-0's built in full steam. There are also other events planned including live steam in both 1/8th scale and 1/4 scale. A complete list of planned events is available at the OCRR website.

I strongly urge you to consider attending this event both to support to restoration efforts of OCRR and also because I believe it is an opportunity to see the past that may go away completely someday. Start making your plans today.

I hope to see you all at the meeting on Sunday.



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For Sale!

Paul Crowell, 1 Gardiner Park, Bozeman, MT. 59715 (406-587-8217) has sent a note saying "I have one extra N&W Class A 2-6-6-4 #1224 - new in box - by Broadway Ltd., with sound. Will sell for \$350".

Super's Message (Continued from page 1)

March meeting. Keep going Fritz.

Our thanks to John Gorman for his excellent program on "Cheap & Easy Electronic Projects". I love projects that say "cheap"

We also would like to thank Tom Brough for inviting the club to see his layout. It is an excellent layout. It is sceniked very well and he has trains running all over. Thanks Tom.

We have more great programs for you this year. Check out our schedule in the back of this newsletter. Be sure and mark your calendars.

We are always looking for people to give programs or to have layout tours. If you can participate in one or both of these activities, please let me know. If you know of someone who might be willing to participate, again I would like to know. This is your club and we want to serve you as best as we can.

Our club cars appeared in the latest issue of Model Railroader. As of the date of this writing (Feb 20), I have received orders for 20 cars mentioning MRR. The Model Railroader announcement has been a great help. The depth of its marketing reach can be judged by where we sold the cars. So far I have sent cars to: Montana, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Florida, Michigan, Oregon, and Ontario, Canada. However I still have some cars available for \$15 each. Order now, they are going fast.

I would like to thank all of you who have contributed \$20 or \$10 to our club. This is the major source of our income and almost all of it goes to cover the expense of sending you your Lantern. Without your efforts, we could not communicate with all of our members.

-Bill

Division 10 Model Railroad Data Base

The tour layout this March is **Alan Brock's** HO scale model railroad.

- John

Alan Brock



HO Scale Railroad

Scale: HO (1:87)

Size: 9 x 18

Railroad: Monon, Erie and Northern Pacific

Location: Began as southern Indiana, starting to look like Montana with all the pines

Period: Nonspecfic

Style: Open rectangle, walk around and/or duck under

Height: 44"

Benchwork: Grid

Roadbed: Homasote

Trackage: Code 100

Mainline: Two mains, 180' total

Control: Block

Roster: Mostly diesel, some steam, one brass steam loco

Comments: I asked Ray and Rene Grosser to build a layout in 1983 that I could "run trains on". They did a great job and I am very happy with it. I have been able to use it most of the time, but it did spend three years in their barn between houses.

I like to run Monon equipment best, despite having to have all but one of my engines custom painted. I mixed it up in the past with Erie, but after a trip to Montana last summer I have started to add some Northern Pacific

Until last year almost all of my engines were diesel, I have been adding some steam and this past summer I was able the get a painted brass Monon engine off E-bay for \$3.00 (this is after selling a knife for the difference). The engine runs great after some work by Ray, my only other piece of brass is a caboose that runs terrible.

If it wasn't for the guys in Div 10 I am not sure that I would have an operating layout. I'm getting better, but I have a long way to go to get it right. All Tuesday gatherings at my house include a "Bring your own tools" request.

Editor's Notes

When a guy goes out of his way to help me I try to return the favor. Below is a note from Bob Larger.

"I just completed the Model Railroader magazine Reader's Choice Awards form online. Under the "Innovations" heading, I selected the last item (blank) and entered Coffman Graphic Solutions Co. "The Right Clamp." I think Randy (a member of our club) deserves this.

You also can make this entry on the hard-copy form and mail it to MR."

Mike Walter reports that Scale Reproductions has renewed their 1 year commitment for their ad. He has not yet made final arrangements with our other advertisers.

See you all on Sunday the 7th.!

- John

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AROUND THE BEND

MON	DAY	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
MAR	7	MCR DIV 10	Tates Creek Library 2:00 PM	Mike Baskette Diesel Painting	Alan Brock HO Model Railroad	Non-revenue: Including Cabooses and Maintenance of Way
MAR	27-28	K&I Model RR Club Train Show	Nova Building 11700 Commonwealth Dr Louisville KY	HO, N, and Lionel Operating Train Displays		
APR	4	MCR DIV 10	Arlington Christian Church 1206 North Limestone Street Lexington, Kentucky 2:00 PM	Tony Luccio with Videos of Chicago Museum of Science & Industry Model Train Layout, The B&O Museum and The CSX Museum	No Tour	Stations: Passenger or Freight
MAY	2	MCR DIV 10	Beaumont Library 2:00 PM	Randall Coffman Photography and Clamps	Mike Armstrong Potluck Picnic Bring Your Wives	Freight Cars
MAY	13-16	MCR Convention	Four Points Sheraton, Cranberry, PA	Contact Div 2 for more information		
JUNE	6	MCR DIV 10	TBA 2:00 PM	Pete Birdsong Operations	Pete Birdsong N Scale Layout	"Anything Goes" All classifications
JULY	4-11	NMRA Nat'l Convention	Seattle, WA	See Website for full details: http://www.nmra2004.org/		
JULY	11	MCR DIV 10	Ray & Renee Grosser's Eubank, KY Map will be available later Time to be determined later	ТВА	Ray & Renee Grosser's Nostalgia Trip Soo Line HO Railroad	Infrastructure: Trackwork, Signals and Bridges
AUG	1	MCR DIV 10	Danville, KY Map will be available later Time to be determined later	None	Bob Lawson Robin Grider John Bowling	On-line Structures (except stations)
SEP	12	MCR DIV 10	TBA 2:00 PM	Mike Armstrong Gadgets	Bob Larger	Diesel Locomotives
ОСТ	3	MCR DIV 10	TBA 2:00 PM	Mike Baskette: Assembly & Weathering Plastic Structure Kits	Bill Pausell	Commercial Structures: Industrial, businesses, municipal, etc.
NOV	7	MCR DIV 10	TBA 2:00 PM	Bill Hammer: Anatomy of a Private Road Name Railroad	TBA	Passenger Cars
NOV	13	Division 10 MCR NMRA Train Show	Knights of Columbus 1604 Versailles Road Lexington, KY 10:00am to 4:00pm	Adm \$5.00, \$4.00 with coupon. Children under 12 free. Table rental \$15.00.	For reservations contact Fred Plymale, 3463 Snaffle Road, Lexington, KY 40513. (859)223-7270 F.Plymale@insightbb.com	
MAY 2005	12-15	MCR Convention	Comfort Inn, Austinburg, OH	Contact: Matt Kross e-mail mkross@earthlink.net		
JULY 2005	TBD	NMRA Nat'l Convention	TBD, Cincinnati			

Next Meeting: Tates Creek Library Lexington, KY March 7th. Sunday, 2:00 pm

Program:

Mike Baskette Diesel Painting

Tour:

Alan Brock HO Model Railroad

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Don't forget the NEW
Show and Tell and
Swap Meet events during our regular meetings.



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