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Message From The Superintendent

I joined the NMRA and Division 10 almost three years ago. In that time I have learned a great deal about modeling and had a great time. We have had two very effective but very different superintendents and now I am the third.

I hope I can be as effective as Fred and

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Bluegrass RR Club October Meeting

The October 8 program will be on the Riney-B and presented by Eric Zabilka. The Riney-B is the local name for the Richmond, Nicholasville, Irving & Beattyville Railroad which began operation in 1890 between Versailles and Irving.

-Wes Ross

NMRA National Convention Report

Once again I had the privilege of attending an annual convention of the NMRA, July 3-11, in Seattle, Washington. As usual, it was a valuable week of clinics, personal conversations, and activities. The latest attendance count I heard was on Thursday, the 8th, when the number had reached 2270. I saw people there from as far away as Norway, New Zealand, Australia, and England. The only other Kentuckians I saw were Fran and Miles Hale of Louisville who did some excellent clinics on building DPM buildings. There was a wide age range among attendees, with senior citizens predominating. It was encouraging to see some younger people there as well as a number of minority folks. The hobby seems to be attracting a wider audience.

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Fred's Thoughts

The past five years have been for the most part great fun. Building an organization and managing a business has been easy for me. A major goal when I started Div. 10 was to learn how to be a better modeler and I feel that goal has also been accomplished. I have met many new modeling friends and learned many of the skills I needed to develop. Now I just want to model exclusively and leave the business or running the division in capable hands.

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Treasurer's Report

All bills that I have received have been paid. Our bank balance is \$ 4,315.23 of which \$120.00 is payment for 8 tables at our November show.

-Fred

September Bring & Brag Winner - Lou Jaquith



Lou Jaquith entered a one of a kind model of a Paducah and Louisville FP-3 in September's contest. A lot of work went into this deserving winner. Congratulations, Lou! See our Web Site for a full color picture.



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Super's Message (Continued from page 1)
Bill have been. I know I will do things a little differently.

As Superintendent I will have to make decisions often and without much time to seek the opinion of others. If I do something you don't like please tell me. If you have an idea that would improve the club please let me know. If you think something needs to be changed speak up. In short, I want to hear from you. Good or bad, you input is important. The more I know about what you think the club should be, the easier it will be for me to make decisions.

I know that I cannot please everyone all the time. But I will do my best to listen to the advice I get from you and act on it.

I believe that the Sunday meetings should be devoted to our programs and layout tours. I normally will not discuss business at these meetings. Since most folks are there for the clinic, B&B, the



"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 Bill Robbins to arrange for an ad, or Mike Armstrong for liquidations.

tour or other modeling purposes we can discuss business any other time. Give me a call or send me an email. Or corner me at on one of the Tuesday night gatherings.

I believe the purpose of the club is to share in the enjoyment of model railroading. I do not think we should always be worrying about making money. I accept the fact that it does take several hundred dollars a year to publish the newsletter, support the web site, advertise, etc. And it is necessary to have at least \$1,000 to sponsor the train show. Any additional money in the treasury can often cause more hard feelings than it does good. Unless we have a plan.

In the next few months I believe we need to come up with a reason to make money beyond what we need to run the club. Some clubs donate their excess to charities and others just let it build up. However, some clubs have work to earn money to support a community

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Many thanks to our Patrons and Sustaining Members 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. Division 10 receives NO monetary support from the NMRA. Division 10 is recognized by the US government as a 501c3 corporation and your donations may be tax deductible.

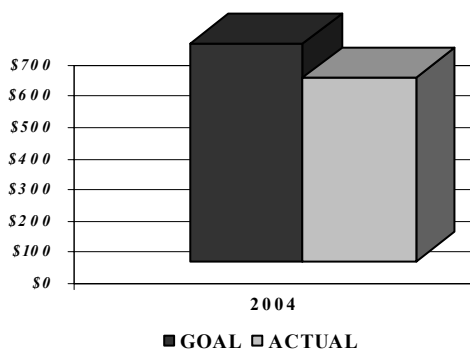
New Donations last month are in **Bold**.

Sustaining Members: Pete Birdsong, Phil Ditchen, Tony & Anna Lucio

Patrons: Alan Brock, Ed Butcher, John Deville, Fritz Dutro, Irv Frary, Richard Frye, John Gorman, Robin Grider, Ray & Renee Grosser, Bill Hammer, Jeff Hinrichs, Mark & Catherine Hunt, **Lou Jaquith***, Ron Kercheval, Skip Keyser, Bob Lawson, Bill Paulsell, Fred Plymale, Bill Robbins, Ron Saylor and Mike Walter

* Lou recently made a large additional donation

CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE VERSUS GOAL:



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wishes to thank
Turfland Mall
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N Trak Layout

Support Our Local Hobby Shops

Our advertisers are supporting us with their ads, so let's support them with our business! A strong retail network is vital to keeping the hobby visible to the public, and provides valuable help to newcomers. By our patronage of their stores, they are able to continue bringing more people into the hobby, and promoting our organization.....

win-win!!

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project or projects that reflect the mission of their organization.

I believe we need to think about what we can do in the communities our division represents that will support our interest and desire to share the enjoyment of model railroading. Please let me know what you think,

I look forward to the next two years. I want our club to belong to it's members and I want it's members to truly be a part of the club.

I hope to see you all on Sunday, October 3rd. Not only will it be my first meeting as the Superintendent but, along with Fred Plymale, we will be presenting the clinic. I promise you will get a chance to learn and practice a few new sceniking tricks you haven't seen before!

-John

Bring n' Brag September, 2004

Our September meeting was held back in the familiar confines of Lexington and the B&B subject for the month was diesel locomotives. We had an excellent assortment of no less than seven entries, including three from Fred Plymale. Yes! Three *diesels* from confirmed steam aficionado Fred – will wonders never cease!

In modeling, Fred Plymale entered a sharp C&O FP7-F7B-FP7 lashup in the passenger tri-color scheme, a Broadway-Limited Imports C&O E7 with sound on a diorama, and a C&O EMD switcher. Lou Jaquith presented a one of a kind Paducah & Louisville FP-3 that was extensively kitbashed and a P&L Trainmaster. David Batten entered a sharp looking group of units (F7A-B and SD35) in the Western Maryland "circus" scheme, and Tony Lucio showed up with a nicely weathered CSX GP40. Lou's FP3 deservedly took first place with all the work he did, Fred's nice passenger trio came in second, and Tony's GP40 was third.

There were two photo entries: Pat Gerstle had another one of his great Sn3

2004 Bring n' Brag Scores

MODELS

High to Low or Tie	Sept	YTD
Fred Plymale (2nd)	4	36
Pat Gerstle		20
Fritz Dutro		13
Bill Robbins		10
Lou Jaquith (1st)	5	8
Tony Lucio (3rd)	3	7
Wendell Greer		7
Pete Birdsong		6
Richard Frye		5
Mike Baskette		4
David Batten	2	4
David Greer		3
Bill Hammer		2

PHOTOS

High to Low or Tie	Sept	YTD
Pat Gerstle (1st)	5	32
Fritz Dutro		25
John Lathrop		8
Ray Grosser		5
Pete Birdsong		4
David Batten (2nd)	4	4
Lou Jaquith		3
Bill Robbins		2

* 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

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

November - Passenger Cars

December - Open Loads: Flat Cars, Gondolas and Intermodal

layout scenes, and David Batten had a nice album of UP and BNSF diesels taken at Rochelle, Illinois.

In show and tell, Lou Jaquith had a nice bunch of Fairbanks-Morse C-liners and other units in progress of being painted and weathered, and Pat Gerstle exhibited a neat HO scale coaling tower.

We had a good turnout for this meeting as over twenty showed up! Next month's category will be commercial structures, which should be quite popular. Don't forget to bring along any sale/trade items that have been collecting dust. See you in October!

-Ron Kercheval

NMRA Convention (Continued from page 1)

There were some prototype tours. One on the Talgo train to Vancouver and back returned many hours late due to equipment problems. I was told that a dome car on a dinner train rocked so violently that it was difficult to eat. Sally took a couple of non-rail tours that she enjoyed to a zoo and to an art museum. On July 4th we all went down to the waterfront to watch fireworks.

I chose to attend only clinics, since that is where I have discovered I will learn the most. They began at 7:30 in the morning and ran until around 9:30 in the evening. Among the most popular seemed to be those on signaling and on operation. Several different systems were presented: track warrants, card systems, time tables and train orders. Many did not use a fast clock, but tried to get moves made in an orderly fashion. The constant advice was to keep it simple.

The signaling clinics were a bit over my low tech head, but I am beginning to catch on. Digitrax has a new system, but most people seem to design their own. With the systems that are now available, a good signal system is less complicated that it once was.

Tony Koester, Model Railroader columnist, gave a progress report on his new layout which will model the Nickel Plate from Frankfort, Indiana to Charleston, Illinois. It is a two level layout that which be much larger than his former Allegheny Midland. Several clinics were devoted to DCC. There was a very interesting clinic on scratchbuilding with brass, several on scratchbuilding with other materials, and two clinics on making people to populate your layout. I am anxious to try the technique presented. I also enjoyed one on overhead wire modeling. One that drew a lot of interest was on animation. It was based on a new book coming out in the Fall called "A Beginners Guide to Creative Effects for Your Model Railroad." It demonstrated a system that moves trucks and autos on layout streets, one for loading hopper cars, and a number of very dramatic lighting effects. While everything was in scale proportions, you got the im-

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Witless vs. Clueless

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



Created by 'Railroad' Pete Birdsong
Written by Mike Armstrong

Rivets: Hey, Larry, where are ya?

Larry: Back here, Rivets!..in my office.

Rivets: Larry, this ain't no office. This is a disaster! You only have a path to your computer! A person could fall down in here and never been found!

Larry: Oh, Rivets, it ain't that bad! This is where I keep all my railroad readin' material. Man, there is a wealth of information in those railroad magazines. Why, anything I wanna do in model railroadin' is described somewhere in a model railroad magazine.

Rivets: But Larry! How can ya find anything. This place looks like a collection center for recyclin' paper!

Larry: Hey, Rivets, I know where everything is. When I get ready to do one of these projects, I'll just go get the magazine and have all the information I need. Piece of cake!

Rivets: For example?

Larry: Well, right over here in this 1939 issue of Model Railroader is a great article on building and detailing cardboard boxcar kits! Look at these pictures. These guys were real craftsman!

Rivets: Larry, why would you do that when the kits today are so much more detailed and there is a ton of ready to run stuff? That old box car kit is worth more as a kit than as rolling stock!

Larry: Well, I bought twelve kits and by golly I'm gonna get them together before I die.

Rivets: You must be plannin' on livin' a really long time.

Larry: And over here is one of my favorite articles in this 1960 vintage issue of Railroad Model Craftsman on how to build a control center for your model railroad. I have all the stuff I need to

build that thing right now!

Rivets: Larry, you been buyin' DCC equipment like it is goin' outta style for the last year. Why would ya build an analogue system when your engines have decoders in them?

Larry: Rivets, ya gotta walk before ya can run. I'll get one system runnin' good before I install the other. And check this out! Here is a great article on hard shell scenery. I am gonna make huge mountains on my travelin' modular layout...

Rivets: That you're some day gonna build? Most people these days use foam board. It's lighter and easier to move.

Larry: I got friends to help me move it!

Rivets: I'm your friend and I ain't helpin' ya move no two hundred pound module anywhere!

Larry: Well, maybe ya got a point, but what about this article on "water outta gelatin?" Now you can't tell me this ain't useful.

Rivets: Yeah, you already tried that once. It was goeey and never set up and remember? Three small mice fell in and couldn't get out. They died in that gelatin, Larry! And they rotted!! And smelled up the place!!!

Larry: Well, I needed to read the article closer. I didn't realize ya weren't supposed to add sugar and flavoring.

Rivets: Larry, it wasn't sugar and flavoring those maggots were eating. This place is a death trap and you are right in the middle of it.

Larry: Rivets, this is my reference library!

Rivets: Larry, anything I need, I'll check with the NMRA. Any magazines I want to throw away, I'll give to you!

NMRA Convention (Continued from page 5)
pression of a Lionel type toy train layout.

One of the humbling experiences was looking at the contest entries. The modeling skills were just unbelievable. If I had been a judge it would have been very difficult to select winners; all entries looked excellent to me, far beyond anything I could do.

The climax of an NMRA convention is always the National Train Show at the end. There were some fine layouts there in O and S, as well as N and HO. Interest in O Scale seems to be growing. Manufacturers had displays of their products. They would not sell any, not wanting to compete with their dealers, but they were open to conversation about them. The number of dealers seemed a bit down this year, but there were enough to keep me there for a little over five hours and deplete my wallet.

I always find these conventions helpful. I have learned many new techniques and seen new ideas presented that I want to incorporate into my own layout. It is an inspiration to hear first class modelers describe how they do things.

Next year the convention will be in Cincinnati, July 3-9. It would be worthwhile to attend even if you can only go for a few days. At any given hour there were usually six or seven clinics going on in addition to layout and prototype tours. You have to pick and chose carefully. Future conventions will be in Philadelphia, 2006, and Detroit, 2007.

-Bill Paulsell

Fred's Thoughts (Continued from page 1)

Bill has been a good superintendent and has outlined his many successes in a recent Lantern. I agree with his analysis. There are however a few concerns and suggestions I would like to make for the new management team.

In the Bring and Brag contest I would recommend we change the photography to model photography only. No vacation photos even of steam engines. Build a model and take a photo of it or take a photo of a layout you have vis-

ited. We are modelers and want to see good photos of model railroads to get and share ideas.

I may stand alone but I think door prizes are a waste of money. We turned 300 to 500 advertising dollars, depending on the year, into trinkets for the Indians. No one comes to a meeting because they think they may win a door prize. They come to learn how to model or just to be sociable but not to win a prize.

The display at Turfland Mall is going along nicely and should generate a lot more interest during the holiday. We must always keep "flyers" promoting our activities available at Turfland and at the local hobby shops.

More effort should be devoted to ways to earn money. Previous train shows have been a success and this year should be no exception. What troubles me is the constant "wonderful ideas" members have to spend money that in most cases should be paid for by the members or SIGs. A good example is, if you want to run N-scale at the Mall then buy an inexpensive set. It's not the division's responsibility to buy stuff for members.

We have an exterior sign for the Mall that Tom Wheeler made. It has been suggested we also have an interior sign made. Probably a good idea if it is designed for use at the Mall and other venues. It should be a banner explaining to people that the model railroad they are viewing was built and maintained by members on NMRA Div. 10 Lexington, KY. It could be used at L&N Days in Berea, our train show, or any show where a Div. 10 SIG is running a modular railroad.

I could probably think of more but the sermon is OVER!!!!

-Fred

**NMRA Div. 10 Train Show
Saturday, November 13th, 2004
10:00am - 4:00pm
Knights of Columbus Hall
1604 Versailles Rd., Lex., KY.
For table rentals (\$15 each), call
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NMRA News

Miles Hale, the recently appointed MCR Trustee has informed Howard Smith, the MCR President that he and Fran will be moving to Kansas City within the near future. Miles therefore has resigned as the MCR Trustee. Miles would have served until the 2005 National Convention when the new NMRA Regulations go into effect and the new Directors are installed.

Therefore, Howard has decided to assume the MCR Trustee position along with that of being MCR President. The MCR Constitution and By-laws allow this to happen. Howard feels that the time between now and the 2005 National Convention is so short that finding someone to fill the position of Trustee at best would be difficult.

John Roberts the NMRA National President has already approved this appointment of Howard as the MCR Trustee. However, the MCR Constitution requires the MCR Board of Directors approve this action also. The board will address the approval at the October 17, 2004 BOD meeting. Howard asks for your continued support as he takes on this additional responsibility.



Web Editor's Notes

Thanks to John Gorman for his service as Webmaster these last two years. He did a great job. Now that I'm doing it again, I'd like to remind everyone that all you need to do to get something on the web is send it to me in an e-mail, and I'll do my best to accommodate it, assuming it's suitable (which doesn't leave out much - send in a story, a good web link, a product review, an interesting article you've read, a picture of your layout or latest project or acquisition, or whatever.)

We've made a few changes recently you might like to check out:

- ◆ Welcome to new and returning members - home page summary and What's New for a little more detail.

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AROUND THE BEND

MON	DAY	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
OCT	3	MCR DIV 10	Tates Creek Library Lexington, KY 2:00 PM	John Gorman & Fred Plymale Present a "Hands On" Scenery Clinic	Bill Paulsell	Commercial Structures: Industrial, businesses, municipal, etc.
OCT	8	BGRRC	Meadowthorpe Community Center 333 Larch Lane, Lex. Ky 7:30 PM	The Riney-B presented by Eric Zabilka		
NOV	7	MCR DIV 10	Beaumont Library Lexington, KY 2:00 PM	Mike Baskette: Assembly & Weathering Plastic Structure Kits	David Greer	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, Lex., KY 40513. (859)223-7270 F.Plymale@insightbb.com	
DEC	5	MCR DIV 10	Beaumont Library Lexington, KY 2:00 PM	Tom Wheeler on Working with Styrofoam	Morgan McIlwain	Open Loads: Flat Cars, Gondolas and Intermodal
JAN 2005	9	MCR DIV 10	To Be Determined 2:00 PM	Tony Lucio resents Videos of the B&O Museum	Bill Crace	
FEB 2005	6	MCR DIV 10	To Be Determined 2:00 PM	To Be Determined	David Drake	
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			

Web Editor's Notes (Continued from page 6)

- ◆ Member count - home page
- ◆ How to find Us - home page - details the Tuesday informal meetings, monthly formal meetings, and Weekends at Turfland, and welcomes everyone to come. Includes links to pictures.
- ◆ Included pictures from latest meeting on home page, in lieu of updating the Photo album.
- ◆ Added pictures of the Officers and Directors - home page.
- ◆ Included picture of last month's B&B winner - home page (except not yet this month as of 9/23, since the winner was not announced at the meeting).
- ◆ Added a calendar of assignments for running at Turfland.

Any suggestions on how to improve the site (appearance, organization, content, etc.) would be appreciated.

-Pete

Next Meeting:
Sunday, October 3rd.
2:00 - 4:00pm
Tates Creek Library
Lexington, KY

Program:
A "Hands On" Scenery
Clinic presented by
John Gorman &
Fred Plymale

Tour:
Bill Paulsell's
HO & Garden Layouts

Bring & Brag:
Commercial Structures:
Industrial, businesses,
municipal, etc.

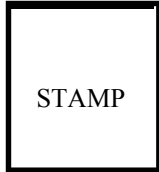


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regular meetings.



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