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Editor's Notes

With winter fast approaching, I hope everybody is getting into the modeling spirit. After another successful train show I'm ready to tackle some projects that have been gathering dust for too long. Please see page 6 of this issue for an early recap of our show. Hope all of you have a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

- ◆ Don't forget to go to the Kentucky Horse Park to see the Blue Grass Railroad Club's layout display. That is always a highlight of the holiday season. See the Lexington *Herald-Leader* for hours and schedule of "Southern Lights".
- ◆ Robin Grider informs me that the Danville club's layout will be on display Saturday Dec. 4 at the former Wilmore Elementary School

on South Lexington St. just below Asbury College. For those of you who remember, this is the same location where Ray and Renee Grosser had their Nostalgia Trip layout displayed a few years ago.

- ◆ A great big thank you to Tony and Anna Lucio for their terrific new Division 10 banner! Something like this takes a lot of work. Be sure to check it out at Turfland Mall if you haven't seen it yet.
- ◆ Pete Birdsong has sharp looking new business cards for our division. Come visit our layout at Turfland Mall Tuesday nights and weekend afternoons to get some for yourself. If you can't make it out, then contact Pete Birdsong or John Gorman.

- *Ron Kercheval*

Message From The Superintendent

We had a great meeting in November. Mike Baskette explained the process for the design and implementation of laser cut parts for a building he has created. Mike is working with styrene but his techniques would apply to wood or other materials. Whether you want to custom design your own laser cut building or get into the kit business, Mike's clinic was what you needed to get a start.

After the meeting we all went to David Greer's to see his "DOO Line" N-scale layout. David has made some additions since our last visit and says he is plan-

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October Bring & Brag Winner - Fred Plymale



Fred Plymale's Cumberland & Blue Ridge HO scale coach won first place in November's contest. The detail and figures are a sight to behold. Congratulations, Fred!



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

Ed. Note:

Below is a bit of information sent to the Divisions of the MCR for their benefit.

All,

Robert Amsler, the NMRA General Counsel, has sent a guide to help the MCR and it's Divisions make the necessary revisions to our Constitutions and By-laws to bring them in alignment with the approved NMRA Regulations. The Regulations Review Committee established at the MCR mid year meeting will be reviewing the guide and make recommendations for revisions to the MCR Constitution and By-laws. I would suggest that each Division also review its own documents. Please do not make any changes until the MCR Legal Counsel has reviewed the guide. I will report back to the MCR BOD on his findings ASAP.

Thanks,
Howard Smith
MCR President/Trustee



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

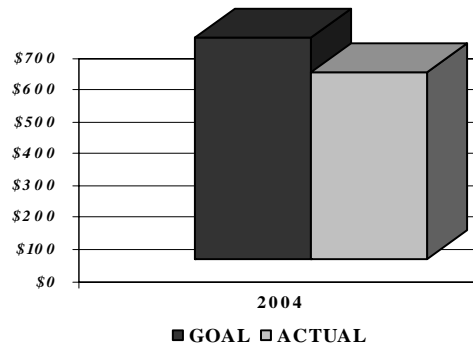
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*Ed. Note: Apologies are in order to those whose names were omitted or truncated in last month's issue.



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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!!

Bring n' Brag November, 2004

Passenger cars were the subject for our Bring n' Brag this past month and we had only two entries. Hard to figure considering all the nice new models coming out in this long neglected area of our hobby! I want to give a big thanks to Chris Cord for filling in for me as I was out of town on the day of the meeting. Also, last month's scoring tables were not updated from the prior month. Please see this month's results for current standings. My apologies for any confusion.

Our first modeling entry was from David Batten. He exhibited two sharp looking Pennsy P70 series cars: a combine and coach. Next, Fred Plymale entered a terrific looking Cumberland and Blue Ridge old time truss rod coach. There's no telling how much work he put into that beauty. Fred took first place with his entry.

As with last month, there were no photo entries.

Next month's category will be Open Loads including flat cars, gondolas, hoppers and intermodal. This is usually a popular theme so don't miss out! Don't forget to bring along any sale/trade items, too.

We are open to any suggestions for improvements to our monthly contests so please don't be bashful if you have any. Also, don't hesitate to share with the group any works in progress or recent acquisitions. I have read where groups of modelers have informal Railroad Prototype Modeling meets in places like Cocoa Beach FL, Savannah GA, and Cleveland OH. There, thirty or forty people bring *hundreds* of models to share. There is no voting, judging, contests or awards – just fellowship and sharing of ideas. There's no reason why we couldn't do that on a smaller scale. See you all next month!

- Ron

2004 Bring n' Brag Scores

MODELS			PHOTOS		
High to Low or Tie	Nov.	YT	High to Low or Tie	Nov.	YT D
Fred Plymale (1st)	5	46	Pat Gerstle		32
Pat Gerstle		25	Fritz Dutro		25
Fritz Dutro		13	John Lathrop		8
Bill Robbins		12	Ray Grosser		5
Lou Jaquith		10	Pete Birdsong		4
David Batten (2nd)	4	10	David Batten		4
Tony Lucio		7	Lou Jaquith		3
Wendell Greer		7	Bill Robbins		2
Pete Birdsong		6			
Richard Frye		5			
Mike Baskette		4			
David Greer		3			
Bill Hammer		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

December - Open Loads: Flat Cars, Gondolas, Hoppers and Intermodal
January 2005 - "Anything Goes" - Bring whatever you want!



Witless vs. Clueless

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

Created by 'Railroad' Pete Birdsong - Written by Mike Armstrong



Rivets: Hi, Larry! Man, it is surprise meetin' you in a hobby shop! Whatcha up to these days?

Larry: Well, Rivets, I am looking for a Christmas tree. My wife said that this year we could have a layout under the tree.

Rivets: Larry, you been tellin' me that for years, and so far I ain't seen no layout under no Christmas tree. Besides, you ain't gonna find no Christmas tree in a hobby shop!

Larry: Aw, Rivets, gimme a break! You just don't understand the kind o' negotiatin' I gotta do. But let me tell ya, I should be on the President's cabinet. This year I negotiated the best deal in the world for layout space under our Christmas tree.

Rivets: This I gotta hear!

Larry: Well, it started out when we went to see that movie, The Polar Express. I said that it sure would be nice to have somethin' like that for the grand kids when they come at Christmas. My wife said it would be kind o' nice, and then I knew I had her.

Rivets: What da ya mean?

Larry: She would do anything to make our grandkids smile. So, I said, "Why not put a Polar Express train set under the Christmas tree? Then we could watch

the kids play with it in the living room and be with them. She liked that idea!

Rivets: This is all well and good, Larry, but ya still haven't told me why you are in a hobby shop lookin' for a Christmas tree.

Larry: I'm gettin ta that. She said I could model any scene in the movie, but it all has to be under the Christmas tree. No branch lines runnin' off some place.

Rivets: So?!?!?

Larry: So...I am gonna model that scene where the train goes up the mountain.

Rivets: Larry, I've seen that part in the trailers. It comes to a point and there is no place for the train to go.

Larry: Rivets, as usual you have no imagination! I am gonna make the Polar Express a cog railway and it will go around the mounatin, up and down in HO scale, back and forth.

Rivets: Larry! Even at that, you are gonna need lots o' room! You need about three feet in height for the track and there ain't no way you'll get all that under a Christmas tree!

Larry: Well. Rivets, ya just gotta learn to think outside the train box! And right here is the

Christmas tree I'm lookin' for: a Life Like perfectly shaped little ever green, three inches high. And right over there are some Lemax battery operated colored Christmas lights, the perfect Christmas tree for the layout to lie beneath!

Rivets: A three foot high layout under a three inch three! See ya, Larry, gotta go.

Larry: Where ya goin'?

Rivets: To get a TV guide. I'm gonna watch for you on Divorce Court!



Message From The Superintendent

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ning much more. The layout looks great and I can't wait to see it next year. Thank you David for allowing us to visit your layout.

On December 7th we will meet at the Beaumont Library in Lexington, at 2:00 PM. Tom Wheeler will be giving a clinic on "Working with Styrofoam". After the clinic we will get a chance to visit Morgan McIlwain's layout. Both of these promise to be well worth your time. And, don't forget the Bring 'N Brag. The subject is Open Loads: Flat Cars, Gondolas and Intermodal. I hope to see you all there.

When I introduced the "Layout Construction & Raffle" project last month I failed to mention that the original idea was given to me by Tony Lucio. A lot of folks have shown interest in working on the project and I know it will be a success.

Chris Cord has volunteered to be the chairman of the "Layout" project. And, David Greer has volunteered to make some kind of chart and/or display to tie the construction project to the NMRA "Golden Spike" award. The idea would be to explain each of the items required for the award and point them out on the layout during construction. We hope this will enhance the value of the project by building interest in the Golden Spike award and the NMRA.

If you haven't been by our Turfland Mall N-Trak layout you have haven't seen the latest addition by Mike Armstrong. Mike's new inside corner module is a fantastic water scene. It is too complex to describe so you just have to come by and see it for yourself. Now that Mike has finished the module we have a complete U with an additional outside corner on one end. The layout is comprised of a total of 13 modules making each of the two loops approximately 105 feet long!

A great big thank-you is due to Tony

Lucio and his wife Anna for the work to create the Division 10 banner. We have already used it at the Train Show this November and it is otherwise on display at the Mall. It is really a great banner and I want to make sure everyone know how much work Tony and Anna did to make it a reality.

Another big thank-you to Bill Robbins for all his work as coordinator which made our Train Show such a success. We had a great crowd and many vendors. This is our third successful show in Lexington and it continues to demonstrate an interest in Model Railroad-ing in our area. I also want to thank Fred Plymale for taking care of table sales and Wendell Greer for accepting the responsibility for ticket sales. Thanks to Robin Grider for having his modular railroad on display as well as Division 10's 'Blue Ridge & Cumberland' group for bringing their layout. And thanks to everyone else who helped set up tables, helped with ticket sales and manned the club sale tables. And a special thanks to those who stayed to help clean up. The show was great. We all had fun and the club made a little money.

It has been a great month. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season. I will be back to share a little more in January.

- John Gorman

Financial Report

We have some figures just in from our recent train show held on November 13. Below is a financial report from our Treasurer Bill Robbins:

Attendees	125
Table Rental	\$705.00
Ticket Table	431.00
White Elephant	32.25
Total Revenue	1168.55
Expenses (Estimated)	619.38
Net Profit	\$549.17
Bank Balance as of	
11/15/04	\$4181.03





AROUND THE BEND

MON	DAY	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
NOW THRU DEC	Thru Dec. 31	BGRC	Operating Layout at Kentucky Horse Park	-	-	-
Dec	4	Danville Modular Club	Operating Layout at Former Wilmore Elementary School on South Lexington Avenue	-	-	-
DEC	5	MCR DIV 10	Beaumont Library 3080 Fieldstone Way (off Harrodsburg Rd.) 2:00 PM	Tom Wheeler on Working with Styrofoam	Morgan McIlwain	Open Loads: Flat Cars, Gondolas and Intermodal
JAN	9	MCR DIV 10	Eagle Creek Library 101 N. Eagle Creek Dr. (off Richmond Rd.) 2:00 PM	Tony Lucio DVD of B&O RR Museum	Bill Crace	"Anything Goes"
FEB	6	MCR DIV 10	Eagle Creek Library	TBD	David Drake	TBD
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:
Sunday, Dec. 5th
2:00 - 4:00 pm
Beaumont Library
Lexington, KY**

**Program:
Working with Styrofoam
Clinic Presented by
Tom Wheeler**

**Tour:
Morgan McIlwain**

**Bring & Brag:
Open Loads**

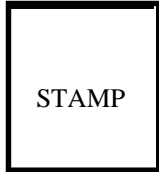


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regular meetings.*



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