



The Lantern



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Editor's Notes

I hope everybody had a Merry Christmas and best to all for a happy and safe 2005. We have another exciting year to look forward to in our great hobby!

- ◆ The location of the January meeting has been CHANGED to the Tates Creek Library Branch. Please see our schedule for more information.
- ◆ See BOD minutes on page 6 for important news.
- ◆ Our membership directory is included on a separate page for your convenience.
- ◆ We have an article on modeling tips from our member John Deville on page 7. If anybody has an article or model review they would like to have published, please let us know!
- ◆ A big welcome to our new member Ken Hanks.

- Ron Kercheval

Message From The Superintendent

By the time you read this it will be 2005 and another year will have slipped by. 2004 was a good year for Division 10. Our membership has grown, we now have a home for the N scale layout in the Turfland Mall and we had another successful train show. All in all, we have had a very successful year. And, we expect 2005 to be even better.

Bill Robbins has been able to renew our agreement with Turfland Mall for another year. He has also secured permission to build and raffle the HO layout that we are planning. As we gain new members and current members continue to renew, we should be able to break our old membership record this year.

Chris Cord will be enlisting your aid in building a small, portable HO layout at our Turfland Mall location. This project is our first large community awareness and support effort. The layout will be raffled with the proceeds going

to purchase model railroad books and magazines for the local libraries. We are trying to do this project with a minimum of cost. I know one local dealer will be donating track, kits and other supplies to the effort. I hope all of us can donate our time and excess materials, kits and/or equipment to make this project a success. To volunteer, please contact Chris Cord.

In order to get Turfland Mall to renew our agreement, Bill Robbins had to promise he would do all he could to get the club to operate on Friday nights. Since we are only there for the public about 32 hours a month it seems like another 10 hours is a reasonable request. For those of you who do not know, Turfland Mall donates space, utilities & security to the club in return for our being open to the public during selected hours. Mike Armstrong is responsible for scheduling so please contact him if you are willing to work a Friday night from around 6:30 to 9:00.

I am still in need of someone to help out temporally with planning our monthly meetings. If you are willing to

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December Bring & Brag Winners - Fred Plymale & Tony Lucio



Tony Lucio's layout photo and Fred Plymale's flat cars with loads (Item D, far right) won first place in December's contest. Please see article on page 4 for descriptions. Congratulations on the good work!



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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.



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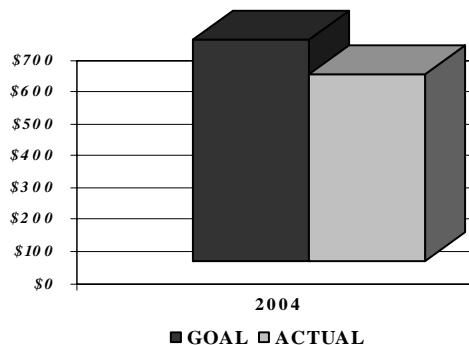
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*Ed. Note: Apologies are in order to those whose names were omitted or truncated in last month's issue.



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win-win!!

Bring n' Brag December, 2004

Open Loads was the category for our Bring n' Brag this past month and we had four excellent entries. We have some BIG changes for Bring n' Brag for 2005! Your Board of Directors met last month and one of the main issues was how to increase participation for 2005. There will be just three main categories cycling on a three month basis. Please see the BOD meeting minutes on page 6 for more detail. Since "Anything Goes" was announced last month as the January 2005 category, Steam Locomotives will appear as the category for April. However, if you have any steam locos you want to bring in January, please do so!

Our first modeling entry was from Richard Frye (A). He exhibited a pair of nice UP and N&W flat cars with log loads. Next, Tony Lucio (B) entered a sharp Chessie System Tri-Level auto rack with cars in a "semi-open" position. David Batten (C) brought an array of four cars: a Southern bulkhead flat, a Wisconsin Central gondola with load, and SP and UP flats with containers, etc. Finally, Fred Plymale (D) entered a C&O flat car with wheelsets and a MILW flat with auto frames. Fred took first place, David was second, and Tony came in third.

We had one photo entry: Tony Lucio (1) entered an outstanding layout scene with "The Rock" and Chessie EMD units.

We will be awarding Year 2004 plaques at next month's meeting as well as certificates for December. Congratulations to everybody for another banner year of Bring n' Brag and a big thank you to all who participated!

2004 Bring n' Brag Scores

MODELS			PHOTOS		
High to Low or Tie	Dec.	YT	High to Low or Tie	Dec.	YT
Fred Plymale (1st)	5	51	Pat Gerstle		32
Pat Gerstle		25	Fritz Dutro		25
David Batten (2nd)	4	14	John Lathrop		8
Tony Lucio	3	13	Ray Grosser		5
Fritz Dutro		13	Tony Lucio (1st)	5	5
Bill Robbins		12	Pete Birdsong		4
Lou Jaquith		10	David Batten		4
Wendell Greer		7	Lou Jaquith		3
Richard Frye	2	7	Bill Robbins		2
Pete Birdsong		6			
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 2005

January 2005 - "Anything Goes" - Bring whatever you want!

February 2005 - Rolling Stock (All types)

March 2005 - Structures (All types)

- Ron



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! Why ya lookin' so glum?

Larry: Hi, Rivets. I was just lookin' at my Christmas wish list. Sigh!

Rivets: So, tell me. What did ya get for Christmas?

Larry: A lump of coal!

Rivets: Oh, Larry, quit messin' with me. What did ya get?

Larry: I told ya, Rivets! A lump of coal!

Rivets: Larry, what did ya do this time?

Larry: Sigh. Well, Every year, about October, my wife and I give each other a Christmas wish list. We don't have to buy everything on the list, but it helps to have a list to make shoppin' easier and we each get what we want for Christmas. I bought my wife every thing on her list, and all I got was a stupid lump of coal!

Rivets: Ya know, Larry, I don't think you're tellin' me everything.

Larry: Well, I had on my list that BLI Mikado, and.

Rivets: I thought ya bought one at the train show in October.

Larry: I did. I thought I might not get it since we don't buy everything on the list, so I bought one then.

Rivets: Why didn't ya tell your wife so she could take it off the list.

Larry: Well, it is more complicated than that. At that same show, I bought four other things that were on my list.

Rivets: So?

Larry: Well, that was about a third of

my list. All I had on it was stuff for my model railroad.

Rivets: Well, she still had plenty to shop for.

Larry: Well, not quite, 'cause I was at the hobby shop and they had somethin' that is almost unheard of-a pre-Christmas sale. I'm tellin' Rivets, the prices were so good that I bought everything else that was on my Christmas wish list. I couldn't tell my wife about all the stuff I bought. So, I came up with a plan.

Rivets: That is one thing about you, Larry. Ya always got a plan!

Larry: Yeah, and it was a good one! I took all the stuff I bought and put it all in the trunk of my car. I thought I'd wait 'til after Christmas, see what I got, and then take the doubles back.

Rivets: What happened?

Larry: My wife and I were goin' out ta dinner one night and I had a flat tire, you know, over by that construction site. Picked up a nail or somethin'. I wasn't thinkin' and we got out and I opened the trunk and she saw all the stuff. I didn't know she could talk like that! She ended a pretty loud tirade by sayin' somethin' to the affect that I have a Merry Christmas and she walked home-four miles in the cold. Christmas mornin' I had a hangin' stockin' with this lump of coal in it.and this note, kind of a poem:

Larry, my dear, I know you love trains, but love of my life, you don't have a brain.

I give you this gift from my heart and my soul; I know it's not much, this lump of coal; but if you squeeze it steady for a thousand years, you'll have a diamond to wear in your ear; and just

so know about me being miffed, that is how long it will take before I buy you another train gift. So, squeeze, Darling, squeeze, that black lump of coal; or stuff it in your head where there's not a brain but a hole.

Rivets: Larry, that is the saddest story I ever heard.

Larry: Yeah. Next time I'll hide 'em in the trunk of her car!



Message From The Superintendent

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schedule the clinics, layout tours and meeting places for the next few months please let me know. In the meantime, I am looking for folks to give clinics and host layout tours. If you have an idea for a clinic or tour, be it yours or someone else's, please let me know.

This month we will be meeting at the Tates Creek library for a presentation by Tony Lucio on the B&O Museum. After the program we will visit Bill Crace's layout. I hope to see you all there

- John Gorman



Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday Dec. 10, 2004

The Division 10 Board met at Pete Birdsong's home. Present were John Gorman, Pete Birdsong, Mike Armstrong, Bill Robins, Tony Lucio, and Ron Kercheval. The following items were discussed:

The Board reviewed the committee chairs (as posted in the Newsletter) to determine if changes were needed. It was agreed that Pete Birdsong would maintain the data base and do mailing labels and Tony Lucio will assume the responsibility of the Company Store.

Tony Lucio agreed to create a Division 10 letterhead.

The Board agreed to have Bill Robins & John Gorman approach the mall about continuation of the layout there for another year and for permission to build and raffle the HO layout.

Update our Store/Mall information flyer to have available to hand out to the public.

Suggest assigning one person instead of two to operate Mall layout display. Mike Armstrong volunteered to continue as Schedule Coordinator for a while longer until a replacement could be found.

N scale SIG to be paid a monthly stipend to have their layout set up at Mall, allowing them to purchase any needed parts or perform maintenance during their operation.

Door Prizes: Tickets will no longer be given out to all attendee's but will be tied to Bring n' Brag as described below.

Bring n' Brag - In order to increase participation, the following changes were made to our monthly contests:

Every person who brings a contest entry or show and tell item will be given one (1) free raffle ticket and

may purchase additional tickets for \$1.00 apiece. Other attendees may purchase tickets for \$1.00 apiece.

Reduce the number of monthly categories to three: Locomotives (all types), Rolling Stock (all types), and Structures (all types). These categories will cycle every three months.

Have four scoring periods of three months each per year with points tabulated on a three month basis. After each quarterly period, certificates will be awarded for first, second, and third in modeling and photography. After each quarter, scoring will start over with a clean slate.

At the end of the year, the Board will name the person who has shown the most ?? participation and a plaque will be awarded.

Pete Birdsong, David Greer and John Gorman will pursue having occasional AP judging events at meetings.

The idea of having round robin discussions of various modeling techniques at monthly meetings.

Estate sales: Recommended that commission charged for selling estate items be increased to either 30-35% due to amount of labor involved. Also, the idea of offering tax write-offs in exchange for donation of estate items in lieu of a sale with commission charged.





AROUND THE BEND

MON	DAY	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
JAN	9	MCR DIV 10	Tates Creek Library 3628 Walden Dr. (off Tates Creek Rd.) 2:00 PM	Tony Lucio DVD of B&O RR Museum	Bill Crace	"Anything Goes"
JAN	14	BGRRC	Meadowthorpe Community Center 333 Larch Lane, Lex. KY 7:30 PM	TBD		
FEB	6	MCR DIV 10	Eagle Creek Library 101 N. Eagle Creek Dr. (off Richmond Rd.) 2:00 PM	TBD	David Drake	Rolling Stock (All Types)
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			

Modeling Tips - A Different Approach

by John Deville

Part 1: Rationale about Modeling Tips and Sources of Materials

For many years one cannot help to envy those with "sharp eyes" and have the knack of making details for locomotives, rolling stock, scenery, and structures of various types. After close observations and the taking of notes of many layouts as well as the real world that one lives in, these observation notes give the opportunity for a model rail-roader or a model builder to decide what he/she wants on a layout to have a more nearly accurate view of reality.

The second factor of the rationale is the search for the raw, available materials in the present environment that one can easily find and use to build the needed items, especially when it can be

free and/or won't cost "an arm and a leg."

Part 2: Sources of Building Materials

A. One of the chief standbys can still be the lumber...wood that can be easily scrounged from trash cans of home improvement centers (I tried this; just ask the right employee...he/she will love you to death!), cabinet and furniture making shops, picture frame stores and lawn mower repair and sales stores. Smaller pieces of wood can be obtained from fast food restaurants and convenient stores (coffee stirrers). Eating at Asian food restaurants can yield chop sticks. Wooden crates have longer lengths to forage from furniture stores by asking the manager for them. I am sure that many of you can name many places to get strip wood and wood sheets.

B. Another common material all around us is plastic. The right type that can suit your needs and easy to cut, saw and carve has to be experi-

mented with.

Examples of plastic you can try to use are: computer shells (of monitors, hard drivers, printers, computer ribbon cases, etc.) for the thick flat/curved sheets, plastic coffee stirrers, plastic knives and spoons (handles in this case), plastic trays of common TV dinners, plastic sheets as a subsurface for patio bricks, plastic bands on bundles of magazines and newspapers, and even the bottom of yogurt containers.

C. Don't forget metals as found in food cans, air condition filters, pieces of metal gutters, and even, of all things, aluminum wraps.

Now we reach the end of this inspirational fun, if you like the article, tell your Division 10 editor. I can have more articles on "modeling tips" in future issues of theLantern. Next time we can deal with the mechanics of utilizing the raw materials.

John



**Next Meeting:
Sunday, Jan. 9th
2:00 - 4:00 pm
Tates Creek Library
Lexington, KY**

**Program:
Video Presentation on
B&O RR Museum
Presented by
Tony Lucio**

**Tour:
Bill Crace**

**Bring & Brag:
“Anything Goes”
&
Steam Locomotives**



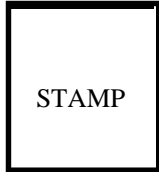
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