



# The Lantern



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## *Editor's Notes*

It's time to put away all the holiday stuff and get back to normal - as into modeling!

We have a special feature this month which is a guide to the Kalmbach Memorial Library at the NMRA national headquarters in Chattanooga. This is an excellent facility and a benefit of your NMRA membership. Space didn't allow us to include this in the last issue.

Please note the banner at the bottom of this page. Congratulations to our great friend Ray Grosser on his becoming Division 10's fourth MMR!!!

Also, 2006 is getting off to a great start as our meeting schedule has some excellent clinics and layout tours scheduled. Be sure to check out "Around the Bend".

I don't normally use this column to plug new products but those of you who are L&N, C&O and Southern fans are in luck if you have been looking for quality, HO scale, RTR models of heavyweight Pullmans. Walthers has released 12-1 Pullmans in C&O tricolor and Southern Pullman green with gold leaf Roman lettering. Now, 12-1s are available in L&N blue and gray. In my opinion, Walthers nailed the blue on the L&N cars. Also, 8-1-2s will be soon arriving in L&N and C&O. Thank you Walthers for finally recognizing us!

The good, old days of model railroad-ing are right here in 2006. Happy New Year to you and yours!

- Ron

## *Message From The Superintendent*

It's 2006!! I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year's Day. Another year is gone and I have a chance to start on my diet once again. I lost about 20 pounds before the holidays. However, several Christmas parties and a New Years bash later and I have gained most of it back. But that is enough about me.

We had a great year in 2005. I reported about most of it in our last newsletter. Since then we have ended the raffle of the HO layout and I have great news. We came very close to selling all the tickets at a final count of 234 (the last 2 sold only moments before the drawing). This means \$234 is in our bank account to be spent on railroad modeling books or magazines to be given to community and school libraries within our division boundaries.

I want to thank everyone who donated supplies and/or worked on the layout. I especially want to thank Tony Lucio for the idea, Chris Cord for getting everyone started, Ed Butcher and Bill Robbins for doing the majority of the work, David Oswald for building such a neat tunnel and to everybody else who pitched in and made the layout a reality! I also want to thank the Bluegrass Railroad Museum in Versailles for letting us display the layout and sell raffle tickets during their Christmas Train weekends in December. The winner of the layout is the David Rich family of Lexington, KY. They bought several tickets at the Railroad Museum. I think this was a great experience for the club and would like to see us do it again. Please let me know how you feel and if enough of you let me know you are

willing to help, we will start on a new layout to raffle next Christmas.

The division has yet another new Master Model Railroader. Ray Grosser MMR #362 was awarded the status in December. We all know for years that Ray has the skills and has done the work but he finally got around to documenting everything and easily achieved certification. As far as I can tell he probably has done enough to get the award several times over. Congratulations Ray! It is well deserved. Now, are you going to do it all over again with O scale?

Our meeting this month will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month because the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday is New Year's Day. The meeting will be held on January 8<sup>th</sup> at the Tates Creek Library Branch. Your Division Superintendent will be presenting a clinic on wiring or updating your model railroad for analog or DCC. Time permitting; he will also give some pointers on selecting an analog power pack or DCC system to suite your needs. The layout tour will be at Alan Brock's HO Monon layout. The Bring & Brag theme is Locomotives.

Next month on February 5<sup>th</sup> we will have a clinic and tour by David Greer. He will detail the building of a new section of his layout. Then we will visit the layout and get to see all the new work he has done.

We continue to meet informally every Tuesday night between 7 and 9pm, usually at Turfland Mall (check the web site at <http://nmra-division10.railfan.net/> to be sure). Turfland Mall generously donates this space to us and in return we operate the

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***Congratulations to Ray Grosser, MMR !!!***



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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 30 to 35% 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.

## Bring n' Brag

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## Super's Message

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layout every Saturday and Sunday afternoon from Noon to 4pm. We need folks to volunteer to help with this task. If you can pry yourself away from whatever you do on the weekend for just one afternoon, please get it touch with Stew Winstandely (at [skwins@yahoo.com](mailto:skwins@yahoo.com) or 859-224-2122) and tell him you want to help! By the way, you can check the schedule any time on our web site to see who will be running the layout and when.

I hope to see all of you at the meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> at the Tates Creek library.



- John

pleted our third sequence of the three categories. We will be presenting certificates to the winners at our January meeting.

The category will be Locomotives of all types. With all the great products that have been put on the market in recent years there is no excuse for the limited participation we have been experiencing lately. (I need to shut up for myself and get to work on my modeling, too).

Also, since there doesn't appear to be any train shows in the area the next couple of months, why not use our Sales/Trade table as a substitute as it is always open for business! Hope all of you had a good holiday and best wishes for a healthy and happy new year!

- Ron

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**MCR Division 10  
wishes to thank  
Turfland Mall  
for the use of the space  
to display and run our  
N Trak Layout  
And have our Train Show!**

### *In Recognition...*

Many thanks to our Patrons and Sustaining Members listed in the next column. (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.

To the right of each contributor's name is the date of his or her latest contribution. Whenever one makes a contribution, his or her date will be updated and for new contributors, their name will be added.

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Div 10, MCR, NMRA Treasurer's Report As of November 29, 2005

Balance as of 10/27/05 \$3,706.37

**November Transactions**

Deposits \$2,034.00  
Checks \$1,589.54  
Balance as of 11/29/05 \$4,150.83

**Income Detail**

Train Show 11/12 - 11/13/05  
Income \$2,751.00  
Expenses \$1,724.56  
Net Income \$1,026.34

**HO Layout Raffle @ One Dollar per Ticket**

Sales of Raffle Tickets \$234.00  
Expenses \$0.00  
Net Income \$234.00

Bill Robbins Treasurer

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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 December 2005

The category for our December Bring n' Brag was Structures of all types. We had four entries.

First, Lou Jaquith entered a sharp looking "Horse Branch" Station made from one of the Suydam craftsman kits of several years ago. Next, Bill Robbins brought two excellent models made from Bar Mills kits: "Rusty's Radiator" garage and "Earl's Oil" service station. Don Burris entered a quaint N scale Country church. Dave Battin rounded things out with a detailed diesel fueling station.

Bill entry won first place, Lou took a close second, and Dave came in third.

In photos, Lou Jaquith brought a great looking print of a Paducah & Louisville GP-40-3 slug set. His entry took first place in a walkover as the competition must have been scared away!

Since we have had a total of nine Bring n' Brags in 2005, we have just com-

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## 2005 Bring n' Brag Scores

MODELS		
High to Low or Tie	Dec.	PT
Lou Jaquith (2nd)	4	14
Dave Battin (3rd)	3	11
Don Burris	2	9
Bill Robbins (1st)	5	8

PHOTOS		
High to Low or Tie	Dec.	PT
Lou Jaquith (1st)	4	8
Wendell Greer		5
Dave Battin		3

## Bring N' Brag Schedule 2005-2006

January 2005 - Locomotives (All Types)
February 2005 - Rolling Stock (All Types)
March 2005 - Structures (All Types)
April 2005 - Locomotives (All Types)
May 2005 - Rolling Stock (All Types)

*Points are awarded for models according to 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". A member may submit only one entry per month.*

### New Address

Here is Mike Armstrong's new address:  
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# AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
JAN.	8	MCR DIV 10	Tates Creek Library 3628 Walden Drive (just off Tates Creek Rd.)	Wiring Your Layout For Analog or DCC By John Gorman	Alan Brock's HO Monon Layout	Locomotives (All Types)
Jan.	13	BGRRC	Meadowthorpe Community Center	TBA		
FEB.	5	MCR DIV 10	Beaumont Library 3080 Fieldstone Way (just off Harrodsburg Rd.)	Building the Lochgelly Branch By David Greer	David Greer's N Scale DOO Line	Rolling Stock (All Types)
MAR.	5	MCR DIV 10	Tates Creek Library	Another Take on Making Trees By Lou Jaquith	Bill Robbins' HO DCC Layout	Structures (All Types)
APR.	2	MCR DIV 10	Eagle Creek Library 101 N. Eagle Creek (just off Richmond Rd.)	(Subject TBA) By Mike Baskette	TBA	Locomotives (All Types)
MAY	7	MCR DIV 10	Tates Creek Library	Computer Aided Sign Design By Wendell Greer	TBA	Rolling Stock (All Types)



## 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, ya look mad about somethin'!

Larry: I am mad, Rivets! I am never gonna buy another doggone thing on eBay! Well, I just don't get it. Used ta be ya could buy good stuff on eBay. Now, everything I get is broke in some way. Here, let me read ya a description: Near mint Soo Line Box-car. Pure white sides. A great addition to your layout.

Rivets: Well, its not much but it's a nice description. Did it have a picture?

Larry: Oh yeah, sure it had a picture. Look!

Rivets: Jeeze, Larry, ya can't see nothin'. It has a black background, but the sides look nice.

Larry: Yeah, well there is the stupid car. That black background hid the fact that this thing ain't got no brakewheel and one whole axel and wheels is missin'. And look at the sides: they are yeller, not no white like that frog suckin' poor excuse for a good ebayer said.

Rivets: Have ya contacted him?

Larry: Yeah. He said that he put a picture in so I could see it and that I shouldda known he was up to somethin' and said, "Thanks".

Rivets: Well, that is not much help.

Larry: Well, I got even. I left positive feedback for him and said that this guy uses a black background to hide the defects and is a no good lyin' curr dog with only half a tail and rotten teeth.

Rivets: Well, I guess that's showin' him somethin'.

Larry: Not only that, I went to all his train auctions and bid a thousand bucks on every item he had. I showed 'im.

Rivets: How does that show 'im?

Larry: I ain't gonna pay 'im and nobody else will come near that bid.

Rivets: Larry, he's just gonna leave you bad feedback.

Larry: Don't worry. I got that covered. I wrote eBay and told them someone else is using my password and stuff and I didn't bid no thousand dollars on nothin'. I told 'em that the only one who knew my password and could bid was you and I knew you wouldn't do nothin' like that.

Rivets: What?! Larry, you can't draw me into this! What did ya do that for?!

Larry: Well, Rivets, you're the only person I could think of. Besides I didn't use your real name; I used your eBay name so they don't know it's really you.

Rivets: Larry, do me a favor and keep me outta your arguments. I gotta go home and straighten this out...and you ain't gonna look so good.

Larry: Aw, Rivets, I thought we was friends.

Rivets: If I can't get this straightened out, was is gonna be the key word here.

Larry: I'm sorry, Rivets. We gotta stay friends. You're my best buddy.

Rivets: Sigh! Okay, Larry, but I still gotta straighten this out. Don't do this again!

Larry: Rivets, you got any black paper. That guy's system worked pretty good. I got some yeller white cars to sell too.

Rivets: Larry, as usual, you get the last word. I can't think of anything to say to that that would make any difference to your mental state. I wonder what I could get for you on eBay?



# *Kalmbach Memorial Library, a Primer*

by **Thomas Mossbeck, Research Associate.**

This is the second part of the primer listing the individual collections.

## **John Kentlein – H.K. Porter Collection**

This collection has over 780 builder's photos, catalogs, blueprints and other data chronicling the history of the premier industrial locomotive manufacturer. If you are interested in Porter locomotives, we have published a reprint of the 13th catalog Porter Steam Locomotives, Light and Heavy, which is available for sale at the library. The book also contains a roster of Porter locomotives including indication of the photos in the collection.

## **Bruce Meyer – EMD Collection**

If you are looking for paint diagrams of locomotives from GM's Electro-Motive Division, then the Bruce Meyer collection is for you. With over 1,400 EMD paint scheme drawings from various railroads, operation manuals and other diesel locomotive items, this collection is a valuable tool to the model railroader wishing to paint and letter EMD equipment. A complete listing of available diagrams can be found on the library website under "Our Collection", or you may call us and we will be glad to check on the availability of any drawing which may be of interest to you.

## **Photo collection**

There are approximately 100,000 prints, slides and negatives in the library's photo collection, with approximately 25 % currently cataloged. Notable is the Miller Negative Collection, which includes 4,347 images representing 110 railroads. Developed by Harold B. "Dusty" Miller, it covers the years 1934-41 and therefore documents the peak of steam power development. All views are static, and in some cases show the locomotive in stored or partially dismantled condition. The bulk of the images are of western roads, with particular emphasis on the Southern Pacific, Santa Fe and Western Pacific. Some of these photographs were highlighted in the book *Steam on the Feather River Route*, which is still available for sale at the library. We can offer prints of any photo, slide or negative in our collection. If you are interested in finding out if we have the pictures you are interested in, all you have to do is contact us and we will gladly do a search and mail you a list of relevant images for your review.

## **Periodical collection**

Over 50,000 modeling, prototype and historical society magazines, as well as vintage *Railway Age*, *Railroad Gazette* and *Railway Review* publications make up the Kalmbach Memorial Library's periodical collection. Most are indexed so the material is easy to locate. The periodicals can be used for copying specific articles or as sources for answering research questions. If you would like articles on handlaying turnouts we will be glad to mail you two or three examples, or if you are looking for original primary material about the electrification of the Pennsy, we can look up information in vintage publications describing the efforts to carry out this huge task.

## **Car and Locomotive Builder's Cyclopedias**

These are great for finding information about freight and passenger cars, and locomotives, and all their components. Information, drawings and photos of brake systems, underframes, boilers, wheels, and everything else that make up the finished products. We have cyclopedias from the 1880s to 1997, so all eras are well represented.

## **Official Guides of the Railways**

If you are in need of passenger train schedules then this is the publication for you. Our website lists all the years in the collection so you can request specific copies. The publication lists all passenger train stations in North America, and has schedules for all trains serving those stations, sorted by railroad. Many also have maps of their lines.

## **Official Railway Equipment Registers (ORERs)**

Published quarterly, the ORER is a complete listing of freight cars owned by the railroads and private car companies. Cars are sorted by railroad and listed according to their numbers. The following information is provided for each listing: AAR mechanical designation, markings and type of car, numbers, inside and outside dimensions, door dimensions, capacity, and the number of cars in each series. Freight connections and junction points

are also listed, as well as a recapitulation of all the freight car equipment for an easy overview of the total number of cars sorted by mechanical designation. The website lists all the ORERs in the library's collection. Again, it is just a matter of contacting us and letting us know which railroad(s) and year(s) you would like copies of, and we will mail them to you. This information is useful when trying to accurately number your freight cars, finding out which cars were owned by a given railroad, and for putting together a prototypically accurate freight car mix on your layout.

### **Poor's Manual of Railroads and Moody's Railroads**

These publications have great information on the railroads' finances, track mileage, equipment holdings, traffic, histories and comments on operations and finances. The amount of information varies with the size of the railroad, but everyone should be able to find useful data in these publications.

### **Book collection**

The library is home to more than 7,000 books and manuals, spanning all areas of model and prototype railroading. The books are classified according to the Drury system, a railroad-specific classification system named after former Kalmbach Publishing librarian George Drury. Books can then be categorized by such subject matters as Cars, Engineering, Locomotives, Model Railroading and Model Building, General Railroading, Specific Railroads, Traction, and Foreign (non-North American), just to name a few. We rely heavily on the book collection, as well as the periodical collection when conducting research. The collection is constantly growing due to the generosity of members who donate books they no longer have a use for, and from families who are looking to dispose of a material following a member's passing. We are also receiving a fair amount of newly published books from publishers who in return get their books announced in the monthly Library Car column in Scale Rails.

### **Historical society, club, museum and SIG publications**

We have more than 275 different publications from railroad historical societies, clubs, museums and NMRA SIGs (special interest groups). We also have an extensive collection of NMRA region and division newsletters. The historical society and SIG publications are great sources for in-depth articles on narrow subject matters. Chances are if an article on a particular subject has appeared in a one of these publications, this will be the single best source of information on that subject, excluding books.

### **Video collection**

Over 500 videos make up the library's video collection. They are divided into three categories: Modeling, Prototype, and Clinics. Just like photos, videos are a great source of inspiration and prototype information to the modeler. Whether you are looking for videos on railroading in general, railroad- or area-specific videos, or modeling and how-to clinics, chances are the video collection has something for you. The best part is that they are all available for rent. The price for members in the United States is \$5.00 per tape, postage paid (note that some titles have two or more tapes, in which cases the price is multiplied accordingly). You can find a complete listing on our website, or we will be glad to mail you printout if you do not have internet access. For members outside of the U.S., please contact your local A/V Dispatcher for price and availability.

I hope this article has provided you with insight into the library, its collections and how to use them. In coming issues of this newsletter I will go deeper into these resources with examples of modeling and research applications. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me any time.

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**Next Meeting:**  
**Sunday, January 8**  
**2:00 - 4:00 pm**  
**Tates Creek Library**  
**Lexington, KY**



**Program:**  
**Wiring Your Layout**  
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**Presented by**  
**John Gorman**

**Tour:**  
**Alan Brock**

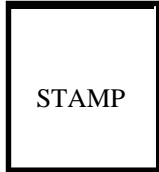
**Bring & Brag:**  
**Locomotives**  
**(All Types)**

**Enjoy Modeling**  
**This Winter Season !!!**



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