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Bring n' Brag December 2006

Structures was the theme of our December Bring n' Brag and we had six excellent entries.

First, Bill Robbins entered his neat looking Bates' Motel Section House, then Dave Toles brought his super detailed Sawmill diorama. Next, Michael Tyra shared his city block .

Fred Plymale came with both barrels loaded: First was a great looking diorama of company houses a la Howard Zane, Next Fred had his "Miracle Chair Company, followed by his "Brundel's Small Engine Repairs" shop.

Dave's sawmill took first place, Fred's company houses diorama came in second, and Fred's Miracle Chair Company came in third. Congratulations on the great work!

In photos, Fred brought three entries: "End of the Line" caboose at Cass, WV, a photo of Don Kossler's B&O layout, and "The Durbin Rocket" steam loco at Durbin, WV. His B&O layout photo took first place followed by the scenes at Durbin and Cass respectively.

We have just finished up our third trimester of scoring. Certificates will be awarded at the next meeting. We start a new scoring period on January 7 with our next category being locomotives of all types. See you then!

One note: We urge and welcome any suggestions to improve our Bring and Brag contests! Since the board will be meeting next month, now is a good time to think of some. Do we keep the photo section? Add more categories? Whatever? Please don't be bashful!

- Ron

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Message From The Superintendent

By the time you read this it will be 2007. Another new year! It seems like they are coming much faster as I grow older. I am sure this one will be as great as all the years before it!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and/or other holiday, and is looking forward to a very healthy New Year.

Our December meeting was a real success. Pete's clinic on all the different choices for using sound on your layout was really interesting and seemed to be extremely comprehensive. Our layout tour to Alan Brock's was, as usual, great fun. I was especially impressed with his new California Zephyr train. I wonder where Alan got all those neat California Zephyr cars ;-)

Thanks Pete and Alan for making our December meeting such a success. Our January meeting will be on the 7th at 2:00pm at the Beaumont Library off of Harrodsburg Road. The clinic will be given by Mike Baskette and will be about making your own decals. Knowing how Mike prepares his clinics, I am sure you will find this lesson on designing and making decals extremely interesting.

***Best wishes for a
happy and healthy
2007!***

Bring N' Brag Schedule

January 2007 - Locomotives

February 2007 - Rolling Stock

March 2007 - Structures

At the time I am writing this we have not finalized arrangements for the layout tour. We will announce the place and have maps, if necessary, at the meeting. I hope to see you all there!

The raffle of the HO layout resulted in the sale of over 220 tickets. Not as many as I had hoped but it was about 30% more than last year. The board will decide soon if we will build another layout for the 2007 season.

Over the next month or two I will be contacting many of you, within reasonable distance of Lexington, to see if you can help us run the layout at Turfland Mall. We have lost several of our regular "operators" through moving away, illness (or illness in the family), etc. and we need to find several new guys (and/or gals) we can count on, in order to honor the agreement we have with the mall management. Hopefully, if you are not already signed up, you will consider helping the club fulfill its mission, by helping us at Turfland Mall. And while I am on the subject I want to give a big THANK YOU to all of you who have been giving us 4 hours of your time every month for the last two years. It is because of you that we have had a place to display our N scale layout to the public and a place to hold our annual Fall Train Show.

The board will be meeting in early February to make initial plans for the Fall Train Show and to work on plans and the dates for the nomination, election and installation of new officers. If you have any new ideas for the train show or you (or know some one who) want(s) to be a club officer, please let one of the board members know so that we can use that information while making our plans.

I look forward to seeing all of you on the 7th.

- John



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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, what did you get for Christmas?

Larry: Well, I got nothin' good, Rivets. I didn't get one train thing!

Rivets: Whadaya mean, Larry. Nothin'?

Larry: Well, I did get this box. It has a list of all the things I bought last year. January at the division train show receipts, NMRA convention in the summer, hobby shop receipts, Great Midwestern Train Show receipts...I could go on and on. My wife said that I spent \$4600 last year on model train stuff and she thought that was a pretty good present.

Rivets: Well, Larry, ya gotta admit that is a good amount of money to spend. Makes a nice gift.

Larry: Rivets, how much money did you spend last year?

Rivets: Larry, we are talkin' 'bout you, not me!

Larry: I was in a hobby shop not too long ago and there was this old geezer and his wife fillin' in for the day behind the counter. They had just moved into an apartment and had not place for a layout. So ya know where he built one?

Rivets: Tell me.

Larry: He built it over his bed! Now that is a woman a man could love!

Rivets: Larry, that can't be true!

Larry: It is Rivets! She said that at least she knows where he is and what he's doin'.

Rivets: Aw, Larry, what kind o' trouble can an old geezer get into anyway?

Larry: Well, all I'm sayin' is that I couldda got some kind of train stuff. I tell ya, Rivets, this just breaks a man's heart.

Rivets: Well, why don't ya just run out and buy some-thing' before the end of the year and add the receipt to the box.

Larry: Rivets, you're a genius! I may as well make it an even \$5000. for the year. I am startin' to feel better already.

Rivets: Larry, I wasn't serious.

Larry: Yeah, Rivets, but don't forget, "Many a truth is said in jest." I could always make sure I order somethin' special in early December so I'll have it for Christmas and I can give my wife the receipt for the box. Rivets, you have made me the happiest man alive!

Rivets: I thought that was your wife's place!

Larry: Well, she fell a little short this Christmas.

Rivets: Aw, Larry, quit your whining! Seems to me ya did all right.

Larry: All I got was what she wanted me to have...clothes and a new coat. Who wants that stuff?! I didn't even get a tool.

Rivets: Yeah, well I know one "tool" ya might get, if you're not careful.

Larry: Really?! What's that?

Rivets: A rollin' pin at your head!

2006 Bring n' Brag Scores

MODELS

High to Low or Tie	Dec.	PT
Fred Plymale (2nd & 3rd)	5	17
Michael Tyra	2	9
Dave Toles (1st)	5	5
Wendell Greer	-	5
Bill Robbins	-	2
Stew Winstandley	-	2
Ed Graves	-	2

PHOTOS

High to Low or Tie	Dec.	PT
Fred Plymale	7	14
Wendell Greer	-	5
You could be here!		

BRING N' BRAG RULES

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". A member may submit only one entry per month.

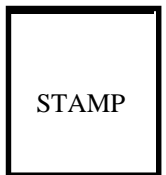


AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
JAN.	7	MCR DIV 10	Beaumont Library Lexington, KY 2:00 pm	Making Your Own Decals By Mike Baskette	TBA	Locomotives (All Types)
Jan.	6 & 7	Train Show	Indiana State Fairgrounds Indianapolis, Indiana	World's Greatest Hobby on Tour Show		
Jan.	12	BGRRC	Meadowthorpe Community Center	TBA		
Jan.	26-28	Sale	Covington, KY	Winter Sale and Show at Johnny's Toys		
Jan.	27-28	Train Show	Commonwealth Convention Center Louisville, KY	Greenburg's Show		
FEB.	4	MCR DIV 10	TBA	TBA	TBA	Rolling Stock (All Types)
MAR.	4	MCR DIV 10	TBA	TBA	TBA	Structures (All Types)

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Next Meeting:

**Sunday, January 7
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Beaumont Library
Lexington, KY**

**Program:
Making Your Own Decals
Presented by Mike Baskette**

**Tour:
TBA at Meeting**

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