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Do you know your tools? Do you recognize everything in the pictures above? April's presenters, Pete Birdsong and Mike Baskette, displayed some interesting gadgets both familiar and strange.

Operations Gaining Interest in Central KY

By Tom Miller

Model railroader Richard Schumacher presented a clinic at the NMRA National Convention and began by suggesting that "model railroaders enjoy visiting and running on model railroads that are realistic in appearance and operated in a realistic manner." This only happens when the model echoes the mission of a real railroad and for several Division #10 modelers; operations have become an enjoyable part of recent gatherings. For Pete Birdsong, Bill Paulsell and Bill Robbins designing a layout and inviting fellow modelers to come and operate several trains mimicking the course of running a real railroad has become an enjoyable feature of NMRA Division 10 club activity. The host serves as the dispatcher and participating members operate several trains in the course of the operations activity.

Each of these railroad modelers have transformed their model railroad into a real rail transportation system. Pictured are the design concept establishes where

it is located, the era, which towns are served, connecting lines, and traffic patterns. The concept needs to match the model - the size of the layout and the access considerations will determine whether you can model an entire railroad, a division, a couple of mainline towns, or a minor station along a branch line.

Geographic area, era, and transportation needs results in a concept of where, when and why the operations railroad exists. The geographic location (or setting), along with the era (or timeframe), selected for the layout will effect both the scenery and the traffic. Just as you won't find many high volume commuter lines in a snow-covered mountain range, it is equally unlikely to operate a gold mine in the middle of flat farmland. Realism of the layout is enhanced when all of the items (industries,

rolling stock, structures, traffic patterns and volume, signs, vehicles, etc.) in the scene are of the same era. If you select to model a specific prototype, recreating the location and traffic of that prototype at a specific point in history will ensure an appropriate match.

If you freelance a railroad, it's best to pattern your location, scenery and traffic on your favorite prototype railroads in a specific era. If you are unsure of what era to model, it's usually best to create the scenery to match the earlier era you prefer, as it may always be modernized later. Our club members layouts are usually based on local railroads as Lou Jaquith's Louisville Paducah RR, since the local roads and scenery are more likely of interest to current and prospective members, as well as visitors who enjoy observing the operations.

If you are interested in model railroad operations contact any of the members mentioned.



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The Super's Column

By Bill Paulsell

The April meeting was outstanding. One of the many nice things about it was the large number of Bring and Brag entries. I continue to be amazed at the high quality of modeling done by our members. Ron Kercheval said he thought he was at a regional convention. Several folks who had never brought anything before showed up with some very fine structures.

I brought a freight station that looks pretty good on my layout, but in comparison with the other entries it wasn't even in the same league. However, I was inspired to work harder and smarter on my own modeling after being challenged by so many fine models. That, after all, is one of the points of Bring and Brag. It encourages us to improve our efforts. So I thank those who brought such excellent work for us to see. Modeling is what the NMRA is all about.

Pete Birdsong and Mike Baskette presented an interesting program, showing us the tools that they use in making their own fine models. Pete showed how common things around the house can be used in modeling and brought along some electronic items that are helpful for those using DCC. Mike, in addition to tools, showed us some paints and weathering materials that you don't normally find in hobby shops. He noted that those on the cutting edge of modeling these days are people in Spain and let us look at some books on finishing and weathering published abroad.

Bob Larger was a gracious host at his layout. Two trains were constantly running with Lou Jaquith serving as engineer. Bob's wife was generous with refreshments. It always good to see how layouts progress from year to year. We hope you will let us see yours.

The Regional Convention is in May in the Cleveland area. Pete Birdsong is going to enter a model in the contest. I will be going and hope several others can. Look on the national NMRA

website for information under Mid-Central Region.

We will meet at the Tates Creek Library for May and June, Normally, we do not have a meeting in July. Some trips to out of town layouts are in the works and we will keep you posted as they develop.

For the May meeting Tom Krill, who has already shown us some of his fine modeling in Bring and Brag, will present a program on narrow-gauge railroading.

In June we will have another clinic from Sam Swanson, one of the best modelers in the country. If you have the NMRA calendar for this year you will see an example of his work. With great programs like these coming up, we will all benefit and learn new things to make us better modelers.

Bring n' Brag April 2008 Results

By Ron Kercheval

On-line structures was the category for April's Bring n' Brag and we had a tremendous turnout with nine great entries! The display tables looked more like those at a regional convention rather than a local meeting.

Pete Birdsong pulled out the stops with four fantastic O scale structures. His super-detailed blacksmith shop with interior took first place. Second place also went to Pete with his beautiful Magnolia Box Company. He also tied for third with his topless wooden elevated water tank. He had algae in the water that appeared to be several scale feet below the surface! Jim Campbell shared third place with his exquisite N scale Maysville, KY depot.

The depth and quality of the entries this month was amazing. There were some models that were unplaced that would have won in other contests from recent years.

The theme for May will be Non-Revenue. This includes cabooses, maintenance of way, wreck trains, and even searchlight cars. See you next time!

Bring n' Brag Schedule

May 2008	Non-revenue incl. Cabooses & MoW
June 2008	"Anything Goes"!

Bring n' Brag Rules

Points are awarded for models as follows: One point is given for your first entry; a second point is given if that entry is "On Topic". You can have additional entries but you can only be awarded "entry" points for one item each month. Following peer judging, three points are awarded for First Place, two points for Second Place, and one point for Third Place. Multiple entries can each win points for placing.

Bring n' Brag Standings

High to Low or Tie	Apr. 2008	PT
Tom Krill (1st)	-	16
Lou Jaquith	-	14
Tony Lucio	-	11
Tom Miller	-	9
Pete Birdsong (1,2,T3)	8	8
Don Burris	2	8
David Battin	-	7
David Oswald	-	7
Tim Day	-	5
Bill Paulsell	2	7
David Toles	2	6
Tim Day	-	5
Michael Tyra	2	5
Matthew Coles	-	4
Jim Campbell (T3)	3	3
Stew Winstandley	-	3
Mike Citak	-	3
Ron Kercheval	-	3
Phil Lester	-	2
Bill Robbins	-	2



A sampling of entries from April's bring and Brag. While all entries were worthy of publication, space limits us to the winners. From top left: Blacksmith Shop, Water Tower, and Magnolia Box Company; all are On30 models by Pete Birdsong. Rounding out the group is the beautiful scratchbuilt Maysville, KY depot by Jim Campbell—no small task in N Scale!



WITLESS & CLUELESS
THE CONTINUING SAGA OF
LARRY LOUNGEAR AND RIVETS O'REILLY
 CREATED BY "RAILROAD" PETE BIRDSONG
 WRITTEN BY MIKE ARMSTRONG

Rivets: Hey, Larry! How'd it go the other night at the Railroad Club?! I hear ya were the dispatcher!

Larry: Well, ya know I'm workin' on my Achievement Program certificate for chief dispatcher, so at six thirty, I got on the horn and said, "Howdy Boys! You got Highballin' Hogger here. Train thirty one, you are clear to leave Pickle Barrel Yard. You are clear all the way to Pig Sty."

This went on for ten minutes and nobody was movin' anywhere. I never figured it out until somebody came and told me that we weren't drivin' trucks and I don't need a "handle"! We were runnin' trains and a hogger is an engineer and hoggers are waitin' to have their trains dispatched... so drop the highballin' hogger nonsense and start dispatching trains!" They don't have much of a sense of humor!

Rivets: I don't remember any town of Pig Sty on our layout.

Larry: Well that was another problem. I thought I'd add a little word association humor to the mix. For each town, I just threw in something that it reminded me of. Pig Sty is at River Bend where the feed lots are. And "Pickle Barrel Yard" for Heinz Yard.

Rivets: This is supposed to be prototypical, Larry. You can't make up town names and expect people to complete their assignments! Engineers can't guess where the dispatcher wants them to take their trains.

Larry: Rivets, we are playin' with trains, come on! What is a matter with a little humor.

Rivets: Larry, we aren't "playin with trains". We are runnin' a railroad! And we want to run it as good as we can. Did you get the mess straightened out ?

Larry: It just got worse, Rivets. Since we behind schedule, I sent the trains out one after the other, ya know? Just to get things movin'.

Rivets: You mean you didn't follow the time schedule.

Larry: I figured I could get things back on schedule if we got things runnin'.

Rivets: Yeah? Well how did that work?

Larry: Before I even knew what had happened, all the tracks were blocked and no body was goin' nowhere and every track in the yard was full. I couldn't believe it! I was tryin' to keep track of

thirteen trains and then I got a phone call from my wife wantin' me to bring home a loaf of bread. And I had thirteen engineers wantin' to talk to me at the same time while I talked to my wife..

Rivets: How'd the yard get full. Didn't the yardmaster help?

Larry: Well, I figured I was his boss so I told him to fill those yard tracks to make way for the trains comin' in.

Rivets: Uh, Larry, where are trains going to come in when the yard is full?!

Larry: That's what everybody started sayin'! And they all started arguin' with each other and then they all started lookin' at me. And then they started comin' toward the dispatcher's office.

Rivets: And...!

Larry: I turned off the main power breaker and the back up lights came on over the door and everybody went outside 'cept me.

Rivets: What did you do in there in the dark.

Larry: Rivets, sometimes I am a genius.

Rivets: Not in this story.

Larry: I grabbed a flashlight and went to the layout and spent a half hour movin' things by hand and got it all straightened out. Then I hit the breaker and yelled, "Okay, everybody, LET'S go back in!" Then I locked myself in the dispatcher's office just in case.

Rivets: Sounds to me like that was the most unprototypical job of dispatchin' our club ever had!

Larry: Well, I did have trouble finding somebody to sign that I dispatched, but one guy finally said he would...if I never dispatched again.

Rivets: Well, Larry, they'll get over it.

Larry: They already have. They gave me the name of a layout where I could dispatch. It's called the LR&F.

Rivets: Larry, that's my neighbor's kid's layout! It's called "The Living Room and Floor" and it's an oval with a side track, an engine, a flat car and a caboose!

Larry: Now, that's my kinda railroad! What are his runnin' nights?



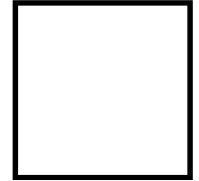
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Next Meeting:

Sunday May 4 @ 2:00 pm
Lexington, KY
Tates Creek Library

Program:

Tom Krill

“Narrow Gauge Railroading”

Bring & Brag:

Non-Revenue Equipment
(Cabooses & M.O.W.)

Tour:

TBA

AROUND THE BEND...

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE/TIME	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
May	4	Div. 10	Tates Creek Library Lexington, KY 2:00 pm	Tom Krill “Narrow Gauge Railroading”	TBD	Non-Revenue Equipment
May	15-18	MCR	Holiday Inn Independence, OH	NMRA MCR Regional Convention	Program	Program
June	1	Div. 10	Tates Creek Library	Sam Swanson	TBD	Anything Goes
June	28-29	MRIA	Louisville, KY Int'l Convention Center	World's Greatest Hobby On Tour	—	—
July	No	Division	10	Meeting	This	Month