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## Bring and Brag

By Larry K. Smith



We had some real good entries for off-line structures at the February meeting. You could tell a lot of work had gone into the four structures. Thanks for bringing them. We always enjoy seeing what the members are doing.

Lou Jaquith brought in the highest scoring model which was a very well modeled barnyard scene and structure. His total score was 25.6 and now Lou has had the highest score for the last two months. Way to go, Lou! Brian Jones brought in a logger's cabin made out of wood which scored a total of 20.9 for all the scoring categories. His cabin is looking good and I am anticipating sometime seeing the whole scene of the logging camp and all the structures which he is working on. Don Burris brought in a neat cattle pen scene complete with cattle, fencing, sand, barn, silo, cattlemen, and a truck to haul the cattle in. Don's total was 13.3. Good job. I managed to bring in some common plastic kits I glued together along with some details to represent those old brick buildings one sees downtown in every small town.

At the February meeting, we introduced the Bring and Brag Information Sheet for your models. It is a one page sheet which you can fill out and place with your model to describe all the work that has been done on the model. This allows you to point out information about your model on Construction, Detailing, and Finish & Lettering that the people judging your model may not realize. The information on the sheet provides an opportunity for you to describe features of your model which may go unnoticed otherwise. We tried to make it easy to use. Please obtain a copy of the sheet from me, or it is also available on our website, and as a *Lantern* insert in the April issue.

We will not have Bring and Brag next month since the Diorama contest will be in March. Bring and Brag will return in April and the topic will be **steam locomotives**. Everyone loves them so plan to bring your favorite steam locomotive to the April meeting to share.

## The Super's Column

By Bill Paulsell



Our thanks to Wendell Greer for giving us some ideas on making signs on our computers for our layouts at our February meeting. He showed us a number of possibilities for unique signs. Wendell has had some health issues lately, and we appreciated his making the effort to come out and do a program for us. He is a fine modeler and one of our NMRA Master Model Railroaders.

It is always fun to visit Lou Jaquith's layout. It is an eyelevel pike which gives the viewer a more realistic perspective. Lou's modeling skills are amazing. Painting and finishing engine is one of the things for which he is best known.

The open houses we sponsored in January were a lot of fun. Attendance was modest; we wish more people had come. However, those that did come expressed much interest in how we constructed and developed our layouts, and there were some good model railroading conversations. Hobbytown gave out 100 invitations, and Berkshire Trains also helped us by providing information. Several people expressed an interest in becoming NMRA members. We hope to see them in the future.

The March meeting will be the time for **diorama judging**. I hope you are building one. Many of you reported at the last meeting that you do not have a layout yet. This is a great way to get started. Whatever you build can be used later when it becomes possible for you to have one. Win, lose, or draw, you will learn new things and develop new skills. My own skills are very limited, but working for Achievement Program certificates has pushed me to try new things and attempt projects I would have never otherwise tried. The diorama contest can do the same. Fill out the enclosed **judging form** and bring it along.

I will have to miss the March meeting, but I will send my diorama with someone else. Bill Robbins, our Assistant Superintendent, will take charge. I will be in North Carolina to hear my daughter speak at the college where I used to teach many years ago. John Gorman, whose technical knowledge of model railroading always amazes me, will be our presenter. The layout visit will be at Bill Crace's. He has a magnificent O Gauge layout and a gigantic collection of equipment.



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Many thanks to folks listed in the column below. They have given their time, materials and/or money to support our club. We encourage all NMRA members to help with financial support to The Lantern and our website and the Division 10 train shows. Send your monetary contribution to our Treasurer.

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The club still has some HO scale Bar Mills' Revelia's Shipping & Freight model (kit 722). If you're interested in purchasing one, contact Lou Jaquith.

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Jan. 1, 2010 Balance	\$2927.87
Expenses: Lantern	-46.52
Honorarium	-75.00
TP&A	-20.31
Contributions	40.00
Jan. 31, 2010 Balance	\$2826.04

## ***Witless & Clueless***

### **The Continuing Saga of Larry Loungecar and Rivets O'Reilly**

Written by Mike Armstrong

- Rivets: Hey, Larry what's up?
- Larry: Oh, I am just starting a new project on my layout. I'm building a switch tower for the Skunk City yard.
- Rivets: Do you need one there? It's not much more than a passin' track with a spur.
- Larry: It's not a matter of need. I just think it will look good there. You got a better idea?
- Rivets: I hate to be one to criticize, but I'll bet you got forty unfinished projects on your layout. Why don't ya try finishin' one o' them?
- Larry: Ya know, Rivets, it was Allen McClelland who coined the phrase "good enough". That is what I try to live by when workin' on the layout.
- Rivets: Larry! The difference between good enough for Allen McClelland and good enough for you is like the difference between a hillbilly shack and the Playboy mansion.
- Larry: What are you talkin' about? These look pretty good, I think.
- Rivets: I'm not sayin' you do bad work. I'm sayin' things aren't finished! Look at this house here. There is no roof on it.
- Larry: Rivets, that is so ya can see the detail of the interior!
- Rivets: Larry, there ain't no interior! You don't even have walls separated into rooms.
- Larry: Well, I also got a rule, Rivets. It is called the 80 percent rule: anything that is eighty percent done can go on the layout.
- Rivets: Yeah, but when do ya finish them?
- Larry: Well, that is rule number three: I finish a project when I get around to it.
- Rivets: But Larry, you never seem to get around to anything. Like when are ya gonna put acetate in those windows?
- Larry: It's summer Rivets. The windows are open for air circulation.
- Rivets: And I suppose that engine house with no doors is open for circulation too!
- Larry: There are no doors on that engine house because I pretend they got broke off by a speeding gocart.
- Rivets: Speeding go cart? More like an impatient modeler if ya ask me. And look at this water fall...it is still just a white bed of hydrocal.
- Larry: It could be winter, ya know!
- Rivets: Yeah, with daisies on the hill. Larry, we all got unfinished projects. I'm just saying finish something! You're a pretty good modeler.
- Larry: Okay, Rivets, here's the truth. If I never finish anything, I can always say to people, "It's not finished". That way they can't judge how good or how bad it is, because they don't know. And I don't wanna hear any bad after all my work.
- Rivets: Aw, Larry, all the harsh critics, I just picture 'em nekked.
- Larry: I thought that was for when ya were 'sposed to give a speech.
- Rivets: Larry, picture some of those critics nekked...now there is a conversation starter for some really bad modelin'!

### **2009 -2010 Bring and Brag Standings**

#### **By Total Points from High to Low**

Name	Feb. 2010	Total
Lou Jaquith	25.6	70.8
Don Burris	13.3	59.6
Stew Winstandley		57.9
Brian Jones	20.9	43.8
Larry K Smith	21.8	43.3
Tom Miller		17.5

## **Click the shutter and win a steam cab ride!**

With the single click of a shutter, you could find yourself riding for a full day in the cab of an historic mainline steam locomotive operated by the Union Pacific! It can happen if your photo is the winner of the National Model Railroad Association's 75th Anniversary Photo Contest.

Your day-long cab ride will begin in Cheyenne, WY in May, 2010, behind some mighty big steam power on its first leg of an excursion. And we'll make sure you're there when the conductor yells "All aboard!" because the winner will also receive airfare (up to \$500), two nights in a hotel, plus transportation to and from the excursion.

If you're an NMRA member in good standing, all you have to do is submit a photograph depicting one or more models of UP equipment and/or structures in a realistic scene. Your photo will be judged for prototype fidelity of both the modeling and the scene, as well as for photographic art. You can submit color prints, color slides, or digital files on CD.

To be eligible, your photo must be postmarked by April 15, 2010 (or originated in transit by a third party service such as FedEx or UPS), and received no later than April 20. Only one photograph may be submitted per envelope, but there's no limit to the number of photos you can submit. All photos become the property of the NMRA, which may use the photo in any manner it chooses. In addition, participants agree to provide the NMRA with the original medium of the photo (negative, transparency, or digital file) if requested.

Send your entries to: Robert J. Amsler, Jr., 514 Dover Place, St. Louis, MO 63111. And if you send a print, be sure to protect it from bending!

So get modeling and shooting right away. Because this May you may be behind a few horses in Wyoming!

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2 PM, SUNDAY, MARCH 7  
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TOUR  
BILL CRACE*

**AROUND THE BEND**

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE/TIME	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
Mar.	7	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg. Central Christian Church, East Short St., 2 PM	John Gorman—Cab Control	Bill Crace	Diorama Judging
Apr.	11	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, East Short St., 2 PM	Bill Pausell—Operations	Larry K. Smith	Steam Locomotives
May	2	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, East Short St., 2 PM	Randy Coffman—Clamps	Fred Plymale	Non-revenue cars
May	13-16	Div. 9 MCR	Embassy Suites, Charleston, W.Va.	The Coalfield Express MCR Convention		
June	6	Div. 10	Danville, KY	Visit two Danville layouts	John Bowling & Robin Grider	

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The regional convention will be in Charleston, West Virginia, May 13-16. At last count six of our members will be attending. I hope you will consider it, too. It's a great place to learn and to meet other model railroaders. —Bill Paulsell