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The Superintendent's Report

by Pete Birdsong

Thanks to everyone who has been so helpful to me during my recovery from rotator cuff surgery. I'm making great progress, and should be out of the sling by the time I see you at the April meeting. In the meantime, I've been learning to do a lot of stuff left-handed. I asked the doctor if I would be able to play the piano when I was through with recovery, and he said of course – which is kind of amazing, since I couldn't do it before...



Thanks to **Tom Krill**, **Lou Jaquith** and **Bill Robbins** for their mini-clinics on making trees. I think everyone learned something on this subject, and it was very timely, considering that Bring and Brag for this month is on trees and painted figures, which we also had a recent clinic on. So raise your expectations on what should be a very different and interesting B&B. Thanks to **Larry Smith** for working this all out (see page 4).

Thanks also to **Fred Plymale**, **Bill Paulsell**, **Ray Grosser** and **Larry Smith** for judging the Diorama Contest, and for all the contestants (**John Bowling**, **Lou Jaquith**, **Tom Krill**, **Bill Robbins**, **Stew Winstandley** and me) who entered their dioramas. See pictures, the judging and popular vote results, and commentary on the Photo Gallery page of our web site, and on page 5. We plan to have a debriefing on the contest at the April meeting, with comments from the participants on what they learned or experienced.

Also in April, **Lou Jaquith**, pictured below on the rear of Paducah & Louisville's Bluegrass State 1 in Midway, will present a



clinic on weathering, and I can personally attest that it will be great. I learned almost all my weathering techniques from Lou, and was really happy with the results, especially on engines.

Another treat in April will be the tour of **Larry Smith's** huge basement empire in Lawrenceburg. Construction is complete, trains are running, and scenery is under way. Be prepared for this one - it's huge. See the map to his place, 27.5 miles from our downtown meeting location, on the Calendar & Schedule page of the web site.

<http://www.div10-mcr-nmra.org/meeting-schedule.php>

And, as usual, **Brian Jones** and **Tom Krill** will entertain and treat us with the auctions, raffles and door prizes. We've received a donation from a neighbor of mine who is moving out of town, and couldn't take his train stuff with him, and Bill Hammer has a unique and interesting donation in the works. I hope you will all continue to support this. It has become a major source of fun and funds for the Division.

Welcome to new member **Bob Ferguson** who was a guest at our March meeting, and has since joined.

Check out the web site for more news and information. The March news from HQ has been loaded to the ARTICLES page. In May, we'll be part of a joint swap meet with the Bluegrass Railroad Club (see bottom of page 6). Tables will be provided first come—first served on a shared basis. There will be some room for bring your own tables as well. Setup will begin at 7 PM, with the meet at 7:30.

Railroad Pete

EXTRA 2011 WEST

2011 NMRA National Convention

July 3 to 9, 2011 - Sacramento, California



For the NMRA MC Region officers link to www.midcentral-region-nmra.org/bod2.html

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In Recognition...

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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To the right of each contributing member's name is the date of his or her latest contribution. Whenever one makes a contribution of money, material or time, his or her date will be updated and for new contributors, their name will be added. Folks who have not made a contribution in one year will be dropped from the list.

Bill Robbins	3/2011
Dennis Peevy	"
David Battin	"
Randy Coffman	2/2011
Irv Frary	1/2011
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John Stokes	"
Ron Kercheval	12/10
Franklin Miller	"
Ed Butcher	"
Pete Birdsong	11/10
Bill Pausell	"
Tom Krill	"
Larry Smith	"
Lou Jaquith	10/10
Alan Bourne	9/2010
Don Burris	"
Mark Hunt	"
John Gorman	9/2010
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Raymond Cox	8/2010
Ed Fuller	"
Ray & Renee Grosser	6/2010

www.railsofages.org/MCRconvention Apr. 28-May1

Division 10 Treasurer's Report: Balance Feb. 1, 2011—\$2980.12, Expenses; Lantern (79.97), Ky. Treasurer (15.00) = (\$94.97) Deposits; Contributions 50.00, Auction 56.00 = \$106.00 Balance Feb. 28, 2011—\$2991.15

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Witless & Clueless

The Continuing Saga of Rivets O'Reilly and Larry Loungear

by Mike Armstrong

Rivets: I was really sorry not to be able to go on the trip to Walters and to Calmbuck publishin'.

Larry: Well, it was fun up to a point.

Rivets: Yeah, well, I kinda heard. The guys aren't mad at ya any more.

Larry: Well, no one has told me that. Rivets, I just couldn't help myself. When I saw that warehouse full of boxes I just hadda see what was in 'em.

Rivets: Larry, it told ya on the box.

Larry: I know but those boxes had to be opened sometime. I didn't think anybody would mind.

Rivets: Why didn't ya ask?

Larry: I thought they mighta said "no".

Rivets: But that wasn't the worst of it, I hear. You tried to bargain with the people at Walters?

Larry: Well, I don't like to pay retail for anything.

Rivets: Larry, Walters is a distribution center. They can't undercut their customers.

Larry: Well, I was a customer.

Rivets: But that's not what got ya kicked out.

Larry: No, but everybody was talkin' 'bout how far they could get down the line of rollers, so I thought I'd give it a try. I had a big run at it.

Rivets: How far did ya get?

Larry: Two feet. My fingers got stuck in the rollers... broke two of 'em.

Rivets: Well, you'd wouldda thought you'd learned yer lesson by the time ya got to Calmbuck.

Larry: I was just tryin' to say "hi" to all my favorite writers.

Rivets: But they were tryin' to write, is what I heard. Ya interrupted their train of thought...no pun intended.

Larry: Maybe I was a little too enthusiastic.

Rivets: Uh...runnin' in yellin' "yahoo!" is way past appropriate. But that is not what got ya kicked outta there, is it.

Larry: Well, when I saw that steam loco that was kitbashed by John Allen, I just wanted to touch what he touched.

Rivets: Larry, what's the first rule of modelin'?

Larry: I know, Rivets. Never touch someone else's stuff without permission.

Rivets: Were they able to fix it?

Larry: In my defense, Rivets. They shouldda had it anchored inside that display case. Besides, I wasn't kicked out o' either place. They just asked me to leave...with a security escort.

Rivets: Well, Larry, you've had some some...interestin' stuff in your life, but this takes the cake.

Larry: Well, I think they felt really bad 'bout the way they treated me, because they sent me a whole bunch of train stuff with a note.

Rivets: What kinda note?

Larry: I got it right here: Dear Mr. Loungear. All this stuff we were going to throw in our dumpster. It is all damaged in some way. We thought, based upon what we know of you, that broken or not, these items would upgrade your models. Sincerely, Willie Walters

Rivets: Yeah, Larry, they musta felt real bad!

Division 10 Auction Report-March 2011

Silent Auction:

Donated by Bill Hammer an Electronic Driver Cleaner sold to Tom Bensburg for \$5.00

Bill Hammer also donated a Magnetic Gluing Jig, sold to Bob Ferguson for \$8.00

Mark Hunt's donation of the book "Remembering Lexington" sold to Mike Cummings for \$7.00

HO wheel sets donated by Bill Robbins had no takers.

Private Sale (Lou offered \$5 on the spot):

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Bring and Brag

Larry K Smith

The March meeting was the time for persons to bring in their dioramas to show what they had done and to have them judged. Because of the dioramas, there was originally not going to be time to conduct a Bring and Brag session. However, after some discussion, it was decided to include Bring and Brag with the diorama judging with a variation of the popular vote. It was thought that the members would like to be asked to vote for the diorama they liked best and then for their second favorite diorama. Now that we were going to have voting, yours truly had to devise some way to turn these choices into some number to represent all the choices. It was arbitrarily decided by me to have each number one choice be worth 5 points and the second place vote to be worth 2 points. There could have been another set of weighing values, and if you have one, please contact me with it if you wish.

All the dioramas were very nice and it was obvious there was a lot of work done to make them as accomplished as they were. From looking at results of the popular voting, the two dioramas brought by John Bowling were very popular. Between the two, the dioramas collected 12 favorite votes and 8 second favorite votes. It goes without saying that both dioramas were very good. John's Wisley Bonds and Linens diorama had a total of 43 points, and the other diorama brought by John Bowling received a total of 33 points. This was out of grand total of 119 available points. The other points received were: 18 for Pete Birdsong, 15 for Stewart Winstandley, 8 for Lou Jaquith and 2 for Bill Robbins. Thanks to all of you who brought in a diorama and those members who voted in the popular vote.

It was also decided that these points for the popular voting would be translated into Bring and Brag points. Since the maximum number of points one could receive for a single Bring and Brag entry is 30, a total of 30 points were distributed among the persons who entered the diorama contest in proportion to their share of the popular vote. For example, the diorama from John Bowling of the Dant Mill obtained 28% of the popular vote (33 points of the total possible of 119), so John received 8 Bring and Brag points computed as .28 of 30 points. In a similar fashion, the other diorama from John earned 11 points. Other Bring and Brag points were: Pete Birdsong with 5, Stewart with 4, Lou Jaquith with 2 and Bill Robbins with 1. The updated standings below reflect these additional points.

The Bring and Brag topic for April is Trees and Painted figures. You can bring one or both. George Campbell showed us how to paint figures at the February meeting and Pete, Bill, and Lou showed you how to make trees at the March meeting. So, let's go and make some figures and trees! The last month for Bring and Brag will be May, and the topic for that month will be Weathering.

The rules for Bring and Brag are on our website for Division 10, MCR. If you have any questions or comments, please contact

yours truly, the Bring and Brag chairperson. Any ideas for future topics for Bring and Brag are always welcome. We'll begin a new year in August.

2010 -2011 Bring and Brag Standings

<i>Name</i>	<i>March Points</i>	<i>Total Points</i>
Ray Grosser		99.0
Lou Jaquith	2	97.8
Tom Krill		84.8
Larry K Smith		60.3
Bill Paulsell		50.5
Stew Winstandley	4	45.8
Don Burris		43.5
Dave Batten		36.5
Pete Birdsong	5	29.5
Renee Grosser		27.6
Franklin Miller		23.1
Bill Robbins	1	21.7
Ed Butcher		20.4
John Bowling	19	19.0

Auctions ... Continued from page 3

A Hump Yard Purveyance donated by Pete Birdsong, (which he had just won as a door prize) sold for \$5.00 to Lou Jaquith.

\$1 Raffle:

16 tickets sold with the winner's choice being a Tangent RTR Covered Hopper donated by Pete Birdsong.

Total for March 6, 2011, \$41.00 turned over to Lou Jaquith, Treasurer.

For April 3rd Auctions:

Silent Auction:

Donated by Stew Winstandley: a Randy Coffman 1 1/2" Right Clamp. A Tech II Railpower 1400 Control, Two Brass Bar Clamps, and an "O" scale Model Builders Scale Caliper all three donated by Bill Hammer and, donated by Mark Hunt, a book "Classic American Railroads" (new).

Raffle:

\$1 a ticket, Your Choice of an HO Tangent Covered Hopper (Pete Birdsong), a book "Southern Railway's Spencer Shops, 1896-1996" (Mike Cummins), or a Badger 250 Basic Spray Gun Set (Stew Winstandley).

— Brian Jones

Fred's Diorama Report

David Greer, one of the best modelers I have ever known, once said "Fred, the world is not flat and straight is boring". I've never forgotten it! As a result, when the 2nd. Annual Diorama Program was announced, the following suggestion was made: "A foam base is recommended. It will permit you to demonstrate the use of water on your entry. A river with a bridge, pond, ditch, culvert or waterfall will add interest to the scene. Elevation, use of rocks, trees, and people will also be judged for their realism". We had seven good entries that incorporated many of these features in their Dioramas.

The judges were Ray Grosser, Bill Paulsell, Larry Smith and I using a modified NMRA form with a total of 100 points possible.

1st and 2nd place winner was John Bowling with a total of 79 points on both dioramas. The South River Model Works structures were beautifully built and subtly weathered by John on both of his dioramas. The buildings had lights with lots of details and people doing typical work in the scenes. South River kits are made in New England and usually have rivers to power the mills and factory equipment. John's rivers were not straight but meandered thru the scene which added a lot of interest

to the water and dams. The roads were excellent and the trucks added to the over all realism. John's river rocks were wonderful. Second photo is below this report.

3rd place was Lou Jaquith with a total of 78 points. When I looked at Lou's small but exquisite diorama I felt I was looking at a real place instead of a model. The realism was incredible! His large scratch built trees were outstanding as were his rocks some of which had been hand carved. The road, crossing and trestle were all extremely well done. The variation in color and texture of his ground cover was outstanding. The grass really was greener below the privy!

4th place went to Pete Birdsong with a total of 76 points. There was a lot to like on this diorama. The variation in the size of stone on the gravel road was outstanding and very realistic. The detailing and weathering of the engine and rolling stock was the very best. His large beautiful scratch built building has already qualified for a well deserved merit award and was a major focal point in the scene.

The great structures he acquired from Bill Hammer also added lot of details and realism to the diorama.

5th place was Stew Winstandley with 57 points. His very nice Z-scale diorama featured four laser cut structures that were extremely well built. The waterfront structure on the pier and the boat added a lot of interest to the scene. The curved roads and fence were a very good addition to the overall design of this diorama.



6th place was to Tom Krill with 56 points. I think this was Tom's first entry and it was a great start. His water was excellent and his scratch built bridge was very well done. The people, horses and handcar were also beautifully painted. I'm looking forward to seeing Tom's entry next year!

7th place was Bill Robbins with 45 points. Bill had a very unique diorama. All of his buildings were hand laid bricks something most of us would not have the patience to do. His wagons, people and the detailed interior of the passenger car were all very nicely done.



Everyone who participated was a Winner! You learned some new modeling techniques and built something you should be proud of. As you continue to stretch your modeling skills and learn from others you will be even better next year in our Third Annual Diorama contest.

"Bid, Buy, Build and Enjoy" is my favorite E-bay quote!

— Fred Plymale



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NEWSLETTER FOR NMRA MCR DIVISION 10

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BRING AND BRAG

1:30, TREES & PAINTED
FIGURES

AUCTION, SEE PAGE 3

NEXT MEETING

2 PM, APR. 3, E SHORT ST,
LOU JAQUITH, WEATHERING

TOUR

LARRY SMITH'S HO,
1041 FORREST HILL DR.,
LAWRENCEBURG, KY.

AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
Apr.	3	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Weathering Clinic, Lou Jaquith	Larry K. Smith, Lawrenceburg	Trees and painted figures
May	1	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Auction, Bring & Brag, no clinic	Anthony Hardy, Scott County	Weathering Project
June	4 (Sat.)	Div. 10	Cincinnati Union Terminal (CUT)	Visit museum layout and CRRC Tower A		
July	3-9	NMRA	Sacramento, Calif.	Extra 2011 West www.x2011west.org	Read about all the activities on the website	
Aug.	7	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Scratch building cars & locomotives	Billy Wilson, Versailles	

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, May 13th, 7:00 PM

Joint swap meet with the Bluegrass Railroad Club, Meadowthorpe Community Center,

333 Larch Lane, Lexington, Ky. 40511