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The Superintendent's Report

The October meeting was a lot of fun. The auction went well, **Dave Battin's** clinic on open loads was well done and interesting, and we all enjoyed touring **Howard Coleman's** N, O and G scale layouts.



Next we look forward to MCR President **Dick Briggs** coming to Division 10 for our November 6 meeting to present a clinic, and to touring **Fred Plymale's** HO layout. Check out the auction items for this month - you're bound to find something you want there. MANY THANKS to all the contributors to the auction.

Like to operate?

- We're invited to revisit **Bob Weinheimer & Co.** in W.V. & environs. If you're interested, go to the web link <http://www.div10-mcr-nmra.org/wv-ops-session.php>

Like tours?

- Bill Robbins has scheduled us for an April tour of four Cincinnati layouts, all of which have been in the *Kalmbach Great Model Railroads* publications.

Congratulations to renewing members **Alan & Judy Bourne, John Bowling, Dennis Peavy, Fred Plymale, John Seybold** and **Stew Winstandley**.

If you have any **Scale Reproductions** certificates, **THEY MUST BE USED BY THE END OF OCTOBER**. After that, only new certificates will be honored.

— Pete Birdsong

Bring and Brag by Larry K. Smith

The topic for the second month of Bring and Brag was a flat car or a gondola car. We had fewer entries than last month but we did have four good models entered. Don Burris entered a gondola manufactured by American Flyer which contained ballast. Tom Krill presented us with a ballast gondola from a kit based on the Huatusquito RR in Mexico. Two flatcar entries came from Stew Winstandley. One

November Auction and Sales

FOR SALE

Available at the November Division 10 meeting will be a number of **GRS FLAME MAKERS**. **Bill Hammer** has donated eight of these units, in three sizes of "flames", small, medium and "YOUR HOUSE IS BURNING DOWN!". These are List priced at \$27.50 and are offered **FOR SALE** at \$14.00 each.

Bill also has donated a number of Railroad related memorabilia items ranging from a **Little Miami Railroad Co. Stock Certificate** to **NINGC belt buckles**. All items will be listed FOR SALE at the marked prices (all very reasonable!).

Half of the proceeds will be returned to Bill.

AUCTIONS

Bill also donated what I can only describe as a "**ROTARY DETAILER**". It resembles a small Dremel with a very small (1/32"? Dia) head. Bidding will start @ \$3, with a 50/50 split w/ Bill.

Another of Bill's donations is a **Wavetex DM78 Digital Multimeter**. This is a nice pocketsize meter in a case. Bidding will start at \$8. Again, a 50/50 split with Bill.

Bob Lawson has donated quit a few items, and this month an **MPP HO PRR Style Wooden Tower kit**, list price \$45, will be offered. Bob has requested a minimum 50% list starting price, so \$22.50 is where we will start the bidding.

Bob also has donated four **Yardmaster Series (Branchline Trains) HO AAR 40' BOXCAR kits**, lettered for Southern, four different numbers. List Price, for the four, is \$44. New in the box. Per Bob's request, Bidding starts at \$22 for the set.

Two of Bob's **Altas HO Water Tower Kits**, list price \$10 ea, will start at \$10 for the pair. If you only want one, \$5. But you DO NEED one at each end of the line!

RAFFLE

Some where, in our little box of goodies, are a collection of exceptional items, of which a few (your choice of one) will be offered by RAFFLE. Tickets @ \$1 each, FIVE for \$3, TEN for \$5. You can't beat that!

See you November 6th, and bring cash.

— Brian Jones

carried ingots and was modeled after a RJ Corman car used to haul aluminum ingots. The other flatcar, labeled for the RJ Corman RR, had a back hoe on the bed that is used to unload sand gondolas. Good work was done by all three of our fellow members and we are happy they shared their models with us. Thanks to Mark Hunt for the tables he made so we can view the models at an angle which is more comfortable.

I collected all the scoring sheets for the models. I did manage to obtain the results and announced them at the meeting. When I went home, however, continued on page 3



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WITLESS & CLUELESS

The continuing saga of

Rivets O'Reilly and Larry Loungecar

Written by Mike Armstrong

Rivets: Hey, Larry! Whatcha been up to?

Larry: Well, I been doin' some figurin', Rivets.

Rivets: Uh oh.

Larry: Come on, Rivets. Figurin' is serious business. I been figurin' and calcalatin'.

Rivets: Dare I ask about what?

Larry: Very funny. I am tryin' to solve the dilemma of all model railroaders.

Rivets: What's that?

Larry: It is the dilemma of "where does a model railroader put his/her boxes?"

Rivets: And you have come up with a solution?

Larry: Well, sort of. I am thinkin' 'bout sendin' it in as a tip to *Model Railroader* and Tom Miller. What do ya do with yours.

Rivets: I put 'em under the layout or in a closet.

Larry: That's my point. They take up twice the space as everything on the layout. I not only have come up with a solution, but I have already put it into practice.

Rivets: I can't wait to hear about it.

Larry: The first thing I did was stuff all the boxes with those styrofoam shipping popcorn.

Rivets: Why?

Larry: Because I tore all the sheetrock out of my basement room.

Rivets: I'm not trackin' with ya, Larry.

Larry: Then I took out all the fiberglass insulation. The Styrofoam popcorn acts as insulation and I stack all my boxes between the studs.

Rivets: Larry, I...

Larry: Just listen, Rivets. Then I bought four by eight pieces of oak paneling and put up instead of the sheet rock. Now, I have a place to store my boxes, still have insulation, and a cover to hide the boxes. Ingenious, huh?

Rivets: So, now ya have ta tear out the paneling when ya want a box?

Larry: Rivets, don't be so dense. Each piece of paneling is hinged. It's like opening a door!

Rivets: But don't ya think...

Larry: And there's more, Rivets. The bigger boxes I still put the popcorn packing stuff in and I put 'em between the floor joists above the drop ceiling.

Rivets: I've seen your work on the drop ceiling. I'm not sure they'll stay up there.

Larry: Aw, Rivets. That's what liquid nails is for. But there's an added benefit. The boxes and Styrofoam sound proof the upstairs from the down. So I can talk about the new stuff I buy and Bonnie can't hear what I'm sayin'

Rivets: Larry, you're somethin' else.

Larry: Ding, dang, diddly straight I am!

from page 1 ... I took the numbers from the scoring sheets and entered them into an excel spreadsheet which does a more accurate job of calculating and checking the results.

The results were that the two models brought in by Stew Winstandley scored the highest with the flatcar with the backhoe scoring 22.6 and the flatcar with the ingots scoring 22.0. Great job Stew. As you remember from the last meeting, we only record the one model with the highest score for Bring and Brag if more than one model is entered in a month. We are not trying to discourage you from entering as many models as you want, just revising the method of scoring for the year. Tom Krill received a score of 19.5 for his ballast gondola, and Don Burris scored 9.7 for his gondola.

We have had some good modeling so far this year and I hope it continues. The topic for November will be a **car to carry passengers**. I did not wish to say just a passenger car because you might think of a routine passenger car. I hope you might widen your thoughts to include anything which can be, or has been, employed to carry passengers. In this case, a passenger is defined as someone who has paid to ride the rails. For December, the topic for Bring and Brag will be open loads. Since Dave Batten gave us a great presentation in October on open loads, you should now be prepared to model and bring in an open load of your own. The list of proposed Bring and Brag topics is on our website if you wish to refer to it in planning ahead.

2011 -2012 Bring and Brag Standings

By Total Points from High to Low

| Name | October Points | Total Points |
|------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Stew Winstandley | 22.6 | 41.7 |
| Bill Paulsell | | 27.5 |
| Renee Grosser | | 26.6 |
| Bob Ferguson | | 26.4 |
| Don Burris | 9.7 | 26.1 |
| Fred Plymale | | 24.6 |
| Brian Jones | | 23.5 |
| Pete Birdsong | | 19.5 |
| Tom Krill | 19.5 | 19.5 |

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BRING AND BRAG

CAR THAT CARRIES PASSENGERS [SEE PAGE 3]

NEXT MEETING

1:30 PM AUCTION, 2 PM MEETING, NOV. 6, WATKINS BLDG, E. SHORT ST @ ESPLANADE, LEXINGTON

TOUR

FRED PLYMALE
3463 SNAFFLE, 40513

AROUND THE BEND

| MON. | DAY | HOST | PLACE | EVENT / PROGRAM | TOURS | BRING & BRAG |
|------|-----|---------|---|--|---------------|----------------------------|
| Nov. | 6 | Div. 10 | Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church | Dick Briggs, Modeling the Pennsy prototype | Fred Plymale | Cars that carry passengers |
| Nov. | 19 | Div. 8 | Ramada Plaza, 9700 Blue Grass Pkwy, Louisville, Ky. | Division 8 Train Show, 10 AM—3 PM | | |
| Dec. | 4 | Div. 10 | Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church | Bob Lawson & Fred Plymale Scratch building structures | No tour | Open car loads |
| Jan. | 8 | Div. 10 | Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church | Mark Underwood—PC based sound Bill Pausell—Scratch building Lou Jaquith—Number changes | Rich Raspenti | Something to share |
| Feb. | 5 | Div. 10 | Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church | Panel Discussion—Building my layout | Mark Hunt | Structure you built |

Bob Lawson and I will conduct the December clinic on “Scratch Building Structures”. I will have a simple plan for members to use for their first scratch building project and a slightly more complex one (Cass House) for ones who want a more challenging project. If a member has a plan he wants to scratch build for his layout, that would be okay too.

— Fred Plymale