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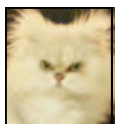
The Superintendent's Report

By Pete Birdsong

Our March meeting will be the long-awaited annual **DIORAMA CONTEST**. We're expecting a lot of entries by some great modelers, so be sure you don't miss this one. While **Ray Grosser** and **Fred Plymale** judge the entries, we'll be doing a clinic on My Favorite Tools, so bring your favorites to display and tell us about, especially any unusual or rare ones you may have. Rick Cobb will also discuss the Cass, W.Va. trip.

The February meeting was the most well-attended in my memory. Thanks to all the members and guests who came, and especially to the panel members: **Tom Bensberg**, **Larry Smith**, **Stew Winstandley**, and moderator **Bill Robbins**. Well done, guys.

Thanks also to renewing members **Thomas Bookout** and **Mark & Catherine Hunt**.



I encourage all of you who have not filled out a member profile yet to get that done and sent to **Tom Bensberg** so he can add it to the web site. Since we cannot post the roster without an opt-in, this is our best way to get to know who's who in the division, what layouts/scales/interests they have, etc. The form is on the Membership page of our website.

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. We'll meet at 8 AM Saturday, Apr. 21st at the parking lot of the Target store in Hamburg Place.

The February tour was to Mark Hunt's HO layout (photo below).



Bring and Brag

by Larry K Smith

The Bring and Brag topic for February was structures, whether scratchbuilt or not, and we had another great turnout of models with a total of eight. Hopefully this was a warm-up for the March Diorama contest. Besides having a good turnout of structures, what I especially liked was the obvious work which had been done in making the structures. Over half the structures were scratchbuilt and the remaining kits took more than a little effort and skill to assemble. Guys, we are looking good with our modeling. Many thanks to everyone who brought in an entry and for the real effort you all put forth in building your structures.

Our first entry was a water tower build from a kit brought by Don Burris. Pete Birdsong brought three structures he had scratchbuilt. Pete built a loading platform, a freight house, and a two story house. Dave Batten's entry was a nice looking scratchbuilt community rail station. Another good looking scratchbuilt entry was the Cass house which Rick Cobb built from plans from wood and a foundation from hydrocal. Bill Robbins entered two structures, one scratchbuilt and one built from a kit. The "Psycho house" was built from a kit and the three story residence looked impressive. Bill said if the light had worked, we could have seen the mother rocking in her chair in the window. Bill scratchbuilt the Bates motel from wood. Good work Bill. I had not expected so many nicely built scratchbuilt structures and I was delighted. Mike Cummins brought a two story building he had assembled from a kit, and Stew Winstandley had a logging boiler shop accompanied by a separate boiler which he had assembled from a kit. I probably need to study the models more myself and perhaps collect the Bring and Brag information sheets to help me in writing the descriptions. As you know, we now require the information sheets to be filled out for your Bring and Brag entries. These sheets are also available from our website.

Not only did we have a good number of entries, but we had a record number of judging forms turned in. The record number of scoring sheets was probably due to the large number of members in attendance. I had to expand my Excel scoring worksheet again to include all the scores. The spreadsheet is a real aide, especially when we have so many scoring on so many models.

Now let me present the results of all the scoring. Rick Cobb had the highest score with 21.7 for his scratchbuilt Cass house.



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B&B continued from page 1.... Pete Birdsong was next at 20.9 with the three structures he built as a unit. The two models built by Bill Robbins came in next with close scores of 20.2 and 20.1. Dave Batten's scratchbuilt community rail station scored 19.7, just ahead of Mike Cummins's two story house. Close behind was Stew Winstandley at 18.8 for his logging boiler shop with boiler, and Don Burris received a score of 13.1. Thanks again to everyone who submitted a model and to those who took the time to look the models over and score them.

Next month we will have the Diorama contest and along with it a popular vote by the members for Bring and Brag. There will not be an April Bring and Brag, since we will be going to visit layouts in the Cincinnati area.

In May, we will have Bring and Brag in the building before we go to Keith Wiseman's. Hopefully we will have a good turnout in May when the topic is a scratchbuilt model, either a structure or a car. In June, the topic for will be a contest of photos taken by our members. There will be two categories for photo entries. One category will be a prototype photo and the other will be a photo of a model. You can enter either one or both. A maximum of one photo will count for Bring and Brag for each category. June will be the last Bring and Brag for the 2011-2012 season.

The rules for Bring and Brag are on our Division 10, MCR website.

**2011- 2012 Bring and Brag Standings
By Total Points from High to Low**

| <i>Name</i> | <i>February Points</i> | <i>Total Points</i> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Stew Winstandley | 18.8 | 97.1 |
| Don Burris | 13.1 | 71.5 |
| Pete Birdsong | 20.9 | 62.3 |
| Bill Paulsell | | 45.1 |
| Rick Cobb | 21.7 | 41.2 |
| Dave Batten | 19.7 | 36.7 |
| Renee Grosser | | 26.6 |
| Bob Ferguson | | 26.4 |
| Fred Plymale | | 24.6 |
| Brian Jones | | 23.5 |
| Bill Robbins | 20.2 | 20.2 |
| Tom Miller | | 19.7 |
| Tom Krill | | 19.5 |
| Mike Cummins | 19.4 | 19.4 |
| Lou Jaquith | | 18.4 |
| Larry K Smith & Randy Coffman | | 18.0 |

Diorama Contest, March 4th

<http://www.div10-mcr-nmra.org/diorama-contest.php>

An entry form needs to accompany your diorama. Either fill out the form prior to the 2 PM meeting, or link to the above web address and link on *entry form* to print one to bring with you.

The following scale-based maximums will apply:

| SCALE | MAXIMUM SIZE (SQUARE FEET) | SCALE | MAXIMUM SIZE (SQUARE FEET) |
|-----------|----------------------------|----------|----------------------------|
| G | 6 | N | 3 |
| O | 6 | Z | 3 |
| HO | 3 | T | 3 |

A foam base is recommended to facilitate the use of water on your entry- a river with a bridge, a pond, ditch, culvert or waterfall will add interest. Elevation, use of rocks, trees and people will also be judged for their realism. You can build as many structures as you need to make your scene realistic. The scene ought to include a rail line of some kind, and this provides the opportunity to exhibit more modeling proficiency with detailed or scratch-built cars, engines, track, signals, etc. Lighting or other animation are also great additions.

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BRING AND BRAG

DIORAMA VOTING BY MEMBERS

NEXT MEETING

DIORAMA CONTEST

1:30 PM AUCTION, 2 PM
MEETING, MAR. 4, WATKINS
BLDG, E. SHORT ST @
ESPLANADE, LEXINGTON

TOUR

NONE

AROUND THE BEND

| MON. | DAY | HOST | PLACE | EVENT / PROGRAM | TOURS | BRING & BRAG |
|------|-----------|---------|--|---|---|--------------------------|
| Mar. | 4 | Div. 10 | Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church | Diorama contest Cass trip—Rick Cobb, and your favorite tools | No tour | Members vote on Dioramas |
| Mar. | 24 | Div. 8 | Ramada Plaza, 9700 Blue Grass Pkwy., Louisville | Train Show and Sale 10-3 | Layouts | |
| Apr. | 21 (Sat.) | Div. 10 | Cincinnati, Ohio (details in next <i>Lantern</i>) | Layout tours | Four Cincy area layouts | None |
| Apr. | 26-29 | MCR | Pittsburgh, Pa. (website address below) | Mid-Central Region Convention | Details in Winter 2012 <i>Kingpin</i> | |
| May | 6 | Div. 10 | Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church | Auction and Bring and Brag, then trip to Paris | Keith Wiseman 898 Black's Cross Rd, Paris | Something scratchbuilt |

Division 7 MCR has a swap meet March 17th, 10-4, at the Lakota West Freshman Campus, 5050 Tylersville Rd., West Chester, Ohio.

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