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Don Dodson Estate Sale

The Items in the Estate Sale will be available at the November 15th Division 10 Train Show on Saturday morning by special early admission from 8AM to 10AM for members of the NMRA only. Present your membership card and get an additional 10% off listed prices.

-Wendell

Message From The Superintendent

A hearty welcome to our guest Ed Butcher at our October meeting. Ed is an avid modeler and is no stranger to Lexington. We were pleased to have you Ed and come visit us again.

Don't forget our train show on the 15th of November. It's going to be a great show and you don't want to miss it. We expect many vendors to come and with individuals renting tables, there will be lots of stuff to choose from. If you want to rent a table, let Fred Plymale know. If you can help out, let me know. This is a club project and we need your support.

We will have our club car at the show. It will be a C&O 40' box car - 2 styles - 1937 and 1952-1954 with different road numbers. They are great looking and I know you will want one or two.

Your officers are in the midst of looking at 2004. We are trying to set up a plan that will best fit your needs. Fritz Dutro is distributing a survey

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Notes form Fritz

It is hard to believe that November is upon us already. The year certainly has sped by. October was such a pretty month I am sure that everyone had a hard time getting motivated to do some modeling but now that the winter is arriving it's time to clear off the workbench.

First things first. The last two months meeting have both been sparsely attended. The layout tour even more so with a grand total of only six people cumulatively attending the last two layout tours. As of this month we are going to suspend the layout tours until such time that our attendance increases to where it makes sense to ask people to open up their homes and go to the

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Sam Swanson to give Clinic in Lexington

On Sunday, November 2nd at 2:00 pm at the Division 10 meeting at Beaumont Library in Lexington we will be fortunate to experience a clinic given by the nationally recognized expert modeler, Sam Swanson.

Sam has won many modeling contests at the NMRA national level. His work has appeared in numerous modeling publications. And he has written many articles for the top Model Railroad Magazines.

Sam will be giving instruction and demonstrations on the art of finishing and detailing railroad models. His techniques are the result of his many years of trial, error, and success. Also Sam has studied many of the masters in the field of Model Railroad. He brings this knowledge and skill to Lexington for our benefit.

Whether you are a beginner or an experienced modeler, Sam will present many new ideas for you to take home. Many of Sam's best techniques are simple and require minimal skill, but they will make a difference in your modeling endeavors that everyone will recognize as an improvement in your work.

DON'T miss this clinic. You will be sorry if you do.



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“STUFF” & OPPORTUNITIES

Mike Armstrong occasionally knows of *members’ overstock* situations and other opportunities to acquire or dispose of “stuff.” Get in touch with him to find out what’s currently available. These liquidations, generally via a web auction, bear a 15 to 20% fee.

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Contact Mike Walter to arrange for an ad, or Mike Armstrong for liquidations.

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Witless vs. Clueless

The Continuing Railroad Adventures of Rivets O’Reilly and Larry Loungecar



**Created by ‘Railroad’ Pete Birdsong
Written by Mike Armstrong**

Larry: I tell ya, Rivets, there is nothin’ like a pond with fish in it to add visual interest to a garden railroad.

Rivets: Yeah, Larry. Yours looks pretty good! I am surprised at your efforts.

Larry: Well, I was at the pond shop a couple o’ weeks ago and I bought these really pretty fish, twelve inches long. I bought five of ‘em and put ‘em in my pond, some kind of fancy named thing, but they look like albino gold fish to me. I like comin’ up here to watch ‘em.

Rivets: They cost much to take care of?

Larry: Well, like anything else, the expensive part is the initial investment: thirty bucks a piece for the fish, thirty bucks for a couple of bags of food, ten bucks for a screen to cover the mouth where the stream comes out, five bucks for a feeding ring, and eight bucks for an artificial frog.

Rivets: An artificial frog?! What for?

Larry: I wanted to give ‘em the feelin’ they were free and in the wild. Frogs are wild animals.

Rivets: Frogs are reptiles, but what do you care?

Larry: Well then I added about one hundred fifty dollars worth of plants so the fish could have something to swim around and they could eat the algae that grows on the plants.

Rivets: Wow! This adds up pretty fast.

Larry: No kiddin’! And just when I thought I was finished, I went into the pond store the other day and they had a underwater video camera so you could watch your fish. I had to have it and that was three hundred fifty bucks! But

man o’ man, watching those fish under water in my own pond was so great! I even video taped ‘em. So cute swimmin’ up to the camera and their bug eyed little eyeballs lookin’ in the lens.

Rivets: By my count, that is seven hundred and three bucks for fish and related items. I am thinkin’ ‘bout all the train stuff you could’da bought!

Larry: Well, ya can add another fifty bucks for this sign like ya see in the national parks: a piece of treated wood with the letters carved in it: NO FISHIN’!

Rivets: Well, lets have a look at those fish!

Larry: We can’t. There ain’t any!

Rivets: What do ya mean “there ain’t any“?

Larry: Well, I fell asleep the other night video tapin’ my fish. Raccoons can’t read, Rivets! I got it all on tape. It was the most pathetic thing I had ever seen in my life. I thought I was watchin’ Wild Kingdom or somethin’. Then I realized it was my own pond and my own fish fightin’ for their lives. They never stood a chance, Rivets. They never stood a chance. Fish innards and bones all over my television screen.

Rivets: Well, Larry, look at the bright side. It isn’t often a raccoon gets a thirty dollar a plate dinner with five hundred dollars worth of trimmin’s!





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win-win!!

Bring n' Brag October, 2003

Good news and bad news for October's Bring n' Brag. First, the good news: We had four outstanding modeling entries to go with Bob Lawson's great clinic on dioramas. The bad news is that there were only thirteen present to enjoy it!

First, Mike Walter entered a great looking N scale Diamante Shipping Warehouse. The ancient looking structure contrasted sharply with a BNSF unit emerging from one of the doors. Bill Robbins had a neat looking Giddings and Lewis Machine Tool Co. Fritz Dutro entered a tiny Rocky's Bar complete with trucks out front and a burly guy from the 1920s or 1930s that was too

cool! Bob Lawson's awesome A.D. Hammonds Railway supply was the fourth entry. Bob took first, Fritz was second, and Mike's warehouse was third.

There was only one photo entry: Fritz Dutro had an excellent shot of a huge steel mill.

Congratulations and a big thanks to those who entered. Award certificates will be handed out at the next meeting on November 2 at Beaumont Branch Library. Next month's category is Passenger Cars. Also, don't forget the Show and Tell table where one can bring any items to share without the pressure of competition. See you then!

-Ron Kercheval

Super's Message (Continued from page 1) which we would like you to fill out and return. If you do this, it will be a big help to us.

I attended the MCR regional meeting on 10/12/03 and here are some of the highlights.

Elections: Brian Petroziello was elected Vice president, to fill the post vacated by Lou Dalton's move to Florida. Pete Birdsong has resigned as Secretary, and Ivan Baugh of Louisville was elected to take his place.

Web Site: Ivan Baugh encouraged members to access the Division web site. He has over 6000 hits. He would like more layout tours on the web site. If you would like to submit pictures of yours, his address is iwbaugh@insightbb.com.

Boy Scouts: Division 3 has a strong Boy Scout program. Mike Walter would like to start a program for Div 10. When he is ready, he will need some volunteers.

Div 10: I reported on our train show and our club car. I also told the group that we have 501(c)(3).

Division Train shows:

Div 3 - Nov 1st and 2nd. Dayton, OH

Div 6 - Nov 16th. Hilliard, OH

Div 7 - Oct 25-26. Lakota W. High School, Cincinnati

Div 8 - Thanksgiving weekend, Louisville, KY

Div 10- November 15th, Knights of Columbus Hall, Lexington, KY

-Bill

Notes from Fritz (Continued from page 1)

effort to prepare their layouts for our viewing. In addition, the officers are discussing several changes to the Sunday program including meeting on different days and a different format. Bear with us during this time and we hope that the retooled meetings will continue to stimulate your interest.

This month we are again honored with an excellent clinician. Sam Swanson is returning from Cincinnati to present us with a clinic on finishing and detailing models. Sam is a nationally renowned modeler and author with many national and regional awards to his credit. Sam's clinic last year was to a capacity crowd. Good seats should be at a premium so be sure to arrive early.

Last month was our first show and tell. Again we are asking that you bring examples of your modeling and share it with the rest of us. This is a non-judged display of your recent efforts. In addition we are looking for a healthy turn-out of entries for the Bring and Brag.

I am working on the clinic schedule for next year and the line up looks to be as good or better as this past year. I hope to see many of you attending our monthly meetings and rewarding our hard working presenters with your attendance. Thanks for your support and I'll see you Sunday.

-Fritz

2003 Bring n' Brag Scores

MODELS

PHOTOS

High to Low or Tie	Oct.	YTD	High to Low or Tie	Oct.	YTD
Fritz Dutro (2nd)	4	41	Fritz Dutro (1st)	5	41
Mike Walter (3rd)	3	26	Randy Coffman		30
Bill Robbins	2	18	Howard Coleman		6
Bob Lawson (1st)	5	14	Bill Robbins		6
Howard Coleman		9	Pete Birdsong		5
Pete Birdsong		5	Mike Baskette		4
Mike Baskette		4	Tony Lucio		4
Chris Cord		4	David Reed		3
Pat Gerstle		4	Ron Kercheval		3
Ray Grosser		4			
David Reed		4			
Tony Lucio		4			
Peter Bourne		3			

Bring n' Brag Schedule for 2003

Nov. - Passenger Cars

Dec. - Open Loads: Flat Cars, Gondolas and Intermodal



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Fourth Quarter, 2003

President's Message

by Howard Smith

In my last report, I had visited two Division meetings and as of this report the number has increased to five. It has been both fun and very rewarding to see the number of NMRA members taking part in the programs offered by the Divisions. These trips have given me an opportunity to meet many of you that I would not get to meet any other way. Thanks for your hospitality and I am looking forward to visits to the remaining Divisions.

One thing I have noticed is that most Divisions' meetings are attended by a fraction of its members. I am sure it is not the program being presented because the programs are outstanding. I know it's not that members are unaware of meeting times and dates because they receive newsletters from the Divisions. So, is it these members do not care, or is it they feel uncomfortable because we are strangers to them. If you know of a member who has stopped coming to Division meetings, or you know of a member who has never attended a meeting, it's time to do something about it. Invite that member to the next Division meeting. Car pooling is a great way to get to know them and saves gas too. If we are going to do all this work to provide a great program, doesn't it make sense to get the maximum number of members to attend.

On October 12 the mid-year MCR Board for Directors meeting was held. The Board elected Brian Petroziello as Vice-president to replace Lou Dalton who moved to Florida. Brian is from Division 3 and lives in the Dayton, Ohio area. In addition, the BOD also elected Ivan Baugh as MCR Secretary replacing Pete Birdsong who resigned the position. Ivan also serves as MCR Web Master and lives in the Louisville, Kentucky area. Thank you Brian and Ivan for volunteering to serve the MCR. Many thanks to Pete Birdsong for his service to the MCR as Secretary. You will be missed.

Remember Model Railroading Is Fun.

Trustee's Message

by Mike Brestel

Well, this issue I'm only three days past deadline as I write this. If this trend continues, I'll be early for the next issue. Judy will probably require CPR if that ever happens!

I have just two items on which to report this month. First, I just heard that National did end up in the black for

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the 2002-2003 fiscal year. Just how far in the black remains to be seen since the reports aren't finished yet, but this is the first time in at least eight years that we were able to accomplish this. What makes this feat even more remarkable is that it was accomplished in a year when our biggest income producers, the national convention and train show, fell far short of expectations for income. The officers and staff, as well as the many volunteers, are to be commended for finally getting our financial ship turned around and on a new course.

Second, the new regulations, intended to replace the old constitution and by-laws, are finally finished and ready for the ballot. Anyone who wants to read them will find them on the National website, www.nmra.org, or can receive them by phoning the home office and asking for a printed copy (there's some postage involved, but I don't know how much), or I can e-mail you a PDF file if you send me an e-mail request.

In addition, Charlie Getz has written a two-part Q&A article for the Bulletin, and I can send you that as a Word file if you request it. The Q&A article answers many, but not all, of the many questions members are asking about how the new regulations and the LRP will be implemented if they are approved by the membership on the next ballot.

As I have said many times, I'm sure that no one is completely happy with every provision in the new regulations, but I think they represent our best chance for making the NMRA more relevant to the hobby and improving our long-term survivability. In addition, the new regulations help to bring all levels of the NMRA closer together, while still preserving the autonomy and viability of the regions and their divisions. I am excited by the possibilities they represent, and I urge every member to approve them when the ballot comes early next year.

Well, that's all I have for you this time. As always, I am available to you by e-mail, mail, and phone. My numbers are on the masthead of the *KingPin*. Feel free to write or call, whether about the new regulations or any other subject of concern. I'll be happy to hear from you.

Web Master Report

by Ivan W Baugh

Our web site continues to provide resources for model railroaders. As I write this column, we have had 5,960 hits. During the month of September we had six (6) days with over 150 hits each day. Our highest number of hits on a single day (220) occurred on September 16, 2003. The Useful Web Pages had 91 page views, the most frequently viewed page on our web site after the home page. Some recent additions to the web site include a link to a web page on semaphores, a link to the Cincinnati Limited convention web site, and a link on the Projects page to Division 7's new hopper cars. Do you know of a web page that would make a good addition to our web site? Please send it to the webmaster at iwbaugh@insightbb.com.

This is your web site. I seek your help in continuing to make it useful for model railroaders. Does a Z gauge layout exist in the Mid-Central Region? Please encourage the modeler to write about the layout and take photos for our layout page. Remember that the author and photographer can earn Author Points toward Master Model Railroader certification. If you need assistance doing this, please contact the Webmaster; I will gladly assist. We also need a G gauge layout tour. Again, the Webmaster will gladly assist with preparing the material for the web site.

A P Report

by Frank Kock

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Announcements

Oct 26, 2003	Medina Model Railroad & Toy Shows - 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Oct 25-26, 2003	Cincinnati 36 th Annual Model Railroad Show
Nov 1-2, 2003	28 th Annual Dayton Train Show
Nov 15, 2003	Lexington Annual Fall Train Show - Knights of Columbus
Nov 16, 2003	Buckeye Division Annual Train Show - Hilliard, Oh
Nov 28-30, 2003	Louisville Holiday Train Show - Bill Collins Ford
Dec 7, 2003	Willard Train Show & Swap Meet - 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Apr 3, 2004	Division 11 Jamboree - Clarion Pa
May 13-16, 2004	MCR Spring Convention - Three Rivers Transfer - Pittsburg, PA

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the second quarter newsletter is **January 5, 2004**. Please send your articles and announcements to: KingPin Editor, 6322 Mid Pines Court, Grove City, OH 43123-9505 or e-mail to logandj@earthlink.net.

Treasurer's Report

by Judy Logan

		July 15, 2003 — Oct 12, 2003
Balance on Hand	July 15, 2002	22,470.80
	Income	22.00
	Expenses	(836.24)
Balance on Hand	Oct 12, 2003	21,656.56
	Checking	2,254.88
	Petty Cash	51.50
	Certificate of Deposits	15,500.00
	Disaster Fund CD	3,850.18
	Total Funds	21,656.56
Inventory		
	Mobile Home Kits 7 @ \$11	77.00
	Mountaineer Convention Cars 24 @ \$7.20	172.80
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Inventory Value		334.80
	Total Net Worth	21,991.36

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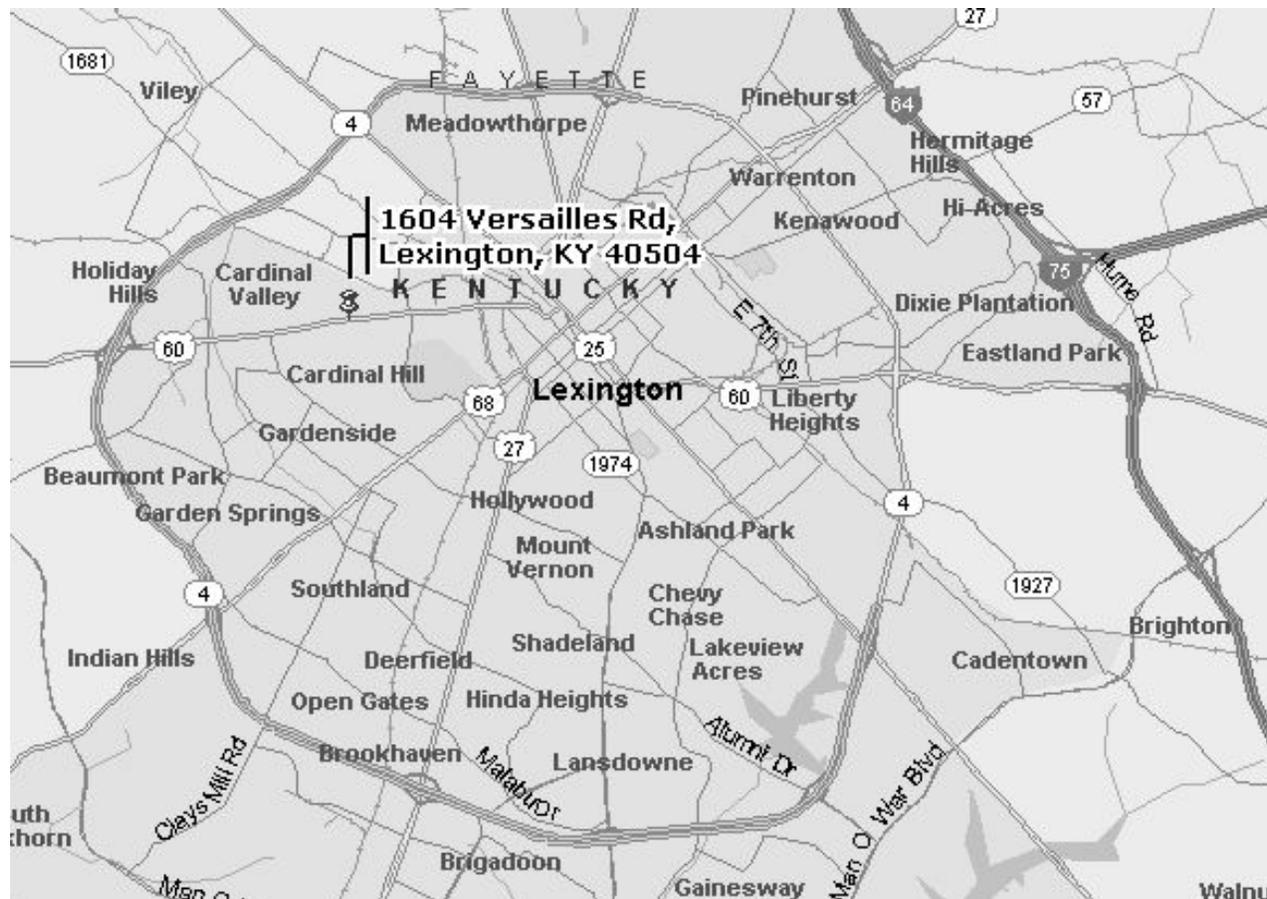
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Open Letter to the Division 10 Members

If you have missed several monthly meetings, you may not know this but the monthly meeting attendance has fallen off to about 12-15 members. This presents several questions among the officers and board members. First, we have been trying (and succeeding I believe) to present timely and interesting topics regarding the various aspects of model railroading. Never the less, we are getting fewer and fewer members out for the meetings. It particularly looks bad when we get a speaker in from out of town and so few members show up. This begs the question "what is happening or what are we doing wrong causing the drop in attendance?" We did a survey about a

year ago asking what the members wanted in the way of programs and I believe we have been meeting those goals. Do you have other suggestions for increasing our meeting attendance? If so, please let one of us know about your thoughts.

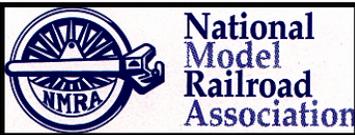
I realize that summer attendance sometimes drop off but we were doing much better a year ago. It takes about 12-15 members to make the Division 10 operate. Arranging speakers for the meetings, setting up meeting locations, writing and publishing the Lantern, keeping up the web site, attend regional meetings and Achievement Awards are just a few of the items that the officers are doing monthly. The officers and board are now in a dilemma as to which direction to go. If this is the best attendance we are going to have at the meetings, then maybe we should take a hard look at Division's 10 future. Before Division was reacti-

vated a couple of years ago, our group was part of Louisville Division 8. From my viewpoint, Louisville might as well have been located on the west coast...I never attended a single meeting. These 12-15 members could easily meet Ad hoc in the members homes. But what about the rest of you?

I realize that things do happen which precludes one from attending a meeting but we have had sparse attendance for many months. Like I said earlier we welcome any suggestions from the membership in order to turn this situation around.

What will it be guys?

-Wendell Greer Membership Chair



AROUND THE BEND

MON	DAY	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
NOV	2	MCR DIV 10	Beaumont Library, Lexington off of Harrodsburg Road Sunday, 2:00 pm	Sam Swanson on Finishing and detailing models	None	Passenger Cars
NOV	14	BGRRC	Meadowthorpe Community Ctr. Lexington, KY Friday, 7:30 pm	Joe Holbrook on NMRA standards and being able to keep the trains on track	Guests are Always WELCOME	
NOV	15	Division 10 Annual Fall Train Show	Knights of Columbus 1604 Versailles Road Lexington Kentucky	This is YOUR train show! Please enjoy!	Volunteers Please Contact Bill Robbins	
DEC	7	MCR DIV 10	To Be Announced	Miles Hale Mold making and casting small detail parts	To Be Announced	Open Loads: Flat Cars, Gondolas and Intermodal.
JAN 2004	4	MCR DIV 10	To Be Announced	Pete Birdsong on Operations	Pete Birdsong's Operating Session	To Be Announced
MAY 2004	13-16	MCR Convention	Four Points Sheraton, Cranberry, PA	Contact Div 2 for more information		
JULY 2004	4-11	NMRA Nat'l Convention	Seattle, WA	See Website for full details: http://www.nmra2004.org/		

**Next Meeting:
Beaumont Library
Lexington, KY
November 2
Sunday, 2:00 pm**



**Program:
Sam Swanson on
Finishing and
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**Bring & Brag:
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