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Editor's Notes

This is my first edition of the Lantern as editor. I have some mighty big shoes to fill as I have taken the position from John Gorman, our new superintendent. Without John's kind help, there would have been no way I could have prepared this issue. Please don't hesitate to let me know if any of you have any suggestions for improving the Lantern. Most important, let's give John our support as we have an exciting future for Division 10 and our great hobby in general.

Don't forget our Train Show on Saturday, November 13 !!! Please see Insert in this issue.

- Ron Kercheval

Message From The Superintendent

This is my first column as the new Superintendent of the Division. I am very pleased to report that we had a great turnout at the October meeting at the Tates Creek Library and I want to thank Fred Plymale for working with me on the clinic. I hope it was fun for all.

I enjoyed our visit to Bill Paulsell's garden railroad and his HO layout. Bill has done a lot of great work and I noticed many improvements since our last visit. Thank you Bill for opening your layouts to us.

On November 7th we will meet at the Beaumont Library in Lexington, at 2:00 PM. Mike Baskette will give a clinic on the assembly & weathering plastic structure kits and we will visit David Greer's N scale layout. Both of these young men are masters in their own right. DON'T miss this opportunity to learn how to improve your work. I know I always learn a thing or two from both Mike and David whenever they share their skills with us.

Wendell Greer and I attended the MCR Regional Board of

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October Bring & Brag Winner - Pat Gerstle



Pat Gerstle's S scale warehouse took first place in October's contest. The craftsmanship and stonework detail on this model is amazing. Congratulations on the great work!



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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.

In addition, *The Lantern* is in a position to advertise your “overstock” items, for a fee of 10%.

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



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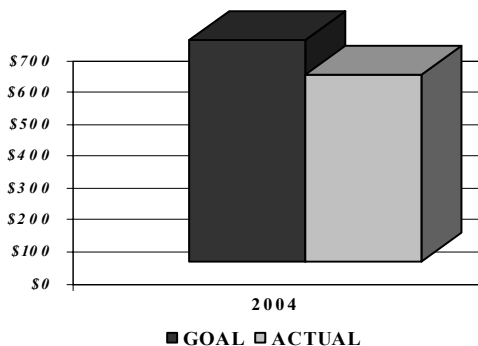
New Donations last month are in **Bold**.

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win-win!!

Bring n' Brag October, 2004

The theme for our October Bring n' Brag was Commercial Structures. We had another good collection of models to enjoy from our talented members and friends.

We had seven modeling entries. First, Lou Jaquith entered his impressive Green River Collieries mine. Next, Fred Plymale had a great looking Railroad Rooming House with figures of a man being arrested for seeking entertainment best not mentioned in a family publication. Also, Fred presented a finely detailed five story Victorian Square building complete with lights. Bill Robbins had two entries: a "Waterfront Willies" place built from a kit and a sharp looking "Dubois Store" by LaserArt. Pat Gerstle entered an exquisite S scale warehouse with unbelievable stone detail, and David Batten rounded things out with his "George Roberts Printing Co". Pat handily took first place with his entry, and Fred's Victorian Square building and rooming house took second and third respectively.

There were no photo entries this month.

In show and tell, our guest Lee Floria shared his extensive scrapbook of steam locomotive scrapbook.

We had another good turnout for this meeting as over twenty showed up again! Next month's category will be Passenger cars. We should have a good turnout

2004 Bring n' Brag Scores

MODELS			PHOTOS		
High to Low or Tie	Sept	YT	High to Low or Tie	Sept	YT D
Fred Plymale (2nd)	4	36	Pat Gerstle (1st)	5	32
Pat Gerstle		20	Fritz Dutro		25
Fritz Dutro		13	John Lathrop		8
Bill Robbins		10	Ray Grosser		5
Lou Jaquith (1st)	5	8	Pete Birdsong		4
Tony Lucio (3rd)	3	7	David Batten (2nd)	4	4
Wendell Greer		7	Lou Jaquith		3
Pete Birdsong		6	Bill Robbins		2
Richard Frye		5			
Mike Baskette		4			
David Batten	2	4			
David Greer		3			
Bill Hammer		2			

* Off Topic

Points are awarded for models according the following rules. Three points for a first place. Two points for second place and one point for third. One point is awarded for your first entry. A second point is given if that entry is "On Topic". More than one entry in any month's contest can win place points but is not eligible for additional entry points.

Bring n' Brag Schedule for 2004

November - Passenger Cars

December - Open Loads: Flat Cars, Gondolas and Intermodal

as the manufacturers have really produced some nice models recently. Don't forget to bring

along any sale/trade items, too. See you all next month!

Ron Kercheval

Witless vs. Clueless

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

Created by 'Railroad' Pete Birdsong - Written by Mike Armstrong



Larry: Hi Rivets! You are just in time for my test run.

Rivets: Uh oh. Test run for what?

Larry: Well, ya know how you're always tellin' me that I model in too many scales? I have an answer for that. I'm gonna put all my scales in one layout. From Z to G they're all gonna run.

Rivets: How ya gonna do that?!

Larry: Well, first of all ya gotta understand the principle of "forced perspective". The z scale will be the farthest away, then N, then HO, then S then O and then G out front.

Rivets: That is a design nightmare, Larry. It can't be done.

Larry: It not only CAN be done, I've done it, sort of, with my new computer software. And not only that, I have set up the track plan so that all the railroads come together and they line up from the largest to the smallest right in front on what I am callin' "the interchange yard". And, they'll all get there at the same time!

Rivets: This I gotta see!

Larry: And I've planned this layout so that each scale is run on DCC, has its own power source, and there is a strict time table set. The layout is designed so that each scale has a certain number of set outs to make on its run. And the length of the track is right for each scale so that they all get to Interchange Yard at the same time. When they leave the yard, all trains go back out to their own route and when you look at the layout, you see them again from the forced perspective.

Rivets: Larry, won't that take a lot of room?

Larry: No problem. The guys are gonna start building my pole barn tomorrow. It's gonna be 200' x 200'. Come on to the computer and let's see how this thing works.

Rivets: Where did you find this software, Larry?

Larry: I got it from a new company. As a matter of fact, I was their first customer. I forget the name. It's over there on the packaging. It is called AFAHM or something like that.

Rivets: Larry, did you happen to read the small print under the AFAHM?

Larry: Nah, I never pay much attention to those things.

Rivets: According to this, it stands for "A Fool And His Money..."

Larry: I wonder what that means? Forget it. Let's run this train layout. I don't have controls for all the trains, but I'm just gonna start it and see what happens. They should all end up here at the same time.

Rivets: What in the world is that spaghetti lookin' maze at the head of the yard.

Larry: That is my own invention. With this software, I designed an interchange track where all the scales have to cross.

Rivets: Larry, if you are right about the timing, they're all gonna get there at the same time. You better wait a minute. Let's think this through.

Larry: Too late, Rivets, I pushed the start button. Here we go!

(after an hour of running)

Rivets: Larry, this ain't lookin' good. They are all comin' to that interchange track.

Larry: Relax, Rivets. The software won't let me down.

Rivets: Uh, Larry, you're computer is smokin'!

Larry: What?!?!?

Rivets: Larry...is it too late to put that pole barn on hold?



Message From The Superintendent

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Directors meeting on October 17th. It was agreed that our Regional President, Howard Smith would assume the role of interim National Trustee since our past Trustee, Mike Brestal has been elected National Vice President and the appointee, Miles Hale has moved out of the region.

Nominations procedures for Region officers to be elected in the spring 2005 were reviewed. The present slate of officers has indicated a willingness to serve another term. Committee chairman vacancies were noted for Education, Estate Counselor, Historian, and Division 0. Suggestions for individuals to fill these positions were requested from the members of the Board.

The new National rules and regulations, which come into effect in July 2005, will abolish the Trustee system in favor of a Board of Directors. There will be fewer Directors than there are Regions so it is to be seen weather our region will be the home of one of the National Directors.

The National election timetable is as follows:

Nomination deadline:
December 31, 2004

Ballots due to be
mailed 45 days prior to due

date: February 18, 2005

Ballots due to Teller,
Al Doddroe by April 4, 2005.

Other news announced at the regional meeting was the implementation of a special 6 month membership in the NMRA. This membership includes all rights and privileges of a regular member, including convention admission, and the Scale Rails magazine but does not include the membership packet. The cost of the "Rail Pass" trial membership is only \$9.95. The trial membership is available to anyone who has not held a NMRA membership after July 1, 2003. There is no special application form. Just write "Rail Pass" on the standard form and forward it along with \$9.95 to National. This offer will end July 31, 2005.

We continue to have our N-Trak layout on display in the Turfland Mall. I am looking for a new schedule coordinator for weekend operations. If anyone would like to volunteer please let me know. The mall endeavor has been very successful and we look forward to a rewarding Christmas season and continuing success through next year.

It has been suggested, and I agree, that it would be a great addition to the Mall display if we were to use the open

space in front of the layout to build a small layout. This could be great fun for us and an educational experience for visitors. We would take our time doing each step so that folks could come by on a weekly basis and watch our progress. At the conclusion of the project the layout would be raffled and the proceeds used for a charitable donation. I suggest we purchase model railroading books for the libraries in Lexington and surrounding communities. Raffle tickets could be sold throughout the construction period, thereby building interest and motivating folks to buy additional tickets as they see the layout progress.

To make this project become a reality I will need a project chairman and folks to volunteer to build the payout and perhaps donate supplies and equipment. And, a budget will have to be prepared by the volunteer chairman and me. I think this would be a great project for us to do as a club. It would give more meaning to the Tuesday night meetings and help the public understand what we do. Please let me know your thoughts on these ideas and/or volunteer if you want to be involved.

Well, that is enough for this month; stay tuned for more in the December Lantern.

- John Gorman



AROUND THE BEND

MON	DAY	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
NOV	7	MCR DIV 10	Beaumont Library Lexington, KY 2:00 PM	Mike Baskette: Assembly & Weathering Plastic Structure Kits	David Greer	Passenger Cars
NOV	12	BGRC	Meadowthorpe Community Center 333 Larch Lane, Lex., KY 7:30 pm	Steam Locomotives in action in Midwest during 1940s - 16mm Film presented by Wes Ross		
NOV	13	Division 10 MCR NMRA Train Show	Knights of Columbus 1604 Versailles Road Lexington, KY 10:00am to 4:00pm	Adm \$5.00, \$4.00 with coupon. Children under 12 free. Table rental \$15.00.	For reservations contact Fred Plymale, 3463 Snaffle Road, Lex., KY 40513. (859)223-7270	
DEC	5	MCR DIV 10	TBA 2:00 PM	Tom Wheeler on Working with Styrofoam	Morgan McIlwain	Open Loads: Flat Cars, Gondolas and Intermodal
MAY 2005	12-15	MCR Convention	Comfort Inn, Austinburg, OH	Contact: Matt Kross e-mail mkross@earthlink.net		
JULY 2005	TBD	NMRA Nat'l Convention	TBD, Cincinnati			



Next Meeting:
Sunday, Nov. 7th
2:00 - 4:00 pm
Beaumont Library
Lexington, KY

Program:
Assembly & Weathering
Plastic Structure Kits
Clinic presented by
Mike Baskette

Tour:
David Greer

Bring & Brag:
Passenger Cars

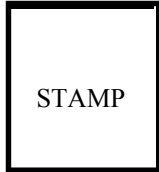


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NEW
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and
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regular meetings.



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