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## Message From The Superintendent

It was a short three years ago this month that Div. 10 was reactivated to meet the needs of NMRA members in our area. Since that time we have had a lot of excellent model railroad clinics and toured many fine layouts. We have become central Kentucky's largest organization whose only mission is to improve modeling skills and promote model railroad activities in our area. I hope you have enjoyed it as much as I have. My only unfulfilled goal is an annual Div. 10 train show, which could take place in the Spring of 2003. It would be a major step in promoting our division and model railroading in Lexington. Want to help? Call Bill and volunteer.

This is my last column as Superintendent. It's time for me to retire to the basement to try many of the ideas I have seen on tours and skills I have learned in clinics.

Bill Robbins will take over as Superintendent on Oct 1st. and will direct our modeling activities for the next two years. I will represent Div 10 at the Regional board meeting on Sept 29 and

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### NOTICE:

No "Member Profile" or "Witless & Clueless" this issue, because of a tight personal schedule - Pete

## Editor's Notes

Welcome to new member **Chris Cord**. Chris models in HO, has a small switching layout, and lives in Lexington. Membership is now at 88.

The October meeting/outing at the Grossers' was a big success from every aspect: perfect weather, a beautiful country ride to get there, great clinics by both Ray and Renee, good food, and the tour of the awesome new building housing the Grossers' layout! No wonder we had such a great turnout. Thanks to **Ray & Renee Grosser**, and **Bob Lawson** for putting it all together.

And there was also good participation in the Bring & Brag contest to boot, although, again, only two entries in the photo section! Surely there must be more of you who

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**“STUFF” & OPPORTUNITIES**

Fred Plymale 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 Pete Birdsong to arrange for an ad, or Fred for liquidations.

**Committee Chairs**

<b>Achievement Program</b>	David Greer: 859 296 4313
<b>Advertising &amp; Programs</b>	Open
<b>Community Activities</b>	Open
<b>Company Store</b>	Mike Baskette
<b>Contests</b>	Alan Brock
<b>Conventions &amp; Shows</b>	Wendell Greer
<b>Editor &amp; Webmaster</b>	Pete Birdsong
<b>Estate Liquidations</b>	Mike Armstrong
<b>Member Aid</b>	Wendell Greer
<b>Membership</b>	Mark Hunt
<b>Photographer</b>	John Gorman

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will report what is happening at the regional and national level in a future Lantern.

You need to be aware that Regional Trustees elected by their members are not accountable to those members and may not represent the views of the members who elected them. According to the long range plan just passed by the Trustees, the number of Trustees will be reduced and the title will be changed to “Directors”. They will start with staggered terms, and term limits which is very good. They will be elected from an area including more than one region which further removes them from representing the members who elect them, which is very, very bad. Directors have agreed to listen to the views of the Regional Presidents Advisory Board but will not be bound to follow any recommendations of the Regional Presidents or the rank and file members. In my view, this is a fatal flaw in the structure of the national organization.

You have also read in the most recent Bulletin that membership in the NMRA continues to decline. We are experiencing a decline but at a lesser rate in our division. The reasons are many but there is a solution your board will be discussing in the imminent future to retain the fellowship of local modelers who want to remain a part of our

activities but disagree with lack of representation and poor member support from the national organization. I will propose at our next local meeting an “Associate” membership for Div. 10. Associates will fully participate in all our local activities but can not be a Div. 10 Officer, earn AP awards or vote on any NMRA related activities. Dues for “Associates” will be established by your board and best of all, the money will be retained locally to support the activities you want. At least one other division has already implemented an “Associate” program and others may follow.

Our Division has been and will continue to be a success. It is my intention to start participating in the Achievement Program and I will always retain my membership in the NMRA. At the same time, I will continue work to change what I think needs to be improved at the national level to better serve the NMRA members whose dues support the mission of the national organization.

Please give Bill your support when he calls you for help as a committee chair or Div. 10 trustee. The greater your participation, the more rewarding your membership in Division 10 will be. I’ll see you at Beaumont Library on Oct 6 for another good clinic.

**Fred**

**Important notice from your new editor!**

Hi! I am John Gorman and I will be your new Lantern and Division 10 Web Site editor. It will be very difficult to keep up the quality of work Pete has achieved over the last three years, but with your help I will try. Not being a writer, I desperately need your articles to continue to keep the Lantern as valuable as it has been in the past. If you would like to share your knowledge with a product review, personal experience (good or bad), track plan (actual or dream), or any kind of modeling tips, please contact me at a meeting or via email at jgorman@earthling.net. Whether you are interested in a regular column or a one time article, I know the entire club would appreciate your input. Thanks!



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**win-win!!**



# AROUND THE BEND

MON	DAY	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
OCT	5-6	MCR DIV 4 SHOW	Contact Div 4 for information:	Paul R. Lemermeier, Superintendent., 440-734-0399 prlemer@juno.com		
	6	MCR DIV 10	Beaumont Library, Lexington, Sunday, 2:00 pm	Bob Frankrome of Div. 8: Open Loads	Bill Robbins HO	Non-Revenue Cars (MOW)
	11	BGRRC	Meadowthorpe Community Ctr., Lexington, 7:30pm	Doug Clarke on Insurance		
	25-26	MCR DIV 7 SHOW	Lakota West High School, 8940 Union Centre Blvd., West Chester,	Contact Rick Crumrine for info: rrcrumrine@aol.com, or visit website:		
NOV	3	MCR DIV 10	TBD	Engine Maintenance Workshop	TBD	Passenger Cars
	8	BGRRC	Meadowthorpe Community Ctr., Lexington, 7:30pm	Phil Ditchen on Garden Railroading		
	17	MCR DIV 6 SHOW	Franklin County Fairgrounds, Hilliard, OH, 10:00—4:00	Train Show, Operating Layouts, Demos, Food		
DEC	3	MCR DIV 10	TBD	TBD	TBD	Flats/Gondolas with Loads
MAR 2003	21-23	MCR	Railroad Prototype Modelers East Pittsburgh, PA, Holiday Inn at Exit 6, Pa. Turnpike	Contact Dick Flock, 724 850-8882 Email rflock@worldnet.att.net. Clinics on prototype info		
APR 2003	24-27	MCR DIV 7 CONV	Springdale Best Western, Rt 4 and I-275, Cincinnati, OH	Contact Charlie Atkinson, atrain@juno.com, or Div website: <a href="http://www.cincy-div7.org/">http://www.cincy-div7.org/</a>		
JUL 2003	13-19	NMRA Nat'l Conv	Toronto, Canada	See Website for full details: <a href="http://www.ml2003.com/pages/home.html">http://www.ml2003.com/pages/home.html</a>		
MAY 2004	13-16	MCR Conv	Four Points Sheraton, Cranberry, PA	Contact Div 2 for more information		
JUL 2004	4-11	NMRA Nat'l Conv	Seattle, WA	See Website for full details: <a href="http://www.nmra2004.org/">http://www.nmra2004.org/</a>		
MAY 2005	12-15	MCR Conv	Comfort Inn, Austsburg, OH	Contact: Matt Kross e-mail mkross@earthlink.net		
JUL 2005	TBD	NMRA Nat'l Conv	TBD, Cincinnati			

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could take a snapshot to enter. See the results of all the B&B activity on page 5. Thanks to **Bill Robbins** and **Howard Coleman** for filling in to run the B&B in **Alan Brock's** absence.

**Fred Plymale** conducted the usual meeting on the premises at the Grossers' but it was even shorter than usual, mainly upcoming events. You should have been a preacher, Fred!

I'd like to extend my thanks to everyone for the opportunity to have served Division 10 these last three years. It was great working with all the other officers and chairmen. I really appreciate all their efforts on our behalf. And very best wishes to the incoming officers. I hope they have as much fun as I've had.

I think we can all share the excitement as the new Administration "crew" hook on to pull Division 10 forward over the next two years.

**"Railroad " Pete**

**Treasury Report**

<b>July 31, 2002 Bal</b>	\$4508.01
Income	53.00
Expense	0.00
<b>July 31, 2002 Bal</b>	\$4561.01

Income was from donations and raffle. Please contact me if you would like more details.

**Mike**

**Bring & Brag**

**MODELS**

High to Low or Tie	Sep	YTD
<b>Fred Plymale (2nd)</b>	4	31.5
<b>Pete Birdsong (1st)</b>	5	22
John Gorman	0	19
Fritz Dutro	2	13.5
<b>Bob Lawson (3rd)</b>	3	8
Lou Jaquith	0	7
Mike Armstrong	0	4
Howard Coleman	0	4
Mike Barrett	0	2
John Bowling	2	2
Pat Gerstle	0	2
Wendell Greer	0	2
Bill Paulsell	0	2
Bill Robbins	2	2
Mike Walters	0	2

**PHOTOS**

High to Low or Tie	Sep	YTD
<b>Pete Birdsong (2nd)</b>	4	22.5
John Gorman	0	17.5
<b>Fritz Dutro (1st)</b>	5	17
Bill Robbins	0	5
Bill Paulsell	0	3
Fred Plymale	0	2

**COLEMAN'S COLLECTION**  
*(Favorite Railroad Websites from Howard Coleman)*

<http://www.rjcorman.com/index.shtml>

Here is a local guy that made good. Look at the short lines that he operates; also he does track work and train wrecks. Hope you enjoy!!!

**Howard**

Next Meeting:  
Beaumont Library  
Lexington,  
Sunday, October 6,  
at 2:00 pm

Clinic:  
Bob Frankrone on  
Open Loads

Tour:  
Bill Robbins' HO Layout

Bring & Brag:  
Non -revenue Cars  
(MOW)



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