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Message From The Superintendent

After many years as a “fallen flag” Division 10 is back on track and is approaching the millennium with a full head of steam and a green block. Our first meeting had a good turnout of members, a great program, and two excellent layout tours. Thank you, Joe Holbrook and Wendell Greer for inviting us to see your layouts. Model railroading is supposed to be fun and it was! And this is just the beginning.

For those of you who were unable to attend, it is our plan to have modeling clinics and layout tours at most of our meetings. We have an excellent mix of experienced and novice modelers who are willing to “share what you know and learn what you don’t.” The newer modelers will benefit by learning from the members who are running their second and third layouts, and the experienced members will benefit from the satisfaction of helping others as well as gaining the recognition they deserve in the NMRA Achievement Program.

Our meetings will be held the

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In Memoriam

Ronald E.
Gaines, 39

September 28,
1999

Chairman of the
Technical
Department, NMRA;
Board Member,
Division 10

Memorials to the
American Cancer
Society,
160 Moore Drive
Lexington, KY

or
Madison County
Youth Soccer
Association
P.O. Box 517
Richmond, KY 40476

We are all shocked
and saddened by
the loss of Ron,
and our deepest
sympathy goes to
his family and
friends.

News, Events & Announcements

REBIRTH OF DIVISION 10

Thanks largely to the efforts of Fred Plymale, and with lots of very much appreciated help from Divisions 7 and 8, NMRA Division 10 has been reactivated, and will include former Division 8 members from the following counties in Central and Eastern Kentucky:

Adair	Anderson	Bath
Bell	Bourbon	Boyd
Boyle	Breathitt	Carter
Casey	Clark	Clay
Cumberland	Elliot	Estill
Fayette	Fleming	Floyd
Franklin	Garrard	Greenup
Harlan	Harrison	Jackson
Jessamine	Johnson	Knott
Knox	Lawrence	Laurel
Lee	Leslie	Letcher
Lewis	Lincoln	Madison
Magoffin	Martin	McCreary
Meneffee	Mercer	Montgomery
Morgan	Nicholas	Owsley
Perry	Pike	Powell
Pulaski	Rockcastle	Rowan
Russell	Scott	Wayne
Whitely	Woodford	

MEMBER PROFILES A data sheet has been prepared for members to update personal data for future mailings, member profiles in the newsletter, etc. The data sheet is voluntary, but we'd like to have whatever information you'll share with us about your interests in the hobby, and a PICTURE so we can all get to know each other a little better. See the "Member Profile" feature in this issue for an idea of what we'd like to do in this area. We'll start with profiles of the officers and Board

Pro and Con: Witless vs Clueless *Rivets O'Reilly versus Larry Loungecar*

Rivets:

Man, I tell you, Larry, there ain't nothin' like settin' up an operatin' session with lots of switchin' - couplin' and uncouplin', makin' up trains and sendin' 'em down the line, droppin' off and pickin' up empties and loads and headin' for home.

Larry:

Are you crazy, Rivets? You gotta be! My idea of runnin' trains is just runnin' trains. Why go to all that trouble when you can just run them pretty things around and around, without all that work?

Rivets

Work? Whatta ya mean, work? That's **fun**, man. Any fool (even you!) can run 'em 'round and 'round in circles - **BORE-ING!**

Larry:

Well, maybe it **might** get boring after a while, if that's all you did. But it's great for a while after a long day to

just run 'em and relax. And besides, if you want, you can also set 'em up in staging tracks or in yards and move 'em out and back, and still not have to do all that switchin'.

Rivets:

Oh, yeah? To me, the switchin' is the fun part, although I do have to admit sometimes I let 'em go 'round several times just for the pleasure of seein' 'em run.... I guess it's fun either way, but I still think you're missing out on the best part, Larry.

Larry:

Maybe so, Rivets, but if I'm havin' fun, and you're havin' fun, what're we arguin' about, anyway?

Rivets

Guess you're right, Larry - think anyone on the prototypes ever has any fun?

members, and then try to feature a member in each edition. Looking for volunteers.....

NEWSLETTER Let us know your thoughts for improving this one. It'd be great if everyone could contribute. So send in your submissions for inclusions in future issues. We'll try to get it in your hands before the monthly meetings.

LAST MEETING: The first meeting of Division 10 was a great success, with about 30 or so in attendance. Fred Plymale opened the meeting with a welcome to all, and introduced *guests* Mike Brestel MCR trustee, Marty Vaughn, MCR

President, and John Burchnall, Division 7 Superintendent.

Fred also introduced the Division 10 *officers* and *Board members*.

The Company Store was launched with MCR patches and pens for sale.

Several topics for *programs* for future meetings were floated. Among them: "scratch-building" scale people, resistance soldering, DCC, Scenery, and the Achievement Program.

Volunteers were solicited for layout tours, conducting clinics, board membership, and committee chairs for

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News, Events & Announcements

MEMBER PROFILES Mike Armstrong

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the Achievement Program, Membership Committee, Member Aid Committee, Shows, Contests, Legal and Website. David Mikulec volunteered for Website Chair.

Fred indicated he will proceed with filing the *legal documents* (bylaws and articles of incorporation) necessary for the Division, modeling them after those of Division 8 in Louisville, since both Divisions will be Kentucky entities.

Contributions were solicited to defray the cost of the newsletter mailings and other administration. Mike Armstrong, the Division Treasurer, recorded the donations and sales from the Company Store, and has filed the following:

TREASURY REPORT:

9/26/99 Beginning Balance	0.00
Income Donations	\$180.00
Pins	36.00
Patches	18.00
Subtotal	\$234.00
Expenditures	0.00
9/26/99 Ending Balance	\$234.00

A short break preceded an entertaining and practical *clinic* by John Burchnell on Foamboard Scenery construction, which included a video presentation

and a live demonstration, in addition to a presentation of a 2'x 4' example, and an available handout with all the details.

The formal meeting then ended at 4:00pm, and the *layout tours* to Wendell Greer and Joe Holbrook commenced. Each layout was worth the afternoon (and more) by itself. Wendell's is a basement HO scale, beautifully scenicked layout, with fascinating electrical and electronic details. Joe showed off two basement layouts, one in HO and one in O scale, plus a great wall collection of tin-plate, G-scale, and just about everything else you can imagine. Joe's layouts are also first-rate. His basement empire also includes a complete machine shop, which he has used quite effectively, including construction of a 1 1/2 inch scale engine and consist, also on display.

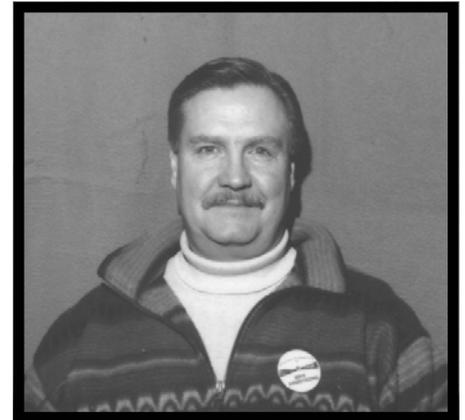
Many thanks to Wendell and Joe for the great tours, to Fred for getting the whole thing going, to John for the clinic, to the guests from MCR and Division 7, and to all who attended and made this first meeting such a *great success!*

AROUND THE BEND....

1.
MCR Div. 7
Model Railroad Exposition
Nov. 20-21, 1999
Covington, KY
Div. 7 Hotline: 1-513-662-RAIL

2.
Renee and Ray Grosser will be

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Mike lives at 4809 Agape drive in Lexington, and is the Pastor at Arlington Christian Church. He and his wife, Mary, have two grown daughters who have moved away, since Mike needed their bedrooms to expand his layouts (just kidding).

An avid model railroader, Mike has N and HO scale layouts, in addition to a tabletop G-pike, and is planning an O Scale layout. He enjoys all aspects of the hobby, and is always willing to help out other model railroaders on projects, or with advice. He is currently involved in constructing mountains and tunnels, and a raised city, on his HO pike. He favors the railroads of the northwest, and is a member of the Great Northern and Seattle, Portland and Spokane Historical Societies.

Other activities planned or under way include painting and detailing Northern Pacific and Great Northern N-scale engines, adding to his N-scale collection, building HO engine kits and joining in operating sessions.

Mike is a long-time NMRA member, and is treasurer of Division 10. He has also been active in other model railroading groups, including the Bluegrass Railroad Club, where he has been an active participant as a past officer, and in the annual Kentucky Horsepark modular layouts.

AROUND THE BEND....

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 The 32nd Annual
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Make Tracks for the Brand New...
NORTHERN KENTUCKY CONVENTION CENTER
 1 Rivercenter Blvd., Covington, KY (1 block south of Covington Landing)
Sat. & Sun., November 20 & 21, 1999
MORE TABLES - DEALERS LAYOUTS & DISPLAYS
 For more information or Dealer Inquiries, call the Division 7 Hotline - (513) 662-RAIL, or visit us online - www.cincy-div7.org

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NEXT MEETING:

Sunday, November 7 at 2:00 pm in the **Beaumont Library** in Lexington, in the **Beaumont Shopping Center** on Harrodsburg Road, at New Circle Rd (Route 4).

Clinic: Fred Koch

Tours:
 Tom Brough (HO)
 David Greer (N)

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setting up their Nostalgia Trip at the elementary school in Wilmore on 4 December, a Saturday, and will be open from 11 a.m till about 5 p.m.

The elementary school is one block south of the second stop light on the right in case any of the division wants to visit when the whole railroad is up and running. We will be happy to take time with any of the visitors who wish to come.

3.

MCR Div. 4

New Century Express:

May18-21,2000; Medina, OH

Linda Atherton, Registrar,

337 University St.,

Middleburg Hts., OH 44130

1-440-234-4176

(between 5 & 9pm)

Message From The Superintendent

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first Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm to give our out of towners travel time. Although the November and December meetings will be held in Lexington at the Beaumont branch library, we would like very much to hold a meeting in the southern and eastern parts of the Division.. To do this, we need a couple of months' lead time and the support of the members in those areas to organize the tours and a meeting

room. Please contact me if you would like to host a meeting in your area.

The ultimate success of Division 10 is limited only by your vision of the future and the willingness of our members to share their skills by holding clinics and inviting fellow members to tour their layouts or collections. Members without layouts can still contribute by working on a committee or other activity that could benefit from your expertise and input. Enthusiasm and ideas for growth are the only requirements needed to make a significant contribution to the success of our division.

Although our financial needs are modest, we do need some monetary support from members to cover the cost of the newsletters and postage. Other costs are for clinicians from other divisions who travel long distances to conduct clinics for us. At this time, we have elected not to have annual division dues, but requested at the meeting that members consider making a \$10.00 voluntary donation to offset our operating costs. Hopefully, we will have some income-producing activities in the future to provide the funds we need.

For those of you wishing to contribute, and who have not already done so, please send your check made out to

NMRA, MCR, Div. 10
to our treasurer, Mike Armstrong, 4809 Agape Drive, Lexington, KY 40514. (Don't be deterred by his picture on page 3

- he's really a nice guy.) Mike also has a 3 1/2" MCR patch for your jacket and MCR pin for your hat available for \$3.00 each postpaid.

Our November 7th program will be conducted by Fred Koch, MCR Achievement Program Chairman. Frank will cover the "Golden Spike" Award and the requirements needed for the Achievement Program awards leading up to the "Master Model Railroader" award. It will be a meeting you won't want to miss. After the clinic, we will tour the HO layout of Tom Brough and the N scale layout of David Greer. A special thanks to Tom and David for sharing their layouts with us. Maps to the layouts will be available at the meeting.

Our December 5th clinic will be conducted by George Campbell of "Campbell Roads" of Winchester, KY. It will be a hands-on modeling clinic using dry transfers for detailing passenger cars, freight cars, hoppers, etc. Bring a painted but undecorated car to the

December

clinic. Stay tuned for more information on this clinic in the next issue of "The Lantern."

Last, but most important: tell us what clinics or other modeling activities you want the Division to provide. Phone, e-mail, or just

**Support your
Local Hobby Shop
See listings page 6**

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1 - 5 SUNDAY

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SUN 1 - 7

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