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## Message From The Superintendent

**N**ovember is Model Railroad Month, and it has been a very good month for Division 10. We got off to a fast start at our meeting with an excellent presentation on the NMRA Achievement Program by Frank Koch, the MCR AP Chairman. Frank opened by presenting the "Golden Spike Award" to Joe Holbrook and Wendell Greer, who had their layouts on tour in September.

After the program, we toured two more excellent layouts: Tom Brough's HO and David Greer's N. Everyone had fun.

On Saturday, the 13th., our Mid-Central President, Marty Vaughn, came to Lexington with Dick Briggs and Howard Smith Jr.; all three are Master Model Railroaders from the Columbus, Ohio area. They worked all day, judging Achievement Program projects for David Greer, Joe Holbrook and Wendell Greer. They liked what they saw!

Joe qualified for Master Builder, Motive Power, one of the most difficult categories, and for five merit awards in the Structures category. Just a little more work and he will have at least two other certificates.

## In Memoriam

**Fred Welch, 72,**  
died November 13, and was buried November 18 in Liberty, Ky., his former home. He was a retired bank examiner, an Army veteran of World War II., and the widower of Virginia Price Welch.

Fred was very active in model railroading and railroad photography. He served as President, Treasurer and Board Member of the Bluegrass Railroad Club, and was a member of the Bluegrass Railroad Museum and the NMRA. Many of his excellent black and white photographs of vintage steam are on display at the nightly Bluegrass RR Club exhibit at "Southern Lights" at the Kentucky Horsepark until Christmas.

Anyone who knew him will not soon forget "The Bosshogger."

David Greer qualified for the "Golden Spike Award," Master Builder Scenery, Model Railroad Engineer-Electrical, and four Structure merit awards. I'm also pleased to announce that David has accepted the position of AP Chairman in Division 10, with Wendell as his

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assistant. He will be in charge of all AP judging in the Division, and all requests for judging and awards should be sent to David before going to the Regional AP Chairman. David lives at 2021 Parasol Drive, Lexington, Ky., 40513, telephone 606 296-4313, e-mail dgreer@lexmark.com.

Ray Grosser, of "Soo Line" fame, and I worked as apprentice judges and will now be qualified to judge in Division events, as will Joe, Wendell and David. If you have models you would like judged, contact David and he will provide you with the forms you need to complete. He will then schedule two judges to review your model. Although the judging guidelines are precise, one of the most important things we learned from our Master Model Railroader instructors was that judging should be a positive experience, designed to improve the modeling skills of NMRA members.

With the judging done, Wendell Greer is completing his documentation for Master Builder Motive Power, Master Builder Structures, Master Builder Scenery, Model Railroad Engineer - Electrical, Model

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# Witless vs Clueless

*Rivets O'Reilly and Larry Loungecar*

Rivets: Hey, Larry, how's it goin'?

Larry: Pretty good, Rivets, how about you?

Rivets: Not Bad. The railroad's goin' fine. But Rosie's been givin' me a hard time lately about what I'm spendin'.

Larry: Yeah, I know exactly what you mean, Rivets. Spouses can be really unreasonable about model railroadin'. Lilly's the same way with me. If she ain't complainin' about the money I spend, she's complainin' about the time.

Rivets: You said it, Larry. Rosie's always after me to spend more time with whatzernames, you know - my kids.

Larry: Yep, same with me. And it ain't just the kids, either. Lilly's always fussin' that I don't take her nowhere, and it ain't fair, Rivets. This year alone, I took her to the NMRA regional, and on an excursion, and Lord knows where else. And back to the money...it's a different story when THEY want to

spend on somethin', like curtains or furniture or food or somethin'!

Rivets: And they don't appreciate what we do for our families worth a hoot, either, Larry. You know, I spent hours naming things on the layout after the family, like stations and towns - you know. I painted signs and set 'em around; but you think they'd appreciate that? Nope. All Rosie said when I showed 'em to her was that I misspelled her name, and she got all in a huff and wouldn't speak to me for a couple days. How do you figure that?

Larry: Beats me. Sounds like just a simple, unintentional mistake. Happens to me lots o' times, when I've been down in the basement for a week or so.

Rivets: Yeah, I think the paint and glue fumes may have somethin' to do with it. See ya soon, Larry.

Larry: Yeah, Rivets - take it easy.

Railroad Engineer-Civil and Model Railroad Author. He needs only to scratch build one passenger car to qualify for Master Builder - Cars, and become the first Master Model Railroader in Division 10. Well done Wendell!

If you missed the last meeting and all the fun, don't despair, there's more to come. Our Dec. 5th meeting will be at 2pm at the Beaumont Branch Library on Harrodsburg Road. Our speaker will be George Campbell, of Campbell Roads in Winchester,

Ky. George will discuss painting and lettering with the use of dry transfers. It will be a "hands on" demonstration with audience participation. Be sure to bring a painted but undecorated box car or coal hopper to custom letter at the clinic. After the clinic we will tour the layout of Lou Jaquith, an experienced modeler and longtime NMRA member.

Be sure to check our new web site:

<http://nmra-division10.railfan.net>. It looks great and is getting even better. Thank you David Mikulec

## News, Events & Announcements

**Publicize your Empire:**

The Lantern will print a business-card size (about 2" by 3 1/2") ad for your layout for a fee of \$5.00 per year. Contact the Secretary/Publisher for details.

**Thanks:**

- to Mike Armstrong for taking notes at the November meeting.
- to Division 7 for table space to sell some of the donated layout.

**Congrats:**

- to Division 7 on their GREAT SHOW November 20-21!

**November Meeting Notes:**

Guests in attendance were Robin Grider and Jerome Baker.

Fred Plymale again stated the purpose of our being together: to put fun in model railroading in all scales. Our monthly meetings will consist of clinics and tours. There are twelve member layouts in town of which we are aware, and, we will also travel to other places. If we travel, we may only be able to tour one layout after our meeting and clinic. Fred asked if we want to meet on Saturday, and do we want to do an annual show?

Fred reminded that November was National Model Railroad month, and announced that The Dayton people opened their homes for tours. This is a good way to enlist members. Fred shared a booklet that the Dayton group had put together.

We need a contest and achievement program chair. (AP is now chaired by David Greer - ed.)

We are now incorporated and we have a checking account. We hope to have by-laws to share at our next meeting.

Newsletter: we are trying to find a more economical way to print it. (Done -ed.)

We have a layout donated to NMRA, Mid-Central Region, Division 10. It is clean without a lot of scenery or ballast

and not a lot of expensive pieces. There is one brass Mountain by Sunset. We will sell the items, with a 15% commission going into our treasury.

Website: we now have a web address and the site is under construction. It will largely be complete by Thanksgiving. The cost is \$80.00 per year. The first six months were paid for by David Mikulec. Thanks, David! The site will have a list of officers and their e-mail addresses

Our insurance for programs will be filed through the NMRA. We want to get the first six months of meetings and activities locked in by January.

The business meeting adjourned at 2: 20 PM, followed by Fred Koch's clinic on the Achievement Program. Although this was not a "How-to" clinic, it was about "how to" get recognition for what you have done. Thanks to Frank and to Mike Brestel for coming down to share it.

### The Treasurer's Report:

<b>9/26/99 Ending Bal.</b>	<b>\$234.00</b>
<b>Income: Donations</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$244.00</b>
<b>Expenses: Display cases for flyers</b>	<b>9.52</b>
Flyers	<b>7.00</b>
Newsletter (includes start-up expense - mailing to ex-members, labels, etc.)	<b>42.82</b>
Postage	<b>33.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>92.34</b>
<b>10/30/99 Ending Bal.</b>	<b>\$151.66</b>

## MEMBER PROFILES Mike Baskette



Mike lives at 922 Mason Headley Road in Lexington, with his wife Robin and their dog, both of whom tolerate railroaders pretty well when we gather there for an occasional get-together.

He is originally from Johnson City, TN, where he developed a strong interest in the Clinchfield, and came to Lexington to work for Lexmark International as an engineer (not the railroad kind - you wish!)

Mike has interests in 8 other Southern & Eastern roads besides the Clinchfield. His major project right now is to complete the basement, so he can start a multi-deck layout of a proposed but never completed Clinchfield line from Asheville, NC to Kona, NC. In the meantime, he's collecting, painting and detailing the locomotive and car roster. The lack of availability of Clinchfield models started Mike on his part-time business, Coal Country Carworks, researching Clinchfield freight car prototypes and producing custom factory car runs, of which to date he's completed four car types in multiple numbers for a total of 20 unique models. Look it up on the web at [www.clinchfield-link.com](http://www.clinchfield-link.com).

Mike is also interested in and models WWII military vehicles, and is a member of two organizations associated with that interest. I guess you could say he's a 'cross-addicted' modeler.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AROUND THE BEND....</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>December</b> GATS in Cincinnati: 4th &amp; 5th NMRA MCR Div. 10 : 5th</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>January</b> NMRA MCR Div. 10: <b>9th</b> Note: 2nd Sunday instead of 1st , because of the holidays.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>February</b> NMRA MCR Div. 10: 6th Eagle Creek Library, 101 N. Eagle Creek Rd., Lexington, off Richmond Road East of Man-O-War</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>May</b> MCR Div. 4 New Century Express: May18-21, 2000; Medina, OH Linda Atherton, Registrar, 337 University St., Middleburg Ht., OH 44130 1-440-234-4176 (between 5 &amp; 9pm)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Inside This Issue</b></p> <p><b>1</b> <b>Officer Listing</b> <b>Superintendent's Message</b> <b>In Memoriam</b> <b>New Web Site</b></p> <p><b>2</b> <b>Witless &amp; Clueless</b></p> <p><b>3</b> <b>News &amp; Events</b> <b>Treasury Report</b> <b>Member Profile</b></p> <p><b>4</b> <b>Highlights</b> <b>Around the Bend</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT MEETING:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, December 5th</b> at <b>2:00pm</b> in the Beaumont Shopping Center on Harrodsburg Road, at New Circle Rd (Route 4). in Lexington.</p> <p><b><u>Clinic:</u></b> George Campbell - Dry Transfers. Bring a painted, undecorated box car or hopper.</p> <p><b><u>Tour:</u></b> Lou Jaquith</p>
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