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## Message From The Superintendent

**W**ith ten days still left in March we have six new NMRA members. Please join me in welcoming Harry Overtoom, J.O. Johnson, Ron Saylor, Bob Richardson, and Mark and Catherine Hunt to Div. 10. We are looking forward to your participation and fellowship in the months ahead.

I hope all Division 10 members will consider their NMRA membership card as a "passport" to new friends, new layouts, new clinics and layout tours that are not readily available to the average modeler. If you would like to go to Cincinnati on a Thursday evening to watch the "Eastern Loggers" work on their layout, your "passport" can make it happen. A trip to Louisville on a Monday night for a work session with Miles Hale, a Master Model Railroader, can also be arranged with your "passport". New friends and new skills are just a phone call away.

Our next meeting will not really be a meeting but two short clinics and tours of three layouts in Danville, Ky. Many thanks to Ray and Renee Grosser for setting up a busy and exciting day of modeling railroading for Division 10 members. A map is included in this issue and on our web site.

Our first stop is at Bob Lawson's, starting promptly at 1:00pm. This is a large mountain layout you have to see to believe. Steam engines with sound double heading up a mountain with towns and structures that are unsurpassed. You won't want to miss anything so please try to arrive by 1:00pm. Our itinerary is very exciting but tight on time. We scheduled an hour including a short clinic by Bob on cheap trees. Renee will give a quick clinic on detailing and weathering buildings. So much to see in so little time.

From Bob's, we will go to John Bowling's, where Ray will do a Digitrax clinic while we tour the layout that he and John are building. I'll wager the trackwork and design will be exceptional.

The last tour is one you may have heard about or seen in Mainline Modeler. Neither time nor money has been spared to make this layout a showpiece of one of my favorite areas, the C&O in the New River Gorge. Only those who come to the meeting will be able to tour Dick Hammond's layout as he does not want a map drawn showing where he is to those who are not a part of our NMRA Saturday group. Remember

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what I said about a “passport”? We will leave John Bowling’s as a group and follow our Danville members to Dick’s home. No clinics here but Dick loves to talk about his railroad and modeling. His hoppers are full of real coal, no Woodland Scenics here. A busy and fun day awaits all who attend.

I also want to announce that Joe Holbrook has agreed to become our Member Aid Chairman. If you have a problem related to model railroading, Joe is the man to call. I’ll bet 99% of the time he will help you solve it. If he can’t, he will refer you to someone in the Division who can.

See you in Danville!

Fred

# Witless vs Clueless

*Rivets O’Reilly and Larry Loungecar*

Larry: Hey, Rivets, Howya doin’?

Rivets: I’m doin’ O.K., Larry, but kind of frustrated. How about you?

Larry: I’m doin’ pretty good. What’s got you frustrated?

Rivets: It’s this whole business of the next generation in the hobby, Larry. You know, all this talk about how we need to pass it on to younger guys, and preserve the great shape the hobby’s in now, with such a wealth of products and services bein’ offered, and to tell the truth I’m not sure how I can pass it on. I don’t know very many young guys.

Larry: Well, I can give you a few ideas on that subject, Rivets. First of all, *don’t* do what Johnny did recently.

Rivets: It’s a pretty safe bet I don’t follow anything that clown does, Larry. But what’d he do this time?

Larry: He was on this same kick about popularizin’ the hobby, so he took a bunch of pictures of his layout, pinned them inside his overcoat, and was arrested for walkin’ up to people on the street, opeing his overcoat, and sayin’, “Let me tell you about my layout.”

Rivets: You’re kiddin’! No, you’re not kddin’! Of all the stupid things he’s ever done, this has to take the cake!

Larry: Yeah, Rivets, he’s done some pretty wierd things alright!

Rivets: You got that right. But what about some things I *can* do to spread the word. Larry..

Larry: The best thing I know of is to participate in the shows when they come along. They draw a lot of iunterested people already, and if we can enhance their experience with some interesting displays or modules, that’ll go a long way.

Rivets: I’m ahead of you on that one, Larry. I’m already working on a portable layout that sets up and takes down in five minutes.

Larry: Five minutes? That’s impossible, Rivets! How can you do that?

Rivets: Simple, Larry, it folds up and down like an umbrella.

Larry: Wow! Can I see it, Rivets?

Rivets: Soon as I get it finished, Larry. I’m having a few engineering problems with it.

Larry: You’re pullin’ my leg again, aren’t you Rivets?

Rivets: Who, me?

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## News, Events & Announcements

**March Meeting Notes:**

The meeting was opened by Fred Plymale. Several first time guests were there and applications for membership given.

Fred announced L & N Days, April 8, 9-5. Will have Joe Holbrooks standard gauge there.

Mid Central Regional Conference is April 18 & 19 in Medina, OH.

MCR will have the mobile home kit for sale. \$15.00 per kit. We will have some for sale here.

\$9000. went into the engineering for an HO mobile homekit.

April 1, the Danville metng will be on Saturday. We will be going to Bob Lawson's and John Bowling's. Clinics will be given by Ray and Renee Grosser. We begin at 1:00. Fred will have maps.

May 13 will be a clinic by Joe Holbrook on live steam. Will be at J. O.'s (I think) Will be for NMRA and guests only. Hopefully each member will have the opportunity to run an engine. Four steam engines and two diesels are committed.

AP awards: Golden spike: Lou Jaquith, Pat Gerstel, Mike Armstrong

Merit Awards: Joe Holbrook, structures & Master builder, motive power  
 Dave Greer: Master builder, electrical & scenery

Layout Tours: Fred Plymale & David Drake

Betty Plymale gave a great clinic on colors when painting back drops. Key points: get a color wheel at a local art store. Stay away from using blacks and whites to darken or lighten--makes things dull. Example: Ultra marine blue and burnt sienna are complimentary colors. In equal amounts, they make almost

**The Treasury Report:**

<b>03/01/00 Ending Bal.</b>	<b>\$387.26</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Newsletter Copies	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>
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## MEMBER PROFILES Jack Green

**AROUND THE BEND....**

**April**

Decaling Paart II; Tour: Bill Paulsell

**Apr 1:** NMRA Div. 10: (Saturday)  
Danville, KY; **1:00pm**; Clinic: Ray &  
Renee Grosser; Tours: Bob Lawson, John  
Bowling, maybe a third.

**July**

**Apr 8:** NMRA Div. 10: L&N Days, Berea  
Train Station, 9:00 - 5:00

**May**

**May 13:** NMRA Div. 10: (Saturday)  
2:00pm J.O. Johnson Farm; Tour & Clinic:  
J.O. Johnson - 1 1/2" **Live Steam!**

**May 18 - 21:** MCR Div. 4 Region  
Conference: New Century Express,  
Medina, OH, Linda Atherton, Registrar,  
337b University St., Middleburg Ht., OH  
44130; 440-234-4176 (between 5 & 9pm)

**June**

**Jun 4:** NMRA Div. 10: Beaumont Center  
Library, 2:00pm; Clinic: Mike Baskette -

**See You There!**

**NEXT MEETING:**

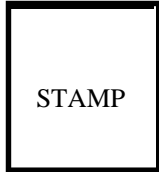
**Sunday, June 4 at 2:00pm** in the  
Beaumont Center Library on  
Harrodsburg Rd. at New Circle  
Rd (Rte 4) in Lexington.

**Clinic:** Mike Baskette:  
Decaling Part II (Hands on)

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