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Message From The Superintendent

April has been a busy and fun month for Div. 10 members. I know all of the 33 members who attended the clinics and layout tours in Danville would agree that the layouts were unsurpassed in quality and size. All three layouts were in free standing buildings built or converted exclusively for model railroads. Many thought they were the best they had ever seen.

If you missed it, we are working on another Danville meeting in September, so put it on your schedule. Many thanks to Ray and Renee Grosser for planning the day and special thanks to Bob Lawson, John Bowling and Dick and Sally Hammond for inviting us to see three outstanding layouts.

L&N Days in Berea at the historic depot on April 8 was a big success despite dreary weather. The crowds were large and a lot of happy children sat on Joe Holbrook's lap to blow the whistle and run his standard gauge layout. The NMRA had the premier position in the waiting room that attracted a lot of favorable comments from the visitors and their children. Other organizations present were the Kentucky Railway Museum, L&N Historical Society,

Bluegrass Scenic Railroad, Operation Lifesaver, and Bob Langer brought a very nice HO operating display from the Bluegrass Railroad Club. A good time was had by all and we have already committed to do it again in June of 2001 in the same location.

In this day and age, it isn't often you can ride a train pulled by a steam engine much less be the engineer of a coal fired engine yourself. LIVE STEAM IS NEXT. Saturday, May 13th is going to be a day many Div. 10 members will remember for a long time. After a clinic on firing and running the engine, our "Yardmaster", Joe Holbrook, has a plan that should let every member of Div. 10 run a steam engine and a diesel for at least one trip around the track. A map to J.O. Johnson's farm with safety rules that absolutely MUST be followed are included in the issue. Safety First, Fun will Follow!

Although I have run a live steam locomotive several times, I am still enough of a novice that each experience is a new one for me. Keep the steam pressure up, watch the water level in the boiler, sound the whistle, check the passengers in the cars behind you and then ease the throttle to pull out of the station. Make sure

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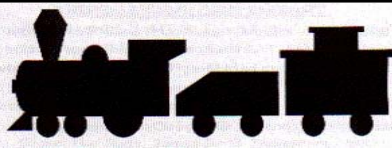
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SAFETY---LIVE STEAM OPERATION

SAFETY FIRST- FUN WILL FOLLOW

SAFETY IS A MUST WHILE OPERATING AND RIDING ON THESE TRAINS. The LIVE STEAM is just as HOT as the big ones and it will burn or scald you.

The locomotives weigh in from 500 to 1200 pounds and WILL NOT STOP like an automobile. The trains with people riding can weigh in at 1 1/2 to 4 tons depending on loco size, number of cars and people on board Your foot cannot stop this load and you could be injured if you were to try. Please don't.

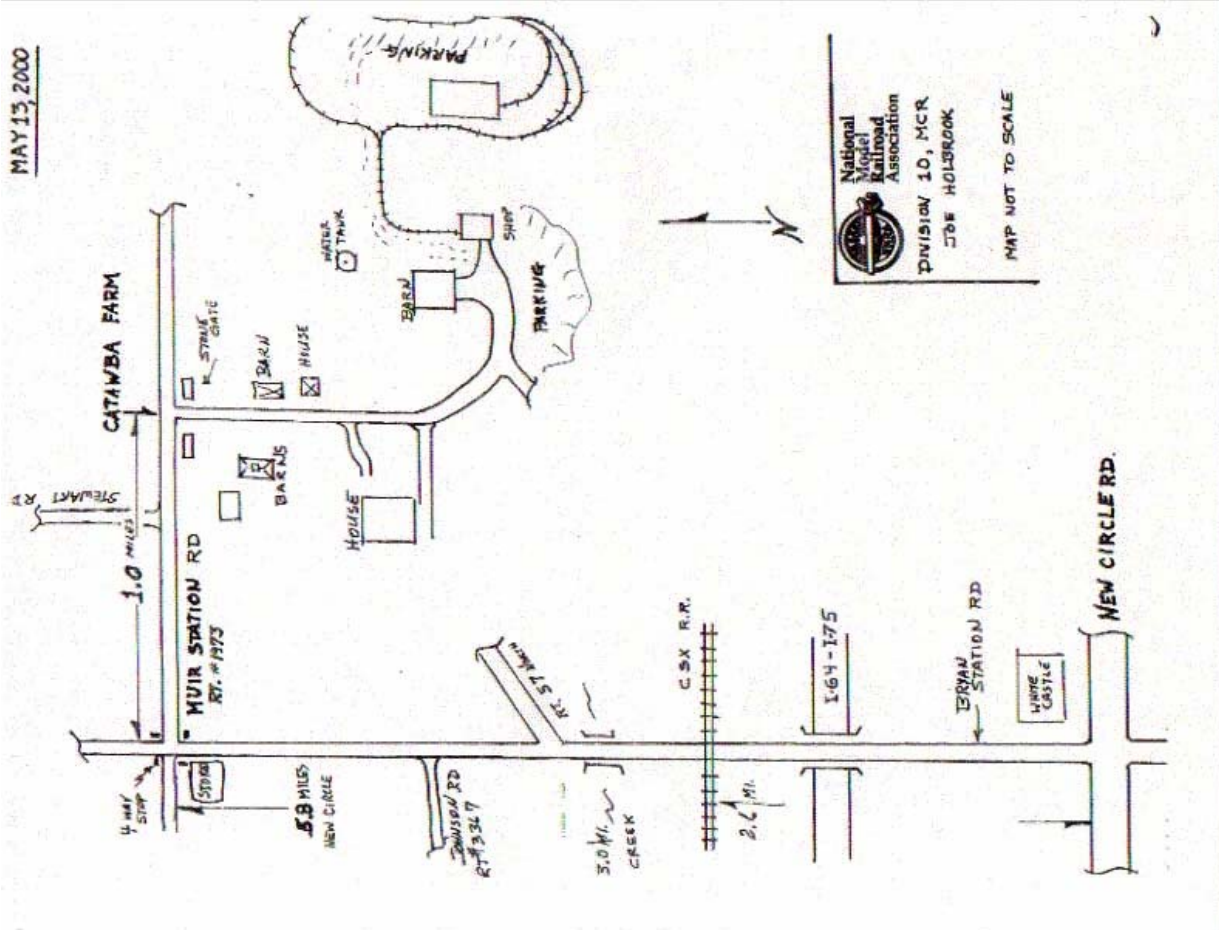
BASIC NON NEGOTIABLE SAFETY RULES WE MUST FOLLOW

- NO RUNNING KEEP HANDS AND FEET IN CARS
- DO NOT DRAG FEET DO NOT LEAN OR ROCK IN CARS
- DO NOT GET ON OR OFF A MOVING TRAIN

WHEN OPERATING AN ENGINE OR RIDING IN A CAR, ONE MUST INSIST THESE SAFETY ISSUES ARE FOLLOWED.

Joe Holbrook YARDMASTER

LIVE STEAM TICKET TO RIDE May 13, 2000 2:00pm



Message From The Superintendent

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the track is clear and don't forget which lever is the brake. The only thing that rivals this experience was my first solo flight in a J3 Cub. This will be a big "bugs in the teeth" smile kind of day. Be sure to thank J.O. for inviting us to his 1 1/2" scale real model railroad. Let's hope the weather will be good and don't forget your camera.

Now I must speak briefly about the money we need to keep Division 10 running smoothly. The money you send to national pays your dues which includes The Bulletin each month and all the other benefits available to NMRA members. The division does not get any of this money. To pay for the postage and printing of this newsletter and our website costs, we have asked the Div. 10 members for a \$10.00 donation to our treasury. Your donations, income from three ads, and a small commission on estate sale items are our only sources of income. At this point, our member participation is slightly less than 50%.

In the next Lantern, we will honor all members who have already provided financial support to their division. The list will be in two levels. The first will be Patrons who have contributed \$20.00 or more and there are several. The second will be Sustaining Members who have paid \$10.00. For those of you who would like to be added to the list of Sustaining Members or Pa-

Witless vs Clueless

Rivets O'Reilly and Larry Loungecar

Rivets: Yo, Larry, buddy! Howya been?

Larry: Pretty good, but I get frustrated a lot, Rivets.

Rivets: Frustrated by what?

Larry: My time is just unmanageable, Rivets.

Rivets: Whattaya mean, Larry?

Larry: Too many things interfere with what I want to do. I'll get absorbed with somethin' I'm doin' on the layout, and I'll lose track of the fact that I drank 4 cups of coffee earlier, and just ignore Mother Nature's calls until I just can't stand it any more, and I'll resent having to take a time out when I can't put it off another second.

Rivets: Yeah, well, lots of luck with your problem, Larry.

Larry: Thanks, Rivets. What's up with you?

Rivets: Actually, I've got kind of a time management problem of my own. I've been experimenting with "fast time" for operatin' the layout.

Larry: Yeah? What kinda experiments, Rivets?

Rivets: I've been trying to decide between modifying a regular clock, or buying some PC software, or opting for DCC with an integrated fast time function. But my biggest problem is tryin' to decide on a ratio. I can't decide on 6 to 1, or 8 to 1 or 12 to 1, etc. You got any ideas on that, Larry?

Larry: I'm glad you get into all this stuff, Rivets, so I don't have to. I decided a long time ago on slow time instead of fast time. I use a 1 to 6.

Rivets: Slow time? What good is that?

Larry: It's great, Rivets. When Linda calls down to the basement and says, "Come on back upstairs, Larry; you've been down there for two hours," I can say, "Aw, honey, I've only been operatin' about 20 minutes."

Rivets: Get outta here.

trons, please send your check to our treasurer, Mike Armstrong, at 4809 Agape Drive, Lexington, KY 40514, or you can bring your contribution to the live steam event. Thanks for your help.

There are a lot more fun events

scheduled in the future. Be sure to check "Around The Bend". Don't forget the MCR Conference in Medina, Ohio on May 18-21. See you on the steam engine and in Medina.

Fred

News, Events & Announcements

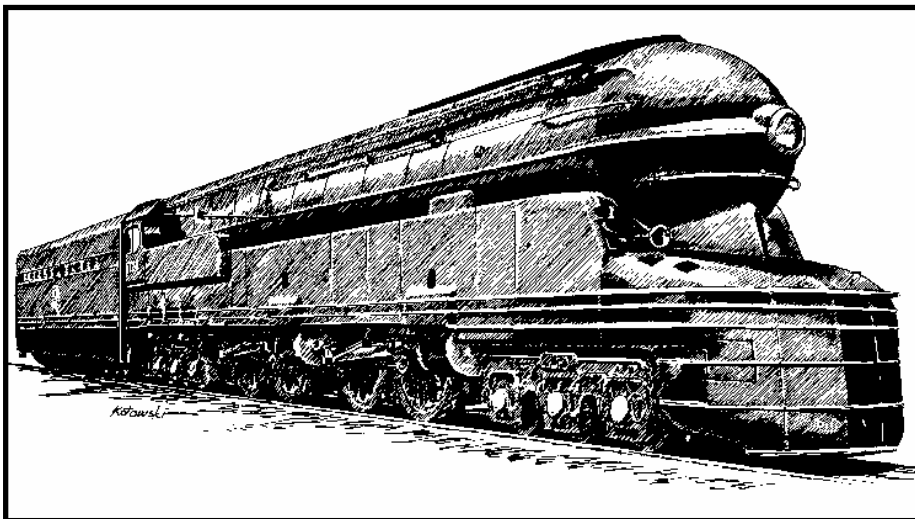
Website Update

As promised last month, we now have most of the Lantern on the internet. David Mikulec's website continues to grow and improve, with more pages, and is now linked to a new website with additional information from the print version of *The Lantern*. See the website boxes on pages two and six for the new site. Check out both for all the latest. Each is linked to the other. And let me know if you have something you'd like to add to the new site.

April Meeting Notes: Boy, April was really "supersized!" Three great tours and two great clinics. We hope to stay in touch with all the folks from the Danville area. They really hosted a bang-up session.

Thanks: To John Bowling, Dick Hammond, Bob Lawson and Ray & Renee Grosser for hosting the April meeting. To Joe Holbrook for chairing the Member Aid Committee.

Pete



Thanks to www.rrhistorical.com for these pictures



MEMBER PROFILES

Joe Holbrook



Joe lives at 702 Seattle Drive in Lexington, with his wife, Nell, who is active in the hobby with him – her interest is in G Gauge or LGB. Daughter Mary Jo has been seen running the 1 1/2" scale, and son Lynn and family live in Houston, Texas.

He's a retired engineer from I.B.M., and can do wondrous deeds in the machine shop in his basement, which shares space with two great layouts—HO and O, and an extensive collection of O27, Standard and G gauge equipment.

Joe is also a 1 1/2" scale fan, and has scratch-built an engine and several cars in this scale.

Speaking of scratch-building, Joe has lots of structures on his layout in this category, and has given clinics on resistance soldering, demonstrating the techniques used for many of them.

Joe is always helpful to fellow modelers, and is currently the MCR Division 10 Member Aid Committee Chairman.

Some of the projects he's involved with now are: more 1 1/2" equipment and scenery, details for the O scale and working on some AP certifications.

AROUND THE BEND....

May

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July

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

July 2: NMRA MCR Div. 10: Sunday, 2:00 pm at Eagle Creek Library. Clinic: Layout Lighting by Wendell Greer. Tour: Bill Crace

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)

August

Aug. 6: NMRA MCR Div. 10: 2:00pm Beaumont Center Library. Clinic: Judging structures & Rolling Stock. Tour: Wes Ross

June

September

Jun 4: NMRA Div. 10: Beaumont Center Library, 2:00pm; Clinic: Mike Baskette - Decaling Part II; Tour: Bill

Sep. 3rd: NMRA MCR Div. 10: 2:00pm, Danville, KY. Clinic, Tour & BBQ: Bob Lawson

NEXT MEETING:

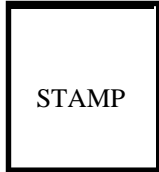
Saturday, May 13 2:00pm
J. O. Johnson farm

Clinic: Joe Holbrook & J. O. Johnson—Live steam with hands on! Read, Heed and bring with you the safety rules on Page 3.

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