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## Message From The Superintendent

Our live steam outing was a big success. Almost every member ran a steam engine and a diesel. Although the Pacific was sidelined by a water problem, the Hudson, the Climax and upright steamer provided plenty of coal smoke for steam era folks. All of the steam engines plus Billy Randall's diesel and Joe's Southern switch engine had a lot of different engineers with happy smiles. If you missed this, check out the pictures that should be on our web site by the time you read this.

The MCR Convention in Medina was a lot of fun for the Kentucky NMRA members who attended. There were thirteen from Div 8 in Louisville, who will hold the convention next spring, and two from Div. 10. However, at the awards banquet, Div. 10 did not come away empty handed. Bob Lawson won "The Best of the Best" award with his Wilmont Table Factory. His Caudill Creek Industries also won 1st Place "Judges Favorite", 1st Place "Popular Vote", the "Presidents Award", and "Best of Show" highest achievement points earned. Congratulations Bob! Region President Marty Vaughn presented yours truly with the

"Russ Wenderfer Award" for outstanding promotion of the hobby of model railroading. This award must be shared with the Division 10 members who got involved in the early stages of our re-activation and continue to work hard to make our division a success. Without your effort, it just wouldn't have happened and I applaud you.

If you like lots of excellent clinics, outstanding layout tours, fun operating sessions, contest judging, raffles, company store, silent auctions, and RAILFEST tours, then the fall convention on Oct. 5-8 in Altoona, Pa. is the place to be. The MCR, MER and NER are combining to make this a great convention. Information will be in The Bulletin and at our local meetings and in a website link. Reserve early.

Check "Around the Bend" for our updated schedule including a two day train show in Somerset in September. We will be providing four operating displays and will need operators in many scales. Plan to attend and help. Our regular meetings and excellent clinics are completely scheduled thru October. Your participation is important, and bring a friend who is interested in model railroading.

*Fred Plymale*

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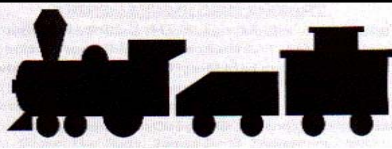
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## Fred Plymale



Fred Lives at 3463 Snaffle Road in Lexington, with his wife Betty. They have a grown daughter in Bowling Green. Betty is an accomplished artist, with a studio in downtown Lexington, and Fred prevailed upon her to do the scenic backdrops for his layout, which have become the envy of us all. She also makes a helluvan hors d'oeuvre!

He has a great HO layout well under way in his basement empire, with imminent domain negotiations still under way for more space to expand. One feature of the layout is a PFM steam whistle that will steal your heart and soul.

Fred is also a former sailboat owner, with a continuing interest in sailing, along with golf and photography.

But we probably all know him best as the tireless "Benevolent Monarch" (BM for short), superintendent of our local NMRA MCR Division 10, which he re-instituted last September.

Some of the projects he has under consideration include: improving and finishing his layout, then tearing it down and building it better for operations. Also, buy another sailboat.

# Witless vs Clueless

## *Rivets O'Reilly and Larry Loungecar* "The Train Show"

**Rivets:** Well, here we are at the train show, Larry. This ought to be a lot of fun.

**Larry:** Yeah, Rivets. What're you plannin' to see?

**Rivets:** Oh, I dunno, Larry – I want to go to a coupla clinics, look at all the product displays, and see all the layouts.

**Larry:** Yeah, me too. Want to stick together?

**Rivets:** Maybe, if we're going to concentrate on the same things. Otherwise, since time is short, maybe we ought to split up. How about if we start by catchin' the layouts together, and then split up for the product displays, and meet at the clinics we both want to see?

**Larry:** OK, that sounds good: after the layouts, we'll split up for the shoppin', then.

**Rivets:** SHOPPIN'? Good gosh, Larry, Model railroaders don't SHOP! We do product research. How long you been in this hobby, man?

**Larry:** Sorry, Rivets. Anyway, I hope we find lots of good stuff to buy.

**Rivets:** BUY? Geez, Larry, we don't BUY stuff – we do product evaluations.

**Larry:** How's that work, Rivets? I thought the dealers were here to sell stuff. How do you work out a "product evaluation" deal with

them?

**Rivets:** It's simple, Larry. They don't know the difference. You give 'em the same money up front, and they think it's a sale, but to us it's an evaluation retainer.

**Larry:** Oh. Well, I'm not sure I understand the difference, Rivets, but I guess you must know what you're talkin' about. How'd you learn so much?

**Rivets:** I've been in the trenches a long time, Larry. What'd you bring to carry your product evaluation material in?

**Larry:** Huh?

**Rivets:** I guess you're just goin' to use a vendor's bag, then. You ought to have brought something to put all your stuff in, though.

**Larry:** That's a good idea, I guess. Like what?

**Rivets:** You know – an expandin' bag, a briefcase, a backpack, or somethin'. Best is a roll-around airline flight case.

**Larry:** Hey, I like that last one, Rivets. What do you call it?

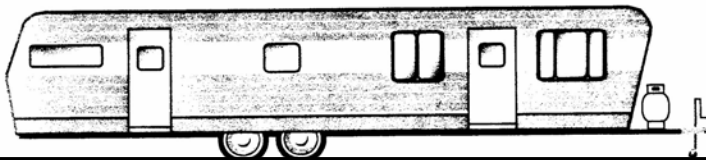
**Rivets:** A Storage & Hauling Option Package for Product Evaluation & Research – SHOPPER for short.

**Larry:** I shoulda known! See you at the Liars' Clinic, Rivets.



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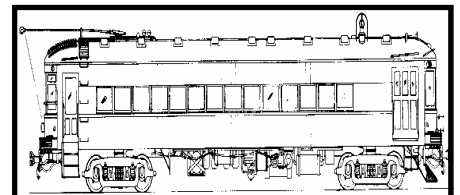
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**AROUND THE BEND....**

**July**

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

**August**

**Aug. 6:** NMRA MCR Div. 10: 2:00pm Beaumont Center Library. Clinic: Judging For NMRA Standards. - Frank Koch, MCR AP Chair  
Tour: Wes Ross

**September**

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

**Sep. 16-17th:** Somerset "Railroad Days" Train Show; 10:00am—4:00pm. Operating Displays, Vendors. For table rental information call 1-800-642-6287

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Sunday, June 4** 2:00pm  
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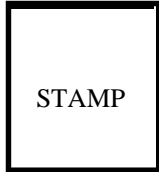
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