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Message From The Superintendent

“Don’t just belong, Participate!”

We start off the new year with a great clinic on Jan 7th by Pat Gerstle on Western scenery, followed by a tour of David Greer’s award winning N scale layout - Events you won’t want to miss. Unfortunately, I have to be in Columbus at an MCR board meeting and can not attend. Our local meeting will certainly be a lot more fun.

Our theme for 2001 is “Don’t just belong, Participate.” We need your participation to help our new committee chairs in many areas. Give them a call and tell them you would like to help on their committee. It will not be a burden on any one person if everyone helps just a little and your involvement will be fun. Serve on more than one committee and double your fun!

See the list of Committees and Chairpersons on page 4.

Many of you are aware that Tuesday night has been an informal train night in Lexington and Berea at several members homes. Operating sessions are being planned in the near future to help members

qualify for an AP award. Those of you who don’t have a layout and want to run your trains are encouraged to bring your engines or consists to the Tuesday night informal meetings and have fun running them. No rent on a permanent location, no extra dues, just fun running your trains each week with fellow Div. 10 members. Check the streamer at the bottom of our web site for the location of each Tuesday meeting.

The more your participate, the more fun model railroading will be!

Fred

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Editor's Notes

Operations Group

We'll be starting an operations group early this year, with two objectives:

1. Have fun operating layouts
2. Earn Achievement Program points towards the Chief Dispatcher certificate.

If you're interested, let me know.

In general, here's how we will start out, but we're open to suggestions:

1. We'll meet on the first Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00. We'll start at my house, but may migrate to a rotational program as experience and desire warrant.
2. We will start with the basic requirements of the

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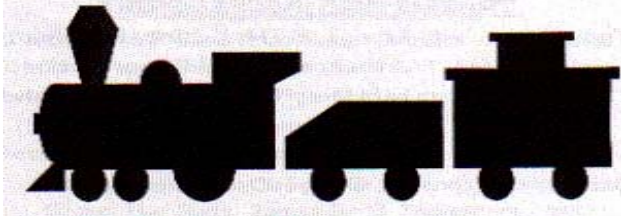
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win-win!!

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Achievement program for Chief Dispatcher: at least 2 mainline engines and a yard switcher in simultaneous operation; Schedule with at least 3 trains in each direction during the operating session; train and car movements controlled by a system; Documentation: Schematic, Timetable, Operations Graph and Forms and Procedures for controlling Operations in a prototypical manner.

1. We'll be using the following Digitrax Chief DCC throttles: DT100 Radio for two mainline consists; UT1 tethered throttle for yard operations; WinLOK computer throttle for additional mainline scheduled traffic if needed.

2. The following positions can be supported:

- 1 to 2 mainline engineers
- 1 to 2 yardmasters
- 1 to 3 towermen
- 1 to 2 roadmasters
- 1 dispatcher

We'll rotate through the positions so everyone will get a chance at multiple positions. I'll let you know when we'll be starting.

For more information on the AP rules, see the NMRA website.

Pete

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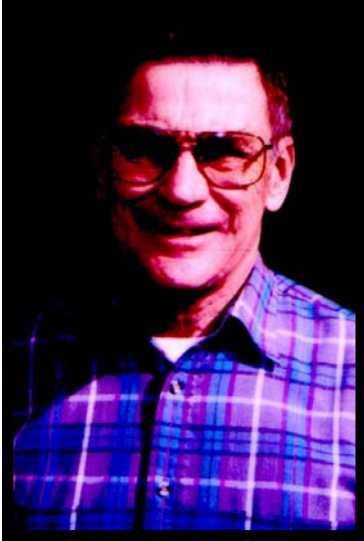
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Check out the improvements to our website at:

<http://nmra-division10.railfan.net/>

MEMBER PROFILES

Bill Robbins



Bill lives at 4704 Sunny Point in Lexington, KY, with his wife, Betty. They have two grown children - a boy and a girl - and three granddaughters.

Bill is retired from the Southern Pacific Railroad, where he was the General Materials Manager of Purchasing. He was responsible for all the major storehouses on the railroad. He also worked for the Paducah rebuild shop when it was owned by the ICRR. Betty is a retired EMT and firefighter, and teaches CPR in the Lexington area.

Bill has a 20 x 25 foot freelanced HO layout, modeled mainly after the UP and SF. The layout is designed for operations and could keep six people busy. It runs in a continuous loop, with plenty of switching opportunities. The next step is landscaping.

Bill's current activities include serving as an elder in his church, and helping in one of his son's video stores.

Witless vs Clueless

Rivets O'Reilly and Larry Loungecar
"PRIORITIES"

Rivets: Hey, Larry, you're looking pretty glum! Somethin' the matter?

Larry: You bet somethin's the matter, Rivets.

Rivets: Well, tell me about it.....

Larry: Did you know I had to paint my house?

Rivets: No. Did somethin' go wrong, or what?

Larry: Naw, Rivets, nothin' went wrong, but it took eleven gallons of paint at \$35 a gallon, plus drop cloths, and hooks, and brushes, and a ladder, and you name it, and I've spent almost 500 bucks!

Rivets: Well, that doesn't sound like too much to me to paint a house.

Larry: Rivets, you don't know nothin', do ya? For that money, I could'a bought a new Bachmann G scale Climax, and some track for my garden railroad. I could'a been sittin' in my engineer's chair out under the walnut tree watchin' that Climax move timber. I could'a been happy, Rivets! Now all I got is a freshly painted house.

And on top'a that, it took me *three weeks* of spare time to do it, Rivets. That's three

weeks I could'a been watchin' that Climax, or layin that track, or whatever!

Rivets: I see whatcha mean, Larry. It would 'a been much better to have your house an eye-sore and own the Climax, right?

Larry: Thanks, Rivets. I've finally found someone who understands.

Rivets: Larry, you are a real dope

Thanks to Mike Armstrong for contributing this month's column! I think Mike did a GREAT job with Rivets and Larry!

Try YOUR hand at contributing articles like this, or product reviews, modeling tips, etc.

Or send me your photograph and background data for a "Member Profile" feature. This helps us all to get to know one another better!

Also, let us know if you'd like to volunteer to put on a small clinic or host a tour.

Thanks, and Happy New Year!

AROUND THE BEND...

NEXT MEETING:

January

Jan 7: NMRA MCR Div. 10:
2:00pm,

Clinic: Pat Gerstle on Western
USA scenery

Tour: David Greer—N Scale

February

Feb. 4: NMRA MCR Div. 10:
2:00pm, Beaumont Library

Clinic: Pete Birdsong - DCC
101

Tour: Pat Gerstle, HOn3

March

Mar 4: NMRA MCR Div. 10:
2:00pm, Eagle Creek Library

Clinic: Mike Baskette on Detailing
& Painting Diesels; Franklin
Miller on Coal Loads

Tour: Pete Birdsong N-scale

April

Tentative: Danville Trip

May

May 5: NMRA MCR Div. 10:

LIVE STEAM! Clinic & Tour at
J.O. Johnson farm

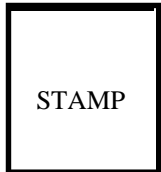
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