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Message From The Superintendent

Many thanks to Pat Gerstle for an excellent clinic. If you missed it, Pat may repeat it for Div. 8 in Louisville later this year. Thanks to David Greer for a tour of his outstanding N scale layout.

You just received a very late November issue of *The Bulletin*. The major cause for the delay has been a change of printers for the magazine. At the MCR board meeting I learned that the December issue is at the printers and would be mailed in two weeks, just about now. The January issue is planned to be at the printers by now and mailed by the end of January. The February issue should be at the printers by the end of January and mailed by the middle of the month. NMRA president, Allen Pollock and Ex-Vice President, John Roberts are working hard to get the NMRA Chattanooga train back on track and on schedule.

The Division 10 train is on track and running on time. Be sure to check our revised schedule of activities. Tues-

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Editor's Notes

Well, from what I hear, the January meeting was especially good, with super attendance, and great feedback on Pat Gerstle's clinic on Western USA scenery, and the tour of David Greer's N-scale layout.

Robin Grider received a Golden Spike award, and based on what I've seen of his layout, it should just be the start of many more awards.

Please welcome several new members to Division 10: John Gorman, Scott Phelps and Skip Keyser.

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Editor's Notes

Membership stands now at 95.

Update on Operations Group: for those of you who haven't heard, I've been recuperating for the last couple of months from back surgery, and have a nerve problem with my foot, so our startup of the operations group may be delayed a bit. I'll keep you posted after I know more about how long the recovery will be. Thanks for your patience.

Got a tip or suggestion? Send it to me and we'll publish it here in the newsletter.

Open Invitation: For those of you who have not come by any of our Tuesday night informal sessions, why not try it? It's just a bunch of guys chewing the fat, talking about what we've been doing, getting or offering advice, or running a few trains on a home layout. It rotates around, and we post the current location in the scrolling banner at the bottom of the web page. Or you can call Fred or Mike or me for the location if you're not on the web or if it's not up to date.

Pete

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Also, it's a good idea to come to the Tuesday night meetings. Quite often someone will bring in something he no longer needs, and it is usually bought on the spot.

The Lantern is also in a position to advertise your “overstock” items, for a fee of 10%. Contact Pete Birdsong to arrange for an ad.

There's a lot of “stuff” out there collecting dust on shelves. Let's get it circulating!




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win-win!!

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day nights start at 7PM and are one of the really fun informal activities for members. Bring an engine to run on the host layout but make sure the wheels are clean so if it doesn't run well, you can blame it on dirty track.

Our membership continues to grow with two new members, Skip Keyser and Scott Phelps, in January. Make them welcome when you see them at our next meeting. If you have friends who are not members that are interested in model railroading, bring them to our meetings to learn the skills our clinics and tours provide. Our major mission is to meet the needs of model railroaders in our area and have fun doing it. Your copy of our membership list will be included in The Lantern next month.

MCR president, Marty Vaughn has asked us to provide two judges, one experienced and one novice for the contest room at the MCR convention in Louisville May 17-20. Its an excellent opportunity to work with a Master Modeler and learn more about judging. Please call me to volunteer your services. It will be fun work!

Lots of Div. 10 members were at GATS in Louisville last weekend carrying large packages. If you have too much, put it in our Overstocks section of the Company Store.

Fred

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MEMBER PROFILES

Bob Richardson



Bob Richardson was born and lived the first 18 years of his life in suburban Cleveland, Ohio. Upon graduation from high school, (in the bicentennial year of 1976) he attended the University of Akron, (Ohio) on a basketball scholarship. (He is 6'11" after all!) Due to limited playing time, he managed to earn a B.S. degree while there. Upon graduation, (1980) Bob continued studies at the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, where he earned a Master of Divinity degree, (1983) and was ordained as a Presbyterian Minister.

Bob has served churches in Harisburg and suburban Philadelphia, Pennsylvania before moving to Lexington in February of 2000 to become the Pastor of the Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church. Bob is married to Debby and they have two children; Rachel, 12, in 7th grade at Jessie Clark Middle

Witless vs Clueless

Rivets O'Reilly and Larry Loungecar
"Christmas Memories"

Rivets: Hey, Larry, I haven't seen you in a while. How was your Christmas?

Larry: Rivets, I'm tellin' ya, it was the worst Christmas I ever had!

Rivets: Really? What was so bad about it? Didn't you get anything for your railroad?

Larry: Oh, yeah! I got lotsa stuff, Rivets: I got a new Digitrax system. I got a new Life Like Proto 1000 Budd RDC locomotive. I got the new Atlas three stall roundhouse. And the best of all, I got that new OMI swing bridge. That baby was almost a thousand bucks! And I got a gift certifi-

cate to Micro-Mark for some tools.

Rivets: Man, I didn't come anywhere close to that. What are you complainin' about?

Larry: Well, you know the kids are grown and out of the house...

Rivets: Yeah, so what?

Larry: So Linda and I decided a few weeks before Christmas to open one gift. The next week we did the same thing, and again and again. And by the time Christmas finally got here, we had opened all the presents, and there was nothing left to open. It just didn't seem right, Rivets. I didn't get any train stuff on Christmas day.

Rivets: There's somethin' not right, for sure, Larry...it's YOU. What a dope!

Larry: Whattaya mean, Rivets?

Rivets: All this moanin' and groanin', when all you had to do was wrap 'em up again on Christmas Eve, so you coulda opened 'em again on Christmas Day!

Larry: Rivets, sometimes I think you're a genius...

Thanks to Mike Armstrong for submitting this month's Witless vs Clueless column.



Thanks to davesrailpix.railfan.net/ for the picture

School and Stephen, 9, in 4th grade at Stonewall Elementary.

Bob's interest in model railroading began as a youngster playing with his older brother's Lionel train. Interest waned over the years, until a good friend in PA reintroduced him to the hobby. Bob works in HO scale, with real enjoyment coming from scenery work. He is currently researching the no longer existing Cleveland-Pittsburgh Railroad Company, a division of the PRR, for inspiration for his layout in Lexington, which he hopes to begin once the basement is finished and ready for trains.

AROUND THE BEND...

NEXT MEETING:

February

Feb. 4: NMRA MCR Div. 10:
2:00pm, **Eagle Creek Library**
(NOT Beaumont!!!!)

Clinic: Pete Birdsong - DCC
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Tour: Pat Gerstle, HOn3

March

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

Clinic: Mike Baskette on De-
tailing & Painting Diesels;
Franklin Miller on Coal Loads

Tour: Pete Birdsong N-scale

April

Tentative: Danville Trip

May

May 12 (SATURDAY!):
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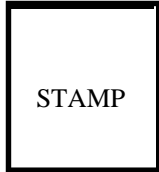
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