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Message From The Superintendent

Many thanks to J.O. Johnson for hosting the live steam event, Jim Buchanan for running his beautiful climax, and Tom Brough for filling in for me due to a death in our family. All reports indicate it was a great outing and everyone who attended had fun. J.O.'s Ps4 steamed flawlessly and the children really enjoyed the event, which makes it all worth while.

Our next meeting, at the Beaumont library on June 3rd, is going to be a clinic by Miles Hale, MMR, on prototype signaling and how to use it in operating sessions. We sure can use the information for our monthly operating sessions at Pete Birdsong's. No more shouting, "get that switcher off the main line". Plan on attending.

The MCR Convention in Louisville was a fun and informative weekend for all who attended. I counted eleven Div. 10 members and may have missed one or two. The contest room had better quality and a much greater number of entries than the Knoxville

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Editor's Notes

What a great day we had at J.O.'s! Beautiful sunshine and beautiful engines, the smell of spring on a farm, and the smell of the coal smoke from the live steam—combinations that are hard to beat. Thanks to J.O. Johnson for firing up his beautiful green Southern Ps4, and to Jim Buchanan for the equally beautiful and fascinating Climax. And to Jim's son Jeff and to Tom Brough for all the work setting up and running the engines.

It was especially gratifying to see so many kids turned out for

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Editor's Notes...

this, and having a good time. Thanks to Fred for all the effort to coordinate it., and condolences on the loss of his wife Betty's mother, whose funeral was also on Sunday.

The Operations Group met Tuesday, had a good time, and we actually had operators sitting around waiting for the next scheduled train, instead of frantically trying to make up lost time! I'm having a ball with this!

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Superintendent...

SER convention two weeks ago.

Bob Lawson's diorama "Reefer Repair Facility" won Best of show. His "Danville Industrial District" diorama won two awards: Popular Vote Best of Show, and the George Muller Jr. Div. 3 Presidents Best Of Show Award. Ray Grosser also won two awards for his Soo Line 2-8-2 Mikado: The Chester Miszalski Memorial Award for the best representation of the steam era and a second place in Steam Locomotives. Joe Holbrook won a well deserved first place in On Line Structures with his scratch built brass Clinchfield bridge in O scale. Congratulations to all and I hope you will continue to build award winning models and conduct clinics to help your fellow Div. 10 members upgrade their modeling skills.

Speaking of clinics, the Louisville had the greatest collection of Master Modeler Railroaders I've seen. Their clinics were unsurpassed. There is not enough space to go into detail in this issue but I think you can get more information and ideas in a week-end attending regional clinics than you can in a year of reading model railroad magazines. Joe

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"STUFF" & OPPORTUNITIES

Fred Plymale and Mike Armstrong occasionally have or know of *members' overstock* situations and other opportunities to acquire "stuff." Get in touch with them to find out if anything is currently available.

Liquidations, generally via a web auction, bear a 15 to 20% fee. Also, the Lantern is in a position to advertise your "overstock" items, for a fee of 10%. Contact Pete Birdsong to arrange for an ad, or Mike or Fred for liquidations.. 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.

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Editor's Notes...

But watch out next time! I've rearranged some track to make the way freights a little more challenging, and added a passing siding on the lower level main line, so now we can run trains in both directions on single-tracked main!

And if it's still too easy, we can always speed up the fast clock.

Hope to see all the "smooth operators" again next time, which is June 19.

Pete

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Superintendent...

also conducted his clinic on "Resistance Soldering" on Friday and Saturday to appreciative members.

If you missed this year, you can attend the next MCR convention in Dayton, Ohio. Division 10 still has the option of holding the 2003 convention in Lexington. To host the 2003 convention we need a member to volunteer to be convention chairman by July 1st. He or she will have lots of help so get involved and give me a call.

Fred



It was great to see such diversity of attendance and beautiful weather at the live steam outing on J.O. Johnson's farm on May 12



MEMBER PROFILES

John Lathrop



John and Bev, along with son John and daughter Kacey live at 1705 Fox Head Court in Lexington. He has worked at the University of Kentucky for 26 years and lived in Lexington for almost that long. His last layout was torn down after deciding to move to a bigger house with a basement. The old layout was Lionel and took up the entire garage.

He has plans to build an N-scale layout based on the C&O's New River area. If all goes well it will be up and running in the next five years.

Growing up in Harrodsburg next to the Louisville main line, he became a big fan of the Southern Railroad. As a child he would sit on the front porch swing, watching as the freight trains rolled along the tracks. His oldest brother had an 027 layout on a 4 X 8 piece of plywood, one steam engine and a few cars; from that point he was hooked. His first train set was an American Flyer, bought as a teenager and he has been collecting and watching trains ever since.

Witless vs Clueless

Rivets O'Reilly and Larry Loungecar
 "Getting Their Signals Straight"

Rivets: Hey, Larry, what's that you're readin' so intently?

Larry: It's a book about signals, Rivets...very interesting.

Rivets: Yeah, it's a big subject, all right, Larry. In fact, hand signals is the topic of our clinic this month.

Larry: You mean the kind people give me from their cars when I cut them off at a light?

Rivets: No, dummy! I mean railroad hand signals – the kind the brakeman or conductor give so the engineer knows what to do.

Larry: I think my wife knows some of those, too! But I don't understand all of them. But there's one where she holds up her index finger, and wiggles it toward her. And she really gets mad when I don't understand...

Rivets: Maybe she's using some non-railroad signals, then?

Larry: Yeah, maybe. All's I know is I don't understand a lot of her signals. And she doesn't understand mine, either. The other day she almost ran into a door, even though I whistled a single short note - everybody know that's a stop, right, Rivets?

Rivets: Maybe not everyone, Larry. So, do you use whistle & horn signals when you're operatin' on your layout.?

Larry: Yeah, and I'm really gettin' a bad permanent lip pucker, Rivets. Know what I can do about that?

Rivets: Well., some people install sound systems on their layouts, Larry. That way you just push a button to get the sound you want.

Larry: Wow! I got to get me one of those. Man , oh man!

Rivets: Now I really hate to ask, Larry, but what about block signals?

Larry: Well, yeah, there's a guy on this block who gives some really strange signals.

Rivets: No, dummy, I mean like semaphores and target lights!

Larry: I knew that!

John joined Division 10 last year and is trying to find the time to be a more active member. When time allows he tries to make the informal Tuesday night meetings. He's been a real 'switch' hitter in the Operations sessions, as a yard engineer and brakeman.

He is also a member of the L&N and C&O Historical Societies.



AROUND THE BEND...

June

June 2: Depot Days in Berea, KY

June 3: NMRA MCR Div. 10 , 2:00 pm Beaumont Library, Lexington, KY. Program by MMR Miles Hale on RR hand signaling, and use in Operating sessions .First Bring-n-Brag, Engines theme
Tour: Alan Brock

June 8: BGRRC 7:30pm Meadowthorpe Community center. Program—Members Slide Night

July

July 1: NMRA MCR Div. 10 , 2:00 pm, Beaumont Library, Lexington, KY. Program by Paul Busse: clinic on Garden

Railroading.
Tour: Tom Brough.

July 8-15: NMRA National Convention and National Train Show in St. Louis, MO. Link to their site from our web page.

July 14: BGRRC Annual picnic at the KY Railway Museum in New Haven.

July 27-28: LCCA National Convention, Lexington Civic Center.

August**September**

Sept. 14 -16: NMRA/Pride in Pularski *Railroad Days* in Somerset



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