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Message From The Superintendent

The NMRA convention and train show in St. Louis was a lot of fun. I had the pleasure of running a Soo Line engine with lots of help from the rest of the crew of Ray and Renee Grosser's layout. Ray's pass also got us into the show before the crowds arrived, which was very nice.

The National Trustees approved a dues increase to \$45.00 per year, which is slightly less than \$1.00 per month increase. I think it will be effective September 1, but don't quote me. I am sending in my renewal this month at the current rate for five years. This is like getting five years for the price of four. You might want to do the same.

There are a lot of changes being made to operate the NMRA more efficiently in the future. The Executive Director has resigned and will not be replaced at this time. The Convention chairman is gone as is past president Bob Charles from his fund raising position. A meeting is planned for MCR board members to meet with John Roberts, our new Executive Vice President, and Mike Brestel, our Trustee, to learn the facts about the budget deficit last year and action to prevent it in the future. It will be an interesting meeting with a lot of tough questions from the Div. Supers and Regional officers. A complete report will be made to you after the meeting.

Back to the fun of modeling at our Division level. This month we have an excellent clinic by Creston Parker from Div. 8 on how to build an advanced module with foam, a 5 foot home made foam cutter and other good tips. Don't miss it if you want to get up to speed on the advantages of building with foam vs hard shell. The tour will be Tom Brough's very nice HO layout.

Don't forget to bring a house for our Bring and Brag model contest. See you at the Beaumont library on Aug. 5th.
Fred

Editor's Notes

There is no "Member Profile" or "Witless vs Clueless" feature this month. Publication deadline on one end, and the NMRA National Convention on the other, plus the inclusion of the third quarter edition of *The Kingpin*, our Mid Central Region Newsletter, precluded getting them in this month.

Good news on the Operations front; for those of you who haven't read about it already on the web site, Bill Robbins will be hosting a monthly Operations Meeting, on the first Tuesday of each month, starting August 7. So we will soon have two sessions per month: Bill's on the first Tuesdays, and mine on third Tuesdays. And there may be a third session in the wings.

By the time you read this, we will have attempted some new wrinkles at the July 24 session: helper service to pull the long grade, and north/south single-track main operations - I've put in another passing siding to accommodate that. And with the additional throttles, we should be able

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Fred Plymale and Mike Armstrong occasionally have or know of *members' overstock* situations and other opportunities to acquire “stuff.” for liquidation. Get in touch with them to find out if anything is currently available. These liquidations, generally via a web auction, bear a 15 to 20% fee.

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 no longer needed, and it is usually bought on the spot.

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Editor's notes

to have the best sessions yet. Also, I should have automatic polarity control on the reversing sections for the August session.

The NMRA national convention and the National Train Show in St. Louis were great! The only regret is not enough time to do/see everything we wanted, but we really had fun. Hope to see you next year in Ft. Lauderdale, or in 2003 in Toronto.

It's not too early to start thinking about signing up to help at the September Somerset show, and the GATS (1st in LEXINGTON!!) in November. The N-scale modules should have some good improvements ready for both.

Having fun?

Pete

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BRING & BRAG

High to low or tie:	July	YTD
Fred Plymale	4	9
Pete Birdsong	3	8
Mark Hunt	5	5
Lou Jaquith	2	2
John Gorman	2	2
?	2	2

Mark Hunt took first place in July, with Fred Plymale coming in second and Pete Birdsong third. See the winning entries on the web site. Year-to-date standings are shown above. Be sure to get your entry in this month, and join the fun! We lost track of the 6th entry in the July meeting. Please identify yourself to Alan or Pete, and we'll get your name in the listing above, to replace the question mark.

Remaining events:

- August—Houses
- September—Passenger Cars
- October—Urban Building
- November—Caboose
- December—Free Category.

See the April Lantern, or contact chairman Alan Brock, for a rules refresher.

ROSTER UPDATES

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AROUND THE BEND...

MONTH	DATE	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
Aug.	4	Summerrail 2001	Cincinnati Union Terminal			
	5	NMRA MCR Div. 10	2:00 pm, Beaumont Library, Lexington	Creston Parker on building an advanced module.	Tom Brough.	Houses
	10	BGRRC	7:30 Meadowthorpe Community Center.	Ray & Renee Grosser—modeling clinic		
Sep.	2	NMRA MCR Div. 10	2:00 pm, Bob Lawson's in Danville	Planning and build- ing small dioramas	Bob Law- son	Passenger Cars
	14-16	NMRA/Pride in Pu- laski <i>Railroad Days</i> in Somerset	Center for Rural Develop- ment, 2292 South Highway 27, Somerset, KY			
Oct.	7	NMRA MCR Div. 10	2:00 pm, Beaumont Library, Lexington			Urban Build- ings

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