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Message From The Superintendent

A hearty thanks to all members who helped set up and run the N-layout and man the membership booth at GATS. I hope to get GATS management to give us or sell for a small token contribution their mailing list for the Lexington market so we can increase our data base for a future, but not yet scheduled, Div. 10 train show.

The N-layout won the \$100.00 fourth prize, which is very nice, considering the tough competition. Ray and Renee Grosser's Soo Line won first, The Radcliff, Ky layout was second, and Miami Valley was third. It was a fun event and we had nearly 150 people register for the door prize, a nice HO train set, donated by David Griffin, Bluegrass Hobby Supply. David, we appreciate your support and generosity. The prize was won by Bill Beeler of Elizabethtown, who will be contacted to claim it.

As a result of special invitations sent out by John Gorman to local people who registered at GATS we had at least five guests, several with young sons, attend our De-

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Editor's Notes

Apologies to all **Division 10 Life Members** and a few others who got a letter in November indicating your membership had expired. The membership list we get from HQ indeed shows the expiration dates we used for the letter, but we have since corrected our local database to prevent that mistake again.

And to all **Division 10 Members**, you may have noticed something new on the mailing label this month: the expiration

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“STUFF” & OPPORTUNITIES

Fred Plymale occasionally knows of *members’ overstock* situations and other opportunities to acquire or dispose of “stuff.” Get in touch with him to find out if anything is currently available. These liquidations, generally via a web auction, bear a 15 to 20% fee.

In addition, *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 Fred for liquidations.



**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!**

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Editor’s Notes

date of your subscription to *The Lantern*, which coincides with the expiration date of your NMRA membership, which we are taking from those HQ membership list updates. Please let us know if there is any discrepancy, since we will quit sending the newsletter when your subscription expires.

After some discussion by the Board of Directors, and based

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Superintendent’s message

ceMBER 9th meeting of mini clinics conducted by Lou Jaquith, David Greer, myself and Pete Birdsong. Thanks for doing a great job. I would like to think we will get at least one or two more members as a result of everyone’s help at GATS and the excellent clinics on the ninth. The tour of Carl Adkins’ huge layout was enjoyed by one and all. Thank you, Carl, for sharing it with us again.

Our abbreviated n-scale layout, the two turn-around ends and two straights, as well as our membership booth, has been on display during the holiday season in the window at Plymale Gallery, Betty’s studio on the second floor of Victorian Square near the children’s museum. Comments she has heard from passers-by have been very positive. One lady came in and asked if it was modeled after Prestonsburg. When Betty said she didn’t think so, the lady replied, “Oh yes, I recognize the mountains.”

In addition to our excellent N-scale layout, an **HO modular SIG** is in the early planning process and should be a very positive asset for Div. 10, competing with other HO layouts at future shows. All modules will be constructed of light weight materials with ownership of the layout sold in shares and managed by the group rather than individual module ownership. There are only two “officials,”

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In the next issue we'll drop the 2001 list, and start a new list for 2002.

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win-win!!

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Editor's Notes

on the feedback we received, we will **NOT discontinue** mailing a hard copy of the newsletter to all active members. However, we continue to request your active support in the form of a \$10 Sustaining or \$20 Patron contribution per year.

Welcome to new members **Robert L. Osburn** of Ashland, **Frank Stevenson** of Frankfort and **Ralph Haddock** of Lexington. Membership now stands at 97.

Thanks to **Jack Greene, Franklin Miller** and **Orville Boes** for the 'triple-threat' clinic on Brass Collecting in November, and to **Morgan McIlwain** for the great tour of his home layout.

And thanks also to the December "mini" Clinicians—**Lou Jaquith** on Laying & ballasting track, **David Greer** on mounting under-table switch motors, **Fred Plymale** on scenery tips, and **yours truly** on simple layout lighting with Christmas tree lights. And more thanks to December tour host **Carl Adkins**, for showing and operating his truly unique layout.

The December meeting was well attended, including guests **Bob Clark, Chris Fawcett, Ted Hornbuckle, Mark Jacus** and **Doug Marshall**. Thanks for coming, and we hope to see you all again.

The N-Scale SIG has purchased (from the proceeds of the Somerset and GATS shows) a Digitrax DCC system, which can be used

to control some, all or none of the tracks on the modules, and used it for the first time at GATS. The system is mounted in a mobile control panel we built, which can attach to any module or layout that has a male Cinch connector wired to N-Trak standards. And it can switch between digital (DCC) and analog (conventional) control. We plan to show it soon at an upcoming meeting.

Speaking of GATS, by the way, this *first-time-ever* LEXINGTON GATS was a big success for the show, for the vendors, and for Division 10. We got 150 names from the prize registration forms, and have sent them all follow-up invitations.

No Operations meetings were held in December. I will resume 3rd Tuesday meets again in January. Bill is setting up and testing a new card order dispatching system, and hopes to resume when that is complete.

Congratulations to the November (Cabooses) Bring & Brag Winners, **Franklin Miller** (1st place), **Fred Plymale** (2nd) and **Lou Jaquith** (3rd). And also to the December (Free Category) winners: **Fred Plymale** (1st and 3rd), and **Lou Jaquith** (2nd). Final standings for 2001, categories for 2002, and a program overview are provided in the insert. Be sure you participate in the fun this year, since everyone starts over at zero!

Happy New Year!

Pete

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Message from the Superintendent

John Gorman, Secretary, and Mike Baskette, Treasurer. A Digitrax club order will be placed in the near future. If any NMRA member wants to order any Digitrax equipment on the club order at a 30% off list discount Digitrax offers clubs through all their dealers, please e-mail John Gorman at jgorman@earthling.net with a list of what you want to buy, by January 7, or see him at the January meeting. More details of the SIG will be available to all Div. 10 members after the organizational structure has been finalized.

2001 has been a good year for model railroading in our area and I look forward to 2002 being even better. Please check "Around The Bend" for the schedule of meetings and clinics scheduled for the first four months of the new year.

I hope everyone had a very Happy Holiday and Rivarossi's new C&O H-8's arrived in time for Christmas.

Fred



MEMBER PROFILES

Bob Doepke



Bob lives with his wife, Barbara, and two children, Caroline and Brady, in a beautiful, wooded setting in Morehead, overlooking a pond. Bob is a gynecologist, who is reducing his practice somewhat, and is now able to spend a little more time with the family and with trains. He'll need to spend some time catching up with his son Fred on the operation of the train *and* the computer, since it was Fred who had to demo the Microsoft Train Simulator!

The "train room" is much more, and unique among all I have ever visited - it is also the family room with TV, the computer, a pool table, and windows with beautiful views of the surrounding woods. It is in a large addition to the house. What a great place for the family to congregate! And the whole family participated in the recent open house & layout tour, complete with a full buffet, hosted for the Bluegrass Railroad Club on Saturday, October 6.

The tour was in celebration of the completion of "phase 1" of Bob's around-the wall HO layout, the Licking Valley Railway, complete with Bob's custom paint scheme, "cub scout blue and gold". Future phases now in planning include expansion of the staging tracks, with perhaps a second level. Bob had two main lines and a branch running for the open house, and many industries and sidings were evident; There was also a

Witless vs Clueless

Rivets O'Reilly and Larry Loungecar

Projections

Rivets: Larry, what's this book in your railroad library?

Larry: That's no ordinary book, Rivets. It's my Model Railroad Journal.

Rivets: I thought that was a magazine.

Larry: No, you 're thinkin' of *Railmodel Journal*. That has a lot of good info about prototype modeling; but this is my Model Railroad journal. I keep a list of all my modelin' projects I have planned in there, and check 'em off when I get 'em done.

Rivets: Gosh, Larry, I didn't realize you were that organized. Mind if I have a look?

Larry: Nah, go ahead. It's also where I document all my NMRA information as I work toward being a Master Model Railroader.

Rivets: Larry, knowin' you like I do, don't hold yer breath waitin' to be a Master Model Railroader. I'll get to be a ballerina dancer before that happens! Let's see... "Build scenery, lay track,

replica of San Francisco streetcars in an appropriate setting, so The whole thing looks like a lot of fun to operate.

Thanks for the tour, Bob, and we hope you'll do it again soon.

buy an engine, get some screws, name my railroad, buy another engine, paint a backdrop, buy paint, get some suckers..." Larry, what kind of list is this? These aren't specific projects—they're things anybody can do without thinkin' or plannin'. Buy an engine! For cryin' out loud! What kind of project is that? What do you need suckers for, you got a sweet tooth or something'?

Larry: In the first place, buyin' an engine is a major project. I only have so much money to spend, so I have to be careful what I buy.

Rivets: Well, what about the candy? What does that have to do with model railroadin'?

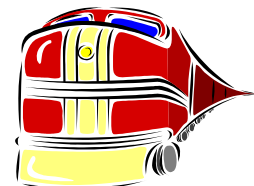
Larry: What candy? I'm talkin' about people to help me paint and lay track and build scenery.

Rivets: Yeah, Larry, welcome to Hydrocal University. No wonder none of those projects are checked off - you can't find any 'suckers.'

Larry: Yeah, I know...don't add too much water to the plaster, Rivets, and hurry up finishin' that mountain; we got other things to do today.

Rivets: Yeah, yeah, yeah....like buy an engine?

Larry: You got any money, Rivets?



AROUND THE BEND...

MON	DAY	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
JAN	7	NMRA MCR DIV 10	Tates Creek Library, Lexington, Sunday, 2:00 pm	Wendell Greer: Mold Making, Build- ings and Rocks	Fred Plymale: HO Layout	Steam Engines
FEB	3	NMRA MCR DIV 10	Beaumont Library, Lexington, Sunday, 2:00 pm	Pete Birdsong: DCC - Testing, Programming & Operating Decoders	David Drake:O lay- out	Rural Structures
MAR	3	NMRA MCR DIV 10	Tates Creek Library, Lexington, Sunday 2:00pm	Sam Swanson: (national diorama award winner at St. Louis) Scenicking and Detailing Model Rail- roads	TBA	Freight Cars
APR	7	NMRA MCR DIV 10	Beaumont Library, Lexington, Sunday, 2:00 pm	George Campbell: Dry Transfers in De- tailing Model Rail- roads	TBA	On-line Structures

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