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## Message From The Superintendent

Did the L&N have snow blowers in KY? We could have used them to help keep the Lexington libraries open on Jan 6th. The meeting and Wendell's clinic had to be cancelled because of the bad weather that closed the library. There is a lot of interest in his clinic and it will be rescheduled for a future meeting. Be sure to check our schedule of meeting dates, modeling clinics and tours for the first half of 2002 that offer a variety of modeling subjects and layout tours.

Speaking of layout tours and modeling clinics, be sure to read the "Join the Crew in 2002" flyer in this issue of *The Lantern*. The MCR Convention is to be held in Dayton, Ohio on April 25-28.

Bookmark the website for the convention to keep posted on the latest news:

**h t t p : / /  
www.modelraildayton.com/  
Spring2002.shtml**

They will have many interesting clinics, excellent tours, contests, and other exciting activities of interest to Div. 10 model railroaders. It is a

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## Editor's Notes

So January through us a curve—snowed on our party! Hope no one went to the library, failing to get word on the closing. The announcement on TV didn't give much warning, but we got the word out to as many as we could.

As a result of the cancellation, **Alan Brock** has moved the Bring & Brag schedule out one month, so we'll do Steam Engines in February, and every-

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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.

### Treasurer’s Report: 2001

Item	Amount
Balance Jan. 1	2732.95
Income	9266.39
Expense	6513.52
Balance Dec. 31	5485.82

Main income was from estate sales, member donations and train shows; main expenses were cost of estate sales, postage and clinicians.

I will be glad to provide a detailed report to anyone who would like to have one.

*Mike*

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Editor’s Notes

thing else slides out one month later also, so the Free Category drops off the end. I had a gorgeous, category-winning entry ready, but the dog ate it. Be sure to replace last month’s B&B overview with the new insert in this issue.

Speaking of which, some of you may have gotten your *Lantern* with various colors of paper—the copy machine was loaded with colored paper, and

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Superintendent’s message

short drive and well worth the trip, so make plans to attend with a group of your NMRA buddies. You will meet new modelers, make new friends and see and learn things that will help you as you build, scenic, and run your layouts.

The friendships that have developed with fellow NMRA members and the fun we have traveling to shows, working together to build and operate our model railroads is a major reason Div. 10 is important to me as I hope it is to you. If you have suggestions that will help us grow or ideas to help us become better modelers, call any of our officers or trustees with your suggestions or tips. Your involvement and fellowship is important to us all.

If you like what we are doing, bring a friend and encourage them to join in our activities. The national dues increase has not had a negative effect on our membership in the division and I’ll get more information from our national trustee after the MCR board meeting in March. A less expensive option for new or renewing members is an Affiliate membership (same as a regular membership, but without the *Bulletin* magazine) for only \$23. You still enjoy the benefits of NMRA membership and especially the local activities for Div. 10 modelers. We have several Division 10 Associate members. It’s a good choice if you’re

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The 2001 listing erroneously showed the Childers' donation as from Rex; it should have listed both Rex and Elaine.

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**win-win!!**

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*Editor's Notes*

we didn't realize it until too late.

The Tuesday night meeting on January 8 was packed. I guess everyone was starved for rail-roading, since we skipped several Tuesdays and the January meeting. Several new people attended – hope to see more of you.

We also had a big crowd at our first Operations session for the year. It seems to have worked out well to have split the session into operations and “chew the fat” sections—we were less in each other's way. Several operations improvements to the layout have been made, with more in the works.

**Mike Armstrong's** Witless & Clueless feature contribution on Operating Sessions in this issue ISN'T FUNNY ONE BIT! But maybe you'll enjoy it.

**Bill Robbins** is making good progress on revamping his operations, moving to a card order system, and should be back in business soon. The MCR convention in Dayton in April will feature participation in several operations sessions, so if you have an interest in operations, this should be a great convention to attend, especially being so close.

Division 5 recently surveyed their membership about what kinds of activities they'd like to see. Our experience with surveys is that we don't get much response to them - but how

about letting Fred or me know if there's an activity we're not providing that you'd like to see, e.g.:

Family picnic, Other club/  
 Division tour, Industry  
 tour, RR museum tour,  
 Dinner with spouse/guest,  
 Dinner train, Train ride,  
 Party, etc.

or one we *have* been providing that you'd like to see more (or less) of. Let us know what days and times would be best, and what you'd be willing to pay if there are charges. And especially, would you be willing to help put it on?

Welcome to new member **Ted Hornbuckle** of Versailles, who models in HO scale

I'd like to re-invite **everyone** to contribute to *The Lantern*. Your articles would be most welcome, on modeling, tips, product reviews, member profiles, Witless & Clueless, or something entirely different. How About doing a guest editorial on something you like or don't like about the hobby? Give it a try—you'll have fun, and it'll make the newsletter a lot more interesting to have some new slants on things. And don't forget, your submissions to *The Lantern* qualify for Author points in the Achievement program!

And speaking of the Achievement Program, we haven't had any awards lately. Now that winter is here, it's a good time to work on some projects, and they might as well be projects for which you can get AP points.

So think about it, and see if you can get something going there.

Let's have a good turnout for the February meeting, since we missed January. Hope to see lots of you there, and at the tour of Fred's layout afterwards. Poor guy—he's had to keep it clean for over a month now! And he's made lots of improvements you'll want to see.

*Pete*

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*Message from the Superintendent*

on a budget. But of course the magazine is certainly worth the price if you can afford it. Our membership currently has 95 members; bring a friend to our meetings and let's get over the 100 mark by mid year.

See you at the February meeting with Pete's DCC decoder clinic on Feb 3rd. After the meeting you can tour my “practice layout” before I tear it up and start over on the bigger and hopefully better version.



## MEMBER PROFILES

Adam Harmon



Adam lives in Lawrenceburg, with his wife, Tiffany, and is currently a seminary student at Lexington Theological Seminary. He originally became interested in model railroading as a young boy when he and his father put together a basic 5 foot square HO layout.

He is a beginning modeler, currently working on a 12 x 6 foot N-scale layout, which is operational, but as yet unscenicked. He just recently installed the turnouts and wiring, including a rather tortuous reverse loop.

The layout locale is Colorado at the turn of the century (last one, not this one, around 1870 to 1910.) This made for a challenging job to lay the track amidst all the mountains, especially in standard gauge!

The first motive power acquisition is the MDC (Roundhouse) N-Scale 2-8-0, with the motor in the tender, turning the drivers through a shaft from the tender to the engine.

He also has an N-Trak module under construction.

Adam has been a willing helper on several Division 10 projects, and a most welcome addition to the organization. He is a 'regular' at the Tuesday night gatherings, and has attended several of the operations sessions.

## Witless vs Clueless

*Rivets O'Reilly and Larry Loungecar**"Cool Operator"*

*Larry:* Hey, Rivets! I'm getting into another aspect of the hobby—becomin' more rounded in my modelin' experience!

*Rivets:* Have you been to another clinic, Larry?

*Larry:* Well, yeah – one on operations. I even attended an aperatin' session after the clinc, and got to run a train.

*Rivets:* Oh, yeah? How'd it go?

*Larry:* I had a wonderful time.

*Rivets:* That's great, but how did it go?

*Larry:* You mean, like, what happened?

*Rivets:* That's right, Larry—what happened?

*Larry:* Well, I realize this was my first session, but those guys really didn't know what they were doin'. The first thing that happened was a guy gave me one of those headset radios, but I couldn't find a good station, so I put it down somewhere. Then after a while, some guy started usin' profanity wantin' to know who left their dispatcher set on the track!

*Rivets:* So, if you didn't have the headset, how did the dispatcher contact you?

*Larry:* What dispatcher?

*Rivets:* Never mind. What happened after that?

*Larry:* Oh, yeah. They had this clock thing and we were supposed to watch that and we were on a 24 hour schedule. But any idiot could see it wasn't goin' to take 24 hours to get around the layout, even if it was huge! So I was movin' along and people started yellin' at me for blockin'

the yard, and messin' up the schedule. Well that clock thing was no 'count, 'cause five minutes had passed and it said it was an hour and everybody there acted like it was a normal thing to have a clock moving so fast the hands cooled ya like a fan...

*Rivets:* It's called a "fast clock!"

*Larry:* Yeah, like warp speed! But I made it all the way 'round the layout without runnin' into anybody or derailin' a car. Some guys tried to get me to stop and put their cars in my train, but I told them to get their own train—I got mine. Man, some people! It was 'bout that time that those guys quit talkin' to me, and I left. Anyway, I'm gonna have my own operatin' sessions right here at my house tomorrow night, and you're invited. Come on over.

*Rivets:* Larry, your layout is barely started. You've got only an oval of track layed—no turnouts or sidings...

*Larry:* Doesn't matter—my motto is "keep it simple." I didn't like all those people yellin' at me - at my session I'm gonna run a train!

*Rivets:* What is everyone else gonna do while you're runnin' a train in circles?

*Larry:* It's just gonna be me and you, Rivets. I thought you might like to watch.

*Rivets:* Here's somethin' *you* can watch, Larry—me gettin' outta here in fast time!

*Thanks to Mike Armstrong for this month's feature.*

**AROUND THE BEND...**

MON	DAY	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
FEB	3	NMRA MCR DIV 10	Beaumont Library, Lexington, Sunday, 2:00 pm	Pete Birdsong: DCC - Testing, Programming, Op- erating & Troubleshooting Decoders	Fred Plymale: HO Layout	Steam Engines
	8	BGRRC	Meadowthorpe Community Center, Lexington, 7:30pm	Wes Ross: David Williams' 16mm motion picture on Ky & WV logging railroads		
MAR	3	NMRA MCR DIV 10	Tates Creek Library, Lexington, Sunday 2:00pm	Sam Swanson: (national diorama award winner at St. Louis) Scenicking and De- tailing Model RR's	David Drake: O layout	Rural Structures
APR	7	NMRA MCR DIV 10	Beaumont Library, Lexington, Sunday, 2:00 pm	George Campbell: Dry Transfers in Detailing Model Railroads	Jim Shoo: HO Circus & N-trak (Versailles)	Freight Cars
	25-28	NMRA MCR CON- VENTION (DIV 3)	Dayton-Fairborn Holiday Inn Fairborn, OH See website for more details: <a href="http://www.modelraildayton.com/">http://www.modelraildayton.com/</a>	Banquet, Raffle, Auction, Clinics, Hospitality Room,	Layouts, Garden RR, Prototype, Self-guided	NMRA Rules contests and non-rules con- tests
MAY	5	NMRA MCR DIV 10	John Bowling's, Danville Sunday, 2:00 pm	TBA	John Bowling, Bob Lawson HO Layouts	On-line Structures

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