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## Message From The Superintendent

What is the value of your NMRA membership? The 38 members who attended Sam Swanson's outstanding clinic on scenic detailing would say it is "priceless". Using your talents to help fellow modelers by sharing your techniques and methods is what the fellowship of NMRA members is all about. Sam drove 170 miles round trip from Cincinnati in snowy weather to share his national award winning skills with us and he has agreed to do another clinic for us again next year. Priceless, indeed! Thanks again, Sam.

We welcome George Campbell back for our April 7th clinic to show his products and demonstrate the use of his dry transfers. The clinic he held a little over two years ago was extremely well received and if you brought an undecorated box car, you had the opportunity to work "hands on" using his dry transfers. It will be another opportunity to learn and exchange modeling ideas and skills with George.

If you like modeling lectures, demonstrations, and clinics by Master Modeler Railroaders, the MCR Convention is the place to be on April 25-28 in Dayton, Ohio. Several members from our division are planning to attend so check with other members for car pooling and sharing

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## Editor's Notes

First, a warm welcome to new member **Duane Norris** of Lexington.

Thanks to **Mike Armstrong** for most of the information in this column concerning the March meeting.

I was in Columbus, representing Fred at the MCR Board of Directors meeting, a bad strategic move, since while I was there they elected me Regional Secretary! Seriously, I feel it an honor to be able to serve at the regional level. The MCR Officers data column at left reflects the update. **Lou Adler**, the previous secretary, moved to Idaho, leaving the vacancy. The BOD meeting minutes are summarized in a col-

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umn on page four, and can be read in full on the newly redone MCR web site, which is now maintained by **Ivan Baugh** of Louisville Div. 8. Congratulations, Ivan on the new look and content of the MCR site.

And on the subject on MCR sites, Div 6 Buckeye division now has a brand new web site of it's own.

Our own Div. 10 site has been updated with links to the new sites, and a brief recap of "hits" (about 4000 for 2001) was added to the Update History page. We also added back in the link to the MCR newsletter, since it's being maintained now (by Ivan).

Back to the March meeting, there were 36 people present (great attendance!!), including **Sam Swanson**,

the clinician.

For the Bring & Brag contest on buildings, **Bob Lawson** won first place, **Fred Plymale** second, and **John Gorman** third. There were six or seven buildings. In the Photo Contest, **John Gorman** won first place, **Pete Birdsong** second, and **Bill Paulsell** third. YTD standings are on page 4.

Thanks to **David Drake** for hosting the layout tour with his very well done O layout.

Be sure to keep the inserts in this issue: a new Roster and the Around The Bend Schedule of upcoming events, and the Dayton Convention flyer.

We have received several donations from members: **John De-**

**ville, Bob Lawson, Franklin Miller, Ed Keyser and David Greer** gave \$20.00, **Bill Paulsell** \$25.00, and **Mike Armstrong** gave \$40.00 by paying the eBay fees this month; **Ron Kercheval** and **Ron Saylor** donated 10.00. Thanks to all, and we hope to see donations from others at future meetings. The full list is on page three. Let me know if I've missed anyone.

**Sam Swanson** did a marvelous job, presenting a great clinic and provided a very useful handout. Sam agreed to come back for another clinic in the future, and we will certainly take him up on that.

**Bill Robbins'** new card order system for the Operations sessions on his SP&S home layout got its first "official" tryout March 19, and proved to be well worth all the effort Bill put into it, the entire session running very smoothly. Others involved in helping on the redesign effort were: **David Greer, John Gorman, Fred Plymale, Howard Coleman, Mark Hunt, Alan Brock, and Pete Birdsong.**

The HO modular group is continuing to meet and to make progress on acquisition of materials and track, and is well into the construction phase, with a lot of this initial work being done by **John Gorman.**

Finally, we sadly bid farewell to Board member and Community Activities Chair **Bob Richardson**, who is moving to the Philadelphia area. Bob also served as our election coordinator. Good luck in your new endeavors, Bob, and thanks for your support of Division 10. Happy Rails!

*Pete*

## Committee Chairs

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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 what's 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.



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**2002 PATRONS**

**2002 SUSTAINING MEMBERS**

- |                |                 |               |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Carl Adkins    | Franklin Miller | Ron Kercheval |
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| Ed Keyser      |                 |               |

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***win-win!!***

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rooms. You will meet many fellow modelers from other areas and develop long lasting friendships. Lay-out tours in Dayton on Sunday should be great.

Last but definitely not least, it is time for Div. 10 members to start developing a new slate of Officers to manage the division for the next two years starting Oct. 1st. An election will be held in Aug-Sept to elect a Superintendent, Asst. Superintendent, Secretary, and Treasurer. We started with the idea of reactivating Division 10 to meet the needs of serious model railroaders in our area. The enhancing of modeling skills by sharing techniques and the promotion of model railroading in our area is and should continue to be our primary mission.

Great progress has been made in the past two and one half years. We started with 40 members and now are approaching 100. We had no money and now we are reasonably comfortable with our ability to fund our activities which may include a train show in Lexington before the year ends.

If you agree with our mission and enjoy our activities, it is time for you to commit your time, involvement, and new ideas to assure our future growth and progress. In the near future we will announce a chairman for nominations. In the meantime, please call and let me know of your interest and what office or activity most appeals to you.

*Fred*

## Treasurer's Report

<b>Feb 1, 2002 Bal</b>	4728.76
Income	286.75
Expense	254.84
<b>Feb 28, 2002 Bal</b>	4760.67

The money received has come from member donations and estate sales. Outgoing money was for office expenses and estate sales. Please contact me if you would like more details.

*Mike*

### Intermodal Model & Prototype News

from Model Intermodal at:

<http://modelintermodal.com/>

Check this site out if you have any interest in modeling intermodal, for news and photos of prototype and model products.



### March 2002 MCR Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Summary:

Pete Birdsong elected Secretary and John Stuber Historian.

Ivan Baugh announced as new Webmaster.

Division reports presented.

Bids by Div. 2 for 2004 and Div. 5 for 2005 Regional Conventions made and accepted by motions and voice votes.

Division 4 questioned possibility of hosting 2006 convention, with discussion concluding that rules allow it if no other division bids.

Discussion and proposals for resolving head tax issue with Division 8 were deferred to the next meeting.

Dick Flock provided the Regional Treasurer's report.

Mike Brestel presented the Trustee's report, including the financial report and Insurance Program updates, and a verbal update of recent news.

The Russ Lunderford Award winner will be announced at the Dayton convention, and Dick Flock received the Directors' Award.

Dick Flock gave the status of the Mobile Home Kit project.

### Bring & Brag

High to Low or Tie	Mar	YTD
<b>Fred Plymale (2nd)</b>	4	9
<b>John Gorman (3rd)</b>	3	7
Pete Birdsong	2	5
<b>Bob Lawson (1st)</b>	5	5
Lou Jaquith	2	4
Mike Armstrong	2	2
Howard Coleman	2	2
Wendell Greer	0	2
Mike Walters	2	2

### Bring & Brag Photo

High to Low or Tie	Mar	YTD
<b>John Gorman</b>	5	5
<b>Pete Birdsong</b>	4	4
<b>Bill Paulsell</b>	3	3

## MEMBER PROFILES

Ron Kercheval



Ron Kercheval lives at 824 Della Drive in Lexington with his wife Monica, and their two gray tabby cats, Tiger and Chessie. They named Chessie after the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway's beloved kitten of the same name.

Ron is a senior technician with Quest Engineers, Inc. and Monica is a sales representative with Bricking Ltd., which sells scrap booking, rubber stamps, gifts and stationery.

Railroading blood runs deep in Ron's family as his maternal grandfather was an assistant district superintendent on the Louisville and Nashville's KY division and his father's uncle was a physician who provided service for the C&O. Consequently, those two roads are his two favorites. The Southern also plays an important part as well as most roads of the Southeast, with a little B&O and Pennsy thrown in.

Last spring, Ron completed bench

# Witless vs. Clueless

*Rivets O'Reilly and Larry Loungecar*

Rivets: Hey, Larry, how's it goin'?

Larry: Not too good, Rivets.

Rivets: Whassamatter?

Larry: Well, you remember a couple months ago I was tellin' you about my experiences operatin'?

Rivets: Yeah, I remember; what about it - have you been doin' some more with that?

Larry: Yeah, I had some guys over the other night for a session.

Rivets: So what happened, Larry?

Larry: It was terrible, Rivets. Everything started out fine, and we were havin' lotsa fun, until we got a little cocky, and decided to run trains in opposite directions on a single track main.

Rivets: And then what?

Larry: Well, I was runnin' an Eastbound train along the main, and John was doin' the same with a Westbound, and we both failed to go in the hole, and wound up on the same track, headin' straight for each other.

Rivets: Didn't anybody see what was goin' on?

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work for a sectional 10 foot by 14 foot HO layout. The final track plan is still up in the air. However, frequent visits with the informal Tuesday night group have provided a great source of inspiration and support. He has been a member of Division 10 for two years.

Larry: Yeah, Fred was dispatchin' and he saw it, and told John to take the only available siding between us.

But when he went to throw the switch, there was no current to the turnout motor.

Rivets: Yikes!

Larry: Yeah, "yikes" is what I thought, too - here are John and I both runnin' my two best brass engines wide open, straight at each other.

Rivets: Uh-oh...those are expensive engines. What happened then?

Larry: John had the presence of mind to try to throw the switch manually.

Rivets: Whew!

Larry: But the switch was jammed and wouldn't throw!

Rivets: Oh my gosh!

Larry: Yep. But then Fred yells at us both to apply emergency braking.

Rivets: Well, that was quick thinkin'! Good for him.

Larry: But both throttles were stuck.

Rivets: Oh, no. What'd he do then?

Larry: He called in all the other guys from the crew lounge.

Rivets: Oh, and they were able to help, huh?

Larry: Naw, he just wanted them all to get to see the big crash!

*(Thanks to John Gorman for contributing the story line for this month's feature)*



**Next Meeting April 7, 2002  
at 2:00pm, Beaumont Library  
in Lexington.**

**Clinic: George Campbell  
on dry transfers**

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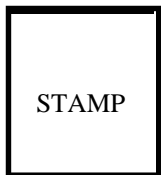


**Directions at the meeting.**

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