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Message From The Superintendent

On March 22nd, our club will host our first train show. The show has several purposes: First - bring together people who want to buy and sell model train material. Second - set up a means by which our club can earn money on a regular basis. Third - Provide an opportunity for all of us to work and come together as a club.

To accomplish the third point, it is necessary that all of us participate on the project. You as an individual can participate in one or more ways:

1. Rent a table. We have 50 tables and if the show is to be financially successful, all of them need to be rented. Contact Howard Coleman 224-4363
2. Take a turn manning our NMRA table. Contact Chris Cord 621-3863
3. Help setting-up and taking-down tables. Contact Howard Coleman or Fred Plymale 223-7270 or Bill Robbins 271-8839
4. Take a turn helping to run the HO and N gage layouts. Contact John Gorman 269-3573 or Fred Plymale.
5. Take a turn manning the ticket table. Contact John Gorman or Bill Robbins.

We will have a sign-up sheet at our March meeting. You may indicate your preference there if you wish. Anyone volunteering to help or renting a table will not have to pay the entrance fee. Otherwise you will be asked to pay when you attend.

This is our first big endeavor to work together and have some fun. It is my hope that all of you will participate at the show. If you can't, but can come to the show, you still have the opportunity to wear a badge and be a host. See you there.

- Bill

Win a \$25 Gift Certificate

At the February meeting Division 10 held its first free door prize drawing. Thanks to the efforts of Mike Walter, the Division now has several \$25 gift certificates. These will be given as door prizes each month and at special events.

The newest addition is Scale Reproductions Hobby Shop. Located in Louisville, their selection of products and knowledge of the staff always makes it a rewarding visit. The two Lexington stores are Bluegrass Model Railway Supply and Berkshire Trains.

Thomas Bookout was one of three winners last month, maybe you will be a winner on the 2nd!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the March meeting where more gift certificates will be awarded to lucky winners. See you there!

- Chris Cord

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“STUFF” & OPPORTUNITIES

Mike Armstrong 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 Mike Walter to arrange for an ad, or Mike Armstrong for liquidations.

Committee Chairs

Achievement Program	David Greer
Advertising	Mike Walter
Community Activities	Open
Company Store	Chris Cord
Contests	Ron Kercheval
Conventions & Shows	Fred Plymale
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Member Aid	Wendell Greer
Membership	Wendell Greer
Photographer	Pete Birdsong
Programs	Fritz Dutro

Witless vs. Clueless

The Continuing Railroad Adventures of Rivets O’Reilly and Larry Loungecar



Created by ‘Railroad’ Pete Birdsong
Written by Mike Armstrong

Larry: Hi Rivets! Come on in and have a cup of hot chocolate, but don’t take your coat off!

Rivets: Well, that is some invitation! The hot chocolate sounds great, but it is cold outside and snow everywhere!

Larry: Rivets, quit your whinnin’ and come in. I have something to show you. Look out the kitchen window.

Rivets: Larry, what have you gone and done to your garden railroad with that monstrosity out there?!

Larry: Rivets, that is an ice fishing shack sitting across my pond! Pretty cool, huh? I got it for a song at the “Antique Shoppe”! Man, is it cool! I got it for only fifty bucks!

Rivets: Larry, what do you want an ice fishing shack for? It certainly isn’t to scale!

Larry: Rivets, you have no imagination. What do you think you would use an ice fishing shack for? It is for ice fishing in my pond!

Rivets: You mean you actually use it?! Larry, fishing for your gold fish can’t be helpful to the fish.

Larry: Don’t worry, Rivets, it is only catch and release. Don’t you get it? I can sit out there by the hole and drop a line in the water while I watch my trains go by. See that cute little window in the door? On the inside I have a nice little quartz heater and I have all kinds of railroad signs and decorative items on the wall. It has a built in bench and everything. Come on. Bring your hot chocolate and I’ll show you . . . there, check it out.

Rivets: (Looking inside) Larry, you dope. This isn’t an ice fishing shack! It is just some ol’ discarded outhouse! No wonder it came with a built in bench. I suppose that little crescent moon shaped hole is the cute little window you been watchin’ trains through!

Larry: Well, I like it and the trains come right by the door.

Rivets: Well, at least I know what to get you for your birthday next month.

Larry: What’s that?

Rivets: A coil car with two rolls of toilet paper for the load?

NMRA MCR Board of Directors Meeting Report

Pete Birdsong and I attended the NMRA MCR Board of Directors meeting on Feb 2nd. Following is a summary of that meeting.

Attendance was good. All divisions were represented and showed a great interest in the meeting and its agenda. I feel that our club is right on track with our show as every division has a show. They show seems to be a major means of support for them. Most of the divisions have other activities similar to ours. They have B&B at each meeting. All are looking at ways to increase membership through:

1. Membership promotions
2. Membership discounts
3. Follow-up on renewals and delinquent members.

Several divisions are becoming involved with the boy scouts.

There is a great interest in 50lc3. I used Division 8’s application to apply for our club.

Most of the clubs seem to be in process or have built module layouts which can be used for display purposes at various locations. Several clubs sell freight cars, structures, etc. to raise money.

Nominations and procedures for the upcoming election were discussed. A committee has been established to clarify the nomination/election process. Division 10 urges each member to vote on his own choice. Our club does not officially endorse any candidate.

It was a very positive meeting and Pete and I were pleased to attend.

- Bill



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2003 PATRONS

Pete Birdsong	Alan Brock	Howard Coleman
John Deville	Fritz Dutro	John Gorman
Ray & Renee Grosser	Lou Jaquith	Skip Keyser
Bob Lawson	Fred Plymale	Bill Robbins
Ron Saylor	Mike Walter	

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**Division 10 Train Show
Saturday, March 22, 10am - 4 pm at the
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Support Our Local Hobby Shops

Our advertisers are supporting us with their ads, so let's support them with our business! A strong retail network is vital to keeping the hobby visible to the public, and provides valuable help to newcomers. By our patronage of their stores, they are able to continue bringing more people into the hobby, and promoting our organization.....

win-win!!

March's Meeting

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Asst. Superintendent's Report

Greetings to all of you from Ice-free Richmond. Is anyone planning to model a winter snow scene soon? There has been lots of snow scenes done before but I can't remember someone doing an ice scene. If you are contemplating doing one you have had lots of examples in Lexington to follow.

This month's program will feature Mike Baskette's clinic on complete freight car construction, painting and weathering. Mike as some of you know is an accomplished model painter and model railroader. His clinic on tips and techniques will be well worth attending.

Our layout tour this month will be at Pat Gerstle's. Pat Models in SN3 and his layout features western scenery and Colorado narrow gauge. Those of you who attended Pat's clinic on hand laying track got a few glimpses of photos of the layout. The tour will commence immediately after the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing all of you on the 2nd.

- Fritz

Treasure's Report

Many thanks to the Patrons whose February donations will help to fund The Lantern and our web site. Ray and Renee Grosser, Bob Lawson, and Mike Walter.

All of our 2003 Patrons and Sponsors are greatly appreciated. In the future, we must get many more members to financially support Div. 10 activities to avoid implementing annual dues.

Please send your checks made out to NMRA MCR Div. 10. Hopefully, you can take a tax credit when our 501c3 status is approved.

Our current balance is \$ 4,228.39.

- Fred

Bring n' Brag February, 2003

The Bring n' Brag category for February's meeting was steam locomotives. Although the number of entries was down from last month, the quality made up for the small number.

In the modeling division, Mike Walter entered a fantastic looking coal-fired steam power plant in N scale that dwarfed a BNSF wide cab loco displayed for contrast. Next, Fritz Dutro had a beautifully weathered HO scale Wheeling & Lake Erie 2-8-0. The third entry was Howard Coleman's interesting Lionel U.S. Army steamer that was nicely done in olive drab. Fritz edged out Mike for first place while Howard took third.

There were also three photography entries. Fritz Dutro had a photo of one of his W&LE Consolidations pulling a freight through lush summer scenery on a layout, Howard Coleman entered a

group of photos of a hopper car and some layout scenes, and Randy Coffman had a great looking black and white photo of a Denver and Rio Grande narrow gauge tank car train pulled by a 2-8-2. Randy won first place, Fritz came in second, and Howard took third.

Congratulations to all who entered! Award certificates will be handed out at the next meeting on March 2.

Bring n' Brag Schedule for 2003

Mar. - Non-revenue (Including Cabooses and Maintenance of Way)

April - Stations: Passenger and Freight

May - Freight Cars

June - 'Anything Goes': All classifications

July - Favorite Trains

Aug. - On-line Structures (except stations)

Sept. - Diesel Locomotives

Oct. - Commercial Structures: Industrial, businesses, municipal, etc.

Nov. - Passenger Cars

Dec. - Open Loads: Flat Cars, Gondolas and Intermodal

- Ron Kercheval

2003 Bring & Brag Scores

MODELS

High to Low or Tie	Feb	YTD
Fritz Dutro (1st)	5	10
Howard Coleman (3rd)	3	7
Mike Walter (2nd)	4	4
Bill Robbins		3
Pete Birdsong		2

PHOTOS

High to Low or Tie	Feb	YTD
Fritz Dutro (2nd)	4	9
Pete Birdsong		5
Randy Coffman (1st)	5	5
Howard Coleman (3rd)	3	3

COLEMAN'S COLLECTION

(Favorite Railroad Websites from Howard Coleman)

This is a nice link to many other sites with plenty to look at.

<http://home.primus.com.au/brindabella/RGXLinks.html>

Hope you enjoy!

Howard



AROUND THE BEND

MON	DAY	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
MAR	2	MCR DIV 10	Tates Creek Library, Lexington Sunday, 2:00 pm	Mike Baskette -Freight car painting, decaling and weathering.	Pat Gerstle Narrow Gauge S Scale	Non-Revenue Cars
MAR	14	BGRRRC	Meadowthorpe Community Center, Friday, 7:30 pm	Bob Larger: DCC control		
MAR	21-23	MCR	Railroad Prototype Modelers East Pittsburgh, PA, Holiday Inn at Exit 6, Pa. Turnpike	Contact Dick Flock, 724-850-8882 Email rflock@worldnet.att.net Clinics on prototype info		
MAR	22	MCR Div. 10 Train Show	Knights of Columbus Hall 1604 Versailles Rd., Lexington Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm	Over 50 Dealer Tables, Operating HO and N Scale Layouts, Clinics, Door Prizes, Fun for the Whole Family		
MAR	28-29	MCR Div. 10 Ohio Tour	Eastern Ohio Two Day Tour	Tour: Coshocton, Cambridge and Zanesville Model Railroad Clubs and Ohio Central Steam Shop	← ←	
APR	6	MCR DIV 10	Eagle Creek Library, Lexington off of Richmond Road Sunday, 2:00 pm	Fritz Dutro Chalk weathering cars and structures and Foam scenery construction	Mike Walters N Scale BNSF Richmond, Kentucky	Passenger and Freight Stations
APR	11	BGRRRC	Meadowthorpe Community Center, Friday, 7:30 pm	Bill Paulsell: Resin Casting		
APR	24-27	MCR DIV 7 Convention	Springdale Best Western, Rt 4 and I-275, Cincinnati, OH	Contact Charlie Atkinson, atrain@juno.com, or Div website: http://www.cincy-div7.org/		
MAY	4	MCR DIV 10	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	Freight Cars
MAY	9	BGRRRC	Meadowthorpe Community Center, Friday, 7:30 pm			
JUNE	1	MCR DIV 10	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	'Anything Goes'
JULY	13-19	NMRA Nat'l Convention	Toronto, Canada	See Website for full details: http://www.ml2003.com/pages/home.html		

***** Don't Miss the MCR Div. 10 OHIO TOUR *****

This month Division 10 members have the opportunity to tour several established club layouts and a working prototype steam railroad in east central Ohio. The tour will be on March 28 and 29. Members will be responsible for their own transportation and lodging, a rate will be secured at a national chain motel for those who are interested. The tour will start at 3:30 on the 28th in Coshocton and will wrap up after 2:00 PM in Zanesville. The drive to Coshocton is approximately 280 miles.

Members will have the opportunity to tour the Coshocton, Cambridge and Zanesville Model Railroad Clubs. All three clubs have permanent layouts and are sized between 2400 and 7500 square feet. Details on each club will be provided at the March NMRA meeting.

In addition we will be touring the Ohio Central Steam Shop (ocsteam.com) where we will see at least 8 steam locomotives and several first generation diesels. This is a working shop that rebuilds steamers and diesels. Check out the website for more information.

A Cambridge member has invited us to tour his cabooses collection. Currently they are restoring 5 Pennsy, B&O, and C&O cabooses.

I will be providing a handout with details of each of the layouts and the prototype tours at the March meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting contact me and I will provide you a copy of the handout. I am asking for a pre-registration so that I can let our hosts know how many people will be in our group.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting and again in the hills of Eastern Ohio on the 28th.

- Fritz

Next Meeting:
Tates Creek Library
Lexington,
Sunday, March 2,
at 2:00 pm



Clinic:
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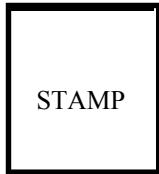
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