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MCR Election Results

The MCR 2003 election results were announced at the regional meeting held on April 25 at the Springdale Express convention. Howard Smith defeated Dick Flock for President, Lou Dalton defeated Jeff Garrett for V.P., Judy Logan defeated Brian Petroziello for Treasurer, and Pete Birdsong won Secretary unopposed. 200 valid ballots were cast. For NMRA Trustee Mike Brestel defeated Miles Hale.

Division 10 thanks the outgoing and returning officers for all their hard work and appreciates their devotion to the membership and the hobby.

Message From The Superintendent

We were pleased to welcome Scott Firth from Div 7 in Cincinnati to our April meeting. He discussed and invited us to attend the MCR Regional Convention to be held April 24-27 in Springdale, Ohio

Our April meeting was well attended. In the meeting, the members voted to delete Boyd, Greenup, Lawrence and Lewis counties from the Div 10, Article 1, Sec 1 of our bylaws. These counties were transferred to the formation of Div 9. We had no registered members from these counties.

Feedback from attendees and members of our club indicates that our train show was successful. We rented 57 tables and 175 people attended. The people at the Knights of Columbus were accommodating and invited us back. Howard Coleman did a good job of managing

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NMRA Achievement Program Explained!

In this month's Achievement Program column I will be discussing Master Builder – Motive Power. I personally think it is the most challenging of the Master Builder categories. As you recall we are only required to complete seven of the eleven categories. So don't let this category scare you off, you

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May Clinic Features Structure Kit Building & Finishing

Just a short note this month. I want to thank everyone who has been attending the monthly meetings in Lexington so far this year. Our attendance has typically been north of 20 people per clinic and from the feedback I've been receiving, you have been getting your moneys worth.

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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
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Witless vs. Clueless

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



**Created by ‘Railroad’ Pete Birdsong
Written by Mike Armstrong**

At the Operating Session

Larry: Breaker, breaker, this is dispatcher Larry “Mr. in Control” Loungecar calling tower 3.

Rivets: Larry, there is no tower three. There is only one and two.

Larry: Breaker, breaker this is Larry “I’m the Boss” Loungecar. Let’s not be interrupting my dispatching with useless information. Tower 2, Train 2, you are cleared to go to block 3. That, according to my CTC board is Port Authority.

Rivets: Train 2, east bound has left the station with Elvis.

Larry: Breaker, breaker.....

Rivets: Larry will you knock it off with the breaker, breaker stuff. This is a railroad, not a convoy.

Larry: Tower 2, train 5 is clear to McKenna Ridge via the southern route through block 2. Move it!

Tower 2: Hey, dispatcher, Train 1 east bound is in block 2. You got train 5 west bound headed right for it.

Larry: Look, Mr. Boss Hogger Heaven! Use a passing siding.

Tower 2: There is no passing siding there.

Larry: Ya’ll be careful now, ya hear!?

Rivets: Larry, You gotta get train 4 out

of the way. It’s blocking the “Y” and train 1 is trying to make up time.

Larry: I’m not the engineer.

Rivets: Larry I knew this wasn’t going to work with you as dispatcher! There are trains 3, 5 and 6 that haven’t left their station yet and train 7 is coming into the station behind train six.

Larry: Tower 1 and Tower 2: all trains are cleared to go . . . NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Rivets: Larry, these headphones aren’t working, say again.

Larry: If you bang the phones on the wall, they will work better. I said all trains are cleared to go. Now move it out Mister! (Long silence) Oh, boys, what is going on in there. The lights on my board went out.

Rivets: Uh, Larry, I don’t think clearin’ all those trains at one time was a good idea. Right now we have trains stopped at the “Y” from four directions. Two have derailed at the turnouts, two have been rear ended by the same train! And Joe is packing up to go home. Larry, there are five angry engineers headed toward the dispatcher’s office.

Larry: Uh, Rivets, quick, tell ‘em nobody’s here!

Rivets: I think that *is* what they think!

Larry: Do you think they’ll hurt m . . . Ouch! Quit it! Cut it out!



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win-win!!

Bring n' Brag April, 2003

Passenger & freight stations was the theme for April's Bring n' Brag. Nobody went home a loser as there were just three modeling entries and one photo!

In the modeling division, Bill Robbins entered a sweet looking small passenger station with an excellent paint job, Fritz Dutro had a neat Wheeling & Lake Erie Passenger station, and Mike Walter had a sharp N scale Amtrak station with some great weathering. Fritz edged out Mike for first place by one vote while Bill took third.

The photo contest was a real dogfight as Fritz won in a walkover with his nice photo of a W&LE freight train. I guess it takes only one contestant to win sometimes!

Congratulations to all who entered! Award certificates will be handed out at the next meeting on May 4. The category for May is freight cars so there is no excuse for only one or three entries in this popular category. We have seen some truly outstanding models from a few members the last few months. Don't be bashful in sharing a few of your favorite items. See you in May.

-Ron Kercheval

Super's Message (Continued from page 1)
the show. We even made a little money.

Under the guidance of Chris Cord we are exploring some exciting club items and programs. They are: name tags, name patches, club mugs, and club cars. Interest seems to favor hoppers.

We had an excellent program presented by our program director – Fritz Dutro – on scenery and car weathering. Bring and brag entries were excellent. We also had two drawings for gift certificates at local hobby stores. I encourage all of you to come to the meetings and join in the festivities.

-Bill

Division 10 By-Laws Change

Division 10 Article 1, Sec 1 by-laws has been amended as follows:

"All members present at a regular meeting 4/6/03 voted to delete Boyd, Greenup, Lawrence, and Lewis counties from our boundaries list."

These counties were transferred to the formation of Division 9.

News From Our Company Store

Monthly Door Prize/Raffle

At the April meeting, Wendell Greer won a \$25 gift certificate to Scale Reproductions in Louisville and a \$25 gift certificate to Berkshire Trains was also awarded. Congratulations to both our winners!

Club Car Updates

Members have expressed interest in doing either a HO scale hopper or MOW car. George Campbell of Campbell Roads suggested a car that he says clubs have had a lot of success selling. It is a 50' boxcar lettered for the Southern that has a "When empty return to" field on it. Mr. Campbell suggested "When empty return to NMRA Division 10, Lexington, KY".

Also, I plan to have a survey at the next meetings that includes your pick for the club car and other items you'd like to see the company store carry.

- Chris Cord

Editor's Notes

Sorry I missed the April meeting. I was at the train show in Timonium. It sure was an expensive trip! Included in this month's issue of the Lantern is our regional newsletter, The Kingpin. These folks work hard to ensure that we have the best region in the nation.

See you at the May meeting!

-John

Treasurer's Report for the Div. 10 Train Show

Income from Tables	740.00
Income from Gate	<u>390.00</u>
Total Income	1,130.00
Expense for the Hall	400.00
Printing	75.00
Labels and Paper	53.58
Postage	<u>370.00</u>
Total expense	<u>898.50</u>
Net profit	\$231.42

The show was a successful first effort in Lexington. We promoted the hobby and even made a small profit.

-Fred

May's Meeting (Continued from page 1)

Our clinics this month could be called the Superintendents Show. Past Superintendent Fred Plymale and current Superintendent Bill Robbins were hornswaggled into giving this month's clinic by yours truly. Bill and Fred will be presenting a clinic on building and finishing structure kits. Fred is a past "modeler of the year" in Division 10 and Bill has many fine structures that he has built for his and others layouts.

Our tour that immediately follows the meeting is Wendell Greer's DEW Lines. Wendell is one of division 10's Master Model Railroaders and his railroad has many examples of his talent on display. Maps to Wendell's will be provided at the meeting.

Remember that Cincinnati Division 7 has the Mid Central Region Convention April 24-27 in Springdale Ohio. The clinics and layout tours will be fantastic based on both the presenters and the number of published layouts on tour. Consider attending with another modeler, you won't be disappointed.

-Fritz

AP Explained (Continued from page 1)

don't have to complete this category to become a Master Model Railroader.

Master Builder – Motive Power requirements are to build three scale models of railroad motive power. Only one needs to be scratch built, the other two can be commercial models that you super detailed. The definition of motive power for this category is any type of locomotive or self-propelled vehicle that runs on rails. To qualify as scratch built the model must be made of 90% scratch built components. For steam locomotives, the frame, boiler, cab, tender, and main and side rods must be scratch built. For diesels locomotives, the body, frame, and truck side frames must be scratch built. The power train for the models (motor, gears, wheels, etc) need not be scratch built. The models can also be of any scale.

The models must also be capable of self-propulsion on the correct gauge track. If it can not propel itself it may be rolling stock but not motive power! It should also stay on the track while running. It is these minor details that make this category so challenging.

All three of the motive power models must be super detailed. These detailing parts can be scratch built (for more points) or commercially purchased. The models should be detailed appropriately to model the prototype motive power. This demonstrates your individual craftsmanship.

After completion of building the models they need to be merit judged. The models must each earn 87.5 points. The judging is based on quality of the craftsmanship, the quantity of detailing, and how well the model captures the look of the prototype.

This category may appear daunting at first but remember, it doesn't say you have to scratch build a 4-8-4 steam locomotive, a small four wheel yard diesel will qualify just as well. One purpose of the Achievement Program is to encourage us to expand our modeling skills which this category certainly does. Imagine the satisfaction of earning this certificate! You would be truly set apart from the average modeler.

-Dave

Division 10 Model Railroad Data Base

Wendell Greer



Dew Valley RR

Name: Dew Valley RR
Scale: HO - 1:87
Size: 12X19'
Period: 1963
Location: Ashland Ky to Parkersburg WV along the Ohio River
Style: Walk around single main for operations
Height: 47" main, 38" lower branch, 55" upper branch
Benchwork: L girder, cookie cutter and flat table; plywood & Homosote
Track: Code 100 flex on main, code 70 elsewhere
Mainline Length: Approximately 100 feet
Turnouts: Approx. 50 Hand made and BK powered by rotary switch machines; some ground throws
Radius: 24" min. radius
Grade: 4% maximum on branches; 0% on main
Scenery: Mostly Hydrocal over screen with lots of plaster moldings; many plaster buildings along with kit bashed plastic and wood buildings
Control: Digitrax DCC & DC
Signals: Computer controlled
Lighting: Power sequencer to control overhead and building lighting; set for times 6 speed (4 Hours)
Roster: 15 locos, 6 equipped for DCC
Comments: Wendell Greer's Dew Valley RR was started in 1977 and is set in the mountains of West Virginia from Ashland Ky. to Parkersburg, W.V. The time theme is 1963. The layout is about 80% complete. The layout is DCC or analog controlled and the overhead lighting is timer controlled. Signals are controlled by computer. Much use is made of rock castings for the scenery. Many of the buildings are also made from plaster.

2003 Bring n' Brag Scores

MODELS			PHOTOS		
High to Low or Tie	April	YTD	High to Low or Tie	April	YTD
Fritz Dutro (1st)	5	20	Fritz Dutro (1st)	5	19
Mike Walter (2nd)	4	11	Howard Coleman		6
Howard Coleman		9	Pete Birdsong		5
Bill Robbins (3rd)	3	8	Randy Coffman		5
Mike Baskette		4	Mike Baskette		4
Pete Birdsong		2			
Chris Cord		2			

Bring n' Brag Schedule for 2003

May - Freight Cars

June - 'Anything Goes': All classifications

July - Favorite Trains

Aug. - On-line Structures (except stations)

-Ron Kercheval



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Second Quarter, 2003

President's Message

by Marty Vaughn

By the time that you read this my four years as Region President will be over. I don't know who the new officers will be as I write this, but I wish them success and hope that you will support them as you have supported me.

When I took this job on there were three main goals that I wanted to accomplish, establishing a Region Web Page and reactivating Divisions 9 and 10. I am happy to report that those goals were accomplished and there are four people that I want to thank for accomplishing those goals. Kevin Orcutt was our first Region Web Master and starting with nothing Kevin laid the ground work and hosted the first web page. Ivan Baugh, our current Web Master, built on this ground work by adding layout tours, how to articles, a lot of great links, and made the MCR web site an outstanding success. Thanks to both of you!

Shortly after taking office, Fred Plymale contacted me and said that he was interested in restarting Division 10. Needless to say, Fred was appointed Superintendent and in just two years the Division has grown to over a hundred members. Thank you Fred!

Division 9 took a little longer, simply to find the right person to volunteer to take on the work to make the reactivation happen, but Jim Heilmann took the job and the Division was reborn and reactivated 22 March 2003. From the comments of the members attending that meeting I think that they will be just as successful as Division 10. Thank you Jim!

While you all know your Division and Region Officers and the work that they do for you, there is another group of individuals that do a tremendous amount of work for the Region but usually get no notice. These are the committee chairmen who serve at the president's appointment, these are:

Contest Chairman: Dick Briggs has held this position for three years and done an excellent job of ensuring that the Region contests were carried out efficiently and successfully. Dick has spent much of his convention time in the contest room working, but his work has been a real help to the Region.

Kin Pin Editor: Judy Logan was actually appointed by my predecessor; I was just smart enough to let her keep it. Judy has the task of rounding up late columns, formatting and distributing the King Pin to the Divisions. It is a difficult and time consuming job and Judy has done it extremely well.

Region Legal Advisor: Craig Sonnen took this job at my request and has been an excellent source of information and legal advice. I won't say that I always got the answer that I hoped for from Craig, but I always got the legally correct answer. Craig provides advice to the entire Region and has done an excellent job.

Membership Chairman: Paul Novak volunteered for this job shortly after I took office and has done an extraordinary job. All those membership problems that the individual member encounters are filtered through Paul and I can tell you that he has gone to great lengths to make sure that the problems are resolved.

Special Projects: Mike Brestel took this position over about a year ago from John Roberts. John had done the work to

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produce the MCR trailer, with the support of Jim Sacco of City Classics, which was such a success. Mike is working with Jim to produce another fund raiser that you will be hearing about in more detail very soon.

Special Projects Distribution: Dick Flock has been distribution chairman for the House Trailer project. Thanks for all the hard work mailing out the trailers.

Education Chairman: This is a new position created by the NMRA two years ago. Loren McCullough volunteered for this job and has been tracking all the education requirements of the Region to support the NMRA's 501(c)3 status. Loren has provided excellent service to the NMRA and to the Region.

Web Master: Ivan Baugh has already been mentioned above, but deserves mention again. Our MCR web page is simply outstanding due to Ivan's efforts.

AP Chairman: While this position is appointed by the Trustee, I also want to recognize the efforts by Frank Koch. The MCR has an active AP program and is always one of the best performing Regions

I want to thank you all for your help and for your service to the MCR, the Region wouldn't be what it is without your efforts. We all owe you a big THANK YOU.

It has been a pleasure.

Trustee's Message

by Mike Brestel

As I mentioned in my last column, the NMRA midyear Board of Trustee meeting was held Feb 14 through 16 in Seattle. The main item of business was the Long Range Plan, which I will discuss later in this report. Before I do that, here are a few other matters we dealt with.

First item is the finances. While the losses of recent years have continued, we are getting a better grip on controlling the bleeding and last fiscal year's losses were greatly reduced. I will e-mail a copy of the financial report to anyone who wants to see it – just send me a request. I can't mail it out because it's 33 pages long!

The current fiscal year budget is balanced and the officers are working very hard at maintaining fiscal controls. Past mistakes have been avoided and both the financial management of the organization and home office procedures are showing a much greater level of efficiency. Office manager Jenny Hendricks and her staff are to be commended.

Membership losses appear to have bottomed out as we have been experiencing small growth over the past few months. This will have a beneficial effect on the budget if the trend continues.

The BOT organized a publications oversight committee to be made up of Trustees as well as non-board members to review options and procedures, and to try to assist with controlling some costs as well as providing some editorial direction for the *Bulletin*. Discussions between the BOT and Publications Department during the meeting were very productive, and everyone is committed to improving all aspects of the publications. This week Allen Pollock asked me to serve on that oversight committee, and I accepted.

In convention business, the rotation schedule was changed due to our upcoming 2010 75th anniversary convention, which will be in Milwaukee. The BOT also awarded the 2008 convention to Anaheim, so be prepared to spend some time with Mickey and the group in five years!

As I said earlier, the main topic of discussion for the meeting was in reviewing and further revising the NMRA Long Range Plan. For the first time, we had the new proposed bylaws available as a single document. I won't go into a lot of detail, as the revised bylaws were full of errors large and small (as one would expect from a first draft of that size). We expect review copies to be available as they are revised, edited, and discussed. They will be submitted and posted on both the NMRA web site when Charlie Getz, Allen Pollock, and the Legal crew say it's time. Please be patient—there are two large documents (the proposed bylaws and the actual Long Range Plan) involved here and they are both currently being worked and reworked.

For the first time, the discussion of LRP got around to money, dues money that is. There has been no final decision, but the board is committed to maintaining dues at the approximate level where it now is. I was more successful than I thought I would be at keeping the region portion of the dues small. I was working for a regional dues component of zero, but some regions wanted \$10-\$12, and after considerable discussion we agreed to a current number of \$3. We are still discussing just how and to whom this dues will apply. I can't give you any final information, but we may know more by the time of the MCR Regional at the end of April.

While we here in the MCR expect all members of the NMRA who live here to be accepted as region and division members as well, keep in mind that this is true nowhere else in the NMRA. Under the proposed LRP, all national NMRA members will automatically become region and division members, all across the continent and probably the world. Regions that currently charge dues of up to \$12 per year will have to come up with a means of replacing this lost revenue. On the other hand, we here in the MCR have never charged dues at all. This basic

philosophical and operational difference has for years stopped all efforts to have a single membership for all NMRA members. As only one region out of 17, we can't expect everything to go our way. On the other hand, since the way we do things is serving as a model for the rest of the NMRA, we should fare better than we would if just a straight vote were taken.

The current plan is for the LRP to be presented to the membership for a decision this coming Fall or Winter. There will be a ballot measure that will ask for approval of a new set of bylaws (or regulations, as the Ohio Revised Code now calls them). This is all due to the way these legal documents are organized and corporate code requirements.

Watch the *Bulletin* for a series of articles written by Charlie Getz that will explain all the proposed changes and the reasons for them. Also, as the new plan evolves and information is made available, please feel free to e-mail, write, or call me with any questions you may have. I hope to be able to stay current with the changes as they are drafted, but anyone who tries to out-think or out-talk Charlie is doomed to failure, as we learned last year in Louisville!

One final note – I just learned the results of the trustee election which was concluded in early March. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you once more, and to try to bring the LRP home. One way or another, I expect that this will be my last term as MCR Trustee. It has been a privilege to serve the MCR over the past 29 years, first as Photo and Model Contest Chair, then as President and Trustee, then as Trustee alone. My thanks also go to Miles Hale, my opponent in this recent election, who is a good man, an excellent modeler, and a good friend to me and to the MCR. I was confident that the MCR and the NMRA would be in good hands, no matter how the election turned out.

Web Master Report

by *Ivan W Baugh*

The Mid-Central Region web site continues to have a good stream of visitors. As of April 16, 2003, we have had 4,131 visitors to the web site since June 2002. The Useful Web pages found under Links and the Layout Tours lead the way in number of visits. We still need an O, S, Z, and Garden Railroad layout tour for the web site. I want each division represented by at least one layout tour. The webmaster thanks Divisions 2, 6, 7, and 10 for layout tours in HO or N on the web site. Division 8 has an HO layout tour in development. Layout tours earn points toward an author certificate for Master Model Railroader. If you

need help in developing your layout tour, please contact the webmaster at iwbaugh@insightbb.com.

Have you a web site that you find particularly helpful in modeling? If so, please share it for the web site. The webmaster will gladly include it on the web pages. Do you have an article you would like to contribute for the web site? Articles published on the region web site earn author points toward Master Model Railroader.

I welcome your input on ideas for enriching our web site. Please share any ideas that you have.

A P Report

by *Frank Koch*

03	Master Builder - Structures - Mid-Central Region		
	Joe Fields (L 4161)	MCR 625	
	Burton Suit (100301)	MCR 626	
10	Author - Mid-Central Region		
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Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the second quarter newsletter is **July 5, 2003**. Please send your articles and announcements to: KingPin Editor, 6322 Mid Pines Court, Grove City, OH 43123-9505 or e-mail to logandj@earthlink.net.

Treasurer's Report

by *Dick Flock*

January 1, 2003 — April 15, 2003		
Balance on Hand December 31, 2002		21,577.96
Income		528.01
Expenses		(566.35)
Balance on Hand	April 15, 2003	21,539.62
Checking		2,256.09
Business Saver		8.84
Certificate of Deposits		15,500.00
Disaster Fund CD		3,774.69
Total Funds		21,539.62
Inventory		
Mobile Home Kits 10 @ \$11		110.00
Mountaineer Convention Cars 24 @ \$7.20		172.80
Mountaineer Conv Shirts 18 @ \$5.00		90.00
Inventory Value		372.80
Total Net Worth		21,912.42



AROUND THE BEND

MON	DAY	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
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	Beaumont Library, Lexington off of Harrodsburg Road Sunday, 2:00 pm	Fred Plymale and Bill Robbins on building and painting structures	Wendell Greer's HO Scale Dew Line Railroad	Freight Cars
MAY	9	BGRRC	Meadowthorpe Community Center, Friday, 7:30 pm	Bill Paulsell: Resin Casting		
MAY	9-11	SER Div 9 Convention	Chattanooga Choo Choo Holiday Inn 1400 Market Street Chattanooga, TN 37402	Contact Mark McAlister, 52 Eagle View Dr. Ringgold, GA 30736-7082 email: HQDIV13@camrc.org	Tennessee Bound 2003 Convention Website: www.camrc.org/ser2003/	
JUNE	1	MCR DIV 10	Tates Creek Library, Lexington off of Tates Creek Road Sunday, 2:00 pm	Wendell Greer on Signaling, practice and logic	To Be Announced	'Anything Goes'
JUNE	11	BGRRC	Meadowthorpe Community Center, Friday, 7:30 pm	Circus History and RR equipment by John Rhodes		
JULY	13	MCR DIV 10	Ray & Renee Grosser's (Directions to Follow) Sunday, 2:00 pm	To Be Announced	Ray & Renee Grosser's Nostalgia Trip Soo Line HO Railroad	Favorite Trains
JULY	13-19	NMRA Nat'l Convention	Toronto, Canada	See Website for full details: http://www.ml2003.com/pages/home.html		
AUG	3	MCR DIV 10	Assorted Hosts Danville, KY Sunday, 1:00 pm	Self Guided Tour (Directions to Follow)	Bob Lawson John Bowling Robin Grider	On-line Structures (except stations)
MAY 2004	13-16	MCR Convention	Four Points Sheraton, Cranberry, PA	Contact Div 2 for more information		
JULY 2004	4-11	NMRA Nat'l Convention	Seattle, WA	See Website for full details: http://www.nmra2004.org/		
MAY 2005	12-15	MCR Convention	Comfort Inn, Austinburg, OH	Contact: Matt Kross e-mail mkross@earthlink.net		
JULY 2005	TBD	NMRA Nat'l Convention	TBD, Cincinnati			

**Next Meeting:
Beaumont Library
Lexington,
Sunday, May 4,
at 2:00 pm**

**Clinic:
Building & Finishing
Model Structure Kits**

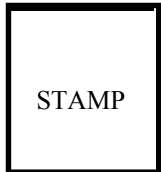
**Tour:
Wendell Greer's
HO Dew Line RR**

**Bring & Brag:
Freight Cars**



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