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## Message From The Superintendent

As of this writing the final numbers are not in, but it looks like our train show was a great success. All of the tables available were rented and we had a large crowd of visitors. I talked with all of the vendors at the show and all of them told me they were happy with the show and would come back again. My special congratulations to Robin Grider and the HO Sig group for the excellent layouts. They both ran well and I saw a lot of people watching them. Thank you to Scale Reproductions and Bluegrass Model RR for the door prizes. They gave us a lot of good stuff. As with the last time, the people at the Knights of Columbus were very hospitable and met all of our needs. They extended an invitation to come back.

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## Notes from Fritz

Well it is time for the last meeting of the year. I trust that everyone reading this will find time to attend our meeting on December 1 at the Beaumont Library. Our guest Clinician will be Miles Hale. Many of you are familiar with Miles as he is a regular presenter at the Louisville Division and at Regional events and has had several items published in the national model press. Miles' clinic will be on mold making and casting small detail parts. This is an excellent topic as it has some relevance to those modelers moving into the detailing phase on their railroads and who are daunted by the high cost and sheer number of details needed to bring a layout to life.

We will have a tour after the meeting this month as Lou Jaquith has graciously invited us to his home layout. Lou models in HO and is recreating the middle Kentucky division of the

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## NMRA Achievement Program Explained

This month I will be covering the last of the modeling related categories of the Achievement Program, Master Builder – Prototype Models (the three other remaining categories are service related). Master Builder - Prototype Models is similar to Master Builder – Scenery except it goes a step further. Prototype Models requires a diorama that depicts a specific prototype scene containing six or more models of railroad equipment and structures. The fidelity of the diorama must be documented with photos and, or plans of the prototype. The object is to create a scene that looks just like the prototype scene.

The diorama does not have to be any particular size but it must be large enough to contain the required models. For the purposes of this certificate, models are divided into four different types, rolling stock, railroad structures, caboose or passenger cars, and locomotives. At least one model from each type must be present on your diorama and as I said previously for a total of at least six models.

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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.

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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

Rivets: Hey Larry! How is your garden railroad comin’?

Larry: Well, Rivets, I’ve closed her up for the winter. December is here and I have big plans for my HO railroad this winter.

Rivets: No, kiddin’? What kind of plans.

Larry: I am going to put in DCC and finish the scenery on that stretch by the far wall, over by the banana factory.

Rivets: What’s a banana factory?

Larry: It is a place they make bananas.

Rivets: Why didn’t I think of that?! Anyway, ya got a pretty reasonable goal. Have ya started yet?

Larry: Sorta.

Rivets: Doggone it, Larry. You never give me a straight answer. What do ya mean “sorta”?

Larry: Ya gotta have a plan, Rivets. A body doesn’t just jump in on somethin’ this important.

Rivets: Okay. What’s the plan.

Larry: First, I gotta git all my “railroad meditat’in’ done.

Rivets: I have heard of religious meditation, but railroad? That is a new one on me.

Larry: Come on, Rivets. Don’t tell me ya have never railroad meditated. That is when ya sit in a chair and stare upward and to the right, and then ya git a picture in your mind of the way its gonna be.

Rivets: How long ya, been meditat’in’?

Larry: ‘bout a month.

Rivets: A month?!

Larry: I’m still detailin’ for a couple a weeks.

Rivets: What’s the next step?

Larry: I have to go to a train show to git all the stuff I can at bargain prices. There is one comin’ in four or five weeks.

Rivets: And then?

Larry: Well, I’ll probably spend a couple of weeks arranging and rearranging all the scenery and detail packages. I want to make sure I have them in the order I need when I’m workin’.

Rivets: I think you are runnin’ outta time.

Larry: Nah. I got plenty o’ time. I got the whole winter. And the next step is to read the instruction book for the DCC. I figure I can just skim through it and pick up the gist of it. That oughtta take a couple of weeks.

Rivets: Skim, huh? Git the gist, huh? Larry, you are the most amazin’ model railroader I have ever met.

Larry: Why, thanks, Rivets! But I haven’t told ya the most important part of the plan. I am gonna git all my locomotives lubricated and the wheels cleaned and the same for my rolling stock. I got a lot and that will take about a month. I want to make sure they all run great through my new scenery with my DCC.

Rivets: Larry, you haven’t said anything about convertin’ your engines yet.

Larry: Yeah, I know that will take another month.

Rivets: Larry, you are outta time!

Larry: What are ya talkin’ about, Rivets, I said I got the whole winter. The trouble with you, Rivets, is that you have no concept of time management. If you use your time wisely, as the masters say, you can accomplish a lot.

Rivets: Larry, by my calculations, you are now up into mid April and you haven’t done the first thing toward installin’ the DCC, much less convertin’ the locos. You’re gonna wanna be workin’ outside again.

Larry: Hmmmm. I’m gonna have ta railroad meditate on that. ‘cuse me, Rivets.

Rivets: The most amazin’ model railroader I know!



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## Bring n' Brag November, 2003

Hard to believe that November is already here. This month's Bring n' Brag theme was passenger cars and trains. Although we only had two entries in modeling and no photo contest, the meeting attendance was MUCH better than last month – with warmer weather yet!

First, Mike Walter exhibited a great looking N scale Amtrak Empire Builder with subtle weathering – quite an impressive train! Bob Lawson arrived with a spectacular Southern Railway train from the 1940s: a brass ALCo DL-109 & DL-110 AB set with six beautiful heavyweight cars. Bob edged out Mike for first place.

We didn't have a photo contest this month. However, Irv Frary displayed a sharp looking group of color enlargements of Norfolk Southern winter scenes. Thanks for sharing these!

Our show and tell table was great! Lou Jaquith had some sharp looking GP body shells with Paducah and Louisville's new color scheme, Fred Plymale showed several finely detailed pieces of his logging equipment, Pat Gerstle had a great looking S Scale Majestic Hardware, and Nancy Windes had an awesome looking tobacco barn complete with interior. **Next month's category is Open Loads – flat cars and gondolas including Intermodal.** See you next month!

*-Ron Kercheval*

## Treasure's Report

The show results are as follows:

Income:	
185 Paid Adults	
60 Kids	
Door Income:	555.00
66 Tables Sold	
4 Comp. Tables	
Table Income:	780.00
Total Income:	1,335.00
Expense:	
Hall Rental	400.00
Postage	272.00
Printing	69.00
Supplies	70.49
Total Expense	<u>811.49</u>
Net profit	\$523.51

We have \$740.00 invested in C&O boxcars and have income from sales of these club cars of \$315.00. There are 53 cars in inventory.

Many thanks to Fritz and all who helped set up the tables Friday night. It went a lot faster than I had expected as a result of the excellent on site help. We doubled our profit from our first Lexington show.

Our current bank balance is \$4,109.67.

*-Fred*

*Super's Message (Continued from page 1)*  
Everybody - GREAT EFFORT - GREAT SHOW.

I would like to thank all of the members of the club who worked on the show. It was your efforts that helped make the show a success. It was nice to see the club working together. I shall be talking to your officers and board of directors about the next show.

We still have Division 10 club cars available for sale. The cars are 40' C&O box cars dated 1937 and 1952-1954. The price is \$15.00 per car. This is a great car at a good price. Don't let this opportunity get by you. Contact me if you would like one or more. There is no limit.

I hope all of you will come to our December meeting. We are having another outstanding program with Miles Hale and a great tour at Lou Jaquith's. Turn out at our last meeting was good. Let's keep up the good effort. Those of you who can't make it are really missing some good stuff that will help make you better modelers. Remember, these people aren't there to show you their skills. They are there to help you improve yours.

See you at our next meeting.

*-Bill*

## 2003 Bring n' Brag Scores

MODELS			PHOTOS		
High to Low or Tie	Nov.	YTD	High to Low or Tie	Nov.	YTD
		41	Fritz Dutro		41
<b>Mike Walter (2nd)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>30</b>	Randy Coffman		30
<b>Bob Lawson (1st)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>19</b>	Howard Coleman		6
Bill Robbins		18	Bill Robbins		6
Howard Coleman		9	Pete Birdsong		5
Pete Birdsong		5	Mike Baskette		4
Mike Baskette		4	Tony Lucio		4
Chris Cord		4	David Reed		3
Pat Gerstle		4	Ron Kercheval		3
Ray Grosser		4			
David Reed		4			
Tony Lucio		4			
Peter Bourne		3			

*Notes from Fritz (Continued from page 1)*

Illinois Central. (Paducah and Louisville). The 13 x 22 layout is 100% completed on track work and about 75% sceniced. Lou has 4 road cabs installed with the changeover to DCC imminent. Lou also has a garden railroad although the weather will probably not be cooperative in allowing it to be run. Thanks for having us Lou.

I want to thank all the volunteers this past year that opened up their homes and layouts for our tours as well as those members who volunteered their time and efforts to present us with a great line up of clinics. We have commitments from four members to present clinics so far this coming year. I would like to think that we can thank these members by turning out to see and hear their presentations. We are also seeing some added participation in the bring and brag as well as the non-judged show and tell. Bring those models in and give the rest of us a glimpse of your talents.

Thanks again for a good year and I hope to see you all on Sunday.

*-Fritz*

*AP Explained (Continued from page 1)*

Two or more of the models must be scratch built with the others super detailed. The total scene will be judged and must earn 87.5 points. The individual models will not be judged for this category, just the complete scene.

However, these models may be judged for other categories, such as Master Builder – Structures or Motive Power, etc., and still be eligible for this category.

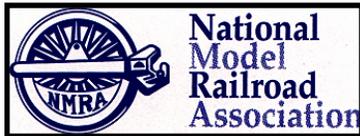
The scene will be judged based on how accurately you modeled the prototype's terrain, structures, background, lighting, and its realism. The terrain should include natural features such as trees, hills, creeks, streets, etc., that are in the prototype scene. Basically, anything visible in the photograph of the prototype should be modeled. Likewise with structures, they should replicate the prototype as closely as possible. Structures include not just buildings but also things like bridges, culverts, towers, retaining walls, and other man made features. Selective compression is allowable as long as the character of the original is preserved.

The diorama should have a background which continues the illusion of the scene. The background, or sky board, does not have to be photo realistic but should not detract from the scene. The diorama should also have three aspects of lighting. The overall lighting (day vs. night), lighted rolling stock or signals, and lighted buildings. If the scene is a day light scene and lights would not show up, the light fixtures themselves should still be modeled, i.e., street lights are present, signals are present, etc.

The heart of this category is about conformity in recreating a prototype scene and each criterion will be evaluated in terms of how well the scene captures the prototype. In order to adequately judge this you will need to provide documentation of the prototype scene with photographs or maps or plans to verify the actual prototype scene. Also try to take photographs of your modeled scene from the same angle as the prototype scene. This will highlight the fidelity of your modeled scene. One thing I should add is if your prototype photograph does not have a particular train in it that you want to model that is okay if you can prove with historical documentation that the train could have been in the scene. For example suppose you model a scene on the C&O but the photo has no locomotive in it but you can prove that a certain C&O locomotive ran through this scene then your diorama can also contain that locomotive.

Master Builder Prototype Models takes prototype modeling to its top level. It requires research and understanding of the prototype and painstaking attention to detail. However, like anything that does not come easy it can be a very rewarding experience.

*-Dave*



# AROUND THE BEND

MON	DAY	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
DEC	7	MCR DIV 10	Beaumont Library	Miles Hale Mold making and casting small detail parts	Lou Jaquith's Paducah and Louisville	Open Loads: Flat Cars, Gondolas and Intermodal.
JAN 2004	4	MCR DIV 10	Tates Creek Library	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
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: <a href="http://www.nmra2004.org/">http://www.nmra2004.org/</a>		

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**Next Meeting:  
Beaumont Library  
Lexington, KY  
December 7  
Sunday, 2:00 pm**



**Program:  
Miles Hale on  
mold making and casting  
small detail parts**

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**This Month  
Miles Hale  
gives a clinic on  
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casting small detail  
parts!**

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