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## Message From The Superintendent

A hearty welcome to Richard Frye to our January meeting. Richard is from Monticello and is an NMRA member. He models in HO. We hope to see you at future meetings Richard.

Another thank you to Jim Lovell for bringing to Show and Tell his notebook of railroad postcards. He had some great pictures.

It is with great concern that we learned our Assistant Superintendent and Program Director, Fritz Dutro, has cancer and will not be able to work with us for awhile. He went in for surgery on January 8th and we all wish him well. Fritz won the awards for top modeler in 2003. He has also been responsible for the excellent programs and tours presented to our members during the past year. His enthusiasm for the hobby has infected us all. He is truly a key contributor to the success of our club. Hurry back Fritz-we will miss you.

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## Notes from Fritz

Jan. 15th. - Greetings from St. Joseph Hospital! Things are progressing nicely here. The surgery has been a success and the recovery is well under way.

I want to thank the membership for an outstanding turnout for the last meeting. It revives the belief that we can be a successful and informational service to the modelers of central Kentucky.

Good Luck to you all.

*-Fritz*

*Editor's Note:*

*Fritz is now home and recuperating quickly. He is a hard man to keep down!*

## NMRA Achievement Program Explained

So far in this column I have covered eight of the eleven Achievement Program categories. All the previously discussed categories dealt with modeling. However, the Achievement Program is not just about promoting improved modeling skills but also to promote the hobby in general and the NMRA in particular. To that end the remaining three categories pertain to service to the hobby and the NMRA. As you recall to achieve Master Model Railroader you must complete seven of the eleven categories. This month we will look at the Association Volunteer category.

Association Volunteer gives you credit for volunteering to chair committees, publish newsletters, judge contests, participate in NMRA sponsored events, and just about any other type of service to the club or the NMRA. Credits for these volunteer activities are recorded in certified Time Units (TUs). Each volunteer activity you complete has a certain number of TUs awarded for it.

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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**

<b>Achievement Program</b>	David Greer
<b>Advertising</b>	Mike Walter
<b>Community Activities</b>	Open
<b>Company Store</b>	Open
<b>Contests</b>	Ron Kercheval
<b>Conventions &amp; Shows</b>	Fred Plymale
<b>Editor &amp; Webmaster</b>	John Gorman
<b>Estate Liquidations</b>	Mike Armstrong
<b>Member Aid</b>	Wendell Greer
<b>Membership</b>	Wendell Greer
<b>Photographer</b>	Pete Birdsong
<b>Programs</b>	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**

Rivets: Hey Larry! How did you make out this Christmas? Any good railroad stuff?

Larry: Well, Rivets, I had my ups and downs.

Rivets: What do ya mean?

Larry: My kids are all outta state and a few years ago, we decided to make Christmas shopping easier. I mean, it was gettin’ to be a big deal, shoppin’ and buyin’ and gettin’ to the post office. Once I paid more for the postage than I did for the gift!

Rivets: Now how could ya do that?

Larry: I sent a tie plate with “Monon” stamped on it.

Rivets: Who did you send that to?

Larry: Myself. I was trying to be creative in the way I hid my railroad spendin’ from my wife.

Rivets: What about the ups and downs.

Larry: Oh yeah. Well, we all decided that we would get our favorite catalogues and circle things we liked in different price ranges and we would be happy with anything anybody bought us.

Rivets: That sounds like a great idea.

Larry: Oh man was it. You just get on the net or make a phone call and have the gift sent right to their door! It worked great the last few years!

And we saved money on Christmas cards and wrappin’ paper and ribbons—all that stuff I rip up anyway to get to the goodies inside.

Rivets: So, what happened? Didn’t ya get any good railroad stuff?

Larry: Man, Rivets, it’s enough to man a grown man cry!

Rivets: Larry, you are tryin’ my patience. Get to the meat of the story!

Larry: Well, my wife’s aunts and cousins thought what we were doin’ was a great idea, so they asked if they could be a part of it too. I thought this was a good idea. The more people I got lookin’ at trains, the more train stuff I get. So, our catalogue shippin’ went from six in the mail to twenty three. Do you know how heavy those things are? It was worse than takin’ all those gifts to the post office! Then some distant relatives I never heard of got involved and more trips to the post office and more catalogues and then the next thing ya know, we’re sending gifts to people we never heard of just ‘cause they sent us a catalogue!

Rivets: Well, how’d you do?

Larry: My wife’s aunt sent me a letter asking how much she liked my Proto 2000 Heritage 2-8-8-2, and here I sit with a whole boxful of laced underwear from Victoria Secrets.



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**win-win!!**

## Treasure's Report

The balance in our treasury is \$4,363.39

Please note that donations to a 501c3 corporation may be tax deductible. Money donated as Patrons or Sponsors is not "dues" but a donation to our tax exempt organization. We would also like to encourage members to donate any surplus model train equipment which will also be considered a donation to the corporation. If in doubt, consult your tax preparer.

*-Fred*

## Bring n' Brag January, 2004

Bring n' Brag got off to a great start for 2004! This writer thought he was at a meeting in a much larger city than Lexington with all the entrants and show and tell displays on hand. Way to go! Also, Mike Walter had an excellent display and demo on inexpensive rolling stock carrying and storage cases. Somebody brought an impressive array of L&N postcards and memorabilia to display but packed up and left before the meeting even began. Whoever you are, please come back!

We have the complete schedule for Bring n' Brag for this year posted elsewhere in this issue. "Favorite Trains" has been replaced with "Infrastructure – trackwork, signals and bridges". Those of you who desire to enter your favorite trains can do so in other categories, such as "anything goes", "freight cars" and "passenger cars".

January's category was houses and farm buildings. In modeling, Bill Robbins had a sharp looking Sears Catalog house, Pat Gerstle had a super detailed and weathered freight station in S scale, Richard Frye entered two neat looking metal silos, and Lou Jaquith shared a great looking lashup of Paducah and Louisville units in their new color scheme. Pat took first place, Bill came in second and Richard was third.

In photography, Fritz Dutro entered a nice layout scene of a W&LE 2-8-0 on a bridge, Bill Robbins shared some

## 2004 Bring n' Brag Scores

MODELS			PHOTOS		
High to Low or Tie	Jan.	YTD	High to Low or Tie	Jan.	YTD
Pat Gerstle (1st)	4*	4	Pat Gerstle (1st & 2nd)	7	7
Bill Robbins (2nd)	4	4	Lou Jaquith (3rd)	3	3
Richard Frye (3rd)	3	3	Bill Robbins	2	2
Lou Jaquith	1*	1	Fritz Dutro	2	2
* Off Topic					

*Points are awarded for models according the following rules. Three points for a first place. Two points for second place and one point for third. One point is awarded for your first entry. A second point is given if that entry is "On Topic". More than one entry in any month's contest can win place points but is not eligible for additional entry points.*

## Bring n' Brag Schedule for 2004

*January* - Houses and Farm Buildings

*February* - Steam Locomotives

*March* - Non-revenue: Including Cabooses and Maintenance of Way

*April* - Stations: Passenger and Freight

*May* - Freight Cars

*June* - "Anything Goes" – All classifications

*July* - Infrastructure: Trackwork, Signals and Bridges

*August* - On-line Structures (except stations)

*September* - Diesel Locomotives

*October* - Commercial Structures: Industrial, businesses, municipal, etc.

*November* - Passenger Cars

*December* - Open Loads: Flat Cars, Gondolas and Intermodal

sharp color enlargements of an MTA FL9 and an ICG Geep, and Lou Jaquith had a layout photo of his great looking P&L units. Pat Gerstle had two entries: an awesome black and white group of Union Pacific No. 3985 and NS steam, and some beautiful color enlargements of NKP No. 765 and N&W No. 611.

Pat's entries tied for first place, and Lou Jaquith took third.

February's category is Steam Locomotives. Don't forget the Show and Tell and Sale/Trade tables. See you next month!

*-Ron*

*Super's Message (Continued from page 1)*

Carrying on in Fritz's absence, we are lining up some exciting programs for you this year. I hope that you will all come and participate. Coming up:

February 1<sup>st</sup> at Tates Creek Library; Program: John Gorman, Cheap & Easy Electronic Projects; Tour: Tom Brough.

March 7<sup>th</sup> at Tates Creek Library; Program: Mike Baskette, Diesel painting; Tour: Alan Brock.

April 4<sup>th</sup> at Mike Walter's home; Program: TBA; Tour: Mike Walter's N scale layout.

May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Program: Randy Coffman, Photography and Clamps; Tour: Mike Armstrong - pot luck picnic with wives.

June 6<sup>th</sup> - Program: Pete Birdsong, Operations; Tour: Pete Birdsong's N scale layout.

July 11<sup>th</sup> at Ray & Renee Grosser's; Program and Tour: The Nostalgia Trip Soo Line HO Railroad.

August 1<sup>st</sup> in Danville, KY. See the HO layouts of John Bowling, Robin Grider and Bob Lawson.

Sept 12<sup>th</sup>. - Program: Mike Armstrong; Tour: Bob Larger.

Starting in February, Ron Kercheval will be conducting our drawings for gift certificates. We also hope that you will take advantage of our new feature at the monthly meetings. That is our swap meet. If you want to buy or sell something, bring it to the meeting. Who knows, you may find something you can't live without.

Also I would like to remind you that we still have some club cars for sale. They are 40' C&O box cars for \$15.00 each. And if you are so inclined, donations of \$20 or \$10 would help alleviate the expenses of our club newsletter.

**-Bill**



*AP Explained (Continued from page 1)*

To qualify for the Association Volunteer you need to accumulate 60 TUs.

There are too many ways to earn TUs to cover them all in this column. But to give you a feel for some of the possibilities I will list a few. Committee chairman at the Division level is worth 1 TU per month, at the Regional level 2 TUs per month, and at the National level 3 TUs per month. A Division Officer is worth 1 TU per month. Participating as a Division committee member is worth ½ TU per month. You can also earn TUs for editing the clubs newsletter.

Newsletter editors earn the same number of TUs per month as a chairman would at a similar level. For example editing the Division's newsletter is worth 1 TU per month, Regional newsletter is worth 2 TUs. You can also earn credits by being a judge at a contest. Judging a Divisional contest is worth 1 TU, judging at a Regional contest is worth 2 TUs and judging at a National contest is worth 3 TUs. You would also get TUs if you were the chairman or committee member that organized the contest. The contests must be judged according to NMRA rules. Sorry, submitting a ballet for our monthly Bring and Brag contest does not qualify.

Another way to earn TUs is by hosting a layout tour as part of an NMRA function. Each time you open your layout up for an NMRA tour you earn 3 TUs per day. Also if you participate in a modular layout display at an NMRA sponsored event you can earn credits. Like layout tours you can earn 3 TUs per day, 3 TUs maximum for a Divisional event, 6 TUs maximum for a Regional event, and 12 TUs maximum for a National event. In addition you can earn credits for being a chairman or committee member that organizes the event.

If you are a Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge Counselor you can earn 1 TU per month and 1 TU per Scout that earns the Merit Badge.

Of course to get credit for any of this you must keep records. The best way to do that is to get a Record Form from the NMRA web site and fill it out as

you accumulate credits. Each time you earn a credit for an activity, log it and have it witnessed at the time. It is much harder to fill out the form after a long period of time has past. Probably everyone in the club has earned some volunteer credits. So there is no time like the present to start recording your activities on the Record Form. For a more complete list of credited activities and the necessary forms see the national NMRA web site under the Achievement Program heading.

**-Dave**

## K&I Model RR Club Train Show

The Train Show will be in Louisville KY at 11700 Commonwealth Dr, in the Nova Building. Commonwealth Drive can be accessed from Blankenbaker Parkway. Turn right at the BP gas station. The Nova building is the third building on the left. Come by and see an operating HO scale layout.

### Model Train Show

HO Scale Layout



Dates: March 27th: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

March 28th: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

HO, N, and Lionel operating Train Displays





## Editor's Notes

We are already one month into the new year. It seems like I was celebrating the new Millennium just a few months ago. Many things have happened, good and bad, in these last few years. Division 10 was re-established and we grew to over 100 members within the first 18 months. That membership has dropped a little as has the NMRA membership as a whole.

Here at the division we are trying our best to give you what you are telling us you need. Our superintendent, Bill Robbins has sent out surveys in an attempt to pinpoint your interests. Clinics and tours have been arranged to meet those interests. We hope you enjoy them. If we are missing something please do not hesitate to let us know. Call, write, or email us. Our names, numbers and address are on the front page of this newsletter.

Please don't forget to vote on the NMRA Long Range plan. This is your chance to have a say in how your dues are spent. Look for your ballot in an upcoming Scale Rails or possibly in a separate mailing.

When I accepted responsibility for the newsletter about a year and a half ago, I stated that I wanted to add several new features. One of them is the Model Railroad Data Base which appears in this newsletter for about the 8th time. Another of the features that I wanted to start are reviews of new model train equipment, scenery supplies and tools. In order for this to work I need your input. If you have purchased anything for your railroad in the last year or so and you have something you want to say about it, either good or bad, please let me know so that we can turn it into a review.

David Greer's son (and Wendell's grandson) Jonathan, age 8, is building the Turtle Creek Central railroad. You can help him by finding your April 2003 edition of Model Railroader and giving the enclosed Turtle Creek decals to Jonathan. You can see David at the Feb. 1 meeting or give them in person or mail them to any of the Division officers. See the front page of the lantern for our addresses.

-John

## Division 10 Model Railroad Data Base

This month our Model Railroad DataBase returns to the Lantern. Hopefully, each month we will present the basic information about the layout to be toured. The layout builder/owner will provide the information and Pete or I will get a few pictures.

The plan is to put the vital statistics in the newsletter (see below) while building a data base of the layouts of Division 10 members. This information along with pictures and possibly a short history and/or biography would be available on our web site. This will allow new and prospective members as well as interested visitors to Central Kentucky an opportunity to see all that we have to offer.

February's layout is **Tom Brough's** HO scale Flintridge Railroad.

-John

### Tom Brough



### Flintridge Railroad

Name: .....The Flintridge Railroad

Scale:.....HO (1:87)

Size:.....32 x 46

Railroad:..Southern, C&O, Pennsylvania

Location:..Eastern Kentucky

Period: .....Early 1950's

Style:.....Around the wall with peninsula

Height: .....48" to 52"

Benchwork:..Grid

Roadbed:..Homasote

Trackage:..Code 100

Mainline:..Approximately 300 feet

Turnouts:..About 24, #8 mainline, #6 sidings

Radius:.....21" minimum

Grade:.....2% maximum

Scenery:.....Screen wire with Hydrocal

Control:.....Block

Signals:.....Manual

Lighting:..Night Scene special effects

Roster:.....At least a dozen fine Steam Engines and a dozen Diesels

Comments:..Tom started on the layout in the late 70's and finished it in the early 80's. This is his second and final effort. Tom has a German passenger train on display in his train room. The aisle space in the room is pretty tight so the number of folks in at any one time will have to be limited. There is lots of space in an adjoining room to wait your turn.



# AROUND THE BEND

MON	DAY	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
FEB	1	MCR DIV 10	Tates Creek Library 2:00 PM	John Gorman - Cheap & Easy Electronic Projects for Your Railroad that You Can Build	Tom Brough HO Flintridge Railroad	Steam Locomotives
MAR	7	MCR DIV 10	Tates Creek Library 2:00 PM	Mike Baskette Diesel Painting	Alan Brock HO Model Railroad	Non-revenue: Including Cabooses and Maintenance of Way
MAR	27-28	K&I Model RR Club Train Show	Nova Building 11700 Commonwealth Dr Louisville KY 11 am to 5 pm	HO, N, and Lionel Operating Train Displays		
APR	4	MCR DIV 10	Mike Walter's Richmond, KY Map will be available later Time to be determined later	TBA	Mike Walter's N Scale BNSF St. Joe Subdivision	Stations: Passenger or Freight
MAY	2	MCR DIV 10	TBA 2:00 PM	Randall Coffman Photography and Clamps	Mike Armstrong Potluck Picnic Bring Your Wives	Freight Cars
MAY 2004	13-16	MCR Convention	Four Points Sheraton, Cranberry, PA	Contact Div 2 for more information		
JUNE	6	MCR DIV 10	TBA 2:00 PM	Pete Birdsong Operations	Pete Birdsong N Scale Layout	"Anything Goes" All classifications
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>		
JULY	11	MCR DIV 10	Ray & Renee Grosser's Eubank, KY Map will be available later Time to be determined later	TBA	Ray & Renee Grosser's Nostalgia Trip Soo Line HO Railroad	Infrastructure: Trackwork, Signals and Bridges
AUG	1	MCR DIV 10	Danville, KY Map will be available later Time to be determined later	None	Bob Lawson Robin Grider John Bowling	On-line Structures (except stations)
SEP	12	MCR DIV 10	TBA 2:00 PM	Mike Armstrong Gadgets	Bob Larger	Diesel Locomotives
NOV	13	Division 10 MCR NMRA Train Show	Knights of Columbus 1604 Versailles Road Lexington, KY 10:00am to 4:00pm	Adm \$5.00, \$4.00 with coupon. Children under 12 free. Table rental \$15.00.	For reservations contact Fred Plymale, 3463 Snaffle Road, Lexington, KY 40513. (859)223-7270 F.Plymale@insightbb.com	
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			

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**Next Meeting:**  
Tates Creek Library  
Lexington, KY  
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Sunday, 2:00 pm

**Program:**  
John Gorman on  
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that You Can Build

**Tour:**  
Tom Brough's  
HO scale  
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