



# The Lantern



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## *Message From The Superintendent*

I would like to thank Bob Lawson, John Bowling, and Robin Grider for being such gracious hosts and allowing our club to visit their superb layouts. This is always the highlight of the year for our club.

Our Turfland Mall project is proceeding very nicely. We have good participation from the members and the N-gage layout runs great. Pete Birdsong has set it up so that we can run analog all the time and DCC with great sound if someone brings the DCC console. If you would like to run on weekends, let Mike Armstrong know and he will put you on the schedule.

I have ordered additional club cars from George Campbell. We will be receiving 40' box cars in L&N and

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## *Bluegrass RR Club September Meeting!*

Bill Robbins will present a program on how dioramas can be made to look attractive to casual visitors, but may be detrimental to the strict and precise standards of a long time modelers or a

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## *Bring n' Brag August, 2004*

The second half of our summer road swing landed us in Danville for our much anticipated visit of three great layouts. Again, Bob Lawson was our gracious host for the Bring n' Brag and it was difficult to focus on the matter at hand while admiring all of his fantastic dioramas. The category for August was On Line Structures (except stations). The number of entries was down but

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## *National News*

John Roberts was elected NMRA President by a large margin. Mike Brestel was elected VP by a large margin over the write in candidate Dean Windsor. Dean received 50 votes, Mike received 1,100 plus votes. 11 to 15% of all members in good standing voted. This is a very large number compared to some NMRA National elections!

All of the Standards were approved. The By-laws were approved and the following people were appointed to various posts: Membership Promotion: Clark Kooning MMR, MAP: Dave Berman, Scales Rails Publisher: Larry DeYoung, Development: Allen Pollock, Industry Liaison: Allen Pollock, RAC Organizing Committee: Bob Gangwish SSR (Chair), Bob Beaty MMR SER, and Jim Packer MMR LSR.

## *August Bring & Brag Winner - Fred Plymale*



Fred Plymale entered this terrific engine house for the August Bring n' Brag in Danville. The name of the facility is "Lawson's Lumber", which is a perfectly fitting name considering our gracious host!



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<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	John Gorman
<b>Photographer &amp; Webmaster</b>	Pete Birdsong
<b>Programs</b>	Fritz Dutro

*Super's Message (Continued from page 1)*  
Southern colors and Southern Green Light 50' box cars. They are expected in early September. I am also looking at 70 Ton hoppers.

The results of the election are in and your officers for 2005/2006 are:

- ◆ Superintendent - John Gorman
- ◆ Asst. Supt - Fritz Dutro
- ◆ Secretary - Ron Kercheval
- ◆ Treasurer - Bill Robbins

John will take over October 1st. I urge all members to support your officers and to participate in club activities. John will also be looking for dedicated people to be on the Board of Directors and to be chairmen of our various committees. This is your chance to help our club grow.

This is my last message to you as superintendent. I have enjoyed being in the position and I feel that our club has grown in these last two years. Some of



## "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 Bill Robbins to arrange for an ad, or Mike Armstrong for liquidations.

our activities worth mentioning are:

- ◆ We achieved 501c3 status
- ◆ We had 2 train shows with the third one this November 13th.
- ◆ We have club badges available.
- ◆ We are running an N-gage layout at Turfland Mall.
- ◆ We had a successful program for club cars and have ordered more.

I hope that all of you will give John all of the support you can. He is going to be a great superintendent.

*-Bill*

*Bluegrass Meeting (Continued from page 1)*  
Master Model Railroader. He uses the technique of kitbashing or modifying different kits in order to establish the desired scene or effect. These types of dioramas are very good for groups of people who just like to see trains.

*-Wes Ross*

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Many thanks to our Patrons and Sustaining Members listed below. (Sustaining Members contribute \$10.00 per year, and Patrons \$20 or more.) We encourage all members to help support *The Lantern* and our website. Division 10 receives NO monetary support from the NMRA. Division 10 is recognized by the US government as a 501c3 corporation and your donations may be tax deductible.

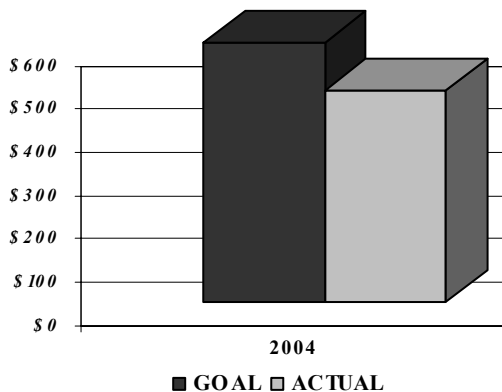
New Donations last month are in **Bold**.

*Sustaining Members:* **Pete Birdsong**, Phil Ditchen, **Tony & Anna Lucio**

*Patrons:* Alan Brock, Ed Butcher, John Deville, Fritz Dutro, Irv Frary, Richard Frye, John Gorman, **Robin Grider**, Ray & Renee Grosser, Bill Hammer, Jeff Hinrichs, Mark & Catherine Hunt, Lou Jaquith, Ron Kercheval, Skip Keyser, Bob Lawson, Bill Paulsell, Fred Plymale, Bill Robbins, Ron Saylor and Mike Walter

**MCR Division 10**  
**wishes to thank**  
**Turfland Mall**  
**for the use of the space**  
**to display and run our**  
**N Trak Layout**

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE VERSUS GOAL:



## 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!!**

Bring 'n Brag (Continued from page 1)

the quality continues to be amazing!

In modeling, Fred Plymale entered his "Lawson's Lumber" engine house, detailed to the nines as always! Fritz Dutro had a small freight house with a terrific looking red truck, and Wendell Greer entered a nice array of steam locomotive servicing facilities. Fred handily took first place, Wendell came in second, and Fritz took third.

There was only one photography entry, but Fritz had an excellent set of scenes from the East Broad Top narrow gauge line.

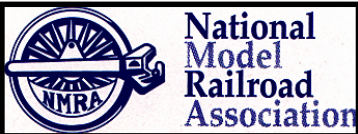
Next month we land back in Lexington. The subject will be Diesel Locomotives so this should be a popular theme. There is usually a letdown at our September meeting after our popular visits to the Grossers' and Danville. Let's make this a big kick off to the fall and winter modeling seasons instead of being a bunch of no-shows. Also, don't forget the Sale/Trade and Show and Tell tables. See you all then!

-Ron Kercheval

## 2004 Bring n' Brag Scores

MODELS			PHOTOS		
High to Low or Tie	August	YTD	High to Low or Tie	August	YTD
Fred Plymale (1st)	5	32	Pat Gerstle		27
Pat Gerstle		20	Fritz Dutro (1st)	5	25
Fritz Dutro (3rd)	3	13	John Lathrop		8
Bill Robbins		10	Ray Grosser		5
Wendell Greer (2nd)	4	7	Pete Birdsong		4
Pete Birdsong		6	Lou Jaquith		3
Richard Frye		5	Bill Robbins		2
Mike Baskette		4			
Tony Lucio		4			
David Greer		3			
Lou Jaquith		3			
Bill Hammer		2			
David Batten		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.



# AROUND THE BEND

MON	DAY	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
SEP	10	BGRRC	Meadowthorpe Community Center 333 Larch Lane, Lex. Ky 7:30 PM	DIORAMAS FOR DUMMIES presented by Bill Robbins	How dioramas can be made to look attractive to casual visitors.	
SEP	12	MCR DIV 10	Eagle Creek Library Lexington, KY 2:00 PM	Mike Armstrong Gadgets	Bob Larger	Diesel Locomotives
OCT	3	MCR DIV 10	Tates Creek Library Lexington, KY 2:00 PM	Mike Baskette: Assembly & Weathering Plastic Structure Kits	Bill Paulsell	Commercial Structures: Industrial, businesses, municipal, etc.
OCT	8	BGRRC	Meadowthorpe Community Center 333 Larch Lane, Lex. Ky 7:30 PM	The Riney-B presented by Eric Zabilka	The Riney-B is the local name for the Richmond, Nicholasville, Irving & Beattyville RR which began operation in 1890 between Versailles and Irving.	
NOV	7	MCR DIV 10	Beaumont Library Lexington, KY 2:00 PM	Bill Hammer: Anatomy of a Private Road Name Railroad	David Greer	Passenger Cars
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, Lex., KY 40513. (859)223-7270	




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# The Kingpin

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Mid Central Region  
National Model  
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Third Quarter, 2004

## President's Message

by Howard Smith

*The joint MCR/MER convention in Pittsburgh has come and gone. Dick Flock and his convention committee did an outstanding job with the convention providing a great program for all attendees. There were many fine clinics given over the course of three days. Most clinics were given twice so attendees had a good chance to see as many clinics as possible.*

*The MCR Board of Directors meeting was held Friday evening with most Divisions represented by their Superintendents. The most important piece of business was the changing of the by-laws to reinstate Division 9. Division 9 Superintendent Linn Young was introduced to the Board. Linn has worked hard to get Division 9 up and running again. It was apparent that the other Divisions are going well from their reports. The mid-year MCR BOD meeting will be Sunday October 17, 2004. Location will be announced at a later date.*

*As of the Convention, there was no word on the recent NMRA election. It appears the results will not be available until the NMRA National Convention in Seattle. I am sure whatever the results of the election, as to the new Regulations being passed or not, the NMRA will move forward and continue to serve the NMRA membership as in the past.*

*On a sad note, Joe Slanser of Marion, Ohio has suffered a stroke. Joe is hospitalized in Marion for now but will be moved to a rehabilitation center soon. I am sure everyone joins me in wishing Joe a speedy recovery. Send Joe a get well card to his home and someone will forward it to him. Joe's address is 788 E. Church Street Marion, Ohio 43302.*

*Have a great summer everyone!*

## Trustee's Message

by Mike Brestel

*The 2005 Seattle convention ended Sunday, July 11, and my deadline for writing my report to you is Monday, the 12<sup>th</sup>. I know you'll forgive me if this report is shorter than it ought to be.*

*This is the last time I'll be writing to you as MCR Trustee. I was installed on Friday morning as NMRA vice president, along with our new president, John Roberts. As one of his first acts, John appointed Miles Hale as the new MCR trustee. Miles was recommended to succeed me by the MCR BOD. Congratulations to Miles and John, two MCR boys made good. I know that Miles will receive the same kind of cooperation and support that I have enjoyed over the last 11 years.*

*The new Regulations passed by more than a four-to-one margin, and will be phased in over the next 13 months. It is our plan to have them implemented fully by September 1, 2005.*

*The new board of directors will be elected in the winter of 2005, and will be seated at the 2005 National Convention in Cincinnati. Details on the nomination and election process will appear shortly. Eric DerVinis, the MER trustee, is the chair of the new nominating committee, so if you are interested in running or in nominating someone, contact Eric at [mert@hq.nmra.org](mailto:mert@hq.nmra.org) for more information. Details should also be appearing soon on the NMRA website and in **Scale Rails**.*

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*The new single membership policy cannot be accomplished without a total revamping of the NMRA's membership database and computer system, something that I have been trying to accomplish since the early 1990s. President Roberts has appointed me to chair the Database Steering Committee, and I have asked treasurer Tom Draper and new secretary Dave Liesse to work on the committee with me. Our goal is to have the new system up and running before the 9-1-05 conversion to single membership. Some of you will be hearing from the committee as we establish the requirements for the new system over the next few months.*

*The non-US trustees, working as the International Committee, have developed an intriguing new proposal that would allow NMRA members in Canada, Australia, and Great Britain to receive office services within their own countries. Early estimates indicate that tremendous savings can be realized by servicing these members in their own countries, and we hope that a reduction in costs will result in a lowering of dues in those areas. This flexibility is one of the reasons the new regulations were needed, and it looks as if they will quickly bear fruit in many areas.*

*The three trustees who also serve as region presidents have been asked to get the Regional Advisory Council up and running. Head of this organizational group is Bob Gangwish, the SSR president and trustee. After getting organized, their first tasks will be to set the region portion of the national dues for single membership and to elect the RAC Director to the new Board of Directors. Howard Smith should hear from them shortly as they get up and running.*

*Bob Dye has retired after nine years as national secretary. This is a big job and has been ably handled by Bob. His replacement, Dave Liesse of the MWR, has been assistant secretary for many years and has already proven his aptitude for the responsibility.*

*Treasurer Tom Draper reported that the NMRA will end its fiscal year in the black for the second year in a row. This is good news indeed, and indicates that we really have turned the corner financially. Thanks to Tom, Bob, Allen Pollock, John Roberts, Office Manager Jenny Hendricks, Library Manager Brent Lambert, and all the employees and volunteers across the world who have worked so hard to make this turnaround possible.*

*As I leave the role of trustee, I want to say thanks to the many people who have made my job meaningful and enjoyable over the past 11 years. I know Judy doesn't have room for a list that long, so I won't even try, even though the names are rolling through my memory as I write this.*

*I have been either a volunteer or an officer in the MCR for about 30 years, and I have met most of my best friends through the NMRA. I have been privileged to spend time with a lot of dedicated, helpful, friendly, and knowledgeable people, and I treasure every memory I have of our work and play together. I know that you will continue to help and support me, the MCR, and the NMRA as I take on this sobering new responsibility. Thanks for the past, the present, and our futures together. I don't know how there could be a better region, or a better group of friends, in the entire NMRA.*

*My new e-mail address is [vp@hq.nmra.org](mailto:vp@hq.nmra.org). Please let me hear from you if you have questions, comments, or suggestions. I'll see you in Ashtabula next spring!*

## Web Master Report

*by Ivan W Baugh*

*Your webmaster is always looking for helpful articles for publication on our web site. In addition to helping your fellow modelers, you can also earn author points toward your Master Model Railroader certificate. The webmaster will gladly help you and inform you of the number of points you earn when your web page is published. I seek your help in providing materials to add to our web site. Write me at [webmaster@midcentral-region-nmra.org](mailto:webmaster@midcentral-region-nmra.org) (a link appears on the Committee page on the Mid-central Region Web site (<http://www.midcentral-region-nmra.org/index.htm>)). I look forward to your contribution to our web site.*

## A P Report

by *Frank Kock*

### *MMR Out-of-Region*

*Mid-Continent Region*

*John Be Lee MMR 335*

*Pacific Northwest Region*

*Fred Miller MMR 336*

## Announcements

October 2-3, 2004      Div 4 Carnival '04  
 Nov 21, 2004          Div 6 Train Show - Veteran's Memorial - Columbus, Ohio  
 Mar 19-20, 2005      Div 5 Railfest '05

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Div 10, MCR,NMRA, is offering 2 C&O 40' box cars. One dated 1937, the other dated 1952. Each car has its own road number, and says "return to Div 10, Lexington, KY. The cars sell for \$15.00 each plus \$5.00 for S&H. Make your checks payable to Div 10, MCR, NMRA and mail to Bill Robbins, 4704 Sunny Point, Lexington, KY 40515." The cars are Athearn, decorated by Campbell Road, Inc., Winchester, KY.

## Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the third quarter newsletter is October 5, 2004. 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](mailto:logandj@earthlink.net).

## Treasurer's Report

by *Judy Logan*

Apr 16, 2004 — Jul 12, 2004

<b>Balance on Hand</b>	<b>Apr 16, 2004</b>	<b>21,626.12</b>
	Income	954.06
	Expenses	(439.46)
<b>Balance on Hand</b>	<b>Jul 12, 2004</b>	<b>22,140.72</b>
	Checking	2,347.29
	Petty Cash	97.56
	Certificate of Deposits	15,836.06
	Disaster Fund CD	3,859.81
	<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>22,140.72</b>
<b>Inventory</b>		
	Mobile Home Kits 2 @ \$11	22.00
	Mountaineer Convention Cars 24 @ \$7.20	172.80
	Mountaineer Conv Shirts 17 @ \$5.00	85.00
	<b>Inventory Value</b>	<b>279.80</b>
<b>Total Net Worth</b>		<b>\$22,420.52</b>

**Next Meeting:  
 Sunday, September 13th.  
 Eagle Creek Library  
 2:00 - 4:00pm**

**Clinic:  
 Mike Armstrong  
 on Gadgets**

**Tour:  
 Bob Larger's  
 Model Train Layout**

**Bring & Brag:  
 Diesel Locomotives**

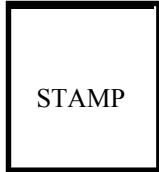


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 NEW  
 Show 'n Tell  
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 Swap Meet  
 events during our  
 regular meetings.*



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A report on the National Convention by  
 Bill Paulsell.