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Editor's Notes

I hope everybody has been enjoying this "modeler's weather" we have been experiencing lately! It has allowed me time to re-organize my train room and finally get to some long delayed projects.

How many of you would like to see some of the newest products that have come out but don't feel like making a road trip? Do some of you have some prize you recently scored on eBay and can't wait to show it to your friends? Do you have some items you would like to sell but don't want to deal with all the hassles of renting a table at a train show in some other city? Are you wanting some help and input on a project you are working on? Depressed with the bleak hobby shop scene here in Lexington? Would you like to share some of your recent work with others but don't want to be intimidated with scoring or competition?

An easy solution to many of these questions can be found here in Lexing-

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Message From The Superintendent

Last month we had a great program by Tony Lucio. The presentation of his and Anna's trip to the B&O museum was very enjoyable. I learned many new things about the museum and am now itching to get back there some day soon. Thank you Tony!

We also had a great layout tour at Bill Crace's house. Unfortunately I was unable to go but I have heard from many of the attendees that it was an excellent tour. Bill has a wonderful layout and shelves and shelves of trains on display. Bill, I'm sorry I didn't get to attend, however the club thanks you very much for your hospitality.

Next month we will have another fact filled clinic by Mike Armstrong on "Scenery". Our tour will be announced at the meeting.

Our meetings will be getting a little larger now that the cold weather is here and I want to make sure everybody knows about the changes in the Bring 'n Brag and Show & Tell programs. To

promote more participation we have decided to deemphasize the year long competition and broaden the categories as well as change the rules on the raffle tickets.

We will have three categories that repeat throughout the year. They are: Locomotives (all types), Rolling Stock (all types), and Structures. The structure category includes just about anything that does not roll on the track.

We will have four quarterly scoring periods each year. Points will be tabulated on a three month basis. After each period, certificates will be awarded for first, second, and third in modeling and photography. Then scoring will start over with a clean slate.

For those who are not interested in a contest or have something that does not fit a modeling category we always have the "Show & Tell" program. Anything train related that you want to bring and spend a few minutes talking about will be welcome. Just bring it, put it on the table, and tell us a little about it when you are called on.

Every person who brings a Bring 'n

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January Bring & Brag Winner - Pat Gerstle



Pat Gerstle's mine diorama took first place (center), while David Batten's PRR M-1 4-8-2 (left) came in second, and Tony Lucio's covered hopper (right), took third. Congratulations on the great work!



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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 30 to 35% 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.

Message From The Superintendent

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Brag entry or Show & Tell item will be given one (1) free raffle ticket. The holder of one of these tickets, now sold for \$1.00 apiece to all attendees, will win a \$25 gift certificate to a Lexington or Louisville hobby shop or a model railroad item of equal or better value.

At the end of the year, the Board will name the person who has done the most to improve participation in Bring ‘n Brag and Show & Tell and a plaque will be awarded.

I hope all of you who have something to bring will do so. The entire purpose of these programs is to have fun and

learn a little about modeling and railroading. I will see you at the February meeting. I will be the guy with his hands full of my Bring ‘n Brag and Show & Tell entries.

- John Gorman



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

Sustaining Members:

Patrons: **Bill Hammer, Jeff Hinnrichs, Bill Robbins, Skip Keyser**

Ed. Note: We start with a clean slate for 2005 as we honor our first contributors who are listed above. A huge thanks for your extra support!

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win-win!!

Editor's Notes

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ton! How, you say? Then try our Show and Tell at our monthly meetings or use our Sale/Trade tables that have been set up. All it takes is throwing some items in a box and coming on out to our meetings! We have a convenient way to share our hobby that has been underused to say the least!

- Ron Kercheval



Bring n' Brag January, 2005

Our first Bring n' Brag for 2005 was "Anything Goes" and Steam Locomotives. We only had three entries and a sharp diorama presented as a show and tell.

Our first modeling entry was from David Batten . He brought a sharp looking PRR M-1b 4-8-2 with a nicely weathered PRR cabin car (caboose in Pennsy terms). Next was Pat Gerstle with his fantastic mine diorama (B), then Tony Lucio with a well weathered Cargill covered hopper (C). Pat took first place, David was second, and Tony came in third.

There were no photo entries.

Fred Plymale brought in a great looking diorama of a garage with vehicles to show and tell.

Next month's category will be Rolling Stock. This means all types whether it's an articulated double stack unit or a Pullman car. See you then!

- Ron



2005 Bring n' Brag Scores

MODELS			PHOTOS		
High to Low or Tie	Jan.	QT	High to Low or Tie	Jan.	QT
Pat Gerstle (1st)	5	5			
David Batten (2nd)	4	4			
Tony Lucio (3rd)	3	3			

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 2005

February 2005 - Rolling Stock (All types)

March 2005 - Structures (All types)

April 2005 - Locomotives (All types)

May 2005 - Rolling Stock (All types)

June 2005 - Structures (All types)

July 2005 - Locomotives (All types)



AROUND THE BEND

MON	DAY	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
FEB	6	MCR DIV 10	Eagle Creek Library 101 N. Eagle Creek Dr. (off Richmond Rd.) 2:00 PM	Scenery Presented by Mike Armstrong	TBA	Rolling Stock (All Types)
Feb.	11	BGRRC		TBA		
MAY 2005	12-15	MCR Convention	Comfort Inn, Austinburg, OH	Contact: Matt Kross e-mail mkross@earthlink.net		
JULY 2005	TBA	NMRA Nat'l Convention	TBA, Cincinnati			

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, what's new in model railroadin'?

Larry: Well, Rivets, I been readin' this book and I finally have all the answers to model railroadin'.

Rivets: Larry, you have had answers before. What answers have you figured out now?

Larry: Rivets, I have figured out how to have the perfect model railroad where you have the most fun.

Rivets: Larry, I think it's all fun! I love buildin' every part of my layout. There is always somethin' else to work on or kinks to work out.

Larry: Well, that is just it, Rivets. My railroad has more kinks than a snake that has been run over head to tail by a snow tire. So I have figured out the best way to have the perfect layout. Do only the thing I do best and get someone else to do the rest.

Rivets: And where did you come up with this idea?

Larry: Well, I been readin' this book by Ham Dosey and he tells how he built his layout. He liked to do scenery, and he got pretty good at it, but he didn't know diddly about wiring, so his sister wired his layout for him. He didn't know beans about scratch buildin', so he got a friend to make all his buildin's. So, I'm gonna do the same thing.

Rivets: Larry, you got a layout. You have started over upteen times! You gonna start again?

Larry: Well, Rivets, I figure it is better to start again and let people figure out how they want to do the job.

Rivets: So, who is gonna do it.

Larry: That is the beauty of it, Rivets! I have been goin' through all my back issues of model railroad magazines.

And I am gonna contact the best people to do the job for me. I thought I'd start with this Ham Dosey guy. He did pretty good scenery, so I thought I'd hire him to build my scenery.

Rivets: And what if he doesn't want to?

Larry: Aw, heck, Rivets, them scenery guys are a dime a dozen. If he doesn't want to I'll find someone else.

Rivets: But don't ya want to have a layout you built?

Larry: You are forgettin' something Rivets. The plan is for me to do what I do best. I got a guy to do the wiring already. My wife's brother, Bubba, got a new soldering gun just last week off one of them on line auctions. All it needs is a new tip and a new cord.

Rivets: So you want someone to do wiring and scenery. You gonna just lay the track?

Larry: Rivets, this is gonna be a preeemier layout! I want my track to be hand laid. I gotta a cousin who builds drainage ditches and he is used to bending pcv pipes around rocks and trees. He thinks he can do it for me. He said all he needs is a backhoe and a pry bar.

Rivets: Larry, you are startin' to make me feel sick again. So you gonna just paint the back drop yourself?

Larry: Rivets, my uncle's third wife's son, Eddie paints porta potties for a livin'. He has painted some really nice ones and he said he'd be more than happy to paint my backdrops for not much more than the price of a roll of toilet paper.

Rivets: Larry, I hate to ask this, but

what are you gonna do? There ain't much left to do.

Larry: Rivets, what I do best is run trains. I'm good at it, and with DCC, I hardly ever have head on collisions any more. I have cut my accident rate down to thirty percent.

Rivets: You mean, three out of ten times you have a bad accident on your layout.

Larry: Nah, that is just for head ons. Sideswiping, running blocks, and floor drops constitute twenty percent of my regular accidents durin' an operatin' session.

Rivets: Larry, if this is the runnin' that is the best thing ya do, it is a good thing you're lookin' for someone else to do your work for ya.

Larry: Actually, I am pretty good at watchin' too. How much you charge to run my trains for me?



Next Meeting:
Sunday, Feb. 6th
2:00 - 4:00 pm
Eagle Creek Library
Lexington, KY



Program:
Scenery
Presented by
Mike Armstrong

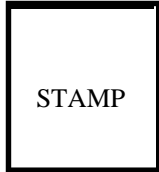
Tour:
To Be Announced

Bring & Brag:
Rolling Stock
(All types)



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