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Editor's Notes

We have an exciting summer planned with the National Convention in Cincinnati sandwiched by two highlights of the year we always anticipate. John's message has all the details.

Also, please see the enclosed invitation for the AP Judging Event. This should be a very rewarding and informative program! We also have the quarterly reports from our friends at the Mid Central Division.

Last, but not least, I want to thank John Deville for his insightful and entertaining articles about modeling and construction techniques. He has some more material on the way for future issues.

- Ron Kercheval

Message From The Superintendent

Spring is definitely here and summer seems to be coming on fast. As I type this it is a sunny 80 degree day. It is a great day for working on your garden railroad. Since I don't have one I still take advantage of the warm weather by setting up a table outside to work on some model structures I am building for the HO modules.

Our April meeting was well received by everyone I talked with. I was unable to be there but I am told that Lou's clinic was great. And everyone had a good time at Alan's layout as well. I want to express my thanks to Lou and Alan for making the April meeting such a success.

The May meeting will again be at the

Tates Creek Library. We will have three mini-clinics. The first will be offered by Bill Hammer. He will be demonstrating how to make static sound units from inexpensive Radio Shack parts. Sound is a great addition to a layout.

Pete Birdsong will be presenting a short program on how to prepare a model for NMRA judging. This subject is very timely as the National convention in July will be in Cincinnati. And for those of us who are not quite ready for National, Pete and others plan to have a local judging event in Lexington in August.

The third mini-clinic will be given by Tony Lucio on using computer graphics software to make signs, billboards, decals, etc. Since most of us have access to a computer and printer at home, school or the local library, learning

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April Bring & Brag Winners - Pete Birdsong and David Greer

Above is a photo of Lou Jaquith's fantastic bascule bridge which was part of his excellent clinic on kit-bashed structures. Since there are no photos for Bring n' Brag this month, Lou's bridge more than deserves to be on the cover of this month's issue!



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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.

this will be a real treat. There will be a map in next month's newsletter and on the Lantern website.

Because the first Sunday in July is in middle of the holiday weekend, and the National convention in Cincinnati will be going on the second Sunday we will not have a meeting in July. Even if you can only go for one day, you should really consider attending National. It will be many years before another NMRA convention is this close to home.

The August meeting will take place in Danville, Kentucky. We will visit Bob Lawson's, John Bowling's and Robin Grider's layouts. More details will be printed in the August newsletter and will be available on the Lantern web site.

We have a great summer lined up with these two “road trips”, you really don't want to miss them!

- John Gorman

Message From The Superintendent

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these skills can be very helpful in detailing buildings, scenery, locomotives, and rolling stock on our layout.

Our layout tour will be at Bill Robbins HO gauge Union Pacific layout. Bill has recently converted his layout to DCC and has made great improvements to scenery and track. I really think you will enjoy seeing all his new work and watching how smoothly his trains run on the layout.

In June we will visit Ray and Renee Grosser's “Nostalgia Trip” SOO Line layout. The event will be on the SEC-OND Sunday in June so that we can also watch the first firing of the season of a 1917 Frick Eclipse steam tractor. For those of us who enjoy live steam

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Bring n' Brag April 2005

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Coffman entered a terrific shot of a Rotary show plow on the Cumbres & Toltec hard at work. David took first in a close contest.

I want to apologize to Lou Jaquith for the big, black blob on last month's cover which was supposed to be a photo of his round house! The dark display table made the photo come out so dark. Those with internet access can see the same photo in much better detail on our Web page! Next month, our subject will be Rolling Stock of all types. See you then!

- Ron

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win-win!!



Bring n' Brag April, 2005

Locomotives (all types) was the category for April's Bring n' Brag and we had six entries. I like these kind of numbers! This meeting marked the beginning of our second quarter of scoring and we started with a clean slate.

First, Pete Birdsong entered an impressive On30 T-Boilered Shay, Bill Robbins showed up with a neat old time UP passenger train pulled by a 4-4-0 and complemented with figures, and Lou Jaquith brought a Paducah and Louisville FM Trainmaster. Next, Stew Winsteadly entered a nice N scale custom painted Monon ALCo RS-2, David Battin brought a sharp PRR SD-40 complete with a N-8 cabin car, and Tony Lucio rounded things out with a custom painted "The Rock" Rock Island U-25B complete with weathering and photos of different point in the prototype locomotive's service life. Pete handily took first place, Tony placed second, and Lou Jaquith took third. Hats off to all the participants!

There were two photo entries: David Greer entered a great looking photo of a Western Maryland freight pulled by a 2-8-0 on his beautiful layout and Randy

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2005 Bring n' Brag Scores

MODELS

High to Low or Tie	Apr.	PT
Pete Birdsong (1st)	5	5
Tony Lucio (2nd)	4	4
Lou Jaquith (3rd)	3	3
David Battin	2	2
Stew Winsteadly	2	2
Bill Robbins	2	2

PHOTOS

High to Low or Tie	Apr.	PT
David Greer (1st)	5	5
Randy Coffman (2nd)	4	4

Points are awarded for models according to 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". A member may submit only one entry per month.

Bring n' Brag Schedule for 2005

May 2005 - Rolling Stock (All types)

June 2005 - Structures (All types)

July 2005 - NO MEETING

August 2005 - Locomotives AND Rolling Stock (All types)

September 2005 - Structures (All types)

October 2005 - Locomotives (All types)

November 2005 - Rolling Stock (All types)

December 2005 - Structures (All types)

AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
MAY	1	MCR DIV 10	Tates Creek Library 1737 Russell Cave Road 2:00 PM	Three Mini-clinics by Pete Birdsong, Bill Hammer And Tony Lucio	Bill Robbins	Rolling Stock (All Types)
May.	13	BGRRC	Meadowthorpe Community Center 7:30 pm	TBA		
MAY 2005	12-15	MCR Convention	Comfort Inn, Austinburg, OH	Contact: Matt Kross e-mail mkross@earthlink.net		
JULY 2005	3-10	NMRA Nat'l Convention	July 3 - 10 Cincinnati, OH			



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, why ya lookin' so glum?

Larry: Hi, Rivets. I just got back from a train show.

Rivets: Well, why so blue? Trains shows are what makes the world go 'round! I always find somethin' I like or want or need, even at the smallest shows.

Larry: Yeah, I used to think that, too! But now, I don't believe it any more. First of all, I had a whole bunch of guys lined up to go with me. It was gonna be a great day. Then all but one, includin' you, backed out.

Rivets: Larry, I told ya. It was our thirtieth wedding anniversary and . . .

Larry: But Rivets, it was a TRAIN SHOW!!!

Rivets: Well, Larry, it is like this. If I have to have someone mad at me, better you than my wife!

Larry: Aw, Rivets, she is always yellin' at ya anyway.

Rivets: Larry, you're hopeless. I can't believe you're so mad 'bout that!

Larry: Well, Rivets, that ain't all! It was that train show down in the quad cities area. It was a four hour drive.

Rivets: Oh yeah. It was that one put on by several different clubs from four different states. What was the name of that show . . .?

Larry: It was called the Quad City Quandry of What Trains to Buy.

Rivets: Sounds like there was a lot of stuff. What did ya get?

Larry: What did I get? What did I get?!?! I got in trouble for nothin'! That's what I got!

Rivets: What do ya mean?

Larry: Well, first of all, there was supposed to be seventy five tables of trains. Well, there was only thirteen...my lucky number. And there wasn't one thing there that I needed or wanted or desired or dreamed about. I drove five hours there and five hours home, all in the same day. I didn't spend more 'n one hour lookin' and came home. I went with a whole pocket full of money to spend and I didn't buy a thing. To top it off, I had to spend ten hours in the car with that jabberwocky Billy Bonehead.

Rivets: That guy that never says nothin' and never shuts up?

Larry: Yeah, that's him. He talked about everything from trains to cheerios to the color of his underwear. If I had me a sock full of mustard I'd a stuffed it in his mouth.

Rivets: I can understand how disappointin' that trip musta been, but how did that get ya into trouble?

Larry: Well, you remember that last train show you and me went to?

Rivets: Yeah, the one where ya spent the money your wife set aside for's church.

Larry: Well, I took all that stuff and put it in the closet. I was gonna pull the ol' "I bought that stuff ages ago" trick. Well, I left it in the closet and forgot about it. My wife found it today and thought I bought all that stuff at the show and I couldn't tell her different. No matter what I said she thought I was a liar. So now she's mad, I'm sad, and I feel like I been had.

Rivets: Well, Larry, I wish there was somethin' I could do to lift your spirits.

Larry: Well, there is one thing.

Rivets: What's that.

Larry: Take me to a train show!

Next Meeting:
Sunday, May 1
2:00 - 4:00 pm
Tates Creek Branch
Library
Lexington, KY

Program:
Three Mini-Clinics
Presented by
Bill Hammer, Pete
Birdsong and,
Tony Lucio

Tour:
Bill Robbins

Bring & Brag:
Rolling Stock
(All types)

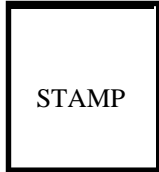


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