



# The Lantern



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Division 10, Mid Central Region

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## *Editor's Notes*

I still haven't gotten over how our successful our train show was! Being in Turfland Mall was a whole new deal which worked out great. I had a great time thanks to all who worded hard to insure its success.

We have a couple of special features this month including the fourth quarter Kingpin from Mid Central headquarters which has a nice mention of our newest MMR Pete Birdsong. Also included is a membership list with plenty of information to allow us to get in touch with each other.

Even though our good friend Mike Armstrong has moved to Iowa, we still have another funny episode from the misadventures of Rivets and Larry. Also, on page two is information on the "Santa Clause Special" running at the Bluegrass Railroad Museum.

I want to thank the good Lord for providing us with a great friend and inspiration in Fritz Dutro. He injected enthusiasm and focus into Division 10 with his programs and clinics presented in such a professional but friendly manner. He shattered the myth that you have to buy the newest and most expensive models to be a successful modeler. Time and again he shared these fantastic models and dioramas made from old and inexpensive Athearn Blue Box and Roundhouse kits superdetailed and weathered to look like museum pieces.

Fritz, thank you for giving our division a much needed shot in the arm. Thanks most of all for being our friend!

- Ron

## *Message From The Superintendent*

By the time you read this Thanksgiving Day will have passed and Christmas will be just around the corner. The year has gone by fast, and Division 10 has had its good days and bad. It is with great sorrow that I have to announce the passing of our Assistant Superintendent and an excellent modeler, Fritz Dutro. He died last week after a long bout with cancer. We will all miss him!

And the good days have brought us a bunch of fun meetings, layout tours and road trips, another great year at Turfland Mall and a very successful annual train show last weekend. For those who are counting, the Division made over \$1,000 profit on the show and we had a record breaking turnout. Thanks to everyone who worked hard to make it a success. I want to mention names, but I am afraid I will leave someone out, so I will just congratulate the entire team and say "Job Well Done".

Another good day this year was when Pete Birdsong met all the requirements for Master Model Railroader certification. A plaque will be presented to him at the December meeting. We now have three MMRs in the Division. Bill Hammer, Wendell Greer and Pete. Congratulations "Rail Road" Pete!

For those who have not noticed, the HO "Raffle" layout is practically finished and we are presently selling raffle tickets for one dollar. There are only 250 tickets so your chances of winning are 1 in 25 if you buy only \$10 worth of tickets. The layout in-

cludes two loops connected with turnouts and two sidings. It includes a "Twin" power pack and two complete trains that can run independently! The layout is completely scenicked and comes with over 10 buildings as well as trees, bushes, etc. The value of the layout is well over \$500 but it was built with volunteer labor with donated materials. Therefore all ticket sales will go directly into the Division's community service fund from which we purchase model train books for local and school libraries. If you want to purchase a few raffle tickets let one of the Division officers know. Our names and contact information are on page two of this newsletter. Don't wait, the drawing will be December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Over the last year we have had a great relationship with the Bluegrass Railroad Museum in Versailles. And I want to make sure that all of you know about their Christmas Train! Kids will have a chance to ride a real train and have their picture taken with Santa. So, take the entire family for some Christmas-time fun! The "Santa Clause Special" will run twice a day departing at 1:30 and 3:30 on Saturdays and Sundays, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup>. In case you have not been there, the Bluegrass Railroad Museum is located in the Woodford County Park in Versailles, KY. For more information and RESEVRATIONS call 1-800-755-BGRM (2476) or see their web site at [www.bgrm.org](http://www.bgrm.org) for more details.

Our meeting this December will be on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at the Beaumont Library. The clinic will be presented by Bill Paulsell and will be on "A New Approach to Making Trees". If you are like everyone else I know, you

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***Congratulations to Pete Birdsong, MMR !!!***



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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 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.

## Bluegrass Railroad Museum Santa Clause Special

*Come join the Bluegrass Railroad Museum for Christmas-time fun as we welcome St. Nicholas aboard our train for a ride through the winter countryside. Kids will have a chance to ride a real train and have their picture taken with Santa. Have a fun time for the entire family.*

*Located in the Woodford County Park in Versailles, KY. Trains are December 3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th, 17th, and 18th*

*Departing at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. Fares are: Adults - \$9, Seniors 62 and over - \$8, Children 2 thru 12 - \$7*

*Please call 1-800-755-BGRM for Reservations*

*See [www.bgrm.org](http://www.bgrm.org) for more details*

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- Special order and mail order service available.

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

### *In Recognition...*

Many thanks to our Patrons and Sustaining Members listed in the next column. (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.

To the right of each contributor's name is the date of his or her latest contribution. Whenever one makes a contribution, his or her date will be updated and for new contributors, their name will be added.

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| John Daniel         | 11/01/2004 |
| Fritz Dutro         | 11/23/04   |
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| Michael Armstrong   | 9/16/2005  |
| Ken Fortney         | 10/02/2005 |
| Lou Jaquith         | 10/02/2005 |
| Ron Kercheval       | 11/05/2005 |

### *Super's Message*

*(Continued from page 1)*

need more trees on your layout. Here is a way to learn a new and exciting way to solve your problem, or at least part of it. The Layout tour will be an O scale Lionel layout none of you have ever seen. Yes, we have found a hidden, jewel of a layout in the garage of Bob Buban. Bob and his wife have spent several years refining this layout to be a completely scenicked, well running example of what can be done with O scale. I don't know how they have kept it a secret this long but you finally get a chance to see it next Sunday.

Next year we will have a great bunch of clinics to learn from and layouts to visit. Since the first Sunday in January is also New Years Day, our first meeting in 2006 will be on January 8th, More details about these meetings and events will be coming in the January newsletter. So, have a great Christmas or other Holiday and New Year. I will see you all in January!

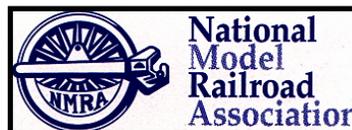
*- John*



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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 October 2005

It's hard to believe I'm writing about a meeting that took place two months ago as we had November off to focus on our train show which just took place! The category for October was Rolling Stock of all types. We had only three entries which was surprising considering the breadth and popularity of the subject.

First, Don Burris entered a neat looking "Gold Rush Express" headed by an old time 2-6-0. Dave Battin brought a nicely weathered pair of cars: a CSX pulpwood car and a C&NW coiled wire gondola. Third, Lou Jaquith entered a great looking pair of Paducah & Louisville cars: a kitbashed Doodlebug and RPO Baggage.

Lou took first place, Dave placed second, and Don came in third. There were no photo entries.

The category for our December 4 meeting at the Beaumont Branch Library will be Structures (all types). Folks, don't be bashful about entering items in our Bring n' Brag contests! This is all good natured fun. We had an excellent AP Judging Event for serious modeling this fall, so don't be intimidated on Sunday afternoons. If you still don't want to enter any contests, there is al-

## 2005 Bring n' Brag Scores

### MODELS

| High to Low or Tie | Oct. | PT |
|--------------------|------|----|
| Lou Jaquith (1st)  | 5    | 10 |
| Dave Battin (2nd)  | 4    | 8  |
| Don Burris (3rd)   | 3    | 7  |
| Bill Robbins       | 3    | 3  |

### PHOTOS

| High to Low or Tie | Oct. | PT |
|--------------------|------|----|
| Wendell Greer      |      | 5  |
| Lou Jaquith        |      | 4  |
| Dave Battin        |      | 3  |

## Bring n' Brag Schedule 2005-2006

December 2005 - Structures (All Types)  
January 2005 - Locomotives (All Types)  
February 2005 - Rolling Stock (All Types)  
March 2005 - Structures (All Types)

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.

ways our Show and Tell. We want to see what you all have been working on! Also, bring along any sale or trade items - you just might get some cash for that new engine coming out. See you next time!

- Ron

## Thank You!

A big thanks to Don Scalf of the Bluegrass Railroad Museum for their \$20.00 donation on 11/05/05, and also to Bill Robbins for donating \$5.00 that big day of our show!

## AROUND THE BEND

| MON.        | DAY           | EVENT      | PLACE/TIME   | PROGRAM   | TOUR      | CONTEST                      |
|-------------|---------------|------------|--|---|-----------|------------------------------|
| NOV. & DEC. | Now thru Xmas | BGRRC      | Model Train Display at Kentucky Horse Park                               | Southern Lights<br>(See Lexington Herald-Leader ads for more information) |           |                              |
| DEC.        | See Right     | BGRM       | Bluegrass Railroad Museum Versailles, Kentucky                           | Santa Clause Special<br>Dec. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 & 18                        |           |                              |
| DEC.        | 4             | MCR DIV 10 | Beaumont Branch Library<br>3080 Fieldstone Way<br>(Off Harrodsburg Road) | A New Approach to Making Trees<br>By Bill Pausell                         | Bob Buban | Structures<br>(All Types)    |
| JAN.        | 8             | MCR DIV 10 | TBD  | David Greer   | TBD       | Locomotives<br>(All Types)   |
| FEB.        | 5             | MCR DIV 10 | TBD  | Mike Baskette   | TBD       | Rolling Stock<br>(All Types) |
| MAR.        | 5             | MCR DIV 10 | TBD  | Lou Jaquith   | TBD       | Structures<br>(All Types)    |



## *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 all this about? You have seven 6 x 12 U Haul trailers in tandem. You look like you are makin' your own train.

Larry: I'm movin' Rivets. I'm almost ready to go.

Rivets: Well, that's not too bad if you can get all your furniture in seven U Haul trailers!

Larry: Rivets, that's not my furniture. That's all my train stuff.

Rivets: What?! You mean that is nothin' but train stuff?

Larry: It's a problem a guy has when he models in every scale known to the NMRA and then some! AND it is worse than you know.

Rivets: It usually is. What's goin' on?

Larry: Well, for years my wife has been complainin' about all the train stuff I been buyin'. She would always start by tellin' me we don't have enough closet space 'cause they are full of my trains and accessories. I kept tellin' her I didn't have that much. Then we decided to move.

Rivets: And?

Larry: Well, that is when I took all my stuff and put them in the U Hauls and now my wife says we have plenty of space for storage. She wants me to sell my trains, Rivets. She thinks a man only needs to model in one scale. Can you believe anyone would think that way?

Rivets: It would be easier, Larry, if you stuck to your favorite scale!

Larry: They all have their advantages Rivets. G Scale keeps me enjoyin' bein' outside. O Scale reminds me of good times with Dad when I was a kid. HO is fun 'cause it is just right for my hands.

N Scale is good for the space. And Z scale means I can run a train when I'm travelin' some place; all I need is a shoebox to build it in and a pair of binoculars to see it.

Rivets: Larry, I hate to break this to ya, but she does have a point.

Larry: Aw, Rivets, I know she has a point, but it isn't fair. A man's gotta do what a man's gotta do and I have ta model railroad. I mean the scales are seasonal, too. There's a scale for each season. Summer is for G Scale and Fall, Winter, and Spring is for all the rest. I have ta have somethin' to do in all those seasons.

Rivets: So you're not gonna get rid of any thing?

Larry: Rivets, I already tol' ya. We have solved the problem. We are movin' and I ain't givin' up my trains. You of all people should understand.

Rivets: I do understand, Larry. But there comes a time when a man has to make a choice..

Larry: I have made a choice, Rivets, I ain't givin' up my trains for my wife!

Rivets: I was gonna suggest a choice between scales.

Larry: Oh.

Rivets: So where are ya movin' to with all those trailers.

Larry: Next door. That house has more closets.

(Mike's wife, Mary, said she thought this was more true than funny.)






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# The Kingpin

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Mid Central Region  
National Model  
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Fourth Quarter, 2005

## President/Trustee's Message

by **Howard Smith MMR**

*Time is flying as summer is almost over. It seems like it only started yesterday and boy it was a hot one. It will be nice to have cooler weather and get back to model railroading and away from summer chores.*

*The MCR will be holding its mid year BOD October 23, 2005 at the Reynoldsburg Library. We will be discussing the MCR Regulations as there is some house keeping changes suggested. Minutes of the BOD meeting will be posted on the web site.*

*The MCR Spring 2006 Convention, the "Mountain State Express", is a few months away but now is the time to make plans to attend. The convention will be held in Morgantown, W. Va. on April 27 – 30, 2006. The Convention will be hosted by the NMRA Division Two and the Mon Valley Railroad Club of W. Va. The Radisson Hotel at Waterfront Place in Morgantown is the Convention site. Come join us for a great convention in the spring.*

*As some of you may know, I receive Newsletters from all the MCR Divisions. I read each one, as I receive them, and am very pleased to see the programs provided at the grass roots of the organization. After all, as we all know, it's the division programs that reach and affect the individual member on a meeting by meeting basis. I can report that the newsletters I see are full of events, schedules, contests, bring and brags and layout tours. To the Division Superintendents, and the members who support you with these programs, I say – JOB WELL DONE.*

*I just received word from AP Director Pat Harriman that the Mid Central Region has a new MMR. Congratulations to Donald Birdsong who has earned Master Model Railroader #357. Donald is from Lexington, Kentucky. I know his Division, and especially Pete Birdsong, are very proud of Donald.*

*It is time to think about the MCR election though it is 18 months away. All of the present officers will have served two terms of office and a new slate of officers will be elected. I ask that each of you think about the members you would like to see as MCR President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. Urge them to consider running for office. I will soon be appointing a Nomination Chairperson and a Nomination Committee to accept nominations. The procedure for nominations is indicated in Article X of the MCR Regulations.*

*I wish each of you a Joyous Holiday Season.*

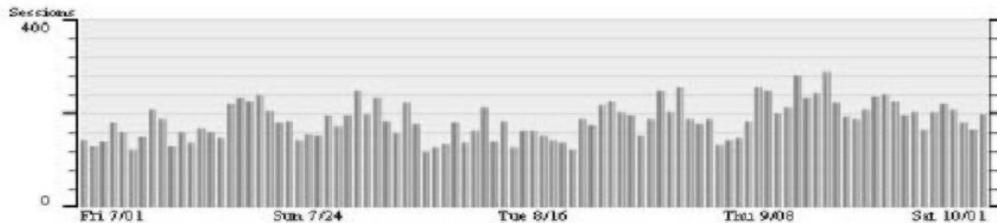
## Web Master Report

by **Ivan Baugh**

*The webmaster thanks members of Divisions 5 and 8 for new contributions to the region web site. Ken Stroebel of Division 5 has written a 2 part article on digital photography. Eric Waggoner of Division 8 shared videos taken of L & N steam locomotive 152 in operation at its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party in late September. It is contributions like these that keep the usage of our web site growing. I invite you to share a web site you have found useful, an article you have written, or a layout tour. Send them to the webmaster at [iwbaugh@insightbb.com](mailto:iwbaugh@insightbb.com).*

At this writing (October 8), the web site has had 14,400 hits. The following chart shows the number of daily sessions from July 1 through October 1.

I call to your attention the number of sessions above the 200 line on the chart. There were seven sessions at 250 or higher with the highest number of sessions, 280 and 288, occurring the week of September 11, 2005. Also observe the gradual increase in the number of session approaching and surpassing the 200 session line during September 2005. I appreciate your help in making our web site useful for model railroaders.



## Treasurer Report

by Judy Logan

Mid Central Region NMRA  
May 13, 2005 – Oct 23, 2005

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| Balance Forward | 22699.64 |
| Income          | 534.59   |
| Expenses        | 2060.14  |
| Current Balance | 21174.09 |

## Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the fourth quarter newsletter is January 5, 2006. Please send your articles and announcements to: KingPin Editor, 6322 Mid Pines Court, Grove City, OH 43123-9505 or e-mail to [logandj@earthlink](mailto:logandj@earthlink)

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THANKS

Turfland Mall

For Helping Make Our Train Show A Success!

**Next Meeting:**  
**Sunday, December 4**  
**2:00 - 4:00 pm**  
**Beaumont Branch Library**  
**Lexington, KY**



**Program:**  
**A New Approach to**  
**Making Trees**  
**Presented by**  
**Bill Pausell**

**Tour:**  
**Bob Buban**

**Bring & Brag:**  
**Structures**  
**(All Types)**

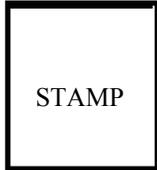
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**(and Happy Modeling)**  
**This Winter Season !!!**



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