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Bring n' Brag November 2006

Rolling Stock was the theme for our November meeting and for a moment I thought I accidentally went to a regional modeling contest instead of our local divisional meeting due to the quality of the models entered!

Fred Plymale pulled the stops out with three great looking models: an Ambroid Poultry car with amazing detail, a Water Car for a logging railroad's fire fighting, and a great looking wooden Pile Driver for an early logging railroad. Michael Tyra brought a nice L&N hopper, Stew Winstandley entered a sharp N scale Monon Heater Car converted from a Pullman troop sleeper, Wendell Greer shared an impressive looking Southern tobacco

hogshead box car, and Ed Graves rounded things out with a neat diorama with two L&N hoppers.

Fred's Pile Driver took first place and his Poultry car came in second. Wendell's Hogshead Car placed third.

In photos, Fred brought two super photos of geared locos from Cass, WV and a layout scene of his C&O Allegheny 2-6-6-6. He swept first, second, and third places respectively. Randy Coffman shared a great looking shot of a Norfolk Southern train on a low trestle, but arrived at the meeting after the voting was finished. Randy, good to some of your mighty fine work again!

One thing I would like to mention to future Bring n' Brag participants is that the monthly themes are only guidelines

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Message From The Superintendent

I am not sure where to start this column. We had such a successful month this November it is a little overwhelming. Out November meeting was packed with guys who wanted to learn more from Fred Plymale on craftsman kit building. Fred did a great job explaining all the different choices one has when selecting a wood structure kit. And, he took us through the process of preparing and building the kit to completion.

Then we had a great time at Wendell Greer's layout looking at all the new and old areas of the Dew Valley. As some of you may know, a photographer from Model Railroader had been there the week before to take pictures for an upcoming article in the hobby's leading magazine.

I want to thank both Fred and Wendell for making our November meeting such a success.

Then the next weekend, WOW, we had a crowd Saturday morning at the Division's 5th annual train show. Thanks to Turfland Mall we had a great space with lots of room for dealers and attendees. Things slowed down a bit in

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2006 Bring n' Brag Scores

MODELS

High to Low or	Nov.	PT
Fred Plymale (1st,	7	12
Michael Tyra	2	7
Wendell Greer (3rd)	3	5
Stew Winstandley	2	2
Ed Graves	2	2

PHOTOS

High to Low or Tie	Nov.	PT
Fred Plymale (1st,	7	7
Wendell Greer		5

Bring N' Brag Schedule 2006-07

December 2006 - Structures (All Types)
 January 2007 - Locomotives (All Types)
 February 2007 - Rolling Stock (All Types)
 March 2007 - Structures (All Types)

Editor's Note

As a follow-up to his excellent clinic, Fred Plymale has an article on what to do with your structure models after you build them (see page 4).

- Ron

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". A member may submit only one entry per month.

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Super's Message

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the afternoon and Sunday morning but sales picked back up Sunday afternoon. As a dealer there, I did better on Sunday than Saturday.

The show's attendance was a little better than last year. All the numbers are not in yet but it looks like we had another profitable train show this year. We will have a Treasurer's Report in next month's Lantern so you will be able to see for yourself how well we did.

During the show we sold well over 100 raffle tickets for the HO layout and if history repeats itself we will sell a couple of hundred more before the drawing date on December 19th.

If you want a chance to get a great layout for your child, niece, nephew or grandchildren for just \$1.00, buy a ticket or ten before they are sold out. If you are not able to get to a meeting please mail a check to Bill Robbins (his address is on page 2) and he will get the tickets to you. You can see a picture of the layout on our web site. It is a complete HO layout with a double main line and three sidings. It includes all the buildings and scenery that can be packed on its 4' x 6' board. It even has a river running through it. The layout includes two complete trains, five remote turnouts, and a Tech 4 dual power controller. This set is worth well over \$500 and can be yours for only \$1.00. Don't miss out on a chance to win this great bargain!!

Our meeting this month will be on Sunday, December 3rd, at 2:00 at the Eagle Creek Library off of Richmond road in Lexington. Pete Birdsong will be giving a clinic on "DCC Sound Systems" and our layout tour will be at Alan Brock's Monon layout. The Bring 'n' Brag topic is "Structures" (all types).

I hope to see all of you there!

- John



Bring n' Brag

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and not requirements. For example, if you were to enter a Pullman car during Structures month, that would be fine. However, the most points you could earn would be four instead of five. You could still be voted first place for that month and have bragging rights. After all, the whole purpose of Bring n' Brag is to have fun and be able to see each other's modeling.

One thing I have noticed is that partici-

pation in our Show and Tell and sale/trade tables has been almost non-existent the past several months. If you have a work in progress or have scored something unusual at a distant train show you attended while on a trip, why not share it with the group? Also, since our train show is now over, you might still have some items you wish to sell. Why not try to do it for free at the next meeting before you pay eBay to do it?

Until next time, have a safe and happy holiday season! January's theme will be locomotives of all types as we begin a new scoring period.

- Ron

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Making a Structure a Scene

by Fred Plymale

At last month's clinic we discussed the basic tools and procedures used in building wood kits. The "Miracle Chair Company" a small laser kit from Bar Mills was used to illustrate the early steps in construction. The instructions included with the kit are excellent clinic material. After any structure is built, it is only about half ready for your layout. It should be painted, signed, weathered, detailed and made into a realistic scene.

Painting is one of the simple parts. You can use the colors the manufacture recommended or change them at your pleasure. Floquil or latex paints are both OK but according to a local hobby shop dealer Floquil costs over \$500.00 a gallon if you could buy it in that size. I use it mostly on detail parts. The use of color can also be used to attract attention to the structure.

Signs are another way of making your structure stand out from all others. You can change the color of the sign or name the business after a friend or modeling pal using Photoshop, Paint or other software available on your computer. A very good web site for signs that you can use to download and modify signs is <http://www.Trainweb.org/tylick/>. Check it out, you'll like it.

Weathering with an India ink and alcohol solution will highlight the nail holes and other imperfections in the

wood siding. Additional weathering using a soft brush and Bragdon powders will further help blend it into a layout ready scene.

Detailing and kit bashing is the best way to make any structure unique. A shed has been added to the side of the chair factory for storing lumber used in making chairs. Its roof is intentionally very different from the one provided with the kit. A trash can with scrap wood is also added with scraps of wood on the ground that missed the can. Animation involves workers doing the things appropriate to the business or scene. A truck has delivered lumber for the shed. A worker is carrying wood from the shed to the building and other workers are loading built chairs on a delivery truck. The factory has a partition inside and a light added to all but the front office. Everyone one is planning on a late night shift.

Every thing is put in the ground not on the ground using several colors of real dirt, tea for texture and some Woodland Scenics products.

Museum quality structures aren't necessary for most home layouts. If it looks good from three feet it will be fine. Whether you have a circle of track around the Christmas tree, a four by eight table with DPM buildings or a large layout with scratch built kits, model railroad-ing is fun. It's your railroad so enjoy it!!!!

- Fred

AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	EVENT	PLACE/TIME	PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
THRU	XMAS	BGRRC	Kentucky Horse Park	Holiday Train Display		
DEC.	3	MCR DIV 10	Eagle Creek Library Lexington, KY	DCC Sound Systems By Pete Birdsong	Alan Brock's Monon Layout	Structures (All Types)
JAN.	7	MCR DIV 10	TBA	TBA	TBA	Locomotives (All Types)
FEB.	4	MCR DIV 10	TBA	TBA	TBA	Rolling Stock (All Types)
MAR.	4	MCR DIV 10	TBA	TBA	TBA	Structures (All Types)



Witless vs. Clueless



*The Continuing Railroad Adventures of
Rivets O'Reilly and Larry Loungear*

Created by 'Railroad' Pete Birdsong - Written by Mike Armstrong

Larry: Hi Rivets. Have you read the November Scale Rails?

Rivets: Yeah, I read it. I thought it was a pretty good issue. I know it costs a little more to get, but its fun to read.

Larry: Ya don't have to tell me! I love readin' that magazine. I was particularly interested in "The President's Car. It seems like we are always tryin' to get new members in the NMRA. Ya know, I am always tryin' to get new people to join, but nothin' I do seems to work. I talked for quite awhile to a guy and it seemed like he was almost ready to join but he left.

Rivets: Larry, I was there. It was at the train show. I remember the conversation goin' well, at least, until you told his kid that if he touched your trains again, you were goin' to cut his ear off. I would have left, too.

Larry: O come on, Rivets. The kid had chocolate candy melted all over his hands and he kept lickin' his fingers and touched my new Genesis F unit.

Rivets: Well, ya coulda said come on inside the layout and I'll show ya the right way to weather an engine.

Larry: His ears were too big anyway. But I am tryin' to make amends. I am thinkin' of some new ways to get people to join. How about this: if you join the NMRA, you get a free pack of rail joiners. Not bad, huh?

Rivets: You better keep workin' on your methods.

Larry: I came up with a lot of 'em. If you don't like that one, here is a good one. Join the NMRA and see the world!

Rivets: What world are ya talkin' about?

Larry: The world we all create. Come on, Rivets. Get with it. Here is great one I made up: The NMRA is lookin' for a few good modelers. And have a picture of a guy protectin' his model trains from rubber neckin' spectators at shows.

Rivets: Larry, it seems to me that things happen at shows. You need to be friendlier in your approach.

Larry: Well, this one is great. I go to a show wearing a

plaid coat, pants that are too short, white socks, and put a big grin on my face...to seem friendly. Show people model rail-roaders are just like the common man.

Rivets: You mean like the common used car salesman.

Larry: Well, I don't wanna sell all my good stuff, but I could be talked outta some of the stuff under my work bench.

Rivets: Larry, people who are new to the hobby need good products that perform well...not the stuff you've dropped and stepped on.

Larry: That stuff is still in pretty good running order. How about this one: have a party and play whistling trains. Ya set up a circle of chairs with one chair less than the people. Then ya walk around the chairs while a diesel horn blows. When it stops, people grab a chair and the last one gets a model train set.

Rivets: Larry, none of this has anything to do with modeling!

Larry: All I'm doin' is tryin' to get people interested. Get their attention. Here is my best idea for gettin' their attention. Call a group of people together for a presentation. Then I come out stitch stark bare nekned except I'd be wearin' an engineers hat. I would bring a model train out and accidentally drop it. Then I would say, "You people are more concerned about me bein' nekned than you are about my train I dropped...and that ain't right!" How 'bout that for a conversation starter?!

Rivets: Larry, there is somethin' not right, all right, and I think it's you.

Larry: Well, maybe I could just have an open house and show people my railroad.

Rivets: That could be a good idea except for one thing.

Larry: What's that?

Rivet: Your railroad looks like you tried to model the aftermath of an earthquake, a tornado, and a hurricane. You better show 'em somebody elses road.

Larry: Well, at least I'm tryin'. What are you doin' for the good of the NMRA.

Rivets: I'm doin' my best to keep people away from you!



Next Meeting:
Sunday, Dec. 3
2:00 - 4:00 pm
Eagle Creek Library
Lexington, KY

Program:
DCC Sound Systems
Pete Birdsong

Tour:
Alan Brock

Bring & Brag:
Structures
(All Types)



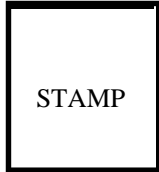
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Happy New Years
to All!

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Horse Park during the
Holidays!



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