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The Super's Column

By Bill Paulsell

Wow—December's meeting was really something! David Oswald presented a fine program on making ground foam. It is a simple process that enables us to make foam of any texture and, most importantly, any color, for very little cost. I often cannot find the exact color I want for a project, and Dave showed us how to make it.

The visit to the Crace's home was amazing. Bill's huge O Gauge layout had at least three trains running at all times. There were working signals and a working turntable. Some of the scenery was in place. The sounds were very realistic, and the radio control system kept everything running smoothly.

What astonished us was his huge collection of Lionel, MTH, Atlas, and other O Gauge equipment. One room had floor to ceiling shelves on all sides full of trains and accessories. In addition, there were two free standing double sided shelves in the middle of the room equally full. Two glass cases in the living room displayed items three trains deep, and other items were displayed in the basement by the layout. Finally, we were taken to the garage layout on the second floor which had Standard and G Gauge track and equipment. I have been to several Lionel museums, but have never seen a collection like Bill's.

The Craces were gracious hosts, welcoming us, feeding us, and showing us around. We thank them and Dave for a wonderful afternoon.

Our January meeting promises to be very educational. Joe Holbrook will give us a presentation of how steam locomotives work. What do all of those domes and valves and rods actually do? Some of us might like to superdetail a steam loco, but don't really understand the purpose of all the parts. I have heard Joe's pres-

entation to another group, and he does an excellent job describing to workings of those magical machines.

Several of our members have offered to present programs or clinics for us. If you have one that relates to modeling, let us know. Mike Baskette, our Assistant Superintendent, organizes our program schedule, and he would be delighted to hear from you. You can also give your ideas to me and I will pass them along to Mike.

We welcome Fred Plymale to our Board of Directors. Fred was the prime mover in getting our Division 10 set up and organized, and we owe him much for his hard work. I know he will be a fine contributor to our board.

Speaking of contributions, the Board at its last meeting estimated that it will take about \$1700 to operate the Division in 2008. The biggest expense is this newsletter. That figure also includes flyers for hobby shops, certificates for Bring and Brag, expenses for out of town program presenters and the library fee when we have Power Point presentations.

We charge no dues and do not receive any money from the national organization. Our only source of income is contributions from members. The group has been very generous in the past, and I hope you will continue that in the future. Contributions made out to Division 10 NMRA can be sent to Bill Robbins, our treasurer, whose address is listed in this newsletter.

One final word. I hope everyone will join the national NMRA. The magazine, *Scale Rails*, is very good, but more important is the work of the organization in setting standards for the manufacturing of model railroading equipment. The NMRA is the reason that all of our equipment is interchangeable. We can run items from many manufacturers on our layouts and on each others' layouts. Without the NMRA model railroading

would be a chaotic hobby. The organization is very much worthy of our support.

I hope to see you on January 6 at the Tates Creek library. Also, save March 15 for our Swap Meet. It's a good opportunity to either thin out or add to your equipment. We will announce the place and time in the next newsletter.

Bring n' Brag December Results

We had seven entries for December's Bring n' Brag featuring Off-Line Structures. Bill Robbins deserves yet another big thanks for again filling in for me as I had family commitments that day!

David Oswald handily took first place with his beautifully scratchbuilt "*Mast Grocery*". Tony Lucio placed second with "*Freezee Ice Cream, Before & After*" which compared built-as "new" and "abandoned" versions of the same plastic kit. Bill Paulsell came in third with his "*Picurelli's Ice Cream*", a wonderfully detailed laser-cut wood structure.

We have had some questions regarding our scoring each month. Please refer to the "Bring n' Brag Rules" elsewhere this issue. We aren't trying to be restrictive but to make things fair in the cumulative scoring. For example, a person could enter one model in which a lot of work was invested. That entry receives the most number of popular votes (first, second, and third totaled) and takes first place. Another person could enter a dozen items fresh from a train show or garage sale with no effort on his/her part. If that person got entry points for each of those twelve items, they could conceivably take first place over the person who did the most work.

Freight Cars will be the theme for our January meeting. I can't wait to see some of your Christmas gifts on the Show and Tell table. Have a safe, happy and healthy New Year! See you all in 2008!



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Many thanks to folks listed in the column below. They have given their time, materials and/or money to support our club. We encourage all members to help with financial support to The Lantern and our website or with their time and/or materials to support our layout at the Mall and the Division 10 train shows. To be listed here your contribution needs to be at least \$20 in cash or material valued at \$50 or a total of 20 hours time within the last year. Division 10 receives NO monetary support from the NMRA or the Mid Central Region. Division 10 is recognized by the US government as a 501c3 corporation and your cash or material donations may be tax deductible.

Contributions of money, materials and time should be reported to John Gorman so that he can keep track of them.

To the right of each contributor's name is the date of his or her latest contribution. Whenever one makes a contribution of money, material or time, his or her date will be updated and for new contributors, their name will be added. Folks who have not made a contribution in one year will be dropped from the list.

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MCR Division 10 continues to thank

Turfland Mall

**for the generous donation of space to display and run our
N-Trak Layout**

Minutes of the Div. 10 Executive Committee Meeting, November 15, 2007

Attending: Bill Paulsell (presiding), John Gorman, Bill Robbins, Tom Miller, Ron Kercheval, Lou Jaquith. (Absent: Mike Baskette, Tony Lucio; Ed Butcher, Pete Birdsong.)

The Meeting was called to order by Superintendent Bill Paulsell. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.

New Business

Division 10 Constitution and By Laws: The Constitution and By Laws of Division 10 was distributed and reviewed. Discussion followed. It was agreed that and recommendations should be brought to the next meeting.

Liability Insurance: Was discussed and all trustees and officers are currently members. If there is a member in charge all non members are guests. While we are still at the mall, we must be sure that a member is present for all functions. Non members of NMRA cannot operate the layout at the mall. Bluegrass Museum is exploring the possibility of having our layout at the museum.

Membership: All attendees at Sunday clinics and Tuesday night meetings should be encouraged to pay the NMRA annual dues and contribute to Division 10.

Regional Meeting: Bill Paulsell reported on his attendance at the regional meeting. Fund raising projects were discussed. The MCR is looking into the possibility of applying for 501.3c. On the regional fund raising matter, a limited number of laser cut building kits will be produced for sale in the divisions. The kits will be model reproductions of actual Pennsylvania Railroad buildings. The first will be a baggage and freight building. Later two others models will be produced. Kits will be available in HO, N, S, and O. Only 250 of each HO kits will be produced with small numbers for the N, S, and O kits.

Clinic Schedule: Bill Paulsell reported that both the December and January Clinics will be at Tates Creek library.

Trustee Appointment: The Executive Committee discussed and approved Fred Plymale for appointment to the Executive

Committee as a trustee. By consensus, Fred was appointed as a Trustee.

Division 10 Flyers: John Gorman will produce the flyers once per month and Bill Paulsell and Don Burres will distribute the flyers. They will be distributed to Scale Reproductions Hobby Shop, Bluegrass Museum, Berkshire Hobby Shop and Hobby Town and the Libraries.

Programs: Bill Robbins reported on all the programs since 2000. A discussion of layouts that could be included in the programs was reviewed. Bill Crace has been approached for a visit. Mike is exploring other options.

Financial Report: Bill Robbins provided the financial report in detail. There are about 20 people who support the club. John Gorman recommended that we should survey to see who wants to continue to receive the Lantern.

Swap Meet: Plans continue to hold a train swap on March 15, 2008. Location to be determined if the Mall is unavailable.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The next scheduled meeting of the executive committee will occur on Thursday night, January 17, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

-Tom Miller, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

November 2007

Beginning Balance:	\$ 3,670.16
Income:	
Donations:	\$ 90.00
Expenses:	
Library Rental	-\$ 20.00
Lantern	-\$ 126.23
Name Tags	-\$ 8.44
Ending Balance:	\$ 3,605.49

Bill Robbins
Treasurer

Bring n' Brag Schedule

January 2008	Freight Cars
February 2008	Diesel locomotives (incl. Traction)
March 2008	Passenger Cars
April 2008	On-line Structures
May 2008	Non-revenue incl. Caboose & MoW

Bring n' Brag Rules

Points are awarded as follows: One point is given for your first entry; a second point is given if that entry is "On Topic". Peer judging then awards three points for First Place, two points for Second Place, and one point for Third Place.

Multiple entries may each win points for placing.

Bring n' Brag Standings

High to Low or Tie	Dec. 2007	PT
David Oswald (1st)	5	7
Tom Krill	-	5
Bill Paulsell (3rd)	3	5
Lou Jaquith	-	5
Tom Miller	-	4
Tony Lucio (2nd)	4	4
Matthew Coles	-	4
David Battin	-	4
David Toles	-	4
Michael Tyra	-	3
Stew Winstandley	-	3
Ron Kercheval	-	3
Phil Lester	-	2
David Battin	-	2
Bill Robbins	2	2



The Bill Crace Layout & Museum

By Tom Miller

Photos by Pete Birdsong

On December 2, we were treated to an extensive layout at the Bill Crace Railroad Home and Museum. Both the layout and the extensive Bill Crace Lionel Collection were real treats for many Division 10 members. The history of Lionel is more than a history of a product or a company. When one visits the Bill Crace layout, the experience brings smiles to faces and amazement at what a collection he has. While the products are beautiful to look at and built to last for generations, the real draw of Lionel trains is almost intangible. Exploring Bill's collection brings to the viewer many emotions as well as fond memories of the grand old trains. Bill's wife assisted in the tour and provided commentary while Bill and his son ran the trains in his basement over a complex and intricate layout.



WITLESS & CLUELESS
THE CONTINUING SAGA OF
LARRY LOUNGEAR AND RIVETS O'REILLY
CREATED BY "RAILROAD" PETE BIRDSONG
WRITTEN BY MIKE ARMSTRONG

Rivets: Hey, Larry! How ya doin'?!

Larry: Rivets, I'm sittin' on top of the world, 'cause I had a great Christmas!

Rivets: You musta got a lot of railroad stuff this year. That is somethin' different! How'd that happen? Bonnie hates to buy you model railroad stuff.

Larry: Boy, you are tellin' me. Her latest lines are: but you have so much or where ya gonna put it? Well, I finally got her to see the light.

Rivets: How'd ya do that?

Larry: Well, I went to our closet while she was at work and I pulled out all her shoes and put 'em on the bed and beside the bed, and by the time I was finished, ya couldn't SEE the bed! When she came home and walked into the bedroom, she asked me what the heck was goin' on and I said, "Look at all the shoes you got! All them shoes and many of 'em ya only wore one time. It is time for ya to buy me something for Christmas for my railroad."

Rivets: That was a dangerous move, Larry. Ya coulda been killed!

Larry: Well, she said, "Okay, do you want anything special?" And I said, "Well, I just happen to have a list here, alphabetical, categorized and with part numbers."

Rivets: What she say ta that?

Larry: She just gave me that look of hers where her face goes blank with a bit of a wrinkle in her nose, and asked, "How long have you been planning this?"

Rivets: How long had ya been plannin' it?

Larry: Well, in October was my birthday and all I got was a bunch of new clothes. She was buyin' me the stuff she wanted me to have. So I had to do somethin'. I was a desperate man.

Rivets: So what did ya get?

Larry: Well, this was the kicker. I got a two hundred dollar steam engine, and Bonnie only paid sixty three dollars for it, because I also ordered seventy five dollars worth of tools from the company that sells all them pigmy tools, Slightro Mart. Yeah, I am feeling pretty good about Christmas this year.

Rivets: Larry, why do I have the feelin' there is somethin' yer not tellin' me?

Larry: Now, Rivets, why would ya say somethin' like that?

Rivets: Larry, it couldn't have been that easy for ya. It never is. So, out with it. What did ya leave out?

Larry: (Mumbles something)

Rivets: Larry, speak up.

Larry: I left out the Hawaii trip.

Rivets: What Hawaii trip?!

Larry: Well, Christmas day we were openin' our gifts. And Bonnie came across one for her...and I was not the person who bought it.

Rivets: What was it?

Larry: It was a plane ticket to Hawaii.

Rivets: You guys are goin' to Hawaii?!

Larry: No, Rivets I said "ticket". Only one. Bonnie went to Hawaii. She said, "Okay, so ya got your trains and tools. So while you are playing with them, I am going to Hawaii. Some girl friends and I are going to lounge on the beach while you run your new train in the cold." I said, "Our basement is heated." She said, "Who cares?! This will teach you to try and make me believe I spend as much on shoes as you do on trains." I said, "When ya comin' back?" She said, "You'll see me when you see me?"

Rivets: Wow, Larry! I didn't know she was so tough. That woman is hard.

Larry: Aw, she told me when she'd be back before she left. She is having a good time and she'll be home tomorrow night.

Rivets: I thought you said you had a good Christmas.

Larry: I did and I am. It's the best Christmas ever 'cause I've been buyin' all kinds of stuff at after Christmas sales and with Bonnie gone to Hawaii, I haven't had to sneak one thing into the house! Yeah, Rivets, I sure decked the halls with rails and trolleys.

Rivets: Come on, Larry. Let's get some hot cider and toast Bonnie's Hawaiian trip and discuss where we can send my wife!



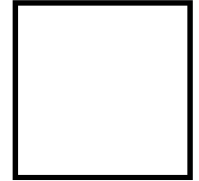
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Next Meeting:

Sunday January 7 @ 2:00 pm
Lexington, KY
Tates Creek Library

Program:

Joe Holbrook: How a Steam Locomotive Works

Bring & Brag:

Freight Cars

Tour:

TBA

AROUND THE BEND...

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE/TIME	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOUR	CONTEST
Jan	26 27	G.T.E (formerly GATS)	Louisville Covention Center	Great Train Expo (not NMRA affiliated)	N/A	N/A
Feb	1	Div. 10	Lexington, KY	Renee Grosser: Scratchbuilding Scale Structures	TBD	Diesel Locomotives
Mar	1	Div. 10	Lexington, KY	Fred Plymale: Layout Tour Modeling Ideas	TBD	Passenger Cars
Mar	15	Div. 10	Lexington, KY	MCR Division 10 Swap Meet	N/A	N/A
Mar	29	Div. 8	Louisville VFW post	MCR Division 8 Train Show & Sale	N/A	N/A