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## Bring and Brag

By Larry K. Smith

Bring and Brag was off to a good start in November although we only had two entries. I was hoping for more models to be entered in the contest but we did have two good entries. Don Burris brought a fine water tower and Brian Jones brought a well decorated small building. We appreciate all the work both of them did in building their models and bringing them in to show us. In terms of the scoring, Brian nudged out Don with a total score of 22.9 to 14.4 points. The maximum possible score under the revised system for Bring and Brag is 30 points. For the present scoring system, each entry or model is judged in three categories with each category scoring from 0 to 10 points. The score for a model for each category is the average of the scores from all the members who have judged it. The three averages are then summed to achieve a total score for the model. The categories are: (1) Construction, (2) Detailing, and (3) Finish and Lettering. This method of scoring is a limited version of the scoring method used for models at regional and national NMRA contests. For the future months, we wish to encourage you to bring in your models and show them off along with your modeling skills.

The Bring and Brag category for the next month, December, is **Freight Cars**. With such a wide open topic, I am hoping to see a whole lot of model freight cars at our December meeting. Please feel free to participate. I even plan to bring a freight car myself.

The topics for future months are on the back page. Look them over and see what you might bring for the future meetings. If you have a comment or suggestion for me, please contact me. Have some good holidays.

### ***The Lantern in a PDF format***

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## Super's Column

By Bill Paulsell



Once again we had a program cancellation for reasons beyond the presenter's control, but members came through again for us and we had a fine November meeting.

Fred Plymale presented some ideas and how to make a diorama for our upcoming contest. I hope everyone will enter. If you don't have a layout, this is a way to do some modeling that you can use later. I have a yet-to-build craftsman structure kit I'm going to tackle for part of my diorama. If you do have a layout, you can use the structures you build.

Bill Robbins, one of our most prolific structure builders showed how he details his buildings. He often adds rooms or sheds to kits which makes them unique and uses of many figures to bring them to life. He is also known for adding seated figures to his passenger cars.

Lou Jaquith demonstrated making trees by combining sprigs of Sedum, spraying them with hairspray, and sprinkling ground foam on them.

My little contribution was a demonstration of how to make scrap metal from soft drink cans and three different colors of acrylic artist paint. The whole meeting was on detailing.

We all enjoyed the visit to Ed Sims new layout. He has a beautiful new layout room and a smoothly running operation. The sandwiches were wonderful! Naturally, I liked all the Southern equipment.

At our next meeting Jerry Ashley will come over from Louisville to give us a clinic on weathering. Jerry was the President of our Mid-Central NMRA Region, but had to give it up for health reasons. It's good to see him back in action again. The layout visit will be at Allan Brock's. He has a beautiful Monon layout, and it will be good to see it again.

I hope you will be present at our December meeting at Central Christian Church. If you haven't attended yet, the church is on East Short Street and Martin Luther King. We meet in the red brick building on Short Street with brown columns next to the main church building. Drive around to the back and you will see a NMRA sign on the door.



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## Witless & Clueless: The Continuing Saga of Larry Loungear and Rivets O'Reilly

Created by Pete Birdsong, written by Mike Armstrong



Visit Alan Brock's HO layout after the meeting.

Rivets: Hey, Larry, have you seen the new issue of *Classic Toy Trains*? I always like to read what Lou Palumbo has to say. He was talking about how guys like to hide money to buy some special toy train thing and how he has seen many multi-folded one hundred dollar bills come out of a secret compartment in a guy's wallet. Pretty good reading!

Larry: Aw, heck Rivets! You can't believe the ways I have tried to hide money from Bonnie, but something happens and she always finds it or I loose it.

Rivets: So you know what Lou Palumbo is talking about.

Larry: Do I ever! Once Bonnie learned I was stashing money in my wallet, she began to check it while I was asleep.

Rivets: How did she learn about it?

Larry: One day we were at the mall and I locked us out of the car. But I always keep a spare key in my wallet and when I tried to get the key, a hundred dollar bill slipped out. And Bonnie said, "Well, what do we have here?!"

Rivets: Then what happened?

Larry: She took it and went back into the mall while I waited in the car and cried.

Rivets: A sad story, Larry.

Larry: Well, you know how some smokers keep a cigarette behind their ear?

Rivets: Yeah.

Larry: I bought a pack of cigarettes and took out the tobacco and rolled a hundred dollar bill up and stuck it in there and filled in the end with tobacco. Wore it behind my ear.

Rivets: But you don't smoke.

Larry: That's what Bonnie said and she grabbed the cigarette and threw it in the fire place.

Rivets: Were you able to save the money?

Larry: I tried, but Bonnie kept saying how she wasn't gonna let me start smokin' and to get out of that fire place.

Rivets: Well, you're out two hundred bucks. Bummer!

Larry: More than that! I once took a few of the stitches out of the label on my Levi's jeans and stuffed a hundred dollar bill in there. Bonnie, who loves to do laundry, discovered the stitches missing and being the efficient wife she is, decided she would take the label off so the jeans didn't look so ragged.

Rivets: And she found the money.

Larry: Not only that, she told me about it and she said that someone must have put it in there when the jeans were made and it was her lucky day. When I said maybe we should split it, she said, "Why would we do that?"

Rivets: Out three hundred.

Larry: Then I tried hiding money in our chest of drawers. I would pull out a drawer, put the money behind the drawer and put it back in. It was a small drawer where it kept different small stuff like shoe strings. I went to get a shoe string one day and the loop caught on the handle and pulled the drawer out and Bonnie was there, just tall enough to look in and see the money.

Rivets: Out another hundred?

Larry: Not this time. I had six hundred bucks in that stash.

Rivets: Woah! Out \$900! Ouch!

Larry: I even tried a pair of boots with a fake heel. That worked until I tripped and the heel got caught on a storm sewer grate and flipped open. That was two hundred bucks down the drain. All this happened in the last month!

Rivets: Wow! A total of eleven hundred bucks! Where did you get all that money in the first place?

Larry: Well...Bonnie had been savin' money out of our food budget for about two years to buy a new leather recliner for our livin' room. I figured she wouldn't miss a hundred here or there.

Rivets: Did she discover the missn' money?

Larry: The only thing I can say now, Rivets, is that you'll have to excuse me. I gotta go make my bed...in the garage.

### November's Photographs



Above: Bill Robbins

Below: Lou Jaquith

Read about Bill and Lou in the Super's Column



Ed Sims' layout on the tour.



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*BRING AND BRAG*

FREIGHT CARS

*TOUR*

ALAN BROCK'S MONON HO

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MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE/TIME	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
Dec.	6	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg. Central Christian Church, East Short St., 2 PM	Jerry Ashley MMR—Weathering	Alan Brock	Freight Cars
Jan.	3	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, East Short St., 2 PM	Bob Weinheimer—Operations on the PA	Pete Birdsong	Non-steam Locomotives
Feb.	7	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, East Short St., 2 PM	Wendell Greer—Signs	Fred Plymale	Off-line Structures
Mar.	7	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, East Short St., 2 PM	John Gorman—Cab Control		Dioramas
Apr.	4	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, East Short St., 2 PM	Bill Pausell—Operations		Steam Locomotives

