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The Superintendent's Report

There was no meeting in July, and memories of the great June meeting (see below) are finally fading, so I'm especially looking forward to seeing all of you at the August 7 meeting. The clinic will be **Stew Winstandley** on Scratchbuilding cars & Locomotives, and the tour is **Billy Wilson's** layout in Versailles. We hope to have some new technical features available for this meeting, so be sure to come. Congratulations to renewing members **Don Burris, Randy Coffman, Ray Cox, Pat Gerstle, Walter Odenwald, and Ken Pavelchak**.

There's still time to join the **trip to West Virginia August 19-21 to visit the Cass Scenic Railroad.** *This will probably be our BEST EVENT EVER! We have a registration form on the informational link on our website, and need you to sign up right away if you'd like to go. <http://www.div10-mcr-nmra.org/wv-tour-cass-scenic-railroad.php>*

What a blast! Thanks to **Bill Robbins** for arranging the June tour. The views from Tower A were fantastic, and the information provided by the hosts was great. The S scale model layout in the museum basement depicts Cincinnati over the years, and is a must-see. I think it's better than the Chicago layout. But that's just the beginning! There is an amazing number of exhibits, all "museum quality," but my favorite was the walk-on river steamboat exhibit, complete with operating models of the paddle wheel drive mechanism.

— Pete Birdsong

NMRA News

Attendance at this year's Sacramento convention topped 2,000. Many of the clinicians at Sacramento have put their handouts and presentations as PDF files at www.x2011west.org/handouts.html. For a summary of the Board of Directors meeting, visit the NMRA website at www.nmra.org.

AUGUST DOOR PRIZES

1. Two very useful transformers: one new, one used and tested.
2. Nice ceramic tile great for anyone who likes trains.
3. \$25 Gift Certificate for the Hobby Shop in Louisville.

We will soon be needing a fresh supply of door prizes - check out stuff you have lying around that you could donate that someone else could get some use from.

—Tom Krill

THE MID-CENTRAL CONVENTION

By Larry K. Smith (this is a continuation, the first part of the report was printed in the June 2011 issue)

Saturday was more clinics but first I had to serve as a volunteer judge for the model contest. Before the judging occurred, we were given an orientation and then split up into groups according to the five scoring categories on the NMRA judging sheet. There were three persons in all the judging groups except for the Scratch Build category. Only my partner, Susan, and I were in that group. She was the experienced modeler and I was glad since my experience in judging and modeling was limited. What made it nice for me was that Susan was very good about working together as a team to do the judging. We took three hours from start to finish to judge all the models. It was intense and concentrated on our part. Three hours were needed not only because we had a number of models but also because we had to read the accompanying written information (if it was there and it was readable) and to study the models and try to make a valid determination for scratch building points. We did not want to shortchange anyone, but we did not also want to be overly generous. It was exhausting but it was also rewarding as well. The team for the category of Construction was still working when we finished. Even though it was a lot of work, I still recommend you consider volunteering to be a judge for the NMRA model contests. It is a learning experience.

An interesting feature of the clinic offerings on Saturday was the Shortline clinic where three or more persons present a short clinic topic one right after the other. It was a new idea to me but it is a way to present modeling information which does not require a normal clinic time period. You just add short clinics to fill a regular clinic timeslot.

Saturday evening comes and it is time for the banquet. Happy hour lines are long but they move along well. The food is good and the dinner companions at the table are friendly. The usual speeches are made and it suddenly is announced that **Division 10**, our division, has won two plaques. One is for the greatest increase in the number of members for the past year, and the other is for the greatest percentage increase in membership the past year. Congratulations to us! The banquet speaker looked young but he also turned out to be energetic, industrious, and interesting. He grew up in the area and when he got a chance to save some of the local history he took the chance and ran with it. His project involves saving a gigantic steam engine used in a steel rolling mill to transform ingots to sheets. A lot of his time and money is involved, but he has managed to connect and engage other volunteers with certain experiences to team together and save parts of the steel making history that otherwise would be lost. Another project he is assisting on is the saving of some blast furnaces. He will be a tour guide at the next regional convention in Pittsburgh next year and I hope to be there and attend that tour.

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For the NMRA MC Region officers link to www.midcentral-region-nmra.org/bod2.html

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 Deposits; Contributions 25.00, Auction & Raffle 21.00 = \$46.00 Balance Jun. 30, 2011—\$3011.32

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Witless & Clueless
The Contuining Saga of
Rivets O'Reilly and Larry Loungecar
 By Mike Armstrong

Larry: Rivets, I gotta find some more railroad magazines to subscribe to.

Rivets: Fer cryin' out loud, Larry! Ya already subscribe to ten or twelve magazines now.

Larry: I do not! I subscribe to sixteen.

Rivets: Whatever! Why do ya want to subscribe to more?

Larry: Well, I always want to have a new magazine to read...like when I go to the bathroom.

Rivets: Larry, no body spends that much time in the bathroom!

Larry: Well, there is also bedtime, waitin' in line time at McDonald's, waitin' in the waitin' room time at the doctor's office or dentist's office, waitin' in the car time when Bonnie is at the grocery, and my favorite is hidin' out time from the to do lists Bonnie is always makin' for me...and there's a lot more!

Rivets: Larry, nobody does that much readin'!

Larry: Rivets, how many magazines do you subscribe to?

Rivets: I subscribe to MR, RMC, MRN, GNRHS, and CTT. Two are for General Modeling, one is for the historical society for my favorite railroad, one is strictly about product reviews, and CTT is because I collect O Scale trains. I don't need any more than that.

Larry: Well, I want a different magazine to read every day.

Rivets: You already have a magazine to read every two days!

Larry: Rivets, a man has to be informed.

Rivets: Too bad ya can't model on the toilet, ya might get somethin' done on yer layout.

Larry: I do get somethin' done in there...I read.

Rivets: When do ya put the magazines down and begin to do some modelin'? Ya can read so much that ya never build a layout. There comes a time when ya have ta start somethin'!

Larry: I start stuff all the time.

Rivets: Yeah, til ya see somethin' else in a magazine that looks more fun. Ya probably got thirty or forty projects that ya already started. Why don't ya finish somethin'!?

Larry: I can't.

Rivets: What do ya mean, "ya can't"?

Larry: Well, Bonnie threw out a lot of my magazines 'cause she got tired of all the stacks. I they had all the project information in 'em.

Rivets: Have ya ever heard of the "tear and file" method?

Larry: I don't want to mess up my investment. Besides there is the historical aspect to savin' all those magazines.

Rivets: Bonnie threw them out anyway.

Larry: The other day I drove by the recycle place, and there was a guy sittin' on top of a couple of bales of paper readin' a magazine.

Rivets: So?

Larry: I'll bet it was one o' mine! And he gets to read the whole thing, not just part of one. I'll bet those magazines in the recycle bin bring a lot of new modelers to the hobby.

Rivets: Ya know, Larry, I don't think I've ever had a conversation with you where you made any sense. Sometimes I can't follow yer logic!

Larry: That's what Bonnie said.

Rivets: Maybe I should spend more time talkin' to her.

CONVENTION (continued from page 1)

After dinner the live auction was scheduled but there was not much for sale since about all the items in the silent auction were already sold. Most of the items in the live auction were sets of cookies that had not been eaten in the hospitality room. The cookies sold well, either because they were cheap and/or either because people wanted to eat them on the next day driving home. An interesting item in the auction was a set of cars which Dean Freytag had on his layout.

Sunday and it was time to get on the road. We saw one nice layout and missed another because his electrical power had gone out in the house. I always enjoy the conventions and we hope to go to more. Pittsburgh will be in 2012 and then Dayton in 2013. The national NMRA convention will be in Cincinnati in 2014, right in our own backyard. Please consider going to a convention if you have not done so since it is a fun and relaxing time. And model railroading besides.

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BRING AND BRAG

1:30, OFF TRACK STRUCTURE

AUCTION

NEXT MEETING

2 PM, AUG. 7, E SHORT ST,
SCRATCH BUILDING CARS &
LOCOMOTIVES

TOUR

BILLY WILSON,
400 S. MAIN STREET,
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AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
Aug.	7	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Scratch building cars & locomotives	Billy Wilson, Versailles	Off track structure
Sept.	4	Div. 10	1145 Linn Rd., Eubank, Ky.	Tour	Grosser's, near Eubank	
Oct.	2	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	David Battin, Open car loads	Howard Coleman	Flat or gondola car
Nov.	5	Div. 3	Hara Arena, 1001 Shiloh Springs Rd, Dayton, Ohio	Dayton Train Show, 11AM—5 PM	20+ operating layouts	
Nov.	6	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Dick Briggs	Fred Plymale	Passenger car

The August tour is at Billy Wilson's, 400 S. Main St., Versailles, Ky. 40383

His Main Street location is between downtown Versailles and the Bluegrass Parkway. Take the KY 33 exit #68 off of the parkway and go towards Versailles. It's about 15 miles from our meeting location on Short St.