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Message From The Superintendent

Spring has definitely arrived and it's time for another pleasant country drive to tour the beautiful layouts in Danville. We will start at John Bowling's at 406-Maple Street. John says he will have it open and running by 1 PM, so plan on a slightly earlier start than usual. John has added a lot of new trees, buildings and many people since our last visit, so bring your camera.

We will have our Bring and Brag contest at Bob Lawson's layout with the voting for the best "On line Structures" completed by 3 PM. Be sure to bring an entry. Bob's outstanding layout has been selected for national recognition by Model Railroader and will be photographed in August by Lou Sassi for publication at a later date. Be sure to view his new diorama just completed for the regional contest in Dayton on the 26 of this month.

The Danville RR club will also be open and running so you will have three good layouts to tour and as time permits, a visit to the real full size Danville railroad yard. You can see it as you leave John's on the way to Bob's. Unfortunately, there aren't firing steam engines anymore so I'll pass on the ugly diesels and high cube loads. Privilege of my advanced years.

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Editor's Notes

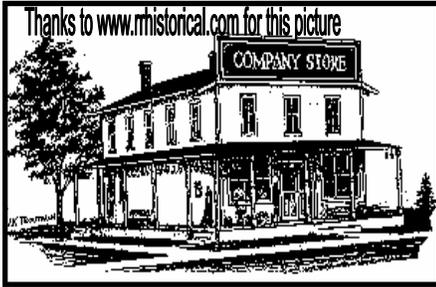
We had a nice turnout (about 23) at the April meeting, which might be surprising on such a beautiful spring day, until you consider what a nice program was available, with **George Campbell** doing a great job with his clinic on dry transfers, and a super tour, hosted by **Jim Shoo** and **Frank Stevenson**, of Jim's HO Circus layout and N-scale and HO modules, all of which are have-to-see works, not to mention the ballooning theme in the basement layout room! See the pictures in the photo album section on the web site.

Thanks to our additional contributors this month: **Irv Frary** and

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“STUFF” & OPPORTUNITIES

Fred Plymale 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 15 to 20% fee.

In addition, *The Lantern* is in a position to advertise your “overstock” items, for a fee of 10%.

Contact Pete Birdsong to arrange for an ad, or Fred for liquidations.

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Editor’s Notes

Robin Grider (\$20), **Lou Jaquith** (\$30) and **Pat Gerstle** (\$40). All of us very much appreciate your support and example.

There’s a new feature this month—Coleman’s Collection, by **Howard Coleman**, in which he will pick his favorite railroad-related web site of the month. See Page 4 for the first installment. Thanks for supporting this, Howard.

The Board of Directors met on Thursday, April 18, at **Fred Plymale’s** house. There was discussion or planning on the Dayton Regional convention, Berea L&N Days, Somerset Railroad Days, filling the vacancy on the board, size of the board for the future, an identification program (vests, shirts?), a Division Train Show, SIG activities and support, fund raising, and the fall elections. Please contact an officer if you would like more details.

The HO Modular SIG has completed construction of the modules and started laying roadbed, with track soon to follow. Wait’ll you see the turnouts they’re using—eye poppers!

The N-scale SIG will soon be getting back to work on their modules, hoping to complete the wiring of the yard modules, and do some general fixing and renovations.

The Operations group has settled back to a normal routine, with sessions scheduled on the third Tuesday of each month, alternating between **Bill Robbins** and **Pete Birdsong**. The April 16 session completed a record number of operations, with the least number of problems so far, and continuing to run meets and helper service.

Bring & Brag is gaining in popularity, with nine entries this month! **Fred Plymale** and **John Gorman** tied for first place, with **Lou Jaquith** taking third. Congratulations to all. The category for May is On-Line structures. There were two entries in the photo section, with **John Gorman** in first place, and **Pete Birdsong** in second (sort of hollow victories.— let’s get some more photo contestants!) If you haven’t joined in this yet, be sure to try it this month. Just bring in any picture of anything you’ve modeled that hasn’t already won in a previous Bring & Brag. Take a look at all the results on page 4.

I’m really looking forward to the May meeting in Danville with **John Bowling**, **Bob Lawson**, and **Robin Grider’s** group.. All the previous meetings down there have been really great. And then in June we’ll be in Morehead at **Bob Doepke’s**. Two great outings to look forward to! In my book, this is the kind of thing that makes model railroading the greatest hobby.

Pete

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I'm pleased to report we have a couple of candidates for the Sept election. One for Secretary and at one for treasurer. We still need one or more candidates for Superintendent and Asst. Superintendent. Your Board of Directors also approved an increase in the size of our board so there are plenty of opportunities for you to take an active part to help run the division and promote model railroading.. The time you dedicate to sharing your

enjoyment of model railroading with others will be returned ten fold by new friends and improved modeling skills. If you enjoy our modeling clinics, train shows, conventions and layout tours, please volunteer to help manage the growth of Div. 10 in the future.

I'll see you in Dayton and in Danville.

Fred

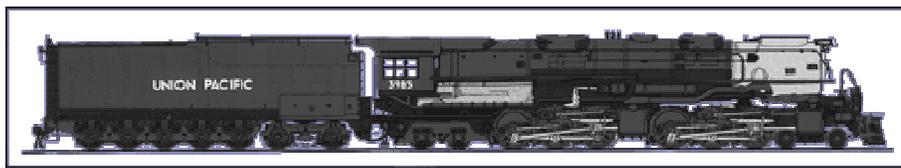
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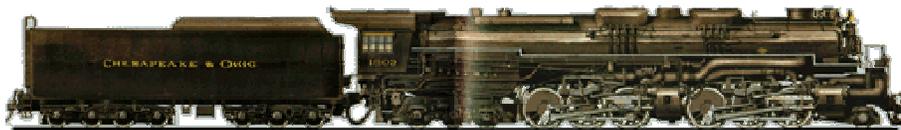
<http://www.steamlocomotive.com/>

This is the best site I've found to learn about steam. Just click on each section at the top: *Survivors, Wheel Arrangements, Steam Types, Virtual Tours, or Builders/Specs* to get a wealth on information about steam engines. It's a good site to bookmark or add to your Favorites for further reference. Below are a few pictures from the *Wheel Arrangements* page. Hope you enjoy it.

Howard



UNION PACIFIC RR - CHALLENGER



CHESAPEAKE & OHIO - ALLEGHENY



DULUTH MISSABE & IRON RANGE - YELLOWSTONE

Treasurer's Report

Mar 1, 2002 Bal	4760.67
Income	1065.15
Expense	915.66
Mar 30, 2002 Bal	4910.16

The money received has come from member donations and estate sales. Outgoing money was for office expenses and estate sales. Please contact me if you would like more details.

Mike

Bring & Brag		
High to Low or Tie	Apr	YTD
Fred Plymale (1st)	4.5	13.5
John Gorman (1st)	4.5	11.5
Pete Birdsong	2	7
Lou Jaquith (3rd)	3	7
Bob Lawson	5	5
Mike Armstrong	2	4
Mike Barrett	2	2
Howard Coleman	2	4
Pat Gerstle	2	2
Wendell Greer	0	2
Mike Walters	2	2

Bring & Brag Photo		
High to Low or Tie	Apr	YTD
John Gorman (1st)	5	10
Pete Birdsong (2nd)	4	8
Bill Paulsell	0	3

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MEMBER PROFILES

George Campbell



I have been a model railroader since I can remember. My father bought me an American Flyer set when I was five or six and I grew from there. I have great fondest memories of my Father taking me around the Cincinnati Union Terminal when passenger service was still a thriving business. We would sometimes sit on a hill overlooking the Cincinnati freight yards and watch trains for hours.

I have passed that legacy on to my sons through several layouts and lot of trips to rail yards. Last Christmas my oldest son (21) shared with me that some of his fondest memories were when he and I would get up early and drive to Ludlow or DeCoursey and watch trains, and get a UDF malt.

When I asked my youngest son how he kept such good American history and geography grades, he informed me that the railroad cars on the layout was his basis for reading about their names, where they ran from, and the cities along the way.

Campbell Road grew out of my love of trains and that I could not find decent Louisville & Nashville and Southern freight or passenger cars in HO scale. I started making cars for myself and then a few to sell at swap meets, and before long moved into Great American Train Shows. The

Witless vs. Clueless

Rivets O'Reilly and Larry Loungecar

Mountain Mayhem

Rivets: Yo, Larry, howya doin'?

Larry: Pretty good, Rivets. I've been rememberin' how much fun I had when I helped Fred with buildin' his layout.

Rivets: Oh, yeah? When was that, and what happened?

Larry: It was back in July a coupla years ago, and we were layin' track, tryin' to get it finished before he went on a two week golfin' vacation.

Rivets: Well, I guess some people enjoy layin' track, but that ain't exactly my idea of lotsa fun!

Larry: Yeah, we're in agreement there, Rivets. What I had fun with was the results...

Rivets: Whattaya mean by that, Larry?

Larry: Well, somebody had told Fred to solder all his track joints, and he was pretty insistent on doin' that; I couldn't talk him outta it.

Rivets: But there ain't nothin' wrong with soldered joints if the temperature and humidity are stable, Larry. In fact, it really makes for a lot better electrical continuity.

Larry: Yeah, but Fred turned off

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the air conditioner before he left, and it was close to a hunnert degrees most of the time he was gone.

Rivets: So what happened?

Larry: You remember the pictures of the elevated highways they showed on TV after the earthquake in San Francisco?

Rivets: Yeah, they were pretty bad. Those roads looked like a bowl of spaghetti someone had cut with a knife and fork, and spilled on the floor!

Larry: Well, that 's what Fred's track looked like, too.

Rivets: Ha! I can just picture that.

Larry: There were more buckles than a goin' outta business sale at a belt shop .

Rivets: Ha, ha, ha!

Larry: You couldn'a straightened that track with a prototype-sized steam roller!

Rivets: Stop it, Larry, I'm gonna get the giggles.

Larry: An 0-4-0 would'a needed to be articulated to negotiate it.

Rivets: Stop it, I said! How'd he ever recover from that?

Larry: That's when he decided on a mountain route for his layout!

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**Next Meeting:
Sunday, May 5, 2002
at 2:00pm:
John Bowling's,
Danville..
Map enclosed
Clinic: TBA
Tour: John Bowling
and Bob Lawson
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Danville Club Layout**



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