



THE LANTERN



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Superintendent's Report

I want to thank Bob Lawson for his educational clinic on building a model railroad using foam. If you weren't at the meeting, some of his tips are on the bottom of page 3.

See the right bottom of page 1 for what you'll get to hear and see from Pete Birdsong at the January meeting. Pete has spent a couple of years scratch building the locomotive.

In the last couple of months our division has picked up a number of new members. Membership is growing. We're looking forward to your attendance at our Sunday meetings.

Our Bring and Brag scores are on page 4. We're looking forward to seeing your kit or scratch built Train Station January 6th at Central Christian Church.

You can stay up-to-date on our website. The address is on pg. 4.



At the December meeting, Bill Paulsell, above left, was presented two NMRA Achievement Awards by Pete Birdsong, right. That's me in the center. Bill has also recently received his Master Model Railroader from the NMRA. Congratulations, Bill.

Happy Modeling

—Lou Jaquith

Use this link to see photos of items that have been at BGRM.

<http://nmramcrdiv10.yolasite.com/shopping-cart.php>

Contact Lou Jaquith by January 30 if you claim ownership.

2013 ANNUAL DIVISION 10 DIORAMA PROGRAM

As a result of the success of previous diorama programs and interest from members in building dioramas, we will have our third annual program for 2013. This will be the last year I'll judge the dioramas so that younger members can take over in 2014.

The minimum size will remain the same at 12"x18" with a maximum of 16"x24" for those interested in building a diorama in larger scales. The judging will take place at the March 3, 2013 meeting, which allows plenty of time to plan and build your entry. Having your diorama judged the best is always fun but everyone who participates is a *winner* because you will develop skills that you can use in your future modeling activities.

Last years judging form will be used to give you more space to describe how you built your entry and with more points available for Detail in this year's program.

30 points can be earned in Construction.

30 points can be earned in Detail.

20 points can be earned in Finish and Lettering.

20 points can be earned in Scratch building.

A foam base is recommended. See the "Excerpts" on page 3. It will permit you to demonstrate the use of water on your entry. A river with a bridge, a pond, ditch, culvert or waterfall will add interest to the scene. Elevation, use of rocks, trees and people will also be judged for their realism. You can build as many structures as you need to make your scene realistic and consider adding a detailed interior for earning detail points.

Good luck and great modeling to all who participate in this year's program. It will be fun!

The diorama judging form for you to bring with you entry will be included in the next *Lantern*.

— Fred Plymale

January's clinic will be presented by Pete Birdsong. He will illustrate how he built a Davenport diesel mechanical in brass. He plans to bring the engine and a short test track to show it in operation with a Cummins diesel sound decoder.



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

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In Recognition...

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 NMRA members to help with financial support to *The Lantern* and our website and the Division 10 train shows. **Send your monetary contribution to our Treasurer.**

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Contributions of materials or time should be reported to Stew Winstandley so that he can keep track of them.

To the right of each contributing member's name is the month 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.

Tom Krill	11/12
John Stokes	"
Brian Jones	10/12
Bruce DeMaeyer	"
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Orville Boes	3/2012
Dennis Peevy	"
Ron Kercheval	2/2012
Pete Birdsong	"

Division 10 Treasurer's Report: Balance Nov. 1, 2012—\$3631.51; Expenses: Lantern \$55.08;
 Deposits: Contributions \$565.00; Balance Nov. 30, 2012—\$4141.43

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Witless and Clueless

The Continuing saga of Larry Loungear and Rivets O'Reilly



Written by Mike Armstrong

- Rivets: Hey, Larry, how was yer Christmas?!
- Larry: It was almost terrific and white.
- Rivets: Larry, what does that mean, we have broken the record for the most days in our area without snow! How could you have a white Christmas?
- Larry: Well, if it wasn't going to snow outside, I decided I would have a white Christmas and make it snow inside on my layout.
- Rivets: And that's the almost terrific part?
- Larry: Yep.
- Rivets: And the "almost" part meant things didn't go quite as planned?
- Larry: Yep, again.
- Rivets: Tell me about it.
- Larry: Well, the first thing I did was pop a CD in the player of Bing Crosby singing "White Christmas"...for inspiration.
- Rivets: Good idea.
- Larry: It played all afternoon...about two hundred times while I tried as many different methods as possible for making snow scenes...Flour, Baking Soda, Both through a sifter. That worked pretty good except for the bugs in the flour.
- Rivets: Bugs?
- Larry: Yeah. The grocery store was throwing out stuff and I found unopened bags of flour. I now have a bug colony living on Flannagan's Farm. It looked great for awhile.
- Rivets: And then?
- Larry: I had to use the rest room, so I tucked an issue of N Scale under my arm and went to the porcelain library. Meanwhile some neighbor kids came over and Bonnie sent them down. And meanwhile, I 'd fallen asleep on the throne. So the kids had a ball runnin' my new N scale cab forward through the powdered snow.
- Rivets: Why does it always happen to you?
- Larry: That ain't the half of it. I had a bare spot on my layout where I had used the recipe for snow from "Model Railroad Scenery." It was pretty gooey and sticky. The kids had run my new set of Kato F3s through the sticky stuff...where they are now glued permanently in place.
- Rivets: Wow!
- Larry: After a while, since they couldn't find me, they left. A couple hours later I woke up, by legs were numb. I staggered back to the train room to find every thing they had left.
- Rivets: I'll bet you were ready to strangle those kids.
- Larry: Well, I could either enjoy the white Christmas or I could cry. So, I turned up the volume on "White Christmas", opened up a collector's bottle of Makers Mark, and kicked back to contemplate how I was going to clean up all that mess.
- Rivets: Did you call their parents?
- Larry: What good would that do? The kids were all over twenty one. And by the way, the Makers Mark was the terrific part.

Excerpts from Bob Lawson's December 2012 Foam Clinic

- A. Types of foam products and sources: Density: 2#, 1.5#, and 1#. Dow 2# density comes in 4'x8'x2" thickness. This gives good structural support. The most workable for modeling is the 1.5# density, sold in 2'x4' packs, white in color. It is available at most drywall suppliers. The 1# density in 1" thickness should be avoided.
- B. Characteristics and ease in working: Either the 1.5# or 2# can be used over basic bench work as a base. On top, use foam or Homasote roadbed for the track. 2# is the toughest for forming shapes. 1.5# works easier for scenery.
- C. Tools for shaping and cutting the foam: Hot knife, serrated knives, electric sanders with #60 paper, and hand rasps.
- D. Products for assembling: Foam Adhesive. The best is "Acrylic Adhesive Clear Caulk." Skewers to hold the foam. Drywall screws. "Non drip" caulking gun. Layer the foam. For higher backgrounds, layer with hollow middles or set the foam vertically.
- E. Assembly of foam sheets: Cut the sheets to the required size. Apply the adhesive caulking with complete coverage, holding together with skewers. With a black marker, draw the cuts to be made. Use a hot knife or serrated knives for shaping. Apply scenery materials to the shaped foam.
- F. Scenic applications: Join areas with plaster cloth and brushed on molding plaster. Cover all the foam surface with craft paint. Use Hobby Lobby "chipboard" for roads. Add trees, poles, buildings, track and ground cover. Rocks at www.cripplebush.net.

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NEWSLETTER FOR NMRA MCR DIVISION 10

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NICHOLASVILLE, KY 40356-9711
WWW.DIV10-MCR-NMRA.ORG

JANUARY 6

BRING AND BRAG

TRAIN STATION, 1:30 PM

MEETING AGENDA

SCRATCH BUILDING A
LOCOMOTIVE— PETE BIRDSONG

TOUR

NONE

2012-2013 Bring and Brag Standings

Name	December Points	Entry	Total Points
Brian Jones	240	Public Hanging	401
Pete Birdsong	77	Boiler House	144
Bob Belt	90	Privy at the Track	130
Lou Jaquith	58	Barmill Basics	124
Bob Ferguson	61	Hardware Supply	61
Rick Cobb			33
Bill Robbins	11	Skid Shacks	31
Mike Cummins	24	“N” House	24
Dave Batten	6	Interlocking Tower	6
Don Burris	3	Grocery Store	6



Happy Modeling in the New Year

AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
Jan.	6	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, Watkins Bldg., E. Short Street	Scratch building a locomotive—Pete Birdsong	None	Train Station
Feb.	3	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, Watkins Bldg., E. Short Street	Soldering—Joe Holbrook	Bill Paulsell	Retail Store
Feb.	16-17	Div. 10	Kentucky Convention Center, Louisville	The Great Train Expo	10 AM—4 PM	
Mar.	3		Central Christian Church, Watkins Bldg., E. Short Street	Diorama Contest		
Apr.	7	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, Watkins Bldg., E. Short Street			Steam Locomotive

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LIKE CAN
TO GIVE
SEE IT

- Model Freight Car Rosters
- Beginners Question & Answer
- Entering Contests
- Large Scale Outdoor Railroads
- Tin-plate Models
- Narrow Gauge Railroads
- Building Modules
- Prototype Research
- Model Photography
- Prototype Photography
- Soldering**
- Painting Techniques
- Decals/ Dry Transfers**
- Weathering Techniques
- Layout Design/Trackplanning
- Laying Track
- Yard Operation
- Passenger Trains
- Modeling Types of Freight Cars
(Box, Stack, etc) _____
- MOW Equipment
- Steam Locomotives
- Electric Locomotives/Traction
- Diesel Locomotives
- Cabooses
- Trucks (RR)/Wheels
- Couplers
- Open Loads
- Automobiles and Trucks

SEE IT

- Lineside Structures
- Offline Structures
- Steel Industry
- Mining Industry
- _____ Industry
- Scenery Construction**
- Making Trees
- Backdrop Painting**
- Basic Wiring
- Digital Command Control (DCC)
- Layout Lighting
- Signals
- Communication Equipment
- Operations & Dispatching
- Improving Inexpensive Freightcars
- Building Resin Kits
- Building Wood Structure Kits
- Locomotive Motor Replacement
- Video/Slide Shows on Local Prototype RR
- Video/Slide Shows on other Prototype RR
- Other _____
- Other _____
- Other _____

Items in **bold** are done or planned already...

NAME _____

PHONE _____

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TO GIVE

Mail this completed form to Rick Cobb, 120 Metcalf Dr. Frankfort, KY 40601
Or bring it to the next Sunday meeting.