



# THE LANTERN



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## Superintendent's Report

Not sure about everyone else but I'm ready for spring, although it does give us a reason to work on our special model railroading projects. Hopefully everyone has stayed warm during these extremely cold days.

We had a nice turn out for our February meeting. Bob Belt had a very technical clinic on LED lighting. Bob's presentation provided lots of information on sizes, and techniques to use them included the math needed. Maybe I should have paid more attention in math class. Thanks again Bob. Larry Smith was presented his MMR certificate from Pete Birdsong. Congratulations, Larry.

When I arrived Sunday morning for the meeting, I was greeted by several women waiting on us. Sherry Smith, wife of member Alan Smith, had driven from Clay County to let us know that Alan had passed way in a gas explosion in December. She was accompanied by their two daughters and Sherry's sister. They had driven from their home to let us know what had happened to Alan and that he had not just quit coming. Alan was very faithful in attending our monthly meetings and Sherry told us he really enjoyed coming to Lexington. I had missed him at our January meeting. Sherry told us he loved his trains and was making plans for a layout. Rest in peace Alan. You will be missed (see news report on page 2).

During our meeting, I brought up the recently cancelled 2015 convention. I had several members that could not understand why, and wanted to explore the options to reopen the search for a new venue before canceling. Bruce DeMaeyer offered to take over as Chairman of the convention.



After a short process we are back on board with the original venue, The Campbell House. The board recently met at the hotel to review the property and their ongoing construction. Long story short, the 2015 Thoroughbred Limited is back on track! Begin making your plans to attend and also ask how you can contribute to make it successful.

A big thank you goes out to Howard Coleman for opening up his home for our tour. If you missed it you missed a very unique and interesting layout. Howard has many artifacts including a coffee table on a 1:8 scale coal hopper. I also received a share of stock in the Palomar Valley Railroad. Thanks again Howard for your hospitality.

Our next meeting is March 2, 2014, hope to see you there, bring your online structure, and learn more about operations on model layouts.

— Rick Cobb

The current Bring and Brag standings are: Lou Jaquith, 11; Pete Birdsong, Bill Paulsell, and Bill Robbins, 5; Rick Cobb, Bob Ferguson, and Ed Butcher, 2; and Bruce DeMaeyer with 1 point.



Bill Robbins' store (left above) and Bill Paulsell's hotel (right) tied for first place in the February Bring and Brag. Lou Jaquith's gas station came in third.



For the NMRA MC Region officers link to [www.midcentral-region-nmra.org/bod2.html](http://www.midcentral-region-nmra.org/bod2.html)

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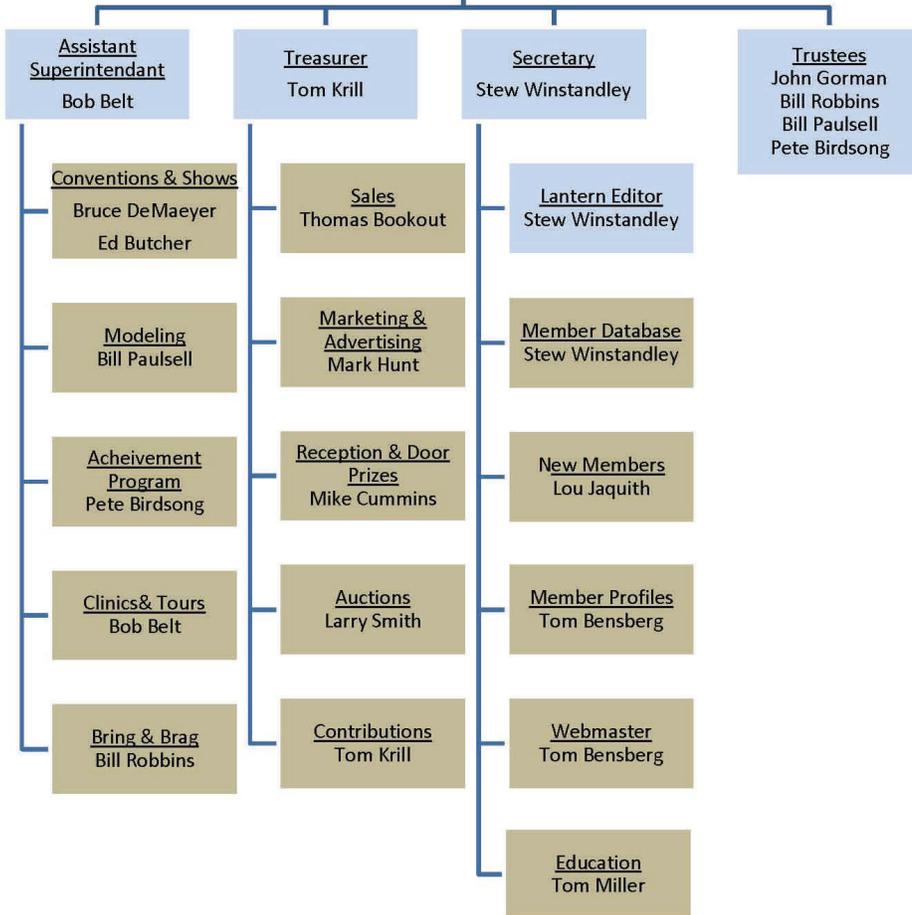
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Bruce DeMaeyer	"
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Alan Bourne	9/2013
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David Batten	6/2013
John Bowling	"
Ray Grosser	5/2013
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Ed Butcher	"
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### Organizational Chart

Division 10  
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#### Division 10 Treasurer's Report:

Balance Jan. 1, 2014—\$3745.85; Expenses: \$46.00 Lantern ;  
Deposits: \$75.00 Sales Balance Jan. 31, 2014—\$3774.85

Give or send your contribution to: Tom Krill, 3624 Windfair Ln. Lexington, KY 40515



### Explosion Kills Goose Rock Man

Alan "PeeWee" Smith, died on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 as a result of an explosion.

Clay County resident, Alan "PeeWee" Smith, died on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 as a result of an explosion that occurred 3 days prior.

A gas well explosion on Smith's property at Goose Rock caused serious injuries, according to the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

The Manchester Fire Department was called out to the scene, however Smith had already left the property before first responders arrived, according to Clay County & Manchester Dispatch.

Smith drove himself to Manchester Memorial Hospital where he was flown to Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville. Smith died at Vanderbilt Hospital on Tuesday from complications resulting from the accident.

Smith was 60 years old. Among his survivors is his wife, Sherry Smith.

## Witless & Clueless

*The Continuing Saga of  
Rivets O'Reilly and Larry Loungecar*  
Written by Mike Armstrong

Larry: Hey, Rivets! Guess what! I put the last building on my layout and now my layout is finished!

Rivets: Now that is something very few people say. Usually they say a layout is never finished. Ya must have done a lot of work in the last few months.

Larry: Nah, it is just finished.

Rivets: Larry, you don't have enough scenery done to get an AP certificate. How can ya call it done?!

Larry: It's done because I say it's done.

Rivets: Don't ya want yer railroad to run through scenery and towns?

Larry: I got scenery!!

Rivets: Ya don't even have enough scenery for a golden spike award.

Larry: I hate doin' scenery. So I declare it done!

Rivets: Ya mean it's done as far as yer gonna go. What about all the wirin' ya have yet to do.

Larry: It's only in the yard, and as long as I don't have to run an engine in the yard, I can still push cars in and out each end usin' the yard leads. Besides, I hate doin' wirin'!

Rivets: What about yer roads and streets? Ya don't have any, only bare wood.

Larry: I pretend the wood is dirt or oak pavement. Besides, I hate makin' streets.

Rivets: Ya could at least put a few trees around. Why don't ya buy some?

Larry: Why should I buy some when I can make 'em?

Rivets: Okay, why don't ya make some?

Larry: I hate makin' trees.

Rivets: Larry, how can ya call this layout finished?

Larry: When I am runnin' my railroad, I close my eyes and picture the scenery and the towns and the hills, and it's beautiful Rivets, and without all the mess.

Rivets: How do ya run a railroad with yer eyes shut.

Larry: It ain't easy! I hate the mess scenery makes while yer doin' it. I hate all the wires goin' every which way and I can't figure out what is what under the table. And I hate ballastin' track.

Rivets: Well, what about yer couplers. Yer still usin' hornhooks?

Larry: Well, I hate switching out couplers too.

Rivets: Larry, let me guess. Most of yer rollin' stock is Tyco.

Larry: Of course, because ya get free hornhook couplers already installed on each car.

Rivets: Ya could at least put up some backdrops.

Larry: Don't have to. I picture those in my mind too. Think, about it, Rivets. I should write an article for a magazine. It could be revolutionary, a unreal experience of the mind. Think of all the money, time, and mess you save by just getting' a picture in yer mind! AND you can change the scenery any time ya want! Even change the color of the ballast!

Rivets: What would you title the article?

Larry: How to Scenic your Railroad without Scenery.

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*MARCH 2, 1:30*

*BRING AND BRAG*

ONLINE STRUCTURE

*MEETING AGENDA*

OPERATIONS

*TOUR*

BILL ROBBINS,  
4704 SUNNY POINT, 40515

**AROUND THE BEND**

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
Mar.	2	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, Watkins Bldg., E. Short Street	Operations panel—Bill Paulsell, Pete Birdsong & Bill Robbins	Bill Robbins	Online Structure
Mar.	8	Div. 7	Lakota West Campus, 5050 Tylersville Rd., West Chester, Ohio	Spring Flea Market & Swap Meet, Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM \$4	Layouts	
Apr.	6	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, Watkins Bldg., E. Short Street	Scratch building with styrene—Ed Brennen MMR		Small Mfg.—two structures—kit & scratch built
May	4	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, Watkins Bldg., E. Short Street	Jerry Ashley	Alan Brock	Outhouse
June	1	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, Watkins Bldg., E. Short Street			1' x 1' Landscape with only scenic materials

Norfolk Southern 21st Century Steam excursion, Lexington, Ky. to Oneida, Tenn., May 31 and June 1.

Power is scheduled to be ex-Southern Railway 2-8-0 #630 built in 1904 and recently restored to service by TVRM in Chattanooga, assisted by modern Norfolk Southern diesels.

Website: <http://tvrail.com/pages/21st-Century-Steam>