



# THE LANTERN



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## Superintendent's Report

It looks like old man winter tried to raise his ugly head, but it seems he saved most of his fury for the east coast. With everything closed here, it gave me an opportunity to get a few things done with my layout that I have been putting off. It also gave me some time to heal from some sickness that has stuck with me most of the winter.

I would like to thank Bob Belt for taking over the controls while I was away in Nashville and during the time that I have been ill. Thanks for a super job. I hear that Bruce DeMaeyer had another great presentation on "Building Staging your Yards for Operations" and afterward, he hosted the monthly tour of his layout. Thanks Bruce for all your time and hospitality. Our Bring and Brag topic was a "Flat Car with Load". According to Bob we had several nice models (see photos on page 3). I'm glad to know that we are having great participation and our members are able to showcase their talents.

I want to start a new section of my Report each month dictated to tips that could help our new modelers and maybe some that our old pros will pick up something they can use. This month I want to talk about paint, old and new. Paint has become an expensive necessity of our hobby. Nothing worse than opening an old jar of paint to find it has dried up. Before you throw it out consider rejuvenating it. To do this add thinner equal to about a quarter of the amount of the dried paint. Replace the lid tightly and allow it to set a few days. You should be able to take a stir of some type and begin to stir the mixture. It may take a little work but you should be left with some usable paint. You can even add a little more thinner and let it set another day. For this to work you need about a quarter of a bottle of paint or more. Another tip I have is for a new bottle of paint. We have all taken the new bottle and shaken it but it doesn't completely mix. You can purchase a battery operated mixer or you can add BB's to the paint and then shake it. Acts much like a spray can when you shake the bottle. Hope this helps with any old or new paint, to stretch your paint.

Our upcoming program for the February meeting will be "RTV Molds and Resin Casting" by Bob Belt. The Bring and Bragg will be an "Open Top Hopper or a Log Car". I don't know about you but I'm ready to get out of the house and fellowship with our members. Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting on the 7th.

Keep modeling fun

*Rick Cobb*

## Assistant Superintendent Ramblings

### Clinics:

February – Bob Belt – RTV Molds and Resin Casting. This will cover methods and techniques. It will also show some of the detail stuff for the brass McKeen car I've been building that some of you have seen at the Tuesday night Trains.

March – Mark Underwood and an introduction to TTrak modules (title to follow).

April – Tom Bensberg – Internet Model Railroad Resources. We'll do this at one of the libraries (to be announced) so Tom has good WiFi connectivity and can use the Division 10 projector and screen. [FYI – we can only reserve the library 3 months prior to meeting date according to their rules.]

May/June – A panel/member discussion about progress on our Division 10 layouts. Bill Robins will moderate. I understand this was done a couple years ago and it would be interesting to see what progress has been made.

### Tours & Open houses:

February – Bill Paulsell

March – nothing yet. Anyone want to volunteer? We may work in a Saturday trip to the EnterTrainment Junction in Cincinnati – weather permitting.

Bob Lawson is setting up visits to several Cincinnati layouts on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday). We should plan on car-pooling up for about 3-4 hours of visits. [Note this is change – Bob won't be available. We'll try to reschedule later this year.]

The MCR 2016 convention in Columbus is the last week of April and the NMRA National is in Indianapolis the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

### Other

Still working the Division 8 operator interchange. More to come.

—*Bob Belt*

Your imagination and creativity is your only limitation.



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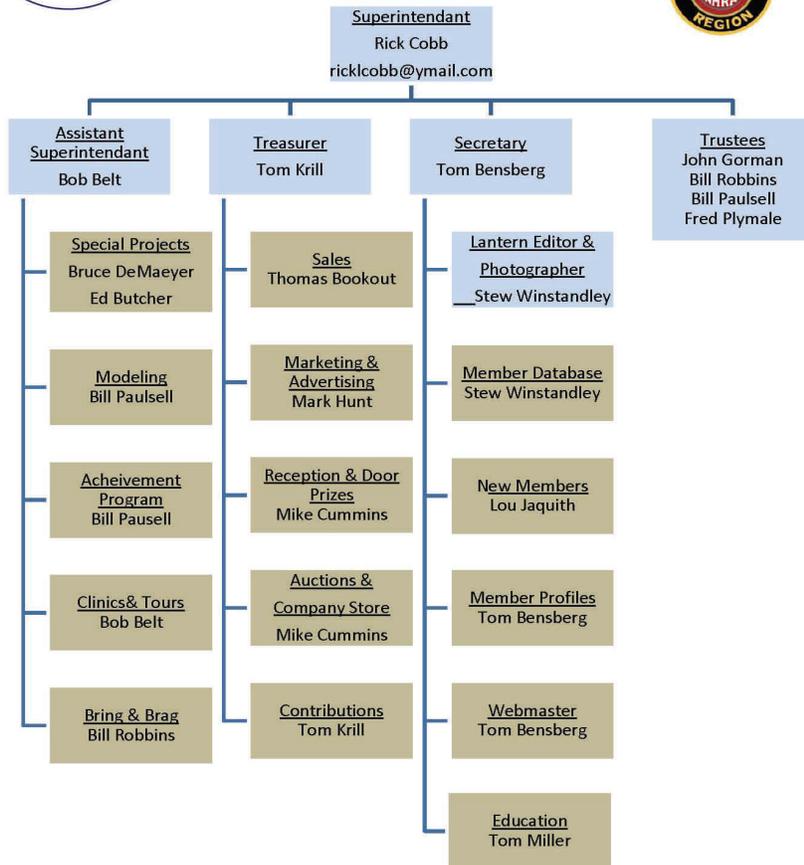
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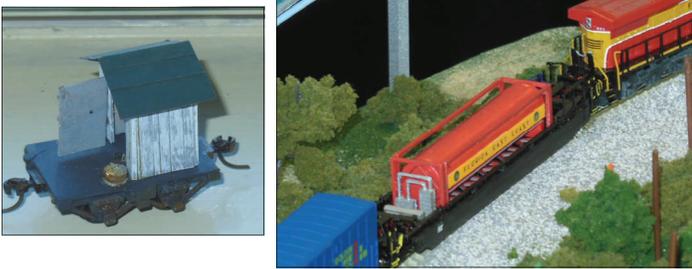


Left to right: Members Fred Plymale, Ed Butcher, host Bruce DeMaeyer, Larry Smith, and Randy Coffman touring Bruce's N scale layout after the January meeting. In the foreground are a couple of his scratch built structures.

#### Division 10 Treasurer's Report:

Dec.1, 2015—\$12,995.43;  
Expenses: Lantern \$20.58;  
Deposits: Sales \$40.00, Contributions \$25.00; Balance Dec. 31, 2015—  
**\$13039.85**

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



January’s Bring and Brag entries, above left to right: Fred Plymale’s shack, and Stew Winstandley’s LNG tender. Below: Don Burris’ TOFC, Bill Paulsell’s truck on a flat, three loads from Bob Ferguson, and David Battin’s bulkhead lumber load.



**2016 Bring and Brag Schedule**

- February—Open top hopper or a log car
- March—Railroad Car (judged)
- April—Tank car
- May—Kit bashed car (freight, passenger or MOW)
- June—Structure (to be judged)

**Member Profile**

John Gorman (age 69) most recently started playing with HO scale trains about 14 years ago after my son was grown and out on his own. Fortunately I had a large basement and unfortunately no one to guide me. So I built a 10’ by 6’ plywood table on sawhorses and nailed down two circles of track (w/no cork). With a twin MRC transformer I was having a great time running two trains around the circles of track.

Fast forward a few years and I had a dream railroad in mind, an around the wall with a peninsula or two. It would have over 400 feet of track with lots of hills, two large yards and much more. The track would be a single line main with lots of long passing tracks and sidings. To get the advice on how to build the railroad I joined the Division 10 club. I decided that if I wanted the best possible discount to buy what I needed I would have to find a way to buy wholesale. And, Bluegrass Model Railway Supply happened to be for sale at the time, so I bought it.

I moved the entire inventory, except what I wanted for my railroad, into a storage locker and started buying stuff for my layout. At the time I felt like I should share the wealth so and I offered to sell to the guys whatever they needed at cost. This soon became more work than I wanted so I changed the deal to 30% off of list whenever possible. Pretty soon I started stocking up on what I thought the guys would want in the way of track, cork, building supplies, tools and anything else I thought they might need as they built their railroads. It wasn’t long before I became a full-fledged dealer.

At this time I moved all the old BGMRS inventory back into the basement and I started to stock locomotives and rolling stock to go along with the supplies, and before you know it I had filled up that space I was going to use for my railroad. I still dream about that layout and the day may come when I may build it, but not now.

I enjoy being a member of the Bluegrass Railroad Club and Division 10. That comradery along with all the guys I meet and enjoy working with while being a model train dealer is just what I am looking for at this time in my life. I have developed some great friendships as well as a lot of acquaintances that I have enjoyed. There is a lot more to model trains than having a layout, or even a dealership. The very best part of the hobby is the people.

— John Gorman

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*FEB. 7, 1:30*

*BRING AND BRAG*

OPEN TOP HOPPER OR A LOG  
CAR

*MEETING AGENDA*

BOB BELT—RTV MOLDS AND  
RESIN CASTING

*TOUR*

BILL PAULSELL'S HO, 2269  
CAMBERLING DR, 40515

**AROUND THE BEND**

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
Feb.	7	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, Watkins Bldg., E. Short Street	RTV Molds and Resin Casting—Bob Belt	Bill Paulsell	Open top hopper or a Log car
March	6	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, Watkins Bldg., E. Short Street	Introduction to T-Trak Modules—Mark Underwood	None	RR Car (judged)
April	3	Div. 10	Library	Internet Model Railroad Resources—Tom Bensberg	Saturday, April 16th—Bob Lawson, Monroe, Ohio	Tank Car
April	28-	Div. 6	Embassy Suites, Dublin, Ohio	2016 MCR Convention	Convention Website Address below	
May	1	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, Watkins Bldg., E. Short Street	Layouts evolution—Bill Robbins, moderator		

[http://2016convention.div6-mcr-nmra.org/home\\_B.html](http://2016convention.div6-mcr-nmra.org/home_B.html)

April 28, 29, 30 and May 1, 2016