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Superintendent's Report

Our April meeting saw a great turn out and an awesome clinic by Tom Bensberg. The presentation was an overview of the resources available on the internet. The meeting was held at Tates Creek Library and gave us the opportunity to see the sites on the internet. It was a clinic that we all can use at some point in our Hobby. Thanks again Tom for this clinic.

On Saturday, the 16th, Division members journeyed to Cincinnati to view some of the layouts of Division 7. I was unable to attend but I understand that our members saw some excellent layouts. Thanks to Division 7 for opening up their homes and their hospitality (photos in column 2, page 1).

I begin to wind down my term as Superintendent and our focus is to the next officers that will carry on the Division. If you are interested in serving as an officer of Division 10 please let Stew Winstandley (skw.monon@yahoo.com) know. This has been an incredible experience over the last 4 years. The offices that are up for election are Superintendent, Asst Superintendent, Treasurer and Secretary.

My tip of the month is around weathering powders on your layout. I use many different products to weather buildings, scenery and train stock. My favorite is Doc O'Brien's weathering powders. I don't limit myself to just powder that you can purchase. I also use powders that I make from pastel chalks. These are especially good to use on buildings. The chalk powder will come off your hands but sticks really well to buildings.

First, you need a good base to apply any powder. If you have train stock for example, spray the entire item with a dull coat to take the glossy finish off. Next start working with the powder making sure you apply in the direction from top to bottom. Keeping with that downward flow will give the appearance of the natural weather on a boxcar, etc. Depending on the amount of powders used, spray a very light coat of dull coat on the model. With the right amount you will have a model that you can be proud off.

Keep modeling fun

Rick Cobb

The Bluegrass Railroad Club invites NMRA members to attend and participate in our Friday, May 13 Swap Meet at the Meadowthorpe Community Center, 330 Larch Lane, 7:30-8:30 pm. We will have a silent auction of many donated items starting at \$1 in \$1 increments. BGRRC and NMRA members may set up tables to sell items, with no table set-up cost.

Jerry Goerz, BGRRC President

Every even year Division 10 elects officers to serve for the next two years. The elected officers of Division 10 are the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Secretary, and Treasurer. The new officers will begin their term at the October meeting. Officers are limited to two consecutive terms in any one office. Stew Winstandley is the Nominating Committee chairman. Contact him to run for an office.

The April tours to layouts in the Cincinnati area included the Eastern Loggers, photo to the right, and to Ed Swain's Pennsylvania, photo below. Thanks to John Burchnall, Curt LaRue, Ed Swain, and Perry Simpson for hosting the layout tours.





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

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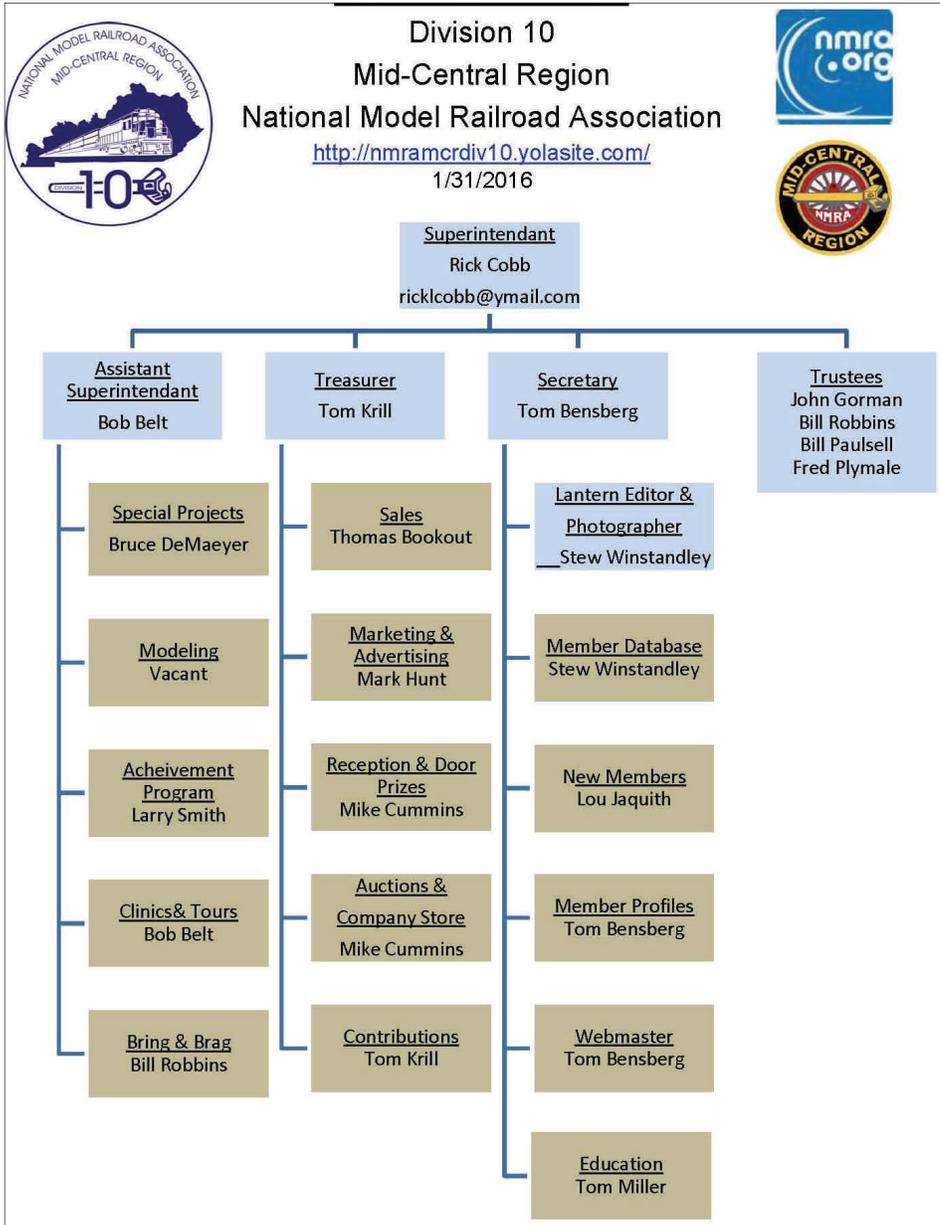
In Recognition...

Many thanks to folks listed in the column below. They have given their support for our club. We encourage all NMRA members to help with financial support to *The Lantern* and our website and the Division 10 activities. **Send your monetary contribution to our Treasurer.**

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Report materials or time to Stew Winstandley. 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. Anyone not making a contribution within 12 months will be dropped .

Raymond Cox	2/2016
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Dave Battin	"
Paul Evans	"
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Division 10 Treasurer's Report:

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Expenses: Lantern, \$39.20; Ky, State Treasurer, 15.00; Bluegrass Model Railway Supply, 102.22; Balance March 31, 2016—\$12,868.59

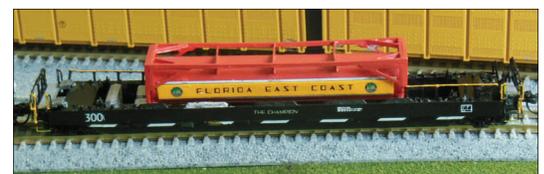
Give or send your contribution to: Tom Krill, 3624 Windfair Ln. Lexington, KY 40515

2016 Bring and Brag Schedule

May—Kit bashed railroad car

June—Structure (to be judged)

Photo of the LNG tender entered in Bring and Brag at the April meeting is to the right.



Division 10 Members Layout Panel May 8, 2016

1. Why did you want to build a layout
2. What was your purpose
 - a. Just to run trains
 - b. Realistic scenery
 - c. Operations
3. Did you want to:
 - a. Model an actual place
 - b. Freelance
4. What did you consider
 - a. Steam
 - b. Era with steam and diesel
 - c. Diesels: 1960's, 1970's
 - d. Modern diesels
5. How did you develop your track plan
 - a. Describe your track plan
6. Where did you get your ideas
 - a. Magazines
 - b. Club Activities
 - c. Friends
 - d. Looking at other layouts
7. How did you decide on your gauge and why
8. Describe your layout construction
 - a. What space did you have with which to work
 - b. Types of materials used
 - c. Is your layout portable
 - d. What are the dimensions
9. Track
 - a. Manufacturer
 - b. Laying track – glue, nail, etc. or by hand
 - c. Ballasting
10. Electrical
 - a. DC or DCC – Which system
 - b. Wiring
 - c. Switches (manual and/or powered)
 - d. Will you light buildings, street lights, signals
11. Scenery
 - a. Paints
 - b. Powders
 - c. Trees
 - d. Landscaping
 - e. Mountains
 - f. Rivers
 - g. Roads
 - h. Towns
 - i. Businesses
 - j. Farms
 - k. Materials
12. Structures
 - a. Wood, plastic, resin
 - b. Kits, or scratch built
13. Operations
 - a. Planning on it
 - b. Describe the system
 - c. Anticipated number of operators
14. Describe your current roster of engines and cars
 - a. Which manufacturers do you buy from and recommend
 - b. Do you use steel wheel sets
 - c. Coupler types

A Life Long Hobby, member profile by Tom Krill

A number of us have several lifelong hobbies that never seem to go away. While I was without trains for many years the fascination never went away. It really began with our move from Pittsburgh, Pa. to Tempe, Ariz. in 1947 which meant a number of trips back and forth to Pittsburgh by train. My favorite was Santa Fe El Capitan, although the Southern Pacific out of Chicago was more convenient stopping in Phoenix. Of course the 1949 Lionel Scout set for Christmas just propelled my interest even more. Over the years I begged for yet another car at Christmas time.

Move forward to our son Ken while we were living in Hong Kong. I couldn't wait to make a small train layout for him for his 1985 Christmas. Alas he never took an interest in trains and I still have the Lima Orient Express set purchased at that time. Returning to the US in 1986, I always had my Lionel set or the Orient Express under the Christmas tree. Still no interest from our son.

I had the good fortune to be the company's Regional Manager for Mexico for a couple of years, a country that always interested me. As it happened a great uncle went there in the late 1800's and survived the revolution – as a Catholic priest no less- dying there in 1942. While in Mexico over weekends I took the opportunity to visit Cordoba, Veracruz to learn about his life there. He is revered for his civic accomplishments yet today (library, fire department and others) and there is a bronze bust of him in the central plaza. Part of my investigation turned up photos of a little narrow gauge railroad which ran about 50 miles out from Cordoba over very difficult terrain known as the Huatusquito. One Christmas eve I went to get a transformer to run our Orient Express and there in the shop was a Bachman On30 set on sale. The Mogul engine in the box looked just like the one on the Cordoba line. Hooked again, I bought the set and determined to research the history of and model the Huatusquito. Since then the city has managed to bring back the one surviving 1902 Mogul from Mexico City and give it a cosmetic restoration. I provided the details. My goal is to provide the history of the line and my models (1902 as delivered and 1952 when the line went out of business) for a museum which will attract tourism to the city and help the economy.

The photo near the bottom of page 2 is of the Tomatlan bridge, reported to be the highest railroad bridge in North America when completed in 1903.

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NEWSLETTER FOR NMRA MCR DIVISION 10

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



MAY 8, 1:30

BRING AND BRAG

KIT BASHED RAILROAD CAR

MEETING AGENDA

LAYOUTS EVOLUTION PANEL

TOUR

NONE

AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
May	8	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, Watkins Bldg., E. Short Street	Layouts evolution—Panel discussion		Kit bashed RR car
May	13	BGRRCC	Meadowthorpe Community Center	See page 1		
June	<u>5</u>	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, Watkins Bldg., E. Short Street	Layouts evolution—see questions on page 3		Structure (judged)
July	3-10	NMRA	Indianapolis	National Convention (web address below), Highball to Indy		
Aug.	7	Div.10		A list of officer candidates will be presented		

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