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The Superintendent's Report

Thanks to **Renee Grosser** and husband **Ray** for the well-done scratchbuilding clinic in December (photo on page 2), and to **Joe Holbrook** for his hospitality and hosting of the tour of his HO and O scale layouts. We thoroughly enjoyed both.

This month we'll have a clinic on Signaling by **Gerry Albers**, and tour **Fred Plymale's** HO layout, which features an almost complete makeover, and is one of the premiere layouts in our area. Signaling probably has more visual and operational impact on a layout than anything I can think of, except maybe the trains themselves. So we're looking forward to both the clinic and tour.

Don't forget to bring a train-related Christmas gift to this month's Bring & Brag, which will start at 1:30 and end at 2:00. The Bring and Brag will not be judged this month, so coordinator **Larry Smith** gets a well-deserved short break.

Brian Jones' auctions will continue in January, with more items donated by members, and the proceeds going to Division 10. So come prepared to bid between 1:30 and 2:00. Also, be sure to look around in your basement for items you aren't using that you can donate to the auction. The auctions and EBay sales of leftover auction items in two months have netted over \$100 for Division 10. Don't forget you get credit for your sold donated items.

Congratulations to NEW MEMBERS **Judy Bourne** of Lexington, **Bruce DeMaeyer** of Versailles, and **Kenneth Fortney** of Richmond; RENEWALS **Fred Playmale** and **Alan Bourne** of Lexington, and **Stew Winstandley** of Nicholasville; and RE-RAIL **Mike Cummins** of Frankfort. For those of you who haven't yet filled out your on-line member profiles, please go to our web site at <http://www.div10-mcr-nmra.org/> and take care of that, so we'll all be able to connect names and faces. While you're on the web site, check out all the other content there, especially if you haven't visited in a while. It was completely revamped a few months ago. If you need help with the profiles, or don't have access to the internet, contact Tom Bensberg at 859 421 9791.

Railroad Pete

— Pete Birdsong

Auction Sales Report by Brian Jones

The November auction netted \$9 on the sale of an HO Coal Hopper Kit and a mini Cutoff Saw that were donated by Pete Birdsong. An N scale Union City Station kit was unsold and forwarded to Thomas Bookout for sale on EBay.

The December sale brought \$70 with five HO scale LPG cars going for \$35 (four to Larry Smith and one to David Battin), six N scale LPG cars for \$30 to Tom Bensberg, and a Waving Flag kit for \$5 to that patriot John Gorman. All these items were donated by Pete Birdsong.

Thanks to Pete for the auction items with a retail value of over \$413. The money from the auctions has been turned over to the treasurer.

Division 10 Auction January 2, 2011

Donated by David Battin we have, bundled together, an HO Atlas kit of a split level house and a Walthers modern HO tank car kit. The pair had an original retail value of over \$21. Starting bid... \$2.00. And we'll throw in a '21 Model T ford delivery truck to the highest bidder.

Fred Plymale has contributed a locomotive servicing facility, consisting of a coaling tower and a sand house. We will start these wonderfully built models at \$25 for the pair. And another Model T Ford delivery truck to the highest bidder.

Larry Smith brought in an HO 0-4-0 switcher. This loco is "new in the box", with "new" I mean unused. Not DCC ready, not tested, and not guaranteed to do anything except look great, weathered WAY down, sitting next to your engine house. Last price on box is 99 British Pounds, I think, (It is old) and it's yours starting at \$2.00.

Let's try that Mini Cut-Off Saw, furnished by Bill Hammer, one more time. List Price \$29.99, starting at \$3.00.

Finally we have a real treat. A rare container (previously for Metemucil) of Master Model Railroader Bill Hammer's, "Special, Secrete Formula Ballast". Hand Mixed and Blended by the Master Himself. This is the same ballast Bill used on his layout, and is suitable for HO, S and O scales. This will be a LIVE AUCTION. Own and use a bit of modeling history.

Be sure to visit our website at <http://www.div10-mcr-nmra.org/articles.php> to read additional articles written by our members and others, including "Model Railroading in Wintery New England" by Tom Miller. If you haven't already started construction on your diorama for the judging at the March meeting, it is time to begin. If you need information, see page 4 of the November issue of *The Lantern*, or call Fred Plymale.





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One of Renee's scratch built structures on display at the Dec. meeting.

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.**

To be listed here your contribution needs to be at least \$20 in cash or material valued at \$50 or a total of 20 hours time within the last year. Division 10 receives NO monetary support from the NMRA or the Mid Central Region. Division 10 is recognized by the US government as a 501c3 corporation and your cash or material donations may be tax deductible.

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 date 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.

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Franklin Miller	"
Ed Butcher	"
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Bill Pausell	"
Tom Krill	"
Larry Smith	"
Lou Jaquith	10/10
Alan Bourne	9/2010
Don Burris	"
Mark Hunt	"
John Gorman	9/2010
Tom Bensberg	"
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Treasurer's Report

Balance, Nov. 1, 2010	\$2693.40
Contributions	120.00
Auction & Mdse. Sales	44.00
Expenses—Lantern	-44.09
Expenses—Bring & Brag	-25.00
Balance, Nov. 30, 2010	\$2788.31

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WITLESS AND CLUELESS BY MIKE AMRSTRONG**The Continuing Saga of Rivets O'Reilly and Larry Loungecar**

Larry: Hey, Rivets! You'll never know who stopped by yesterday morning!

Rivets: You're right. Who?

Larry: Boiler Bill Rupert.

Rivets: No kidding. I haven't seen him since he moved to the Mid-Central Region of the NMRA. How is ol' Boiler, anyhow?

Larry: Not bad.

Rivets: Did he ever finish his layout?

Larry: Rivets, it's Boiler. What do you think?

Rivets: Probably doesn't even have his track laid.

Larry: Actually he does, but there is no scenery.

Rivets: Twenty years and all he can show is a track plan.

Larry: Well, he says he keeps changin' it. He can't seem to get out of the part of the layout he calls "Galt". He keeps startin' on somethin' and then doesn't like it. He had pictures.

Rivets: And?

Larry: They looked like he was blind when he built his layout.

Rivets: So how'd the visit go?

Larry: Well, ya know how Boiler always thinks everybody's food is his?

Rivets: Yeah.

Larry: Well, he saw a box of Kellogg's Sugar Pops on my counter, so he just helped himself to a bowl. He acted like my kitchen was his: looked through the cupboards, got himself a bowl, found a spoon, got himself some milk. Kinda half way miffed me off.

Rivets: Well, I guess ol' Boiler hasn't changed much.

Larry: Yeah, but I decided he could eat all he wanted.

Rivets: Why's that?

Larry: Well, the sugar pops really weren't sugar pops. I was lookin' for somethin' to put my Woodland Scenics talus in. The sugar pops box was empty, so I filled it full of large talus.

Rivets: A sugar pops box?

Larry: I thought the foil in the box would keep it fresh.

Rivets: Larry...never mind.

Larry: Anyway, Boiler poured milk on the talus and started eating it.

Rivets: Bet he only took one bite.

Larry: No, he ate two bowls, but added a lot of sugar and all the time complained that they were stale.

Rivets: Well, that sounds like him. He was always complaining about everybody's work except his own. I don't know how he could eat past one bite.

Larry: Me neither, but he did.

Rivets: Well, I guess you got even with him by letting him eat.

Larry: Yeah, I did, but Boiler was right...they do taste a little stale. But by the third bowl I got the ratio of sugar to talus right and it wasn't too bad.

Bring and Brag by Larry K. Smith

What a group of models we had in December for our topic of a boxcar. Eight of them! Count 'em. Eight. What a great turnout. The most models I have ever seen for Bring and Brag. Thanks for bringing your models in, gentlemen. David Batten brought in an HO model of a 1940's Delaware and Hudson boxcar. Tom Krill brought in two Hn30 scale models of the boxcars of the Huatusquito which he had been working on for the last year. The boxcar which came from Don Burris was an HO model of a Southern boxcar which was one of the models the club had sold. Three boxcars were brought in by Ray Grosser and all were O scale. One was a model of an Atlantic Coast Line Ventilator boxcar which was used in the 1920's before refrigerator cars carried fruits and vegetables across the country. I got an education from Ray on that one. Another boxcar was a model of Soo Line Single Sheathed boxcar from the 20's which Ray was in the process of completing, and the third boxcar was one which Ray had completed. Lou Jaquith brought in a model of a 40 foot Illinois Central boxcar which he had built from a kit and which he had extensively reworked and weathered. A model of an N scale PAM AM 50' boxcar from the modern era was brought by Stew Winstandley.

I would also like to thank all of our members who take the time and effort to judge and score the models. It is interesting and fun to see what models the members have and are working on, but it does allow for some feedback. After the sheets were scored and collected, the averages for the three categories of (1) Construction, (2) Detailing, and (3) Finish & Lettering were computed from the number scores submitted. Tom Krill had the highest score for his Huatusquito boxcars which was 26.2 out of 30. Ray Grosser had the next three highest scores of 26.0, 23.6, and 22.2. The completed boxcar had the highest score with the Ventilator boxcar having the next highest score. Stew Winstandley had a score of 21.0 followed by Lou Jaquith with 20.5. David Batten had 15.8 and Don Burris had 14.4. Thanks to everyone for making Bring and Brag work.

Next month, January, I want you to bring in one of your Christmas presents you got that is train related. Let us see what fun things Santa got you for Xmas. No model judging. I am hoping for a Big Boy myself. Guess I better whisper in Santa's ear so she knows about it.

The rules for Bring and Brag are on our website for Division 10, MCR. Future topics and standings are on the last page of *The Lantern*. If you have any questions or comments, please contact yours truly, the Bring and Brag chairperson.

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NEWSLETTER FOR NMRA MCR DIVISION 10

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BRING AND BRAG

1:30, NO JUDGING

AUCTION, SEE PAGE 1

NEXT MEETING

2 PM, JAN. 2, E SHORT ST,
GERRY ALBERS,
SIGNALING

TOUR

FRED PLYMALE,
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AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
Jan.	2	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Signaling, Gerry Albers, 2 PM	Fred Plymale	No judging—Your favorite train Christmas present
Jan.	29	Div. 5	Convention Early Registration Deadline, Rails of Ages, Ohio	http://www.railsOfAges.org/convention/early_registration_form.pdf	Apr. 28—May 1	
Feb.	6	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Trees, Painting Figures & Store Windows Connie Stokes & George Campbell	Bob Larger	Structure you had the most fun building
Mar.	6	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Ground Clutter, Pat Gerstle	No tour	Diorama Judging
Apr.	3	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Weathering Clinic, Lou Jacob	Larry Smith	Trees & Painted Figures

Donations: Among the donations to Division 10 by Bill Hammer, MMR, were two very old transformers, which we donated to the NMRA's Howell Day Museum. A letter of acknowledgement has been received from the director of the Kalmbach Memorial Library, thanking us for the donation.

Bring and Brag Standings: Lou Jaquith, 73.5; Ray Grosser, 71.8; Tom Krill, 68.2; Larry Smith, 43.1; Dave Batten, 36.5; Don Burris, 30.7; Pete Birdsong, 24.5; Franklin Miller, 23.1; Stew Winstandley, 21; Bill Robbins, 20.7; Ed Butcher, 20.4