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The Superintendent's Report

by 'Railroad' Pete Birdsong

The recession is affecting more and more people lately, and it's especially bad because of all the frigid weather. The other day as I was stopped for a red light, there was a witch washing windshields in the cold. I felt sorry for her, so I gave her a tip of all the change I had in my pockets, which was pretty cold because of the weather. In fact, the weather was colder than the witch's tips.

I've got to hand it to **Bill Robbins** for continuing to line up great clinics, and the one in January on signaling (and DCC in general) by **Gerry Albers** extended the winning streak. *Super* job, Gerry, even though you left **John Gorman** *twisting* a little, and inspired **Orville Boes** back to building a 4x8 Lionel layout 😊.

Although I've seen **Fred Plymale's** layout almost as much as I see my wife, it continues to impress each and every time. We really have some great talent in Division 10, and Fred is a prime example. Thanks for having us over again, Fred. And thanks to **Betty** for the great cookies and other treats, which would be worth the trip even if Fred's layout were worse than camel dung.

Thanks also to **Brian Jones** for livening things up last month with the live auction. It was a lot of fun for all, the winning bidders got some neat stuff, and the Division 10 treasury is a little better off because of it. Let's keep this going, and keep Brian busy – bring in stuff you have laying around the basement you no longer want or need, and donate it to the auction. Or if you have something of lesser value, bring it in to **Tom Krill**, and he'll add to our fun as he finds creative ways to describe it as a door prize. Or bring in some old magazines to just give away, as **Frank Miller** has been doing recently.

Tom Bensberg has been getting a few more members to fill out their profile for the web site. Thanks to those who've completed theirs. The rest of you better **GET BUSY!** Check out those on the website, and send yours in, too. Check out all the other stuff on the site while you're there, and if you have material for the web or the newsletter, send them to **John Gorman**, our webmaster, or **Stew Winstandley**, our newsletter editor. We're always looking for member articles, comments, etc.

It'll be great to see everyone again at the February meeting on the seventh, and I'm sure we're all looking forward to touring **Bob Larger's** HO layout again then. We'll have two clinics in February: **George Campbell** will do one on store windows that sounds really interesting; and **Bill Robbins** and I will do a joint clinic on trees: Bill will demonstrate the Micro Mark tree maker, and I'll show how to improve trunks with texture paint. Bring in your most fun structure for Bring & Brag. The structure can be built from scratch, from a kit, or kit bashed.

If you've not completed or haven't started your entry for the March diorama contest, there's not a whole lot of time left, and February is a great time to work on it.

Officers and chairmen, don't forget our February 3 meeting. Committee reports due are B&B, Contests, Programs, A.P.

Auction

February 6, 2011

For this month, **Fred Plymale** has donated a built-up HO Stock Loading Facility. This wonderful model is wood with a tin roof and is approximately 4"x 8".

Out of **Bill Hammer's** contribution to Division 10, is a pair of 12" Brass Bar Clamps. The pair list at Micro-Mart for \$21. Bill also donated a NWSL "Chopper" (7 1/2" square), which retails for \$30. It is missing the little triangles, but otherwise in good shape.



"Railroad" Pete Birdsong has supplied a Tangent UP 3600cf Quad Hopper. This great looking model is New-in-the-box, and retails for \$33.

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Creating a diorama will enhance your skills and you'll learn from the discussion of the diorama judging at the March 6th meeting. If you need information, see page 4 of the November 2010 issue of *The Lantern* (<http://www.div10-mcr-nmra.org/archives.php>), or call Fred Plymale.



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

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

Rivets: Hey, Larry, I haven't seen you in awhile. Whatcha been up to?

Larry: I got a new project, Rivets. And I have been workin' pretty hard on it.

Rivets: Dare I ask what it is?

Larry: I have decided to start writin' a newsletter.

Rivets: That sounds like one of your more sane projects, but our NMRA group already has a newsletter.

Larry: I know, and I'm not tryin' to take away the club's glory. But everything I have submitted for the newsletter hasn't been what they want, so I 'm doin' my own.

Rivets: I think the club newsletter is pretty good.

Larry: I'm not sayin' it's not. But I think my newsletter will have important information for model railroaders.

Rivets: Whacha gonna call it?

Larry: The Broken Axel.

Rivets: Well, that says something about the content! What are ya gonna write about?

Larry: Well, I wrote one article called "How to change a number 11 blade without cutting your fingers." I speak from experience.

Rivets: I'm sure you do. What else?

Larry: And then I wrote one on "How to install magnetic couplers without using trip pins".

Rivets: Why would you write about that?

Larry: Well, my trip pins kept picking the turnouts. So, I decided to get rid of 'em.

Rivets: There are ways to fix that problem.

Larry: I don't want to "fix" the problem. I want to get rid of it.

Rivets: Larry, I don't know if this is a good idea.

Larry: But, Rivets, I have a lot of information that I think needs to be out there, like, how to dilute white glue without using water or dishwashing liquid.

Rivets: How you gonna do that?

Larry: I don't know yet, but when I figure it out, I'll write about it.

Rivets: I take back what I said about this being a sane idea.

Larry: Rivets, I'll bet I got a hundred newsletters I have written, all waitin' to be sent.

Rivets: How come ya haven't sent 'em?

Larry: I 'm still developin' a mailin' list.

Rivets: How long ya been workin' on it?

Larry: Two years.

Rivets: And no one is on it yet?

Larry: Yeah there is, you and me.

Rivets: Why would you send a newsletter to yourself?

Larry: Rivets, I love getting' stuff in the mail.

Rivets: Larry, talkin' to you wears me out!

AUCTION -


Brian Jones has found eight HO figures among the items Bill Hammer gave to him. Everything from a paperboy to a pirate (or is that a one-eyed fireman?). Retail is around \$20 PLUS they were on a MMR's layout.

[Lay Down a Buck, Pick What You Want.](#)

Also from Brian, for \$1 each, we have a collection of vehicles. You may not want them for the front of your layout, but back in the woods, you may get the "American Pickers" to come a-calling.

Once again, previously owned by Bill Hammer, MMR.

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BRING AND BRAG

1:30, STRUCTURE YOU BUILT

AUCTION, SEE PAGE 1

NEXT MEETING

2 PM, FEB. 6, E SHORT ST,
GEORGE CAMPBELL, STORE
WINDOWS; PETE BIRDSONG &
BILL ROBBINS, TREES

TOUR

BOB LARGER
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AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
Feb.	6	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Store Windows & Trees George Campbell, Pete Birdsong & Bill Robbins	Bob Larger	Scratch, kit bashed, or kit STRUCTURE you built
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 Jaquith	Larry Smith	Trees & painted figures
Apr.-May	28-1	Div. 5	Geneva-On-The-Lake, Ohio	http://www.railsOfages.org/ MCR Convention	Layouts, prototypes, & industrial	
May	1	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Business meeting	Anthony Hardy	Weathering Project

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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