



# THE LANTERN



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## The Superintendent's Report

by Pete Birdsong

Just a word of thanks to **George Campbell** for his great clinics on making store windows and painting figures. You really had us spellbound with the one on using Excel for signs and windows, George. And thanks for sharing the files with us, which we've put up on our web site in the Articles section (<http://www.div10-mcr-nmra.org/articles.php>).



And we all had fun touring **Bob Larger's** HO layout again. Thanks, Bob.

Bill Paulsell, our past Superintendent, received his Association Official, Certificate of Achievement.

I'm really looking forward to the March meeting, with events by two of our premier modelers: **Pat Gerstle** will give a clinic on ground clutter, and **Fred Plymale** will



be conducting his Diorama contest. Fill out the Diorama Judging form on page 4 and bring it with your diorama.



I may be able to give Pat some competition on his clinic. All I'd have to do is scoop up some of the stuff from my shop floor. Talk about clutter!

**Brian Jones** has another great auction lined up for us, so bring cash or you checkbook. And **Tom Krill** has promised some more fun with some interesting door prizes, including a kit for turnout controls, a framed color reproduction of Kentucky railroad history, and a gift certificate to Scale Reproductions.

You recently received a NMRA Central District Director's ballot. The NMRA's Board is elected by districts. The link to the web at [www.nmra.org/national/organization/nmra\\_organization.html](http://www.nmra.org/national/organization/nmra_organization.html) contains a map showing the districts.

*Railroad Pete*

Top photo, George Campbell; next one down, cabooses at Bob Larger's; then right, Pete Birdsong and Bill Paulsell; bottom left photo, Pat Gerstle.

## Bring and Brag

Wow! We had more models for the February meeting than we had for our previous high total at the meeting in December. There were nine entries of model structures to be judged this time. What a turnout! I wish to thank the gentlemen and the lady who brought the models for all of us to admire and judge. Bill Paulsell brought in two good looking scratchbuilt structures; one, a Railroad Express building and secondly, a freight house. Done Burris brought in a two-level house one might see in a subdivision, and Tom Krill had a passenger/freight station made from a Vollmer kit initially. Yours truly brought in a Pikeville engine house kit that I added a porch to along with some other details. Lou Jaquith brought in a beautiful model of a station that he kitbashed and combined from different kits to make the model of the station he wanted. Good job. Stew Winstandley brought a well done kit model of a lineside tool house in Z scale. Stewart did not supply a magnifying glass to look at his model, but I know I would have to have one to build such a kit. Ray Grosser had an O scale model of a coaling facility that he built from plans. Someone said if you looked into the back of the model you could see an O scale man shoveling real O scale coal. Renee Grosser brought an O scale model of a 1940's style house in Minnesota which now resides where she used to play as a young girl. Very nice job. I hear we will visit the Grosser's again in September. If you have never visited them, please do yourself a favor and go on the layout tour to the Grosser's. They are great modelers and great hosts. I hope I faithfully described everyone's model correctly.

Again, I would also like to thank all of our members who took the time and effort to judge and score the models. After the scored sheets were collected, the averages for the three categories of (1) Construction, (2) Detailing, and (3) Finish & Lettering were computed and then summed to create a grand total for each model. The lady, Renee Grosser, received the highest grand total of 27.6. Close behind was her husband Ray with 27.2 for the coaling facility. The two models from Bill Paulsell were slightly behind with scores of 25.3 and 25.2. Lou Jaquith was next in scoring with 22.3 for his station, followed by Stew Winstandley with 20.8. Next up was yours truly with 17.2, just slightly ahead of Tom Krill with 16.6. The house from Don Burris scored 12.8.

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**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.**

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## Division 10 Auction

March 6, 2011, auctioneer: Brian Jones

The auction for the March meeting will feature an **Electric Driver Cleaner**.

This item was donated by Bill Hammer and bidding will start at \$2.

Bill also donated a **MicroMart Magnetic Gluing Jig**. This lists for \$30 and bidding starts at \$8.

Mart Hunt contributed the book **Remembering Lexington**. This book is new with the first bid at \$5.

Need some stuff around your Engine House or Shop? Bill Robbins has donated **20 HO wheel sets**. All yours for as little as \$1.

For a change of pace we will have a **RAFFLE @ \$1 A TICKET**. The prizes are your choice of :

Tangent RTR Gondola	list price \$32.95	donated by Pete Birdsong
(2) MicroMart Brass Bar Clamps	list price \$21.00	donated by Bill Hammer
MCR Tech II Railpower 1400 Control	list price \$30.00	donated by Bill Hammer
Book, Classic American Railroads (new)	list price \$37.00	donated by Mark Hunt

YOUR choice of one for every 15 tickets sold (30 sold, we draw again, 45....you know)

## Auctions

Since November 2010, the Division 10 Auction has contributed \$198.46 to the treasury. The following members, with the price of the sold items, are greatly appreciated.

Bill Hammer	\$33.00	Larry Smith	\$2.00
Bill Robbins	\$3.50	Mark Hunt	\$10.00
Brain Jones	\$3.00	Orville Boes	\$17.00
David Battin	\$2.00	Pete Birdsong	\$112.96
Fred Plymale	\$15.00		

The approximated value of the sold items ranged from \$2.50 to \$75.00 with the total value of \$817. In addition we had a few "Priceless" built-ups from Fred Plymale and Bill R.

In addition, Bill Hammer, Bill Robbins, Brian Jones, David Battin, Hark Hunt, Mike Cummins and Pete Birdsong have donated items that have not yet made it to the auction block. Coming in the future are tools, books, cars, kits, and electronics.

If you have any unneeded, unwanted or unloved railroad related objects you would like to contribute, please bring them to the next meeting.

Brian Jones

**Division 10 Diorama Judging Form (bring this form with your diorama, March 6)**

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Diorama ID \_\_\_\_\_

For each category below, describe in detail your work and the techniques you used in building the diorama. Use the back or extra pages, identifying the category by number, if needed.

1. **CONSTRUCTION** (maximum 30 points) . . . . . Points awarded

Structures: Number kit built\_\_\_\_ Number scratch built\_\_\_\_ Number kitbashed\_\_\_\_  
Scenery other than structures: Describe your overall plan to achieve a realistic scene and the materials and techniques used in building the terrain.

2. **DETAIL** (maximum 30 points) . . . . . Points awarded

Describe the complexity of all details used including but not restricted to rocks, water, trees, people, vehicles, telephone poles and rolling stock with loads.

3. **FINISH and LETTERING** (maximum 20 points) . . . . . Points awarded

Check all that apply: Spray\_\_\_\_ Brush\_\_\_\_ Mask and spray\_\_\_\_ Weathering: Ink\_\_\_\_ Powder\_\_\_\_ Dirt\_\_\_\_  
Signs and lettering: Decals\_\_\_\_ Hand lettering\_\_\_\_ Dry transfers\_\_\_\_ Photo reduction\_\_\_\_ Other\_\_\_\_  
Describe method used to texture the wood and natural surfaces as well as man-made surfaces (roads, side walks, etc.).

4. **SCRATCHBUILDING** (maximum 20 points) . . . . . Points awarded

List all parts you have fabricated, the difficulty, and note any special techniques used in scratch building.

Total points

**Bring and Brag . . .** from page 1

Next month we will NOT have Bring and Brag since the dioramas will be judged at the March meeting. Please bring in your diorama, with the judging form on page 4, so we can see what you all have been working on for the past few months.

The next Bring and Brag will be at the April 3rd meeting and the topic will be trees and your hand painted figures. George Campbell gave a clinic at the February meeting on painting figures so that should give you a good start on how to paint figures. All scale figures are welcome. We have not had a tree making clinic recently, but one how-to source is an article in the November 2009 *Model Railroader*. You may bring one, or the other, or both figures and trees for Bring and Brag in April. This is not a big project, so I am hoping to see a lot of entries.

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

Larry K. Smith

**Witless & Clueless** by Mike Armstrong

**The Continuing Saga of Rivets O'Reilly & Larry Loungecar**

Rivets: Hey, Larry! Anything new goin' on?  
 Larry: Well, Rivets, I got so much stuff that most of what is old is still new.  
 Rivets: Whadaya mean?  
 Larry: Sitting behind my computer screen are ten of Walther's passenger cars and lights to install. They've been sittin' there for five years!  
 Rivets: So why don't ya put the lights in 'em?  
 Larry: Because I got a hundred building kits to put together first and I ain't started the first one?  
 Rivets: Why not?  
 Larry: Because I am workin' on my structures AP certificate and those projects have been partially done for three years.  
 Rivets: So why don't ya finish them?  
 Larry: Because I have a new layout to build.  
 Rivets: So build it.  
 Larry: I can't. I have been workin' on the track plan for four years.  
 Rivets: So finish the track plan.  
 Larry: I can't. I have to finish my train room first. →

**2010-2011 Bring and Brag Standings**

**By Total Points from High to Low**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Total Points</i>
Ray Grosser	99.0
Lou Jaquith	95.8
Tom Krill	84.8
Larry K Smith	60.3
Bill Paulsell	50.5
Don Burris	43.5
Stew Winstandley	41.8
Dave Batten	36.5
Renee Grosser	27.6
Pete Birdsong	24.5
Franklin Miller	23.1
Bill Robbins	20.7
Ed Butcher	20.4

Rivets: Larry, I'm beginnin' to see a pattern here. Dare I ask why ya don't finish yer train room?

Larry: It's almost finished, but there is so much stuff around that I have to clean it all up before I can have room to work.

Rivets: Sigh. Why don't ya do that?

Larry: Because that is not the fun part of modelin'. Most of the time I sit in my leather chair with my feet up thinkin' 'bout all this stuff.

Rivets: So, Larry, yer an armchair modeler.

Larry: Rivets, what are ya talkin' 'bout? I'm always doing stuff.

Rivets: Ya just never finish anything?

Larry: I finish stuff.

Rivets: Name one thing you've finished!

Larry: I have trains runnin' in the garden.

Rivets: Right! Trains ya just watch go in circles!

Larry: I don't have circles! I have ovals and a figure eight!

Rivets: Larry, if ya started on one thing, just one, and finished that, you could go on to the next project.

Larry: But if I finish one project and then another, they'll be done and I won't have anything to look forward to.

Rivets: Larry, do ya wanna be a model railroader or not!?

Larry: Course I do. I just need a plan.

Rivets: What kind o' plan?

Larry: I'm workin' on it. That is what my leather chair is for.

Rivets: All that leather chair does is warm yer butt!

Larry: But it feels so nice.

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NEWSLETTER FOR NMRA MCR DIVISION 10

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*DIORAMA JUDGING*

1:30, BRING YOUR DIORAMA  
AUCTION, SEE PAGE 3

*NEXT MEETING*

2 PM, MAR. 6, E SHORT ST,  
PAT GERSTLE, GROUND  
CLUTTER

*TOUR*

NONE

**AROUND THE BEND**

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
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
May	1	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Auction, Bring & Brag, no clinic	Anthony Hardy, Scott County	Weathering Project
June	4 (Sat.)	Div. 10	Cincinnati Union Terminal (CUT)	Visit museum layout and CRRC Tower A		
July	3—9	NMRA	Sacramento, Calif.	Extra 2011 West <a href="http://www.x2011west.org">www.x2011west.org</a>	Read about all the activities on the website	

**MCR Division 8 Train Show and Sale**

Saturday, March 19, 10 AM—3 PM Admission \$5

Highland Post, 2919 Bardstown Rd., Louisville