



THE LANTERN



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The Superintendent's Report

After April 21st, our quarterly board meeting will have been held, at which we will have discussed several ideas for improving the division. We're hoping to make additional progress (as long as it doesn't involve changing anything). I'll fill you in on any decisions at the May meeting.

A tip of the hat to **Lou Jaquith** for his well-done clinic on weathering, at which he is a master. I hope everyone paid attention, and will bring in a weathering project for the May Bring & Brag event. Thanks also to **Larry Smith** for hosting the tour of his layout, and all the great snacks, and for completing the Bring & Brag schedule up through early next year. Looks as if it will be interesting and fun. **Bill Robbins** has worked out a great schedule of clinics and tours for us as well.

And be prepared for **Brian Jones'** and **Tom Krill's** auctions and door prizes.

We won't have a clinic in May, but we can look forward to a tour of **Anthony Hardy's** layout in Scott County, and another interesting Bring & Brag contest, as mentioned above. See the map to Anthony's place on the Calendar & Schedule page of our web site, or on page 4. Speaking of our web pages, there are lots of new items to check out on the site: a link to put a mobile-friendly version of it on your smart phone; maps to upcoming meetings and tours; a link to the photo gallery from the old web site; more member profiles, and more.

Take a look at www.div10-mcr-nmra.org

While there, also notice the scrolling banner on the home page about the Tuesday night meetings. While these are not division 10 sponsored, most of those attending are division 10 members, but they're open to everyone. If you haven't been to these yet, check them out. It's just a bunch of guys sitting around and shooting the breeze, telling tall tales, etc – a lot of fun, and a great way to get to know each other. Give me a call or email if you want more information.

Welcome to new members: Bob Ferguson, Lexington; Johnny Wilson, London; and renewals: Billy Conn, Win-

chester; Roger Davis, Pikeville; Ken & Judy Dickey, Danville; Wendell Greer, Lexington.

I hope everyone plans to come to the May 13 joint swap meet with the Bluegrass Railroad Club, and bring some stuff to sell and money to buy there. Thanks to BGRRC president **Josh Johnson** and others at the club, and **Ed Butcher**, our Conventions & Shows chairman, for coordinating this (see bottom of the last page).

If you're not having fun, let me know.

— Pete Birdsong

Weathering Tips, by Lou Jaquith

Weather affects everything outside. We weather our layouts, rolling stock, and engines to mimic nature. It is a personal preference how much to do. My favorite type is dry weathering, using one of the commercial products such as Doc O'Briens or Bragdon Powders. These have an adhesive component and stick better than pastel chalk. If not handled much, no overcoat is needed.

The most important aspect of this process is to have a good finish on your models. Be certain there is no blush under your decal film. An overspray of Dullcote will not hide this. For powder weathering, a dead flat finish is best. Testors Dullcote is my choice, but as long as it is flat, it's OK. I find that a good make-up kit provides the best tools for dry weathering. Most contain a small stiff brush, a large brush, and various sponge type applicators.

Start with observing what you want to duplicate. Note how a rail car, structure, etc. weathers. An overall coat of a color close to the color of the car will fade lettering. Then use dust or grime to replicate rain and road splash. Note car ends – a vertical pattern in line with the wheels often is present. Rust streaks can be added. Rust is good on truck frames. Car or locomotive roofs can have a coat of grimy black – more for steam era, less for modern cars.

On bridges I use Rustall, now called Rust 'N Dust, a liquid product from Micro Mark. It has clear instructions. Good Luck! Experiment! With dry weathering, if you don't like the result, wash it off and try again!



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 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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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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Tom Krill	"
Larry Smith	"
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Raymond Cox	8/2010
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Ray & Renee Grosser	6/2010

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Bring and Brag

Larry K Smith

We had a good number of entries, seven actually, for our April Bring and Brag topic which was Trees and Painted figures. Good showing! Thanks to all of you members who brought a model to share. Some persons used their diorama but that was fine with me since it was the figures and trees we were focusing on. I was impressed with the other submissions since they showed a lot of work and effort that had gone into them. The clinics must have played a role in all the fine work which was on display. I did not have any figures with my trees but I probably should have included some since I stated the topic was Trees and Painted figures. I hoped everyone enjoyed sharing their models with us.

After adding up the scores for Construction, Detailing, and Finish & Lettering from the scoring sheets submitted, the results were close to what was announced at the meeting. At the meeting, I added up all the scores in my head, and then later at home I put the raw scores into an Excel spreadsheet and let the computer do the adding and averaging. Pete had earlier in the year sent me an Excel spreadsheet for Bring and Brag scoring and I had made a couple changes to that original.

Enough of my ramblings. The results (from the computer) are: Lou Jaquith leading the way with 26.1, Tom Krill was next at 24.6, Brian Jones at 23.7, Pete Birdsong with 20.3, Bill Robbins at 19.6, Bill Paulsell with 19.2, and yours truly guarding the rear with 17.8.

May will be the last month for Bring and Brag and the topic will be Weathering. I assume you will want to bring in a car and/or a structure that you have weathered. Lou Jaquith gave us a clinic in April on weathering and you can certainly use his good ideas and methods to weather something you have to bring in and show it off. Give it a try!

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.

2010 -2011 Bring and Brag Standings

By Total Points from High to Low

Name	April Points	Total Points
Lou Jaquith	26.1	123.9

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Tom Krill	24.6	109.4
Ray Grosser		99.0
Larry K Smith	17.8	78.1
Bill Paulsell	19.2	69.7
Pete Birdsong	20.3	49.8
Stew Winstandley		45.8
Don Burriss		43.5
Bill Robbins	19.6	41.3
Dave Batten		36.5
Renee Grosser		27.6
Brian Jones	23.7	23.7
Franklin Miller		23.1
Ed Butcher		20.4
John Bowling		19.0

Division 10 Auction Report-April 2011

The April auction and raffle netted a total of \$42, with the raffle, once again, bringing in the lions share at \$17. Stew Winstandley's Badger Spray Gun Set was the choice of the winner. Auction items included Stew's Right Clamp bringing in \$5, Bill Hammer's donation of Bar Clamps (\$7) O scale Calipers (\$2) and a Tech II Railpower Controller (\$6) totaled \$15. Mark Hunt donated a book "Classic American Railroads which sold for \$4 and a donation of a Tangent RTR Covered Quad Hopper by Pete Birdsong sold for \$5. Thank you for the donations and to those who participated in the raffle and auctions.

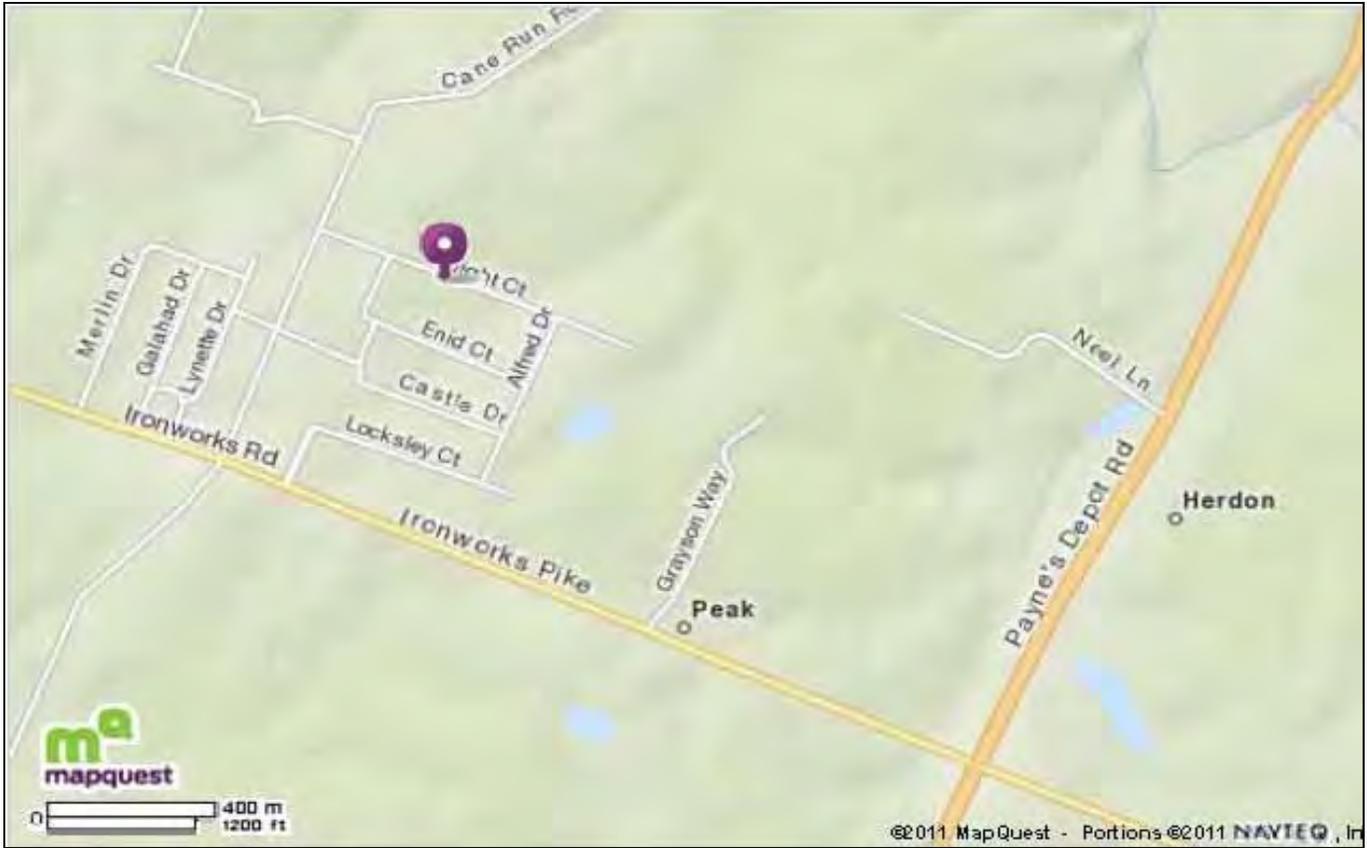
The May auction and raffle will feature a wide assortment of items including books, kits, tools, and landscaping supplies.

...Brian Jones, Auctioneer

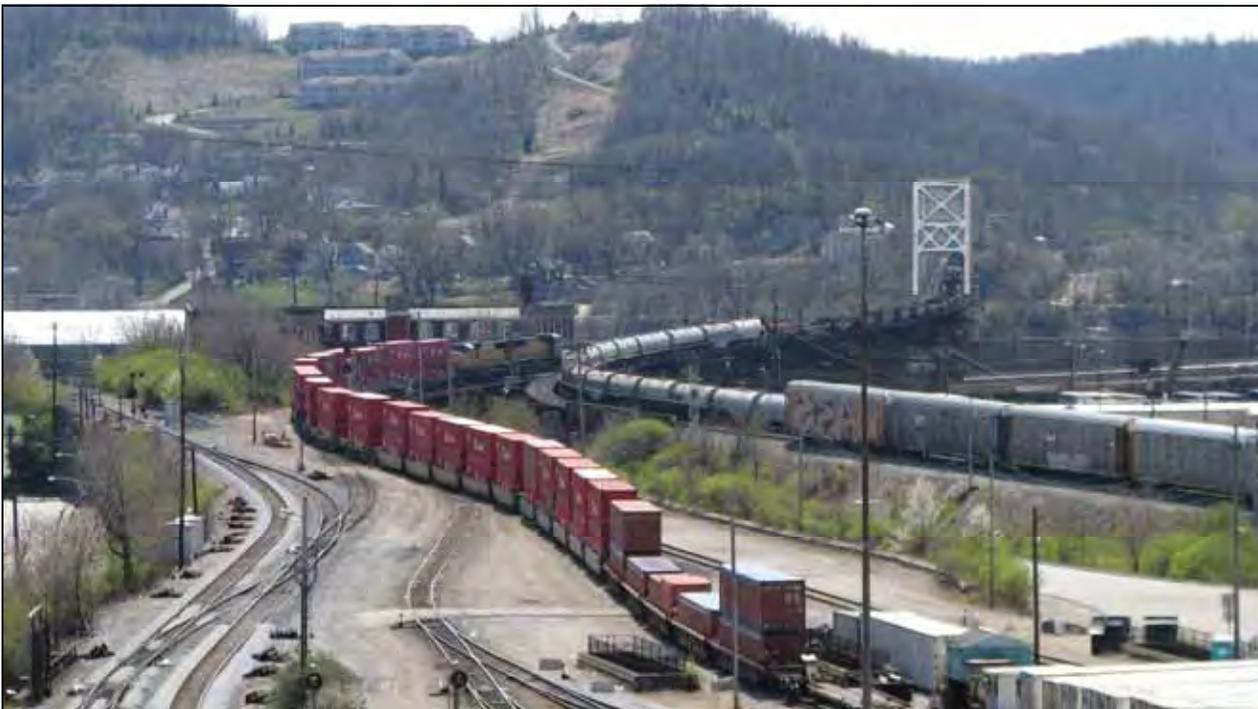
DOOR PRIZES for MAY

Let's finish the season with something to transform your layout. What could be more appropriate than our first item -

- 1) Transformer suitable for an 120 Volt input and marked for 6 v DC and 7.5 volt AC output. I think there is a third output for 12 V AC. I took a chance and plugged it in without any problem.
 - 2) Union Station Washington DC 90th anniversary souvenir booklet
 - 2) \$25.00 Gift Certificate
- ...Tom Krill



Map showing 116 Knight Ct, in Scott County, location of Anthony Hardy's CSX EK Division Hazard Terminal HO layout. Anthony's home is about 16 miles from our Short Street meeting location. Go west on I-64 to exit 69. This is US 62 from Payne's Depot. Go north towards Georgetown to the first traffic light. Turn left onto Ironworks Pike and travel about 1.3 miles to Cane Run Road. Turn right and then right again onto Knight Ct. Park in his driveway, if space is available. You may park partially off of the street in Anthony's yard, but DO NOT park on the grass across the street.



Southern view from CUT's Tower A looking at the NS's Ohio River bridge. The southbound out of the Pig Yard is a train lead by a pair of UPs. The northbound on the bridge is headed into Gest St. Yard. Our Saturday, June 4th trip will be to the Cincinnati History Museum and Tower A.

WITLESS & CLUELESS

The continuing saga of Rivets O'Reilly & Larry Loungecar

Created by Railroad Pete Birdsong

Written by Mike Armstrong

Rivets: Larry, you're lookin' pretty glum today. What's up?

Larry: Aw, Rivets, I was readin' an old issue of RMC and I discovered I can't afford to have a layout.

Rivets: Whaddaya mean ya can't afford to have a layout.

Larry: Well, in this old issue I read an article about what it costs to have a layout and it is expensive!

Rivets: Well, we all know quality equipment is expensive, but ya get what ya pay for.

Larry: I'm not talkin' about the locos and cars and stuff. I'm talkin' about the overhead.

Rivets: Overhead? I don't get it, Larry.

Larry: Rivets, what is the very first thing ya need to have a model railroad.

Rivets: Hmmm. I think the first thing ya need is to like trains.

Larry: Dad gumm it Rivets, pay attention. The first thing ya need is a place to put it...ya need real estate.

Rivets: Okay, I'll buy that.

Larry: Very funny, Rivets. And how much do ya think it costs to get the real estate.

Rivets: Well, I've never thought about it.

Larry: That's the trouble with you, Rivets, ya don't think about the things that need thought about. Let's say ya buy a house that has four bedrooms, a livin' room, a kitchen, and a family room.

Rivets: Okay, let's say.

Larry: And let's say ya use one of the bedrooms for a layout.

Rivets: Okay, let's say that too.

Larry: And let's say ya paid \$160,000 for the house, bein' conservative.

Rivets: Okay, what's yer point.

Larry: My point is that it costs about \$32,000 just to have a room for the layout and I can't afford that! One fifth of the livin' space is used up for the railroad. I hope Bonnie don't find this out.

Rivets: Well, Larry, if ya subtract the value of all the bathrooms, because nobody but you will spend a whole afternoon in there readin', ya cut down the cost of each room. And if ya have a basement, ya cut the cost even more.

Larry: You're still talkin' \$20,000. And I can't afford that!

Rivets: Well, then, divide our the square footage and the price goes even lower.

Larry: Makes no difference, I can't afford to build a layout.

Rivets: Larry, why ya worryin' about this now. Ya already got a layout. Yer basement room is finished and it looks great.

Larry: I forgot about that.

Rivets: So ya can afford a layout.

Larry: Boy that is a relief, I was tryin' to figure out where I was gonna get all that money.

Rivets: Now go enjoy yer layout.

Larry: Not me! I'm goin' shoppin'. I got \$32,000 to spend.

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BRING AND BRAG

1:30, WEATHERING PROJECT

AUCTION, SEE PAGE 3

NEXT MEETING

2 PM, MAY 1, E SHORT ST,

NO CLINIC

TOUR

ANTHONY HARDY,

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AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
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 www.x2011west.org	Read about all the activities on the website	
Aug.	7	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Scratch building cars & locomotives	Billy Wilson, Versailles	Off track structure
Sept.	4	Div. 10	1145 Linn Rd., Eubank, Ky.	Tour	Grosser's, near Eubank	

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, May 13th, 7:00 PM

Joint swap meet with the Bluegrass Railroad Club, Meadowthorpe Community Center,

333 Larch Lane, Lexington, Ky. 40511