



# THE LANTERN



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## The Superintendent's Report

By Pete Birdsong

Congratulations to NEW MEMBERS **Robert Belt** and **Randy Grubbs** of Lexington, and renewing members **Orville Boes**, **Shawn Harley**, **Tom Krill**, **Bill Paulsell**, **John Stokes & Family** and **Tug Wilson**.

I encourage all of you who have not filled out a member profile to get that done and sent to **Tom Bensberg** (859 421 9791) so he can add it to the web site. Since we cannot post the roster without an opt-in, this is our best way to get to know who's who in the division, what layouts/scales/interests they have, etc. The form is on the Membership page at <http://www.div10-mcr-nmra.org>.

It was a treat to have MCR President **Dick Briggs** come to Division 10 for our November 6 meeting to present his clinic on modeling the PRR; we also enjoyed having MCR contest Chair **Howard Smith**, who came along for the ride as Dick's "Bodyguard." Touring **Fred Plymale's** HO layout was inspiring, as usual. Many THANKS to all the contributors to the auction, and to **Brian Jones** for conducting it. There was a great selection. See the auctions page on our web site for details. Thanks also to **Bill Hammer**, who contributed on a 50/50 split basis a lot of O scale detail parts, which we sold separately to member **Keith Wiseman**.

Now we look forward to the December program, which will include a raffle and a clinic by **Bob Lawson & Fred Plymale** on scratch building; because of the length of this clinic there will be no tour; B&B will feature Open Car Loads. This clinic kicks off several programs addressing scratch building over the next few months, culminating in the March Diorama Contest. Check it all out on page 4 and make your plans accordingly.

Like to operate?

- We're invited to revisit **Bob Weinheimer & Co.** in W.Va. and environs. If you're interested, and fill out the form at <http://www.div10-mcr-nmra.org/wv-ops-session.php>.

Like tours?

- Bill Robbins has scheduled us for an April tour of four Cincinnati layouts, all of which have been in the Kalmbach *Great Model Railroads* publications.

## Bring and Brag

Larry K Smith

At our November meeting, we had four nice entries for our topic of cars that carry passengers. Don Burris brought in an army green colored troop car. I don't believe a car like that has been on the rails for awhile, although some of our members might have ridden in one. A model of a Monon passenger car was displayed by Stew Winstandley which he has worked on and detailed. Tom Miller walked in with a Jim Beam car which seemed unique since I had not seen anything like that type of car before. We figured a car like that would attract a number of "hanger-ons", so we considered it a passenger car. The whiskey car was one Tom had built himself. A passenger car from the Alaskan RR, the dome car called the McKinley Explorer, was presented by Dave Batten as his entry.

I appreciate your taking the time to examine the models and assign numerical scores based on your judgment and assessment of the models. This is a part of the Bring and Brag process. I also managed to compute some scores and present them at the meeting, but I also took the scoring sheets home and put them in my Excel matrix to check everything over.

The result of the scoring was Stew Winstandley's Monon passenger car just edged out Don Burris's troop car by a score of 20.3 to 20.2. Tom Miller followed closely with a score of 19.7 for his Jim Beam car and Dave Batten received a score of 17.0 for his dome car. Good scores for everyone and thanks to them for bringing a model to Bring and Brag. We always like contributions to Bring and Brag.

Speaking of bringing in a model to share with the group, the topic for December will be open loads that you have either made or enhanced. When judging these, please focus more on the loads and not so much on the car carrying the load although a well made car will probably have a positive influence. In addition, a load you have made and constructed yourself will be judged more favorably than one that was not. Dave Batten gave us some good ideas for ..to 3



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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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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.

Lou Jaquith	10/11
Alan Bourne	"
Don Burris	"
Fred Plymale	"
Pete Birdsong	"
Bruce DeMaeyer	9/2011
Raymond Cox	"
Ed Fuller	"
Bill Pausell	"
John Bowling	6/2011
Ray Grosser	4/2011
Bill Robbins	3/2011
Dennis Peevy	"
David Battin	"
Randy Coffman	2/2011
Irv Frary	1/2011
Orville Boes	"
John Stokes	"
Ron Kercheval	12/10
Franklin Miller	"
Ed Butcher	"
Tom Krill	11/10
Larry Smith	"
Mark Hunt	"

**Division 10 Treasurer's Report:** Balance Oct. 1, 2011—\$3369.38; Expenses; Lantern (57.86) = (\$57.86)

Deposits; Contributions 130.00, Auction 50.00, Ebay sale 30.00 = \$210.00 Balance Oct. 31, 2011—\$3521.52

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## *Witless & Clueless*

### The Continuing Saga of Rivets O'Reilly & Larry Loungear Written by Mike Armstrong

Rivets: Larry, what are ya doin' sittin' out here in the garage?

Larry: I'm sittin' here frustrated because I can't find any model railroadin' stuff.

Rivets: I see all kinds of railroadin' stuff. Right here it's stacked on shelves floor to ceiling on three walls.

Larry: That's not what I mean, Rivets. I can't find specific things and all these boxes take up so much room.

Rivets: I thought you solved that problem last month!

Larry: That was for storing my train boxes. These boxes have stuff in them and I don't know what is in any of them.

Rivets: Why don't ya just mark on the outside what's in each box?

Larry: Rivets, I ain't no librarian.

Rivets: It's librarian.

Larry: Well then, why do they work at a "library"?

Rivets: It's library, Larry. Here, let's see what's in this box.

Larry: Okay.

Rivets: Larry, all that is in here is one package of number 5 Kadee couplers, and this box takes up a square foot on the shelf. That's wasted space.

Larry: Well, I have a whole bunch of number 5s to put in it.

Rivets: So, let's do it.

Larry: I can't

Rivets: Why not?

Larry: I don't know where they are.

Rivets: Larry, how many boxes do you have with only one or two things in them?

Larry: I don't know. But if I leave something in the box it came in, I know what it is.

Rivets: What's in this box from Micro-mark?

Larry: I forget.

Rivets: Well, that system doesn't help then, does it? Let's have a look...Larry, this box takes up six square inches and the only thing in it is a truck tuning tool.

Larry: Hey! I been lookin' for that!

Rivets: Larry that is not my point. If you organized every thing, you would probably take up half the space you now use!

Larry: I like those boxes.

Rivets: Larry, sometimes I think you belong in the Kansas City Home for the Totally Illogical.

Larry: I've never heard of it.

Rivets: It's an expression. And guess what else! Most discount department stores have these wonderful organizing trays made of clear plastic with dividers.

Larry: Rivets, do you know how long it would take me to organized all this stuff?

Rivets: So you would rather just sit here and stare at the boxes on the shelves?

Larry: Well, I may not be able to find it all, but there is a certain comfort in knowing that it's there.

Rivets: You really didn't want my help, did ya?

Bring Brag from page 1 — open loads a couple months ago, so I look forward to seeing a lot of members try their hand at open loads. For January, the topic for Bring and Brag will be your favorite Xmas present that is train related. In addition, we will expand the topic to include anything train related that you feel the members would be interested in and that you would like to tell us about.

The list of proposed Bring and Brag topics is on our website if you wish to plan ahead for future months.

### **2011- 2012 Bring and Brag Standings**

#### **By Total Points from High to Low**

<i>Name</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>Total Points</i>
Stewart Winstandley	20.3	62.0
Don Burriss	20.2	46.3
Bill Paulsell		27.5
Renee Grosser		26.6
Bob Ferguson		26.4
Fred Plymale		24.6
Brian Jones		23.5
Tom Miller	19.7	19.7
Pete Birdsong		19.5
Tom Krill		19.5
Dave Batten	17.0	17.0

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**BRING AND BRAG**

**OPEN CAR LOADS**

**NEXT MEETING**

**1:30 PM RAFFLE, 2 PM MEETING, DEC. 4, WATKINS BLDG, E. SHORT ST @ ESPLANADE, LEXINGTON**

**TOUR**

NONE

**AROUND THE BEND**

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
Dec.	4	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Bob Lawson & Fred Plymale Scratch building structures	No tour, come for a raffle at 1:30	Your open car loads
Jan.	8 (2nd Sunday)	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Mark Underwood—PC based sound Bill Pausell—Scratch building	Rich Raspentti	Something to share
Feb.	5	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Panel Discussion—Building my layout	Mark Hunt	Structure you built
Mar.	4	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Diorama contest Your favorite tools	No tour	Judging dioramas
Apr.	14	Div. 10	Cincinnati, Ohio	Layout tours		None

Bob Lawson and I will conduct the clinic on “Scratch Building Structures”. I will have a simple plan for members to use for their first scratch building project and a slightly more complex one for ones who want a more challenging project. If a member has a plan he wants to scratch build for his layout, bring it to the December meeting.

— Fred Plymale