



# THE LANTERN



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## The Superintendent's Report

By Pete Birdsong

MANY THANKS to all the contributors for auctions, and to **Brian Jones** for conducting it. The "Twist" this month was the blind raffle and swap. Great idea, Brian. And it netted \$48.00 for the treasury! Thanks also to **Tom Krill** for chaperoning the door prizes, and to those who contributed to it.

We had a great December program, with at least 28 counted in attendance; thanks to **Bob Lawson & Fred Plymale** for their super clinic on scratch building; this clinic kicked off several program items addressing scratch building over the next few months, culminating in the March Diorama Contest. If you missed the clinic, you can view the handouts on the Tips & Tricks page.

<http://www.div10-mcr-nmra.org/tips--tricks.php>

The Open Loads Bring & Brag had **9** entries - is this a new record, **Larry Smith** (see page 1)? Results are posted on page 3, which couldn't be done at the meeting because of the number of entries and not wanting to miss any of the clinic.

Congratulations to renewing members **Ed Butcher**, **Bob Ferguson** and **John Gorman**. And a gentle reminder to **Jerry Feather** and **Johnny Wilson** to renew. We don't want to lose you, guys.

A hearty WELCOME to **Ken Dickey** (one of our Danville members), and our 3 December visitors: **Billy Fryer**, **Jim Insko** and **Rick Mattan**. Could they be the three wise men...? If so, we hope they'll come again, and maybe join up.

I encourage all of you who have not filled out a member profile yet to get that done and sent to **Tom Bensberg** 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 Bring and Brag article is continued on Page 3.

Please read the important changes that are described beginning in the last paragraph in the left column on page 3.

## Bring and Brag

Larry K. Smith

As I had hoped, we had a great number (nine to be exact) of open load models for the December meeting. It was not a record (11 is that) but it was close and I loved it. Happily, there were some new faces bringing in models for their first presentation this year. Hopefully, it will not be the last time these gentlemen bring in a model to share with the other members. Thanks guys for bringing in all the models. I was ecstatic to see the response from you all. The purpose of Bring and Brag is to have us all participate in modeling and have fun doing it.

Pete Birdsong brought in a couple of nice models, one a gondola full of supplies for the camp and a flat car which appeared to be loaded with scrap metal including a wrecked car. I liked the looks of the load of scrap metal that Bill Paulsell brought. He said he cut up a soda car and weathered the pieces before putting it in the gondola. Don Burris had a tank on a flatcar and I brought a log load on a CSX bulkhead flat. A bulkhead flat with pipes was the model from Stew Winstandley, and Randy Coffman brought a UP gondola with a load of mystery scrap. I never did find out what it was. Lou Jaquith brought a P&L gondola carrying some rusted rail, a read good job, and Rick Cobb brought in a well done L&N pulpwood car with a log load. I heard he made the load by cutting up the scale logs one at a time. This is a tedious and time-consuming process which I can relate to. Thanks again gentlemen for bringing in all the models to share with us. I enjoyed seeing all the models and what all was brought in for Bring and Brag. Actually, I thought the whole meeting was a success with the clinic, auction, good turnout, visitors, and just everything that was going on.

I now have the results of the scoring after having to expand my Excel scoring matrix from the record number of persons who turned in scoring sheets. Since the two late entries were not scored by everyone, I may have to hand out the scoring sheets later in the meeting or collect them later. I may have to balance since some people want a sheet early



For the NMRA MC Region officers link to [www.midcentral-region-nmra.org/bod2.html](http://www.midcentral-region-nmra.org/bod2.html)

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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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Tom Krill	11/11
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Alan Bourne	"
Don Burris	"
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**Bring and Brag**—*continued from page 1...* but sometimes not all the entries are judged. On another topic related to scoring and after discussing it with others, I have decided to change the range of scores from 1 to 10 to 0 to 10. Blank spaces will be zero. Now for the results of the open load judging I have been promising you.

Hopefully only the open load was judged, since that was the intent, but I am sure a well done flatcar or gondola influenced some scores. Pete Birdsong lead the way with the two highest scores, a 21.9 for the old wrecked car plus other scrap metal on the flatcar and 21.5 for the gondola loaded with supplies. Rick Cobb's first entry of the pulpwood car was second with 19.5. Lou Jaquith was next with 18.4 for his P&L gondola containing used rail and tied at 18.0 were Randy Coffman with his mystery load and yours truly. The realistic scrap load from Bill Paulsell received 17.6, while Stew Winstandley got a 16.3 for his well done bulkhead flat with pipes. Don Burris received a 12.1 for his entry of a tank on a flat car.

For the next month, January, the topic for Bring and Brag will be your favorite Christmas present that is train related. In addition, let me 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. If you think other members would find it interesting and entertaining, bring it in and we will have you tell us about it or even brag about it. The topic for the next month after that, for February, will be a structure for a diorama or just a structure. Hopefully, you will be working on a structure for your diorama to be presented in March, so you can just bring that one in to share with us. If not, just bring in a structure that you have been working on or just completed.

The list of proposed Bring and Brag topics is on our website if you wish to peruse them in planning ahead for the models which you might like to enter in future months. They include a photo of a model and something scratch built as topics for the rest of this year.

We would like to make a couple changes to how Bring and Brag is conducted starting with the February meeting. When you bring in your structure for the February meeting, you must have an informational sheet attached with your model to provide us with a description of all the work you have done on your model beyond just taking it out of a box. We will not be using an informational sheet every meeting, just those when the models will be scored. A number of persons have done a lot of extra work on

their model but it is hard to see unless they have a chance to tell about it. With the completed informational sheet, a member now has a good idea of the work a modeler has put into his model and this may assist him in scoring the model. The informational sheet can be obtained by printing one off the Division 10 website under Bring and Brag or one may also be obtained from the Bring and Brag chairperson. If a model does not have an attached informational sheet, it will be assumed that it will be for display only and not to be scored. This means that anytime you want to bring a model in to show it off, whether it meets the category or not, please do not hesitate to do so and we will include it in the Bring and Brag section for display only. Another change I would like to see implemented is that members who bring in a model do not vote on, or give a score to, your own model. I would like to request out of courtesy that you do not score your own model. Just mark an X thru your letter so someone does not think the blank spaces should be zeros.

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

**2011- 2012 Bring and Brag Standings  
By Total Points from High to Low**

<i>Name</i>	<i>December Points</i>	<i>Total Points</i>
Stew Winstandley	16.3	78.3
Don Burris	12.1	58.4
Bill Paulsell	17.6	45.1
Pete Birdsong	21.9	41.4
Renee Grosser		26.6
Bob Ferguson		26.4
Fred Plymale		24.6
Brian Jones		23.5
Tom Miller		19.7
Rick Cobb	19.5	19.5
Tom Krill		19.5
Lou Jaquith	18.4	18.4
Larry K Smith	18.0	18.0
Randy Coffman	18.0	18.0
Dave Batten		17.0

## DIORAMA PROGRAM

Division 10 is sponsoring its third annual diorama contest, in response to the interest and enthusiasm in the last two. The judging (tentatively, judges are Fred Plymale and Ray Grosser) will take place at the March 4, 2012 meeting, which allows plenty of time to plan and build your entry. We'll be building toward this date with the following activities:

- The contest officially kicked off with the December Clinic by Fred Plymale and Bob Lawson, which presented scratch building tips, materials, how-to information, and two plans for scratchbuilt structures.
- This continues in January with Bill Paulsell's mini-clinic on a completed scratch-built structure.
- In February the Bring & Brag contest will emphasize structures for a diorama.
- March will conclude with the diorama contest judging by several judges and feedback/commentary by Fred Plymale.

The competition is always fun, but everyone who participates is a "winner" because they develop skills that they can use in all future modeling activities.

The **entry form** and scoring are the same as last year, but the rules have been modified a little as a result of the experience and feedback from last year's contest, so please look them over below as you prepare your entry.

The rules change is in regard to diorama size. Last year there was a minimum size of 12x18. This year there is no minimum, and the following scale-based maximums will apply:

SCALE	MAXIMUM SIZE (SQUARE FEET)	SCALE	MAXIMUM SIZE (SQUARE FEET)
G	6	N	3
O	6	Z	3
HO	3	T	3

A foam base is recommended to facilitate the use of water on your entry- a river with a bridge, a pond, ditch, culvert or waterfall will add interest. Elevation, use of rocks, trees and people will also be judged for their realism. You can build as many structures as you need to make your scene realistic. The scene ought to include a rail line of some kind, and this provides the opportunity to exhibit more modeling proficiency with detailed or scratch-built cars, engines, track, signals, etc. Lighting or other animation are also great additions.

1. Official Judging: done by Fred & Ray, with up to 100 points possible, to be added to the Bring and Brag accumulated scores.
2. Popular vote: Done by all members, who just vote for their favorite. Model with most votes gets 10, the one with second most votes gets 9, etc. Scores also added to the Bring and Brag accumulated scores.



## Witless & Clueless

### The Continuing Saga of Rivets O'Reilly & Larry Loungear

Written by Mike Armstrong

Rivets: Hey, Larry! How ya been? Have a good Christmas?

Larry: Sure did! I got everything I asked for on my Christmas list, even though a couple of things just blew the sand dome off my boiler.

Rivets: Tell me about it.

Larry: Well, first I got tired o' watchin' all those dumb commercials where people kept trying to show Santa Claus he isn't needed...especially the Bulls Eye store and those idiot phone people.

Rivets: It's only people sellin' stuff.

Larry: But to degrade and down grade Santa is un-American! People's got feelin's.

Rivets: Rivets, Santa Claus isn't a real person. His feelin's probably weren't hurt.

Larry: I watched those commercials, Rivets, and in all of 'em, there wasn't a train around one tree! What's the world comin' to?

Rivets: Larry, as long as ya have a train around *your* tree, that's all that matters.

Larry: They made fun of Santa and didn't have a train. Rivets, don't ya have any feelin's at all. This is America.

Rivets: Let's talk about what ya got.

Larry: I got a Broadway Limited Paragon Southern Pacific Cab forward 4-8-8-4 with sound, DCC, smoke, and talk. My favorite talk is the one that goes, "Get the hell outta my way! I'm comin' through"

Rivets: That really isn't on there, is it.

Larry: I might of made some of that up.

Rivets: How does she run?

Larry: She runs like a charm! She ought to for \$500!

Rivets: Didn't you see the sale? I got mine for \$299.

Larry: Of course, I saw the sale, Rivets. But don't tell Bonnie. She told me to go ahead and order it. She gave me a Christmas card with \$500 cash!

Rivets: You mean, you cheated you own wife?

Larry: I don't look at it that way Rivets.

Rivets: How do you look at it?

Larry: Oh, Rivets, it ain't as bad as you act like. I give Bonnie money and she says she is gonna wait for a sale.

Rivets: How much did ya give her?

Larry: Three hunnert dollars.

Rivets: She gives you five and you give her three. That don't sound fair.

Larry: She's gonna wait for a sale so what she gets will be worth five hunnert.

Rivets: But you ended up with two hundred dollars extra.

Larry: That's the beauty of it, Rivets. I'll go shopping after Christmas lookin' for stuff and I'll spend the extra two hunnert and we'll both have stuff worth five hunnert dollars.

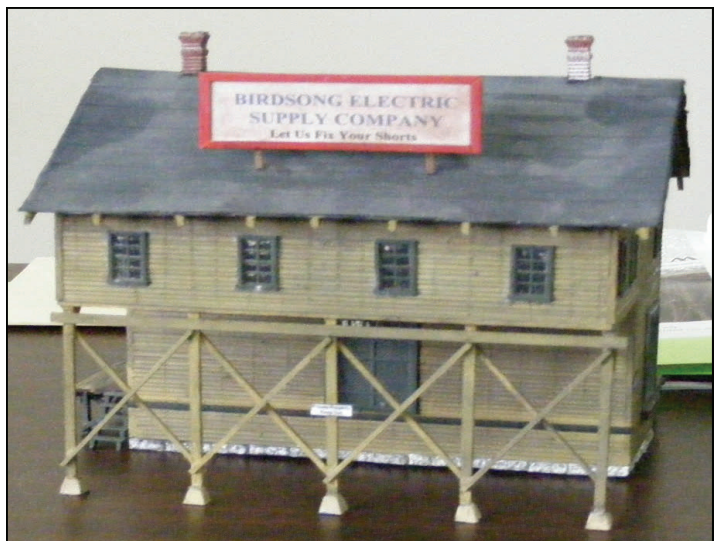
Rivets: Larry, I'm gonna do you a favor and not even try to explain yer cockeyed reasonin'. I'll never know why Bonnie stays married to ya.

Larry: I always give her a nice Christmas gift.

### Photos from the December Scratch Building Clinic



Bob Lawson (pictured to the left) and Fred Plymale presented a clinic on scratch building. Immediately below is a photo of Bob's coal tippie. Below that is Fred's electric supply building.



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**BRING AND BRAG**

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**NEXT MEETING**

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**AROUND THE BEND**

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
Jan.	8	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Mark Underwood—PC based sound Bill Pausell—Scratch building Lou Jaquith—Number changes	Rich Raspenti	Something to share
Feb.	5	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Panel Discussion—Building my layout, moderated by Bill Robbins	Mark Hunt	Structure you built
Mar.	4	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Diorama contest Your favorite tools	No tour	Judging dioramas
Apr.	21 (Sat.)	Div. 10	Cincinnati, Ohio	Layout tours	Four Cincy area layouts	None
May	6	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Auction and Bring and Brag, then trip to Paris	Keith Wiseman 898 Black's Cross Rd, Paris	Something scratchbuilt

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