



# THE LANTERN



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## Superintendent's Report

Ballot is on page 3. Important note - Division 10 member's email addresses are to be used for official communication ONLY – any other use could jeopardize our non-profit standing.

The B&B schedule is being prepared for the next 6 months. The September clinic will be presented by Randy Coffman, and other news updates.

—Bob Belt

## Kansas City and the 2018 NMRA Convention

Larry Smith's report:

We arrived Sunday afternoon, ready to spend an enjoyable week enjoying all of what was offered. We registered late, so the prototype tours and the Op-Sig layout tours were unavailable.

We did not take any of the layout tours. We concentrated on the clinics and we got to attend three on Sunday evening. The range of clinic subjects was wide and each one was presented by some of the best clinicians in the country. When we were not attending a clinic, one could go to the contest room, the country store, or the silent auction. One room had the OP-Sig, the Layout-Sig, and a few other booths where one could obtain information. In another room was a layout where one could sign up for 3 hour slots to do timetable and train order operations. While wandering from clinic to clinic, one could talk with other model railroaders.

One notable hotel restaurant was Fritz's. You ordered your food by picking up a table phone. When the food was ready, there was a loud whistle and a G-Scale steam engine ran around a track at the top of the restaurant, and then a basket lowered your food.

Since I was interested in judging the models I attended a clinic held by Bob Hamm, the chief judge for the last 12 years. There I found out I could judge at the National if I wanted! So the next day I was sitting in the appointed room looking around at all the other judges. I was not the only rookie which helped. Bob Hamm then picked his lead judges for the model judging categories and then started assigning persons to each category. I was placed in the Appearance (Finish and Lettering) category. The other judges in with me had judged many times before, but they were all nice and made me feel like I was part of the team. It was an interesting experience that I am glad I did it but it was long. We went from before 8 AM to after 6 PM with an hour for

lunch, which they pay for. We did a thorough job on each model.

The train show was towards the end of the week and the module judging was one of the main reasons I went to Kansas City. I had talked to Ken May, the Module Contest Coordinator, earlier and he agreed to let me go with him to the train show site to pass out forms and mark the modules that would be judged later. We did this Thursday afternoon and the layouts were already assembled with final touches being applied. The next day, Friday, the train show would open at 9 AM for NMRA members and noon for the general public. As we left the train show Thursday, Ken May told me to join them Friday for the judging. This was even better since I did not know if I would be invited to go along with them to judge. At 7 AM Friday morning we met to start the judging. Basically the judging method employed is to look over all the modules and see which ones are most appealing. The frequently mentioned term was that it "popped out" and got your attention. Then the more appealing modules are visited again and a ranking is established. This ranking involved much discussion and evaluation of the modules. When there is a consensus, Ken marks the winners and presents the plaques at 3 PM. After judging, I started taking a lot of pictures of modules. The T-Trak layout set a record for size. Talking to the T-Trak coordinator, he said there were 340 modules, 22 scale miles of track, and it took an hour to travel around it. Plans were being made for a larger T-Trak layout at future nationals. As expected, there were some great and exceptional modeling work on display.

Bill Paulsell's report:

I attended another national convention this year. A reported 1500+ attended. I found it to be one of the better conventions in recent years. As is my usual practice, I attended clinics, hoping to learn new things, and did not go on any tours.

One of the best clinics began with showing us a white blank brick wall. The clinician carved the outlines to a window and a door that was then bricked up. He painted these spots a different color. He added a storm water drain, bent at the joints; toilet, heating, and cooking vents; an electric meter with conduit, visible plumbing connections; a Casablanca movie poster and one

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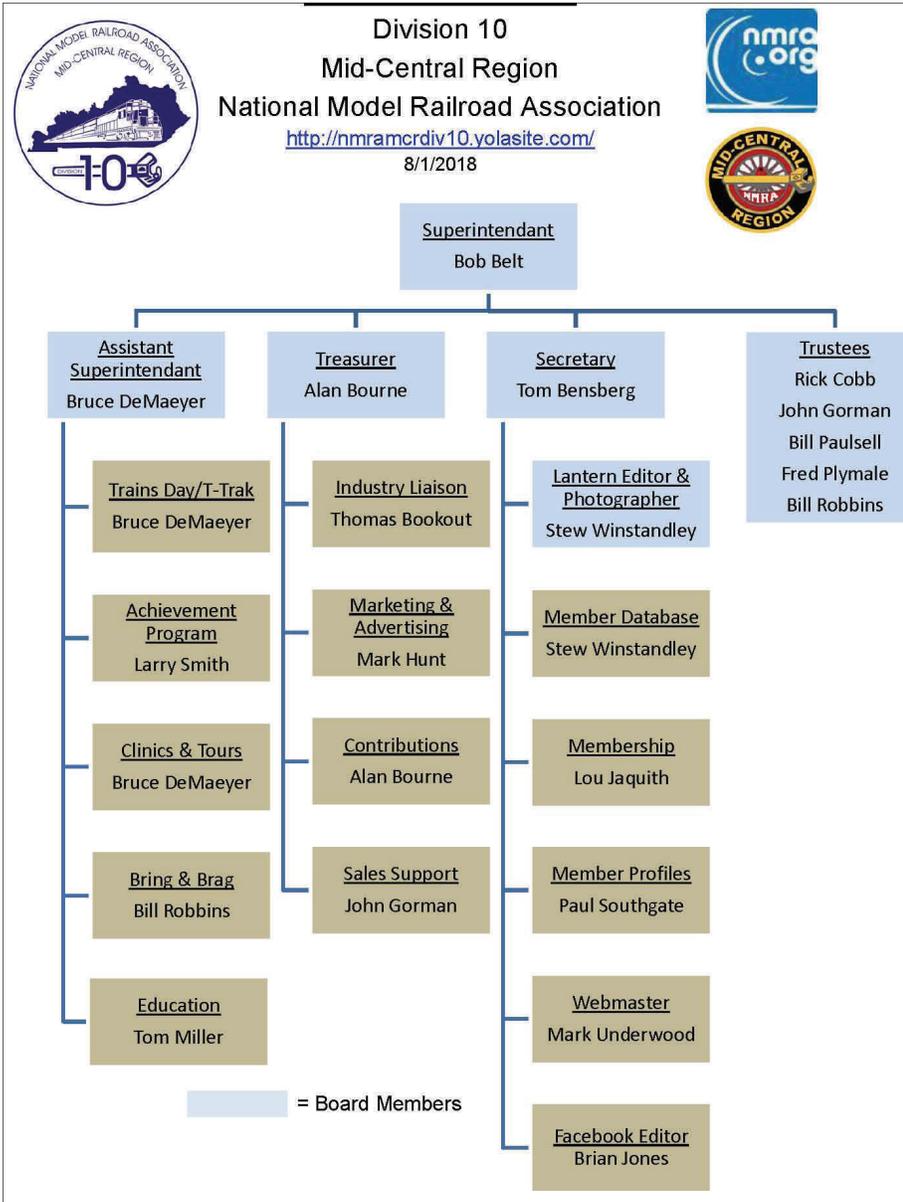
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Many thanks to folks listed in the column below. They have given their support for our club. We encourage all NMRA members to help with financial support to *The Lantern* and our website and the Division 10 activities. **Send your monetary contribution to our Treasurer.**

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Below is a photo of locomotives running at the Grosser's during Division 10's visit. It was a great day, thanks to Renee and Ray. Link to [www.youtube.com/watch?v=uOm-cJlhuQk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uOm-cJlhuQk)

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other sign; a light pole with hanging light and wires to the wall; and a garbage can. It looked fantastic when completed.

Another clinic was one on battery operation. The clinician had ten locos of various scales in which he had inserted batteries. This is likely to be a major development in model railroading.

John Lawrence from Louisville did three clinics on scenery. I attended two of them, and they were excellent. In one he took a Woodland Scenics gas station and showed six possible configurations in a small area of his layout. At the end he explained which one he liked and showed a picture of it. He mentioned other things he thought important: the kind of clothing on figures and the sorts of signs that attract attention. In the next clinic he discussed the use of color in scenery and showed us a pallet he had developed for choosing colors.

There was a good clinic on painting figures. The speaker suggested painting them black first, then brush on white before adding color. Start with the skin and work out. Use light brush strokes and layer the paint. Finally use an India Ink and alcohol mix to tone down shine.

There were a number of clinics on operation, indicating its growing popularity. I attended one on passenger train ops which is my main interest. On my layout we drop and pick up express cars, RPOs, diners, and occasionally baggage cars. It took the clinician an hour to say that, but I enjoyed his presentation. Other sessions promoted prototype paper work: time tables, clearance cards, train orders, engine and caboose cards, bad order forms, track warrants, phone systems and CTC. That is a lot more than the simple switch lists used here. Other clinicians focused on blocking cars and not thinking that you have to switch them in every yard every time.

Larry and I found ourselves attending several scratch building clinics, a common interest. There was an emphasis on the importance of foundations, and recommendations on brands of paint.

Tony Koester, a columnist for *Model Railroader*, gave an update on his huge Nickle Plate layout. Another clinician did a presentation on rejuvenating a large club layout. There was a clinic on basic electronics where we learned Ohm's Law, voltage, resistors, capacitors, diodes, ic's, cathodes, PIV, and other mysteries. The last clinic I attended was led by the president and staff of Digitrax, a question and answer session.

The convention hotel was across the street from the Kansas City train station, a beautifully restored building. In the station was a room with eleven layouts. All the scales were included.

I always learn new things at these conventions. Next year it will be in Salt Lake City and the following year in St. Louis.

### Division 10 Mid-Central Region NMRA

Bylaws are available at <http://www.div10-mcr-nmra.org>

#### 2018 Officers Election Ballot

Superintendent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Bob Belt</b>
Assistant Superintendent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Jeff Hedge</b>
Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Alan Bourne</b>
Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Paul Southgate</b>

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### Trains Day at the Library 2018

Our Division will once again be joining in with the Lexington Public Library in sponsoring the annual "Trains Day at the Library" at the Tates Creek Branch on Saturday, September 15th. The main event will be the showing of the Division's T-Trak modules and modules from our sister Divisions 8 and 9. Other layouts will also be shown. The library is featuring a series of train related educational programs during the preceeding week and our Saturday event will culminate and support that effort. Volunteers will be needed to help us explain the purposes of our hobby and the operation of the trains. Please help us in this effort.

### Division Contributes \$500 to a Matching Grant to KSHC

The Kentucky Steam Heritage Corporation (KSHC) is a non-profit organization intending to educate, entertain and inspire past, current and future generations with historic rail equipment. Efforts have been on-going to gather the resources of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Federal Government, Estill County and the town of Ravenna to work toward the creation of the Kentucky Rail Heritage Center. Recently KSHC announced the purchase of nearly 50 acres of former rail yard property in Ravenna from CSX Transportation. The campus will creatively integrate a rail-based tourist attraction featuring train excursions, recreational space, technical skills training, and community support complete with restaurants, shops, and lodging.

Our Division intends to follow up on this donation to the KSHC as it provides us with an opportunity to participate in the creation of the community center and working with KSHC to possibly include an operating model railroad layout of the operations of the Ravenna Yard. There are a number of active and retired railroad workers, who may by this action, be inspired to help us involve the community in model railroading. More information will be forthcoming as we proceed with KSHC.

— Bruce DeMaeyer

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*SEPT. 2, 1:30*

BEAUMONT LIBRARY

*BRING AND BRAG*

RAILROAD CAR

*MEETING AGENDA*

RANDY COFFMAN, TRUCKS; A  
NMRA CONVENTION REPORT;  
& UPDATES ON RAVENNA AND  
TRAINS DAY AT THE LIBRARY

*TOUR*

SEPT. 8, DANVILLE, KY.

**AROUND THE BEND**

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
Sept.	2	Div. 10	Beaumont Library	Randy Coffman, Trucks	Sept. 8, Danville, Ky., at John Bowling's and Ken Dickey's (see bottom of 4)	Car
Sept.	15	Div. 10	Tates Creek Library	Trains Day at the Library	T-Trak layout with Divisions 10, 9 and 8.	
Sept.	22	Div. 8	St. Thomas More Parish 6105 S. 3rd St., Louisville	Louisville Train Day 10-3	Will include Div. 10 T-Trak modules	
Oct.	7	Div. 10	Tates Creek Library	Bob Frankrone, Loads		Structure
Nov.	4	Div. 10	Beaumont Library			

The September tour will be to Danville, Ky. on Saturday, September 8th. John's layout will be open for visiting between noon and 2 pm, and Ken's between 1 and 3 pm. John's is at the back of 406 North Maple Ave., and Ken's is in his basement at 571 Ohara Dr.