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From the Superintendent

I just got back from attending IndyJunction2022 where three NMRA Regions got together, plus the Prototype Modelers to hold a convention. I enjoyed it and you can read my report elsewhere in this newsletter. Since I have been asking you to write something for the newsletter that is train related, I thought I should also do it myself. If you ever do anything related to trains, big or small, please consider writing about it and sending it to Stew, our editor.

Our next meeting will be June 4 at 1:30 PM and it will be hybrid, a combination of in-person and Zoom. There is a CHANGE in the location of the meeting as it will be in the Beaumont branch library, 3080 Fieldstone Way, Lexington, KY 40513, off Harrodsburg Road and just south of Hwy 4. We look forward to seeing you there. The program for June 4, a Saturday, will be a look at the progress **Rich Murphy** has done on his layout. This will be another update in the series of how to build a layout. Rich mentioned he will be focusing on the mine area, but I imagine we will see what other work he has done. It is always interesting how a person builds a layout and the choices they make and why.

The Monthly Modeling topic is anything you have done related to 3D modeling, which can be a wide range of things. The only thing I have done with 3D printing is purchasing N scale figures for my T-Trak module. Speaking of 3D printing, Dave Ackmann, who presented our last clinic, came from the St. Louis area to be at IndyJunction. I had an in person conversation with him.

The June presentation will be our last formal meeting until September, but we have model railroading activities in August. Two, since we had to CHANGE the visit to **John Bowling's** layout from July to August 13. That means we will have the visit to Grosser's on August 6 and the visit to John's layout in Danville on August 13, two Saturdays in a row. Both are on Saturday from 1 to 4 PM. Both layouts are visits that should not be missed, they are both very worthwhile to see.

As always, if you have an idea for a clinic or presentation, please tell me. I want to present what you are interested in. Also, even though it is summer, please work on something related to trains or model railroading. And if you have a layout, please think about opening it up for a visit sometime in the future. You all take care.

— Larry Smith

IndyJunction 2022 Report

I was looking forward to going to the IndyJunction2022 convention. With the description of what was planned and promised lead me to believe that this one would be even better. I had picked out my two operating sessions and received the ticket to attend the Amtrak repair facility on the southeastern side of Indianapolis. After parking the car and registering at the hotel, we went to find the convention registration desk. Next, I went to find the T-Trak area and check it out and see if I could unload the modules. The room was open and empty, so I grabbed a cart and went to the car to get the modules and put them in the room for assembling later.

After a quick dinner close to the hotel, we were off to the "practice ops session" at the layout which I was to operate on later in week. The layout was in the northern half of Indianapolis which must be one huge suburb. I found the house and went downstairs to the layout. The layout filled this room and the other room next to it. There were 133 industries on the layout and switching spaces for over 600 cars. And I thought my layout was a good size!

Our Division 10 was part of a large T-Trak layout all organized by **Bruce DeMaeyer**. The Division 10 members helping deliver and set up the layout were me, **Frank Stevenson**, **Harold Weinberg**, and **Bob Belt**. I was up early the next morning since Bruce wanted an early start to assemble the T-Trak layout. While getting that accomplished, I talked with old friends and the new people who brought in modules. When the T-Trak layout was up and running, I then went to the contest room to volunteer my time. I spent quite a bit of time there during the convention checking in models, showing people where to put their models, imploring some to fill out the description sheet of their model, finding lost modules, some judging, placing ribbons on the table, and carrying photo boards outside to a truck. I did get away to attend some good clinics. With three MCR Divisions participating along with the Prototype Modelers, you had an opportunity to see different persons in the three Divisions giving clinics on different topics. A lot of good information is found in those clinics that you can use to help with your modeling. One other nice thing about different regions being involved is that you get to talk to different

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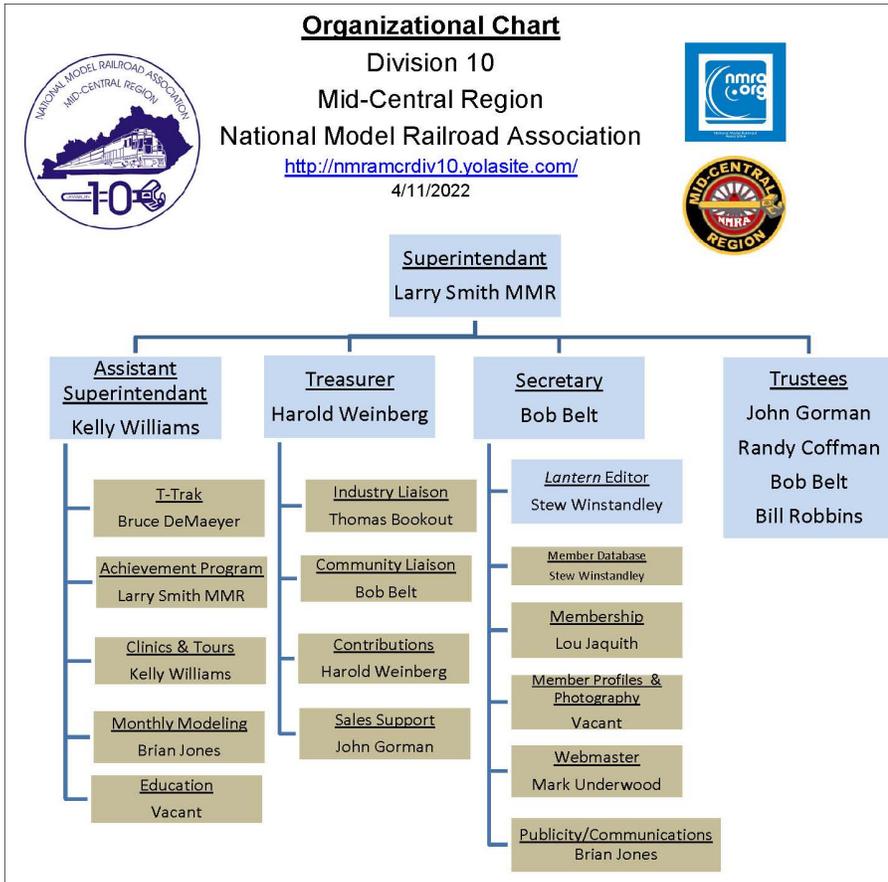
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Editor's note:

In the May issue of our newsletter, I wrote about my update to my Pacific 4-6-2 model, with photos of the 4-6-2 #148 in central Florida. The July 2022 issue of *Trains Magazine* has an article on pages 32-39 "Why We Love the 4-6-2" with photos of #148 and other Pacifics..

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modelers and find out about their experiences and knowledge. I enjoyed talking to other modelers. Every one could attend anything in the convention, no matter who put it on or where it was. There was a room for the Prototype modelers to display their models along with two layouts, one HO and the other N. The HO layout was running under T&TO (Timetable and Train Order) for operations. Toward the end there was a train show in two large rooms which was free to convention attendees. A lot was offered but I only bought a little, mostly detail parts.

The only breakfast offered by the hotel was a \$22 buffet which was more food than I needed. However, the convention worked with the hotel and arranged for breakfast items to be available in the area that was center to all the model railroad activities. A breakfast sandwich and a coffee was \$5. Good price, good food, and convenient. Lunch sandwiches were also offered in the same area at noon which made it nice for convention attendees in terms of closeness to activities. We did find an excellent dinner close by for other meals.

One highlight of the convention which I did not want to miss out on was the visit to the Amtrak car repair shop at Beech Grove. We had to drive there on our own and I managed to car pool with six other guys. On the way over, one guy entertained us with “war stories” of flying helicopters in the Army. At the guard shack, I managed to wrestle the hard hat on my head and the plastic goggles over my eyeglasses so I could see anything. I was surprised to learn that a lot of the buildings were built in 1910 and the facility had been owned by five other railroads before Amtrak. Our two hosts were real uptight about taking pictures, but loosened up as the tour progressed. At the end, they were downright friendly and I really cannot blame them for their initial attitude. It was interesting that one of our tour members came all the way from Massachusetts with her parents to be on this tour. The girl was an avid Amtrak fan and they had written the convention committee to see if she could attend the Amtrak tour since there are few opportunities to even tour the Amtrak facility. I asked one of our tour guides when the last Amtrak tour was and I was surprised when he said four years ago. Amtrak is not easy to get into for a tour. We were lucky it even happened. If you think about it, there is not much upside for Amtrak to allow visitors to take a tour. The only thing they get out of it is the possibility of good PR, and they did seem to encourage tour participants to write positively about their experience. An article is being planned about the Amtrak fan and her experience. I, among others, thanked the Amtrak tour guides for coming in on their day off and giving us the tour. I asked one tour guide why he did the tour and he replied that he enjoyed seeing the excitement of the people when they visited.

One more feature of the convention that should be mentioned is that the president of the NMRA, **Gordy Robinson**, attended. He did not just give a speech at the banquet as his only appearance, but he attended as just another conventioneer and he made himself accessible to members. Gordy did a number of “meet the people” affairs, but he also sat in on clinics and I saw him at one of my operation sessions just running trains. There was one time when I and some others were just “shooting the breeze” beside a layout and Gordy just came up and joined the conversation. From the comments he made at the convention, Gordy wants to see change in the NMRA, and it will be very interesting to see what happens as time goes by. He even offered to have members call or email him about their concerns. He asked us not to call between 6 PM and midnight since that is bedtime in the UK and his wife may answer and she will not be happy.

I thought it was a very good convention and I am glad I attended. I wish that other members of Division 10 could have attended. You are missing out on a good feature of NMRA and model railroading. It seems that people are thinking of having another Tri-regional convention in three or four years. Please consider attending that and other regional conventions before that. It will be a good experience for you.

— Larry Smith

Left below, T-Trak layout, right RPM N track.



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Photos below were taken by Larry during the tour of Amtrak's Beech Grove repair facility.

JUNE 4, 1:30

MEETING VIA ZOOM AND AT
BEAUMONT LIBRARY, 3080
FIELDSTONE WAY, 40513

MONTHLY MODELING

EXAMPLES OF 3D PRINTING

MEETING AGENDA

LAYOUT CONSTRUCTION, RICH
MURPHY

TOUR

NONE



AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	MONTHLY MODELING
June	4	Div. 10	Zoom & at Beaumont Library	Update on Rich Murphy's layout construction, Rich Murphy	None	Anything associated with 3D printing
July				No Meeting		
Aug.	6	Div. 10	1145 Linn Road, east of Eubank, 42567	Tour the Grosser's outdoor 1:8 railroad	1 to 4 pm	
Aug.	13	Div. 10	406 N Maple Ave, Danville 40422	Tour John Bowling's HO layout	1 to 4 pm	
Sept.	3	Div. 10		Railroads Around Lexington in the Past, Charles Bogart		

<https://zoom.us/download> - The web browser client for Zoom meetings will download automatically when you start or join your first Zoom meeting. Whether you are doing a Zoom for the first time or have done it before, use the link (web address) that will be emailed to you in the first week of June.