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Superintendent's Report

I want to thank Pat Gerstle for his very informative program in November on how he accomplishes the amazing detail on his beautiful Sn3 layout. He answered many questions with simple, straight-forward techniques. Thanks, Pat.

For December we have Bob Lawson with "How to use Foam in Model Railroad Construction." This is not just big mountains, but all aspects of scenery construction - large to small. Don't miss it!

Our simplified format for Bring and Brag seems to be working well. The "Brag" part will surely help in getting those important tips we can all use to improve our modeling skills. Thanks to Bill Robbins for heading up this activity.

We have suspended the Auction and Hobby Sales for the moment due to a lack of good items to sell. Let's all check our stash of railroad supplies to see what we might not need - one man's trash may be another man's treasure - and our Treasury can sure use a boost.

Thanks to all those who have updated their contributions to Division 10. Tom Krill is always ready to accept your check.

See you December 2 at Central Christian Church. Be sure to check "Around the Bend" for the Bring and Brag entry, and there will not be a layout tour.

Happy Modeling

—Lou Jaquith



December's clinic will be presented by Bob Lawson. This is a "don't miss" lesson on building a model railroad with foam. The above photo shows part of Bob's HO layout. Come and learn how he does it.

Division 10 will be hosting the 2015 Mid-Central Region convention. Information about our convention can be found at the website: <http://thoroughbredlimited2015.yolasite.com/>

Tip from Randy Coffman

Manually uncoupling of rolling stock always seems to be a challenge for me. After an operating session one day I decided to look into the problem. Near the end of the day, almost by accident, I tried a very small, size #00 Phillips jewelers screwdriver, and the couplers almost jumped apart. I tested it on various cars with various manufacturers couplers and it seemed to consistently work.

The trick is to put just the tip right in the middle between the hooks on the knuckles and gently rotate clockwise. The spines on the tip gently rotate the hooks past each other and separate the couplers. If the tip is pushed too far into the couplers they jam on each other.

2012-2013 Bring and Brag Standings

Name	November Points	Total Points
Brian Jones	135 1904 Spiker	161
Pete Birdsong	67 1912 truck	67
Lou Jaquith	58 1929 model A Ford	66
Bob Belt	40	40
Rick Cobb		33
Bill Robbins		20
Don Burriss	3 1955 Olds	3



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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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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 month 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.

Brian Jones	10/12
Bruce DeMaeyer	"
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Division 10 Treasurer's Report: Balance Oct. 1, 2012—\$3426.53; Expenses: Lantern \$77.02;

Deposits: Sales \$27.00, Contributions \$255.00;

Balance Oct. 31, 2012—\$3631.51

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Witless and Clueless

Written by Mike Armstrong



Rivets: Hey, Larry! What's happenin' inside your model railroad world?

Larry: Well, Rivets, I've been thinkin'.

Rivets: That's always dangerous. What about?

Larry: I've been too negative. From now on, I'm gonna take a positive approach to model railroadini'.

Rivets: What do ya mean?

Larry: On the negative side, I've always been bothered when things don't go right on my layout or I've complained about manufacturers or complained about things at the club when they disagree. And I'm tired o' lyin' to Bonnie about what I buy and don't buy and I'm tired of sneakin' things into the house.

Rivets: So, how ya gonna change that?

Larry: Well, first of all, whenever I have a layout tour, nothin' seems to work right.

Rivets: That's the unwritten rule for all of us.

Larry: Well, it's a bad rule. So, when somethin' goes wrong at a layout tour, I'm gonna make it funny, and pick up the engine and throw it across the room.

Rivets: Than ain't funny!

Larry: Sure it is. And I get rid of a poor runnin' engine at the same time.

Rivets: What if it's not the engine and it's somethin' as simple as a piece of ballast keepin' the turnout open?

Larry: Huh, I never thought of that.

Rivets: What about yer issues with the manufacturers?

Larry: Well, I'm gonna call 'em more often and tell 'em their product is a piece of junk.

Rivets: That's not positive. There are very few companies that put junk on the market; people won't buy it these days.

Larry: But I'll feel good 'cause I spoke my mind.

Rivets: Larry, somethin' is wrong with your mind if you think that's positive.

Larry: Well, what would you do.

Rivets: Call 'em and talk to 'em. Most people are friendly and want to help the customer. I've had stuff sent to me for free. They want good customer relations.

Larry: Yeah, I guess yer right.

Rivets: I know I'm right. As far as the club is concerned, for most of us, the only thing we have in common is our love of trains. We all have different opinions.

Larry: Yeah, that's true. They are all good guys, even if some of 'em have screwy ideas.

Rivets: Larry!

Larry: Okay, okay.

Rivets: So what are ya gonna do about lyin' to Bonnie and sneakin' things into the house.

Larry: Rivets, I better not try too much change too soon. It's bad for my nerves.

Rivets: Well, boys, there ya have it.



Left: Bob Belt's layout as seen during the October tour. Right: Bob Ferguson, Tom Bensberg and host Bob Belt under the layout.

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NEWSLETTER FOR NMRA MCR DIVISION 10

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DECEMBER 2

BRING AND BRAG

SMALL BUILDING, 1:30 PM

MEETING AGENDA

BUILDING A MODEL RAILROAD
LAYOUT USING FOAM—BOB
LAWSON

TOUR

NONE

AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
Dec.	2	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, Watkins Bldg., E. Short Street	Building a Model Railroad with Foam—Bob Lawson		Small Building
Jan.	6	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, Watkins Bldg., E. Short Street	Scratch building a locomotive—Pete Birdsong	Tom Bensburg	Train Station
Feb.	3	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, Watkins Bldg., E. Short Street	Soldering—Joe Holbrook	Bill Paulsell	Retail Store
Feb.	16-17		Kentucky Convention Center, Louisville	The Great Train Expo	10 AM—4 PM	
Mar.	3	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, Watkins Bldg., E. Short Street	Diorama Contest		

As part of an effort to improve communications with NMRA members, and specifically those who don't receive NMRA Magazine, the NMRA leadership team is discussing adding an "eBulletin" – a short, concise emailed newsletter which will list NMRA news, announcements, and other important information. The Winter Board of Directors Meeting will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, on February 8-10. All NMRA members are welcome to attend. Times and location will be announced later.