



# THE LANTERN



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## Superintendent's Report

At the September meeting we had a good turn out despite the holiday weekend. Our speaker was Charles Bogart, author and historian. His presentation on the distilling industry in Central Kentucky was interesting and I think those that attended were able to get ideas for future modeling projects. One fact that Charles enlighten us with is the distilling industry was a double payer for the railroads. They would ship in and ship products out. I guess you could say the railroad was making money coming and going with the distilling business. Thanks Charles for your presentation.

Congratulations to Tom Miller, who was presented with an MCR Certificate of Appreciation.

I would like to welcome Don Glasgow of Lawrenceburg to Division 10.

Our October meeting will feature Frank Koch. Frank will present a program on AP judging. I know that many have an interest in this topic. I think it will help us understand the details involved in judging and steps needed to become a contest judge. During his question and answer time, you may want to find out more about the AP. Link to:

<http://www.nmra.org/education/achievement/pdf/2006-judging-guide-lines.pdf>

The Achievement Program (AP) is a travel guide, to help you on your journey through the world of model railroading. The AP also provides incentive to learn and master the many crafts and skills necessary in the hobby of model

railroading. With the completion of each category, you will be issued a certificate acknowledging your achievement.

The AP requirements are a set of standards, but they can also serve as a set of guideposts for those who are new, near-new, and not-so-new to the hobby. They are a source of ideas for projects that can help us learn to become better modelers.

Briefly, the AP is a system of requirements for demonstrating a superior level of skill in various aspects of our hobby. It covers not only building various types of models, but also building other things which are important to the hobby, such as scenery, structures, track work, and wiring. It also recognizes service to the hobby and the NMRA.

<http://www.nmra.org/education/achievement/>

September was the first Bring and Brag for the next ten



months. At the meeting Brian Jones received the Top Modeler Award for his first place in the past year. Lou Jaquith finished first, Rick Cobb second, and Pete Birdsong third to begin the new contest. Also receiving a point with an entry was Don Burris, Tom Miller, and Bob Belt.



The Bring and Brag for October will be any **passenger car**. Let's see how many entries we can get. You'll get to brag about your entry.

— Rick Cobb



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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**A MUST READ**

An article, “Mini-Modules”, written by Division 10 member **Bob Ferguson**, appears in the September/October issue of *N-Scale Magazine*.

A copy of the article is posted at: [http://nmramcrdiv10.yolasite.com/resources/BobFNScale\\_2505\\_MiniModules.pdf](http://nmramcrdiv10.yolasite.com/resources/BobFNScale_2505_MiniModules.pdf)

More pictures of Bob's layout as well as some of Division 10 member's, Bob Belt, Pete Birdsong and Ray Grosser, layouts can be found at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/bgtwindad/sets/72157631953267981/detail/>

— Tom Bensberg

**In Recognition...**

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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Balance Aug. 1, 2013—\$3395.29;  
 Expenses: \$0.00; Deposits: \$0.00;  
 Balance Aug. 31, 2013—\$3395.29

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October 2005 AP reprint of **WITLESS & CLUELESS**  
by Mike Armstrong

Rivets: Hey Larry, why so glum?

Larry: Ya know why, Rivets, I thought ya were my friend!

Rivets: I am your friend, Larry. What is the problem?

Larry: Well, ya know how hard I worked to get ready for my NMRA AP judging and I didn't pass, and you were one of the judges.

Rivets: Larry, if you don't pass locally, you won't pass nationally when I send your stuff in.

Larry: Yeah, right! What was wrong with my layout? I did everything they asked me to do.

Rivets: Aw, Larry, I don't want to get into this with ya.

Larry: Hey, Rivets, I can take it.

Rivets: Well, first of all, Larry, ya know the purpose of the Achievement Program is first and foremost to help ya become a better modeler.

Larry: Yeah, so, what's the problem?

Rivets: In a word Larry, your layout had some really creative ideas, but it was a piece of junk.

Larry: That' really hurts Rivets.

Rivets: Well, ya tol' me you could take it. Ask me specific questions and I will give you answers. I think your biggest problem was that you tried to get all of your certificates in one judging and you took too many shortcuts.

Larry: Okay, let's talk about scenery. I had real grass growin' in my lawns. Ya can't get any more prototypical than that! What was wrong with that? I even had people mowin' the lawn.

Rivets: Well, the grass was too tall. It looked like you had a lawn full of cattails. And secondly, three G scale people on an HO layout, mowin' a lawn with hair clippers isn't prototypical. What were you thinkin'?

Larry: I was tryin' for forced perspective from the front yard to the house.

Rivets: Larry, ya have to begin out front with HO scale people and then go smaller and ya need more distance than a front lawn!

Larry: Well, what about my turn table! The directions said I needed a way to turn trains and I did.

Rivets: Larry, ya turned trains all right -about seventy times and sixty nine of those times were in the air!

Larry: Well, I hadn't yet put some kind of throttle on my grandpa's ol' grinder motor. But I did have a place to park trains.

Rivets: Larry, using engines in boxes to use for a retaining wall isn't parking trains. You need track.

Larry: There was track in those boxes. I was only gonna park 'em there 'til I got time to build the wall. But I did have schematics for every thing.

Rivets: Ya had schematics all right! Larry, does the word "spaghetti" mean anything to ya?

Larry: Well, I did have turnout indicator LEDs on the edge.

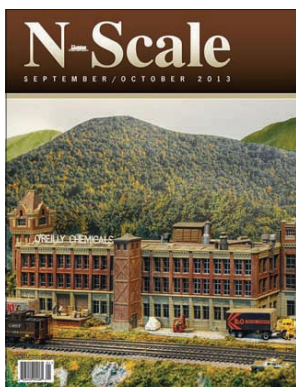
Rivets: Larry, ya shoulda tested 'em before we got there. I don't know what ya did, but when ya added power, LEDs started poppin' and shootin' all over the room. It took Joey hours to work that green LED outta his nose!

Larry: Well, he shouldn't have such a big nose. A baseball could get lost in there! I shoulda at least got a certificate for dispatchin'!

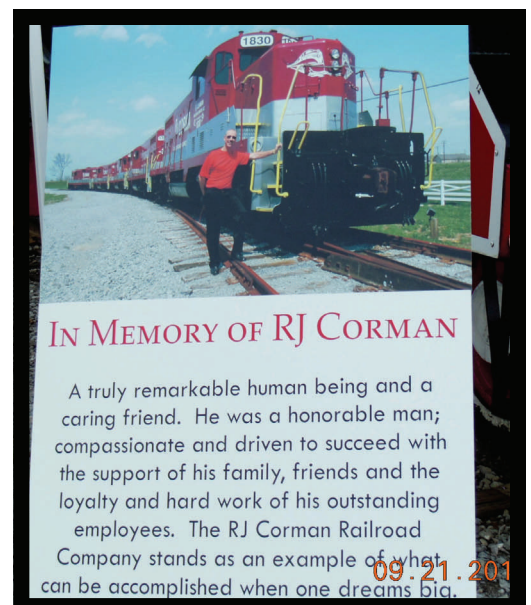
Rivets: I hate to tell ya this, but we had another dispatcher in the other room. And we were listenin' to him. Your head phones just went into the digital system, so ya would think sometin' was goin' on. Larry, yellin' into the head set, "Giver 'er the gun!" or "Full speed ahead!" ain't dispatchin'! That is courtin' disaster! But ya do hold one record, Larry. You're the only guy I know who started out with 120 points in a category and ended up with a negative 87! But don't worry Larry, ya just get back in there and try again. I know ya can do it!

Larry: Really? I feel better already. I have a new idea for turnout machines. I am gonna use the same mechanism that goes into electric car door locks. That ought to hold the points against the rail.

Rivets: Larry, maybe we oughtta have this talk again.



Magazine cover featuring Division 10 member Bob Ferguson's N scale layout. See more information and web links about his article under "A Must Read" on Page 2.



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**OCTOBER 6**

**BRING AND BRAG**

PASSENGER CAR

**MEETING AGENDA**

AP JUDGING—FRANK KOCH

**TOUR**

NONE

**AROUND THE BEND**

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
Oct.	6	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, Watkins Bldg., E. Short Street	AP Judging—Frank Koch	No tour	Passenger Car
Nov.	3	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, Watkins Bldg., E. Short Street	Trip to Orville Boes' in Berea	Orville Boes	
Dec.	1	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, Watkins Bldg., E. Short Street			Caboose
Jan.	5	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, Watkins Bldg., E. Short Street			Non-revenue car
Oct.	19-20	Div. 7	Model Train Show	Lakota West High School, 8940 Union Center Ave, West Chester, OH 11 am to 5 pm.	Layouts	

This coming month, October, we will again have a silent auction and items for sale. We will auction a layout sound system along with a Corman print with frame. We will have N scale cars for sale! We will have HO cars for sale! Come look and buy.

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