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Superintendent's Report

Again it is vacation season. You may be making plans to visit some vacation hot spot or maybe you are like me and plan on a staycation. Stay home and just relax. Either way I hope you have a safe and fun time.

Changes have taken place around us. Most of the time, we hardly notice. Then one day we look up and things have changed, and we ask ourselves, "when did that happened"?

Some changes that I have noticed are in my old friends. Some are now gone, some have grayed more than others and some of us are a little heavier than we used to be. But the biggest changes are in the areas around us. Gone are the businesses that we catered to, such as the 5&10 stores where we bought our first models, the local hobby stores where we purchased our first trains. Gone are the small Mom and Pop restaurants or diners that were a treat to visit on occasions. Most of the family businesses are gone; buildings are being torn down replaced by big box stores or parking lots. On Facebook some of my friends have created an area called "Remember When". It is pictures of some of the places that we remembered when we were young. With all this said, I believe we are losing touch with some of our past. That's why many of us model or copy visions of that time gone by. My layout will represent some of the buildings that I remember growing up and areas that bring back fond memories. Maybe you have areas on your layout that bring back memories or planning to have those memory areas.

In August, our meeting will be at the home of Ray and Renee Grosser. If you haven't seen the Grosser's outdoor railroad, you are missing a true work of art. Last year we all had an awesome time riding the railroad around their property. Don't let the opportunity to visit Ray and Renee's home pass again because you will definitely be missing a wonderful time and great hospitality.

Keep Modeling Fun

—Rick Cobb

Bring and Brag 2013-14 final standings:

Lou Jaquith, 14; Bill Robbins, 12; Bob Belt, 9; Bill Paulsell, 7; Tom Bensberg, Rick Cobb, Bob Ferguson, Don Burris, and Ed Butcher, 2; and Bruce DeMaeyer with 1 point. Congratulations to Lou for sharing his fine entries.

Convention Report

Work continues on our convention next May. Monthly meetings are held on the Tuesday evening following our Sunday meeting.

We have visited conventions and meetings and publicized our convention in Toledo, Memphis, Marion, Ohio and soon at the National Convention in Cleveland. We have received a lot of interest in coming to our convention.

We are in the final stages of developing the convention budget with each committee head identifying cost elements related to his/her responsibility.

The registration program is in the final stages of programming .

All of the extra cost tours have been identified and confirmed and transportation costs are expected shortly. The tours were a subject of the July planning meeting. Also discussed was the NMRA Insurance Policy and the Hotel Food and Beverage Plan.

For those of you who are not yet involved with the convention, please consider signing up as a helper for the convention. Contact me at 859 879-0507. We need your help.

—Bruce DeMaeyer

Pete Birdsong on the June Cannonball *Lantern* issue

"My humblest thanks to all the comments in the "Cannonball". Actually I had no connection to the Wabash, I just liked the name, but Fred Plymale made a better choice with "The Lantern". My grandfather engineered for the Illinois Central." Thank you Pete, for your time and contributions for Division 10.

Election of Officers: See the message at bottom of page 4.

The **NMRA website** has been completely re-designed and re-written. This new site is usable on computers, tablets and smartphones, with new graphics design, improved site navigation, and new services. www.nmra.org

NMRA National Convention: The convention and train show ended the weekend of July 19th. Unofficial reports are that attendance was up from the previous two years. Next



month's *Lantern* will have an article from Bill Paulsell on the activities for the week in Cleveland. Division 10 had information at the convention about our 2015 MCR convention in Lexington. The above photo is of a NS 65 car train running at the show.



For the NMRA MC Region officers link to www.midcentral-region-nmra.org/bod2.html

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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.**

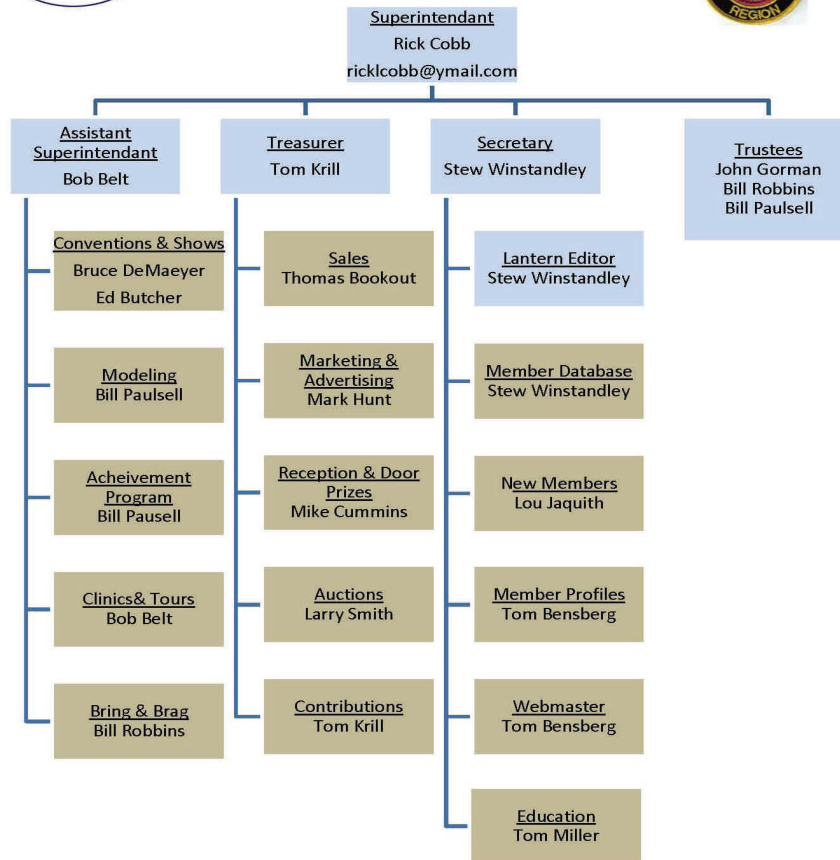
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Report materials or time to Stew Winstandley. To the right of each contributing member's name is the month of his or her latest contribution. Whenever one makes a contribution of money, material, or time, his or her date will be updated, and for new contributors, their name will be added. Anyone not making a contribution within 12 months will be dropped.

Henry Sneed	6/2014
Bill Robbins	5/2014
Orville Boes	4/2014
Ron Kercheval	4/2014
Paul Evans	3/2014
Ray & Renae Grosser	2/2014
Franklin Miller	12/13
Dennis Peevy	10/13
Raymond Cox	"
Don Burris	"
Bruce DeMaeyer	"
Larry Smith	"
Lou Jaquith	"
Alan Bourne	9/2013
John Seybold	"
Tom Krill	"
David Batten	6/2013
John Bowling	"

Organizational Chart

Division 10
Mid-Central Region
National Model Railroad Association
www.div10-mcr-nmra.org



EduTRAIN is a new initiative for the NMRA MCR. It has been developed by Bob Blake, Michiana Division, MWR. According to Bob, the program will 1. Develop a complete curriculum of clinics covering all aspects of the hobby; 2. Provide introductory to advanced levels clinics available for download and re-use through the new NMRA web site; 3. Package the downloads so that local presenters can deliver them; 4. Provide a review and approval process to ensure consistent content quality. A presentation on the program is available at: <http://www.nmra.org/education/edutrain/Introducing%20NMRA%20EduTRAIN.pdf> —Tom Miller

Division 10 Treasurer's Report:

Balance May 1, 2014—\$3801.25; Expenses: Lantern \$40.18, Guest Speaker \$50.00 Deposits: Sales and Contributions \$251.50 Balance June 30, 2014—\$3962.57

Give or send your contribution to: Tom Krill, 3624 Windfair Ln. Lexington, KY 40515

Assistant Superintendent ramblings:

The August 3 Sunday meeting will be the visit to Ray and Renee Grosser's in Eubank, Ky. No regular program is scheduled.

At the September 7, 2014 regular Sunday meeting, we will be hosting Dick Briggs, MMR and Howard Smith, MMR for a contest Judge Training Clinic. This will be a unique opportunity for our members to be introduced to one of the more important elements of membership in the NMRA.

The NMRA Contests have been held for many years at National and Regional Conventions as well as many Divisional Meetings. The Model Contest is typically considered the prime event at conventions.

Mr. Briggs and Mr. Smith will be sharing with us the intricacies of judging these contests. The judging of the Model Contest is conducted by teams of experienced judges using a point scoring system providing a grade between zero and 125 pts. Five factors are judged including construction, conformity, detail, appearance and scratchbuilt. The final point score is the basis for award ranking.

Additionally, attaining a point score of 87.5 pts. (70%) entitles the entrant to a Merit Award which counts towards Master Builder Awards in the NMRA Achievement Program.

For the October 5 program, we want everyone to bring one of their best models so we can do a trial judging by our members

trained in September – supervised by our own AP committee. This will be both a chance for you to bring your contest model to be informally judged and an excellent opportunity for you to hear how (and why) the judges would score your model. You will be able to use their analysis **to better improve your model** bringing it to the highest standards possible.

Members should go to:

<http://www.nmra.org/convention/contests/modelcontest.html>

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

http://www.nmra.org/convention/contests/Forms/NMRA_Contest_Entry_Form.pdf

for information that will help them prepare for the October program and Convention contest.

Bill Paulsell is our Contest Committee Head for the convention and has agreed to provide you with guidance for your model building including the completion of the necessary forms to submit with the entry.

We want to help Div. 10 members win contest awards at our Thoroughbred Limited 2015 Convention next year.

— Bob Belt

August Tour News from Renee and Ray Grosser:

We have some Shinohara switches on steroids for our new engine house and car barn. The 3 way switch works with a pair of trucks, we will have to see if the #4 frogs are too sharp for long cars but I think they will run in fine.

The only one that might need to go into the center stall will be the combination baggage/coach that we are getting from Mountain Car Co in the near future.

The #8 that heads to the new barn is of course done with a #8 cast aluminum frog, much easier to build for sure.



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NEWSLETTER FOR NMRA MCR DIVISION 10

210 BRANNON RD.
NICHOLASVILLE, KY 40356-9711
WWW.DIV10-MCR-NMRA.ORG



AUG 3, 2:00

BRING AND BRAG

NONE

MEETING AGENDA

AT RENEE AND RAY GROSSER'S

TOUR

1145 LINN RD.,
EUBANK, KY. 42567

CARPOOL FROM THE BRANNON
CROSSING HOBBY LOBBY LOT AT
12:30

AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
Aug.	3	Div. 10	1145 Linn Rd, Eubank, Ky. 42567	Tour at Ray & Renee Grosser's, see photos on page 3, spouses welcome	7.5" gauge and O scale layouts	None, Sept. begins a new B&B
Sept.	7	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, Watkins Bldg., E. Short Street	Contest Judge Training—Dick Briggs MMR & Howard Smith MMR	Pat Gerstle's Sn3	Public Service Building, e.g, City Hall, Library
Oct.	5	Div.10	Central Christian Church, Watkins Bldg., E. Short Street	Bob Lawson		See Bob Belt's article on page 3
Oct.	11-12	Div. 7	8940 Union Center Blvd., West Chester Township, Ohio	Cincinnati Model Railroad Show	Lakota West High School	
Nov.	2	Div. 10				Passenger train, engine and four cars

Division 10's Constitution and By-laws requires that a list of officer nominees be in the August *Lantern* of each even year. Due to our convention next May, our Superintendent will take a vote of Division 10 members at the August 3rd meeting to delay only the 2014 officer's election by eight months, so that the new officers will take office in June 2015. A two-thirds approval by the members present at that meeting is necessary to temporarily alter the By-laws Article V-Elections.