



# THE LANTERN



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## Superintendent's Report

With summer winding down our attention returns to last minute trips or projects. One of Division 10's trips will be the annual jaunt to Cass, W.Va. This trip in the past has always been fun and interesting. Cass Railroad is going through some major changes and this could be the last time for the trip as we know it.

Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup>, we made the annual trip to Ray and Renee Grosser for a fun day. The division was well represented for this outing. The menu included hamburgers and hotdogs from the grill and all the trimmings. Desserts were homemade cakes. YUM! Everyone enjoyed the ride on the railroad around the Grosser's property. Renee said they are planning additional track in the future but Ray said their next project is to add signaling. We'll see the results next year. We were also entertained with music by our hosts. The singing duo sang several numbers including some of my favorites. I found out they have much more talent than just trains. I would like to personally thank Ray and Renee for a wonderful day of fun and fellowship. (photos on page 3)

Our convention continues to make progress. Bruce DeMaeyer and the committee chair members have stepped up and delivered on keeping the convention on track. Big shout out to chairs Tom Bensburg, Bob Belt, Ed Butcher, Thomas Bookout, Lou Jaquith, Bill Paulsell and Larry Smith. Larry, the convention car looks great. Our next meeting will be September 9th.

Our next Meeting is scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup> at the Church. Our guest speakers will be two MMRs, **Dick Briggs and Howard Smith**. There will be no Bring and Brag or tour. Looking forward to seeing you there. Bring and Brag will return in October.

*Keeping Modeling Fun*

— Rick Cobb

## Division 10 By-Laws changes

At the last meeting, members in attendance where asked to vote on a change to our By-Laws. Article VIII section 2 of the Constitution states that "the By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of members present at a regular meeting". The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of the following change to Article V—Elections Section 1, to delay the 2014 officers' election by eight months, only for the next election. This means the Nominating Committee shall publish their list of nominees for elected office in the May, 2015 issue of *The Lantern*.

## Convention Report

The convention was held July 14-21 in Cleveland, Ohio. It was a very well run convention in a facility that had a large wide window at the end of the clinic hall where we could watch NS trains and a local trolley system. One day NS parked there a loco with our convention logo on it.

There was an abundance of clinics to attend. Among the many I attended were presentations on operation (3), signaling (2), scratch building, layout design, kitbashing, and streetscapes, among others. The best clinic without question was Sam Swanson's on scratch building a small switcher and painting figures. It was excellent. The next best was presented by a young man I would estimate was about 14 or 15 on how to set up a website for your layout at no cost. He also did a superior job. Tony Koester presented two clinics. One was an update on his new layout; the other was on building multilevel layouts. Both were very good. There was also a good one on using your digital camera to make backgrounds, signs, structure interiors and other items for a layout.

The contest room had some truly amazing models. Modeling at a national convention is taken to a whole new level. Bob Lawson had a fantastic diorama from his layout.

I did not take any of the layout or prototype tours because I learn more in the clinics, but I heard about good ones.

The show was also very good. I saw dealers that we do not normally see at shows around here, some very specialized. Manufacturers also had good displays of new products. As I think about what model railroading was like when I was a kid in the late 40's and early 50's, I realize how the hobby has made tremendous progress. There were many layouts at the show, some of them really huge.

In case you might be worried about what your spouse might do while you are at the convention, let me tell you that Sally was very busy the whole time: the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the Cleveland Art Museum, the President Garfield Memorial, a backstage tour of Cleveland's many theatres, a women's luncheon and presentation on



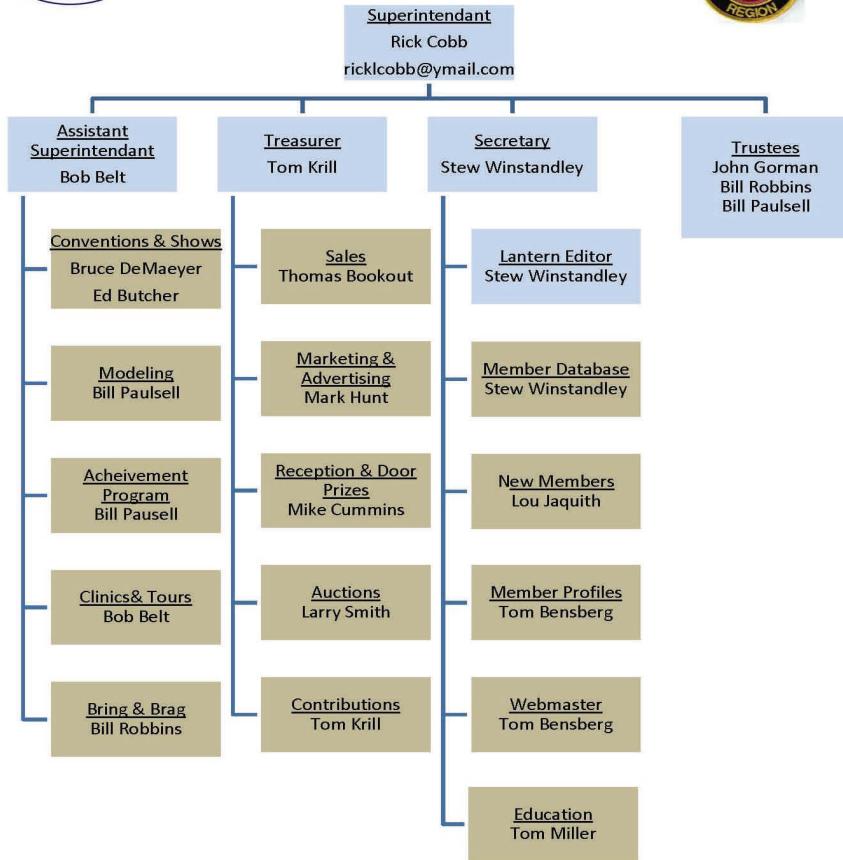
For the NMRA MC Region officers link to  
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### Organizational Chart

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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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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.

David Battin	7/2014
John Bowling	"
Ed Butcher	"
Henry Sneed	6/2014
Bill Robbins	5/2014
Chester Myers	"
Rick Cobb	"
Randy Coffman	"
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	"

**Convention** from page 1: gardening, the Cleveland library, a visit to the Federal Reserve in Cleveland and an afternoon trolley tour of Cleveland. Monday night we went on a nice dinner cruise sponsored by the NMRA.

It was a great week. I hope many of you get to attend one. The next one is in Portland, Oregon.

— Bill Paulsell

### Division 10 Treasurer's Report:

Corrected Balance July 1, 2014—\$3883.07; Expenses: Convention Banner \$299.50, Transfer to Convention Account \$1000.00; Deposits: Contributions \$50.00; Balance July 31, 2014—\$2633.57

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



From our meeting at the Grosser's, top left and then clockwise, Hudson Valley being loaded into van from the transfer table, CN&W SW, the Grosser's Soo Line F7, and Heavenly Hilltop's steam. It was a great day for riding 7.5 inch gauge trains.

## Assistant Superintendent ramblings:

For our September 7, 2014 regular Sunday meeting, we will host Dick Briggs, MMR and Howard Smith, MMR for a contest Judge Training Clinic – one of their specialties. This should be a real opportunity to learn the inside of the NMRA judging and, by the way, get the formal training out of the way for those of us who have interest in that area and the associated Achievement Program Merit Award requirements. This session will take 1 ½ to 2 hours including some trial judging. The plan is to break up the trainees into groups of 3 and run trial judging on some contest models. As a result of the long meeting there will be no tour or Bring and Brag.

The October clinic may be Bob Lawson's 'Hills to Mountains' that he is presenting at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Narrow Gauge Convention in Kansas City in September.

The Pat Gerstle's Sn3 tour has been moved to October. This is one I'm really looking forward to – I've heard great things about it.

November's clinic will feature our own Randy Coffman and a 'how to' on manufacturing and use of the Right Clamp that Randy produces at his home and sells nationally.

November's tour is at Bill Crace's Hi-Rail here in Lexington. The Division was there a couple years ago and Bill Robbins gave me the lead to contact him. He's looking forward to seeing all of us again.

I'm still working on setting up this December's and the 1Q2015 tours – more to follow as they firm up.

Got a couple clinics set for 1Q2015 – details are coming. Tentatively, the January clinic will be the trial contest judging – this is the one to prepare for the Convention contest. This will give everyone the opportunity to improve their best models with critiques from the September judge training session - and will give everyone time to better prepare to WIN at the our Regional Convention.

— Bob Belt

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*SEPT 7, 1:30*

*BRING AND BRAG*

*NONE*

**MEETING AGENDA**

CONTEST JUDGE TRAINING—  
DICK BRIGGS & HOWARD SMITH

*TOUR*

*NONE*

**AROUND THE BEND**

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
Sept.	7	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, Watkins Bldg., E. Short Street	Contest Judge Training—Dick Briggs MMR & Howard Smith MMR	None	See Bob Belt's article on page 3
Oct.	5	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, Watkins Bldg., E. Short Street	Clinic from Narrow Gauge National Convention	Pat Gerstle's Sn3	Public Service Building, e.g., City Hall, Library
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	Central Christian Church, Watkins Bldg., E. Short Street	Randy Coffman—Clamps	Bill Crace	Passenger train—engine and four cars
Dec.	7	Div. 10	Central Christian Church, Watkins Bldg., E. Short Street		George Campbell	MOW train—engine and four cars

113 models -- a new record -- were entered in the judged modeling contest at the 2014 Cleveland Convention. In total, 460 models appeared in the contest room, beating the Milwaukee Convention's previous record of 359.

Our convention website address is : <http://thoroughbredlimited2015.yolasite.com/> Next planning meeting is September 9th.