



# THE LANTERN



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## Superintendent's Report

Here's a quick rehash of the February meeting at Tates Creek Branch – if you missed it. **Bob Ferguson's** 'Layout Filming Project' clinic was nothing short of fantastic. That one definitely set a new benchmark, not only for ideas but also for presentation. Since the meeting, Bob has put up his video on YouTube [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vHR-DrUwjuU&feature=youtu.be>]. See bottom, page 3

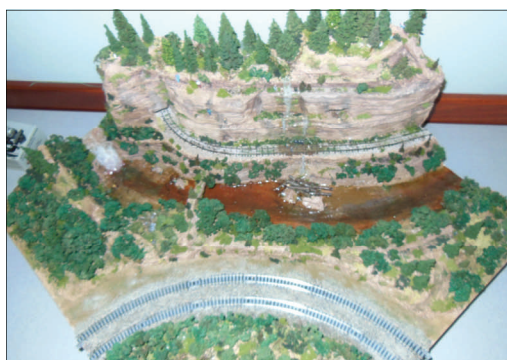
We also had a guest, **Jackie Gallimore**, the Children's Education Coordinator from the UK Arboretum, who gave us a run down on this year's upgrade plans for the G-scale railroad in the Children's Garden. **Bruce DeMaeyer** did a short summary of the Louisville Great Train Show T-Trak operating display that incorporated most of our Division's modules. (Side comment – our builder's skills got a lot of



favorable comments from attendee's families.) **Micheal Rehorn** and **Stew Winstandley**

each brought steam engines for Bring & Brag, and I demonstrated a whistle for the Arboretum. **Brian Jones** brought his T-Trak module that models a piece of the Red River Gorge.

OK, so what's the theme for



this month? It seems like the ground swell of T-Trak is making significant inroads in the national media and our Division activities are right up there in timing. If model railroading is FUN, this really seems to be catching on. Yeah, it is a thinly disguised marketing scheme by KATO for their Unitrak, but you have to admit that whoever there came up with this business model more than 10 years ago really got a hit – almost viral in the latest vernacular. And more importantly, the appeal to all ages, particularly the younger ones, is very important for our hobby. Talk about a recruiting tool! The interest (and participation) shown by the range of kids though young adults is nothing short of remarkable.

Dr. Jerry Rose from the UK Civil Engineering Department has invited us to show the Division's T-Trak at their 'E-Day', March 24th. **Bruce DeMaeyer** has the lead and is planning a couple of kiosks in addition to our module layout. One kiosk will be for a programming track and computer to demo DCC programming using JMRI Decoder Pro. The second will be for a smartphone with a Digitrax Wi-Throttle to let prospective students run a train. We'll keep you posted and report on this at the March meeting.

Now to switch topics and hit on another favorite bugaboo of mine – kits to be done. What brought that on was a cleaning and re-arranging of boxes in the work room. Not only were there un-opened boxes of structures but also several (read many) of rolling stock. These are nearly the infamous 'To Be' buildings except the results will eventually be much more presentable. The list goes on and on. One stack looks like a Walther's catalog of structure kits and another looks like a rat's nest of miscellaneous cars. One of these days..... And there are too many half and quarter done projects in the





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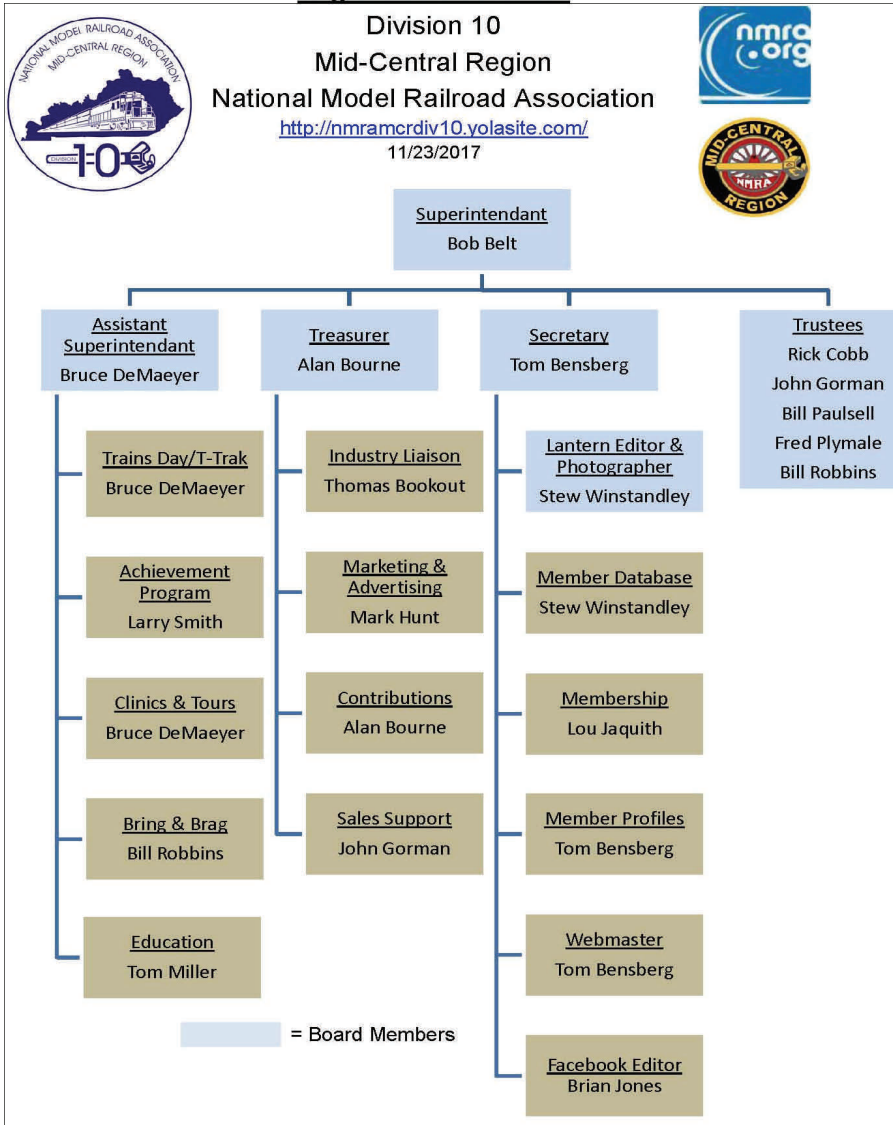
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Left: Larry Smith, right, presenting an AP award to our Superintendent Bob Belt, at the February meeting.

continued from page 1... middle of the workbench. I don't know about you, but I've got this thing about trying out a new idea – to the detriment of all the other unfinished projects. It seems like there is almost no time for 'working on the railroad'. Ahhhh – woe is me.

On the other hand, the guys came up with some great improvement ideas during the last operation session. I never fail to appreciate the information that is shared. By the way, the operators managed to get through one short of the full 19 train schedule in 2 ½ hours for the first time! And we're running a 3x fast clock. I really attribute this to the skill of the operators more than my challenge of switching puzzles. FYI, we had five operators — thanks guys!

Oh – before I forget it – the March meeting will be at Beaumont Branch with Mark Underwood's clinic on 'Smart Phone Throttles'. B&B will be cabooses. Bring yours and brag. Hope to see you there.

— Bob Belt

## Division 10 T-Trak Update

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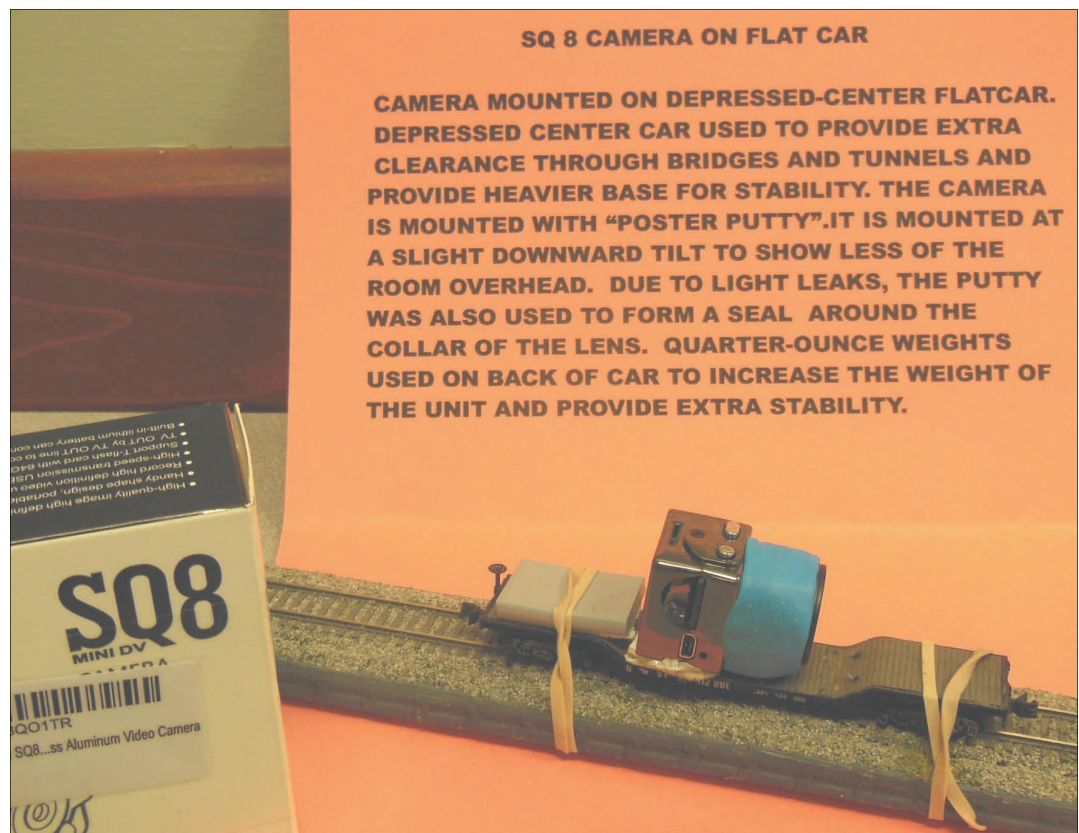
On the above website page you will find a listing of Division 10 T-Trak members, and a listing of events in which Division 10 T-Trak modules will participate.

Editor's comment: In the last few issues of this newsletter, you've been shown photos of our member's T-Trak modules. On March 24th we're invited to set up a T-Trak layout for the UK Engineering Day. The layout of our member's modules will be in basement room 054 of the Raymond (Civil) Building between 9 am and 1 pm.

T-Trak is N scale, but in addition to our N scale modelers, we have HO and O scale modelers that have worked on T-Trak modules. It reminds me of developing the scenery for a diorama with some standards to follow. In my case I have no room at home for a layout, so working on T-Trak modules allows me to have fun with railroad modeling, and then being able to integrate these into an operating layout.

Think about getting involved. We'll provide lots of help!

The photograph to the right shows the flat car that Bob Ferguson used to record the video he showed us at the February meeting. He ran many trial runs solving problems and improving the trip around his **Gauley and Shavers Fork** N scale layout. The link to the video is on page 1. His version of the mini-camera is a SQ8, today the latest model is a SQ12. The camera has a rechargeable battery and videos are recorded on a microSD card.



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BEAUMONT BRANCH LIBRARY

**BRING AND BRAG**

CABOOSES/CABIN CARS

**MEETING AGENDA**

SMART PHONE THROTTLES,  
MARK UNDERWOOD

**TOUR**

BOB BELT'S TOUR ON MARCH  
31ST, 2-4 PM

**AROUND THE BEND**

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
March	4	Div. 10	Beaumont Library	Smart Phone Throttles, Mark Underwood	Tour at Bob Belt's, Saturday, Mar. 31	Cabooses / Cabin cars
March	10	Div. 7	5050 Tylersville Rd, West Chester, Ohio	Flea Market / Train Show 10-3	LAYOUTS	
March	24	Div. 8	4615 Fegenbush Ln, Louisville	Swap Meet / Train Show	LAYOUTS	
April	7	KRM	St. Catherine Academy, New Haven, Ky.	Train Show & Sale, 9—2	N scale T-Trak layout	Div. 10 T-Trak modules will be included in the layout
April	8	Div. 10	Tates Creek Library	Foam Board & Model Builder Software, Bob Belt	W. Va. Ops @ Weinheimer's, Apr. 21	Non-traditional Structures

Message from Bill Robbins: "I would like to buy your unneeded HO train stuff; locomotives, cars, structures, etc." My phone number is 859-230-7342 or email me at 1bear1lion@gmail.com.