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The Superintendent's Report

The Mid-Central Region Board of Directors meeting was in October. The minutes are available on the region web site, www.midcentral-region-nmra.org. I'll mention a few highlights:

- The region is solvent and cash flow is positive.
- The by-laws regarding term limits were amended to bring them in line with national.
- The clinician database is growing; this lists fellow modelers and the clinics they give.
- Our fellow divisions are healthy.
- The Mid-Central Region convention this spring looks to be a great event, so don't forget to register and make travel plans. I hope to see you in Ohio.

Where has **Eric Zabilka** been all this time? His clinic on scratchbuilding 'epiphanies' at our November meeting was one of the best I've seen. Eric, thanks for the clinic, and we hope you'll consider joining the NMRA and sharing more of your work with us. Thanks also to **Wendell Greer** for opening up his layout for the November tour. Wendell, I'm sure it was as great as always, and I regret I couldn't be there this time.

Next month we'll have the third in our trilogy of clinics on various aspects of scratchbuilding, this one on techniques, by **Renee Grosser**, whose work and clinics are familiar to many of us, and well respected. We're looking forward to seeing you again, Renee, and to the tour of **Joe Holbrook's** Lionel and HO scale layouts. It seems like a long time since we've been there, Joe, and we're looking forward to it. You're always a gracious host.

Don't forget to bring a boxcar early for December's Bring & Brag, which will start at 1:30 and end at 2:00.

Brian Jones' auctions got off to a good start in November, with two items sold at great bargains, and the proceeds going to Division 10. There will be another one this month, so come at **1:30** prepared to bid before 2:00. Also, be sure to look around in your basement for items you aren't using that you can donate to the auction. Thanks to Brian for agreeing to conduct the auction program.

Thanks also to **Tom Krill** for his improvements to the reception and door prize activity, and to **Tom Bensberg** for his super ef-

fort on setting up the Member Profiles on the web site. Great work both of you! Now its up to you members to get on line at the web site, download the member profile form, fill it out, and get it back to Tom for loading.

Congratulations to NEW MEMBER **Rick Cobb** of Frankfort; RENEWALS **Shawn Harley** of Jackson, **Ron Kercheval**, **Bill Paulsell** and **Frank Randall**, all of Lexington, and **John Seybold**, of Frankfort.

Railroad Pete



Larry Smith, right, receives his Certificates of Achievement from Pete Birdsong at the November meeting.

Silent Auction on December 5th

This month's Silent Auction features LPG Tank Cars. (5) HO scale Athearn RTR LPG Tank Cars (MSRP \$34.98 ea). And (6) N scale Athearn RTR LPG Tank Cars (MSRP \$22.98 ea).

These are very nice looking models and are new in the box, donated by Pete Birdsong, MMR.

Also donated by Pete is a new in the box HO scale Miniaturics Waving Flag kit (MSRP \$59.95), which may also be suitable for S scale.

Bill Hammer, MMR, has donated several items for auction, including for this month, a Harbor Freight miniature cutoff saw. Bill has requested a \$20 reserve for this item. At least one other of Bill's donated items will be included in the auction.

MSRP is listed only as a guide to the value of the item.

The Silent Auction will be setup prior to the 2 PM meetings at 1:30 PM, and bidding will conclude at 2PM. Multiple items may be bid on singularly or as a group.

IF YOU HAVE ITEMS THAT ARE UNWANTED, UNNEEDED, UNLOVED, OR STUFF (RAILROAD RELATED ONLY, PLEASE), THAT YOU JUST WANT OUT OF THE HOUSE, CONTACT BRIAN JONES (BCJ1947@WINDSTREAM.NET).



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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.**

To be listed here your contribution needs to be at least \$20 in cash or material valued at \$50 or a total of 20 hours time within the last year. Division 10 receives NO monetary support from the NMRA or the Mid Central Region. Division 10 is recognized by the US government as a 501c3 corporation and your cash or material donations may be tax deductible.

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 date 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.

Lou Jaquith	10/10
Alan Bourne	9/2010
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Orville Boes	1/2010
Irv Frary	12/09
Franklin Miller	"
Bill Paulsell	"
Tom Krill	11/09
Ron Kercheval	"
Larry Smith	10/09

Treasurer's Report

Balance, Oct. 1, 2010	\$2655.94
Contributions	180.00
Expenses—Lantern	-53.16
Expenses—Honorarium	-75.00
Balance, Oct. 31, 2010	\$2693.40

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WITLESS AND CLUELESS BY MIKE AMRSTRONG

Larry: Hey, Rivets, guess what I been doin’.

Rivets: It worries me when ya ask questions like that! What have you been doin’?

Larry: I’ve been fillin’ out a survey for my new magazine: *Mainline Model Railroading Persons*.

Rivets: I never heard of it.

Larry: It’s brand new. And after the first issue, they asked readers to fill out a survey.

Rivets: Good magazine?

Larry: Not bad! They asked me to rate the article about bolster pins.

Rivets: Who would write an article about bolster pins?!

Larry: I told ‘em it was a really helpful article.

Rivets: What did it say?

Larry: I don’t know. I didn’t read it.

Rivets: How can you evaluate an article you didn’t read?

Larry: The paper was really shiny and nice, the print looked pretty clear and there were a couple of pictures. So I figured it had to be good.

Rivets: That is not helpful if they don’t get accurate feedback, Larry.

Larry: Sure it is. If they think they’re helpful, maybe they’ll keep usin’ that shiny paper.

Rivets: Did you give ‘em any other useless information?

Larry: It’s not useless, Rivets. They asked about the proportion of advertisements to articles and told ‘em I really liked the advertisements, because we don’t have a hobby shop near by.

Rivets: What are you talkin’ about? We have a great hobby shop just across the river. Why would you tell people we don’t?!

Larry: But I wanted the magazine people think they were doin’ the right thing and they could show this to the manufacturers and more manufacturers would sign up to advertise. Besides, I never read the advertisements any way. We got a perfectly good hobby shop.

Rivets: Larry, I...

Larry: Now just a minute Rivets. We need to do the things that keep magazines on the market. The more there are, the more the competition and prices will soon drop. Gas has dropped a nickel already.

Rivets: And you think you had something to do with that?

Larry: Yeah. I like to think so.

Rivets: Larry, I can’t keep up with yer thinkin’.

Larry: I don’t think, Rivets. I....

Rivets: Boy, that’s the truth!

Bring and Brag by Larry K. Smith

The Bring and Brag topic for November was your favorite locomotive and we had five members who brought their favorites to share. Tom Krill presented a nicely detailed Hualtusco steam locomotive and Franklin Miller also brought a steam engine, a 2-10-2 Texan style for the UP lines. Bill Robbins brought a UP engine but it was a diesel, a doodlebug along with a matching coach car with passengers. A FP-7 diesel painted in green and lettered for the Paducah and Louisville was entered by Lou Jaquith. I brought a pair of GP40 diesels that I painted and decaled for the Family Lines since I liked that scheme.

After the scoring sheets were collected and the averages for the three categories of (1) Construction, (2) Detailing, and (3) Finish & Lettering were computed and summed, the results were as follows; Tom Krill 23.6, Franklin Miller 23.1, Bill Robbins 20.7, Lou Jaquith 26.6, and Larry Smith 22.6. Thanks to all those members who were kind enough to bring in a model for November. The December meeting’s topic for Bring and Brag will be a **boxcar**. It is just a plain and simple boxcar. I choose that because I thought, EVERYONE has a boxcar they could bring. We will see. Let’s bring those boxcars in! Remember the new time for Bring and Brag, is 1:30 PM, a half an hour before the meeting. Link to www.div10-mcr-nmra.org/bring-brag-rules.php and download the Information Sheet PDF. Print it, fill it out and bring it with your boxcar. The rules can be read at this website link.

Future topics are on the last page of the *Lantern*. If you have any questions or comments, please contact yours truly, the Bring and Brag chairperson (Larry.kSmith@yahoo.com).

2010-2011 Bring and Brag Standings

Name	Total Points
Lou Jaquith	53.0
Larry K Smith	43.1
Tom Krill	42.0
Pete Birdsong	24.5
Franklin Miller	23.1
Dave Batten	20.7
Bill Robbins	20.7
Ed Butcher	20.4
Don Burriss	16.3

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BRING AND BRAG

1:30, BOXCAR

AUCTION, SEE PAGE 1


NEXT MEETING

2 PM, DEC. 5, E SHORT ST,
RENEE GROSSER,
SCRATCHBUILDING TECHNIQUES

TOUR

JOE HOLBROOK,
702 SEATTLE DR., LEXINGTON
40503

AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
Dec.	5	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Techniques in scratch building, Renee Grosser, 2 PM	Joe Holbrook	Boxcars, 1:30
Jan.	2	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Signaling, Gerry Albers, 2 PM	Fred Plymale	No judging—Your favorite train Christmas present
Jan.	29	Div. 5	Convention Early Registration Deadline, Rails of Ages, Ohio	http://www.railsOfAges.org/convention/early_registration_form.pdf	Apr. 28—May 1	
Feb.	6	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Trees, Painting Figures & Store Windows Connie Stokes & George Campbell	Bob Larger	Structure you had the most fun building
Mar.	6	Div. 10	Watkins Bldg., Central Christian Church	Ground Clutter, Pat Gerstle	No tour	Diorama Judging

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