



# THE LANTERN



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## Superintendent's Report

The same as last month, **all in person meetings are cancelled till further notice**. Also another repeat from last month – we are planning Division 10 Zoom virtual meetings the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday every month – till further notice – regular time – 1:30 PM Sunday. Watch for an ‘all hands’ email from **Stew** – it will have Zoom setup suggestions for 1<sup>st</sup> timers if you haven’t tried it before. Come join in. The September clinic on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> (Labor Day Weekend) will be a ‘Going for the Civil AP’ panel for a ‘how to’ get one by guys who hold that Certificate of Achievement. A highlight will be pictures of real submissions and suggestions to fire you up if you are dragging your feet completing the requirements. We will also try a **Bring & Brag** via Zoom – anyone can show everybody what you’ve been modeling – the COVID-19 diversion. Use your computer, tablet or phone camera and tell us about it. BTW – **Mark Underwood** is working to get as many past clinics on the Division website as possible. Check it out.

**BE SURE TO USE LATEST EMAIL INVITATION** – the zoom link is for a one-time only use.

The Tuesday night Zoom sessions continue – we had a high of 17 signed in on August 11<sup>th</sup>. These start at 7 PM and run for up to 2 hours – just like in person at John’s – except no cookies or donuts. Zoom just has some limitations. Good chance to listen and talk about seas & ships & sealing wax or even train stuff! Please - no politics. Even had a preview of a couple models on the 11<sup>th</sup>. If you’re interested and haven’t gotten an email invite – send me a note at [belbob1@gmail.com](mailto:belbob1@gmail.com). Thirty-two are on current invite list including some new guys. Easy enough to add your name – just let me know. This is one of the ways to keep in touch and everyone is welcome.

Last month I mentioned one of the monthly NMRA electronic publications. The latest **Turntable** just hit the in-basket and there is more great stuff available, including an updated list of the Partnership Program. Check it out! If you’re not getting this email – call or email National. These partners give discounts to NMRA members – lookup the discount codes on the [nmra.org](http://nmra.org) website – members only part.

I just got one of the new Rapido RailCrew decoupling widgets. Turns out the main part – the ‘puck’ is the same as the older model. Only difference is old guy had a jumper & wiring harness and the new guy has a ‘plugin’ terminal strip. Basically the same mounting instructions. Mount under ties with a thin plastic sheet on top (below ties) so you can conceal with ballast. Both versions have a light (LED – blue) at the decoupling location and connector provisions for a panel light. Both use a DPDT momentary toggle to flip (rotate) the internal magnets to engage/disengage. Also each puck has a latching switch inside to keep the light on when energized. The reason I’m interested is to replace the fixed under the rail decoupling magnets. I’ve had a problem with random and unexpected decoupling. Also an issue with short ore cars that are about the same length as the magnets. BTW – checked the widget with a range of other cars including 60+ foot passenger and all work properly – even with pax cars with diaphragms. The magnets in the puck are rare-earth and really strong – supposed to work up to ¼” below rail top – and do close to that with Kadee glad hands. Couple of years ago I did a demo in one of the Tuesday night sessions. The fun part (yeah – right) was drilling the mounting hole for installed rail from underneath and ‘sucking up’ about a foot of rail when I accidentally drilled up too far – through the ties. Now much easier to do the mounting hole from the top.

Stay safe — Bob Belt



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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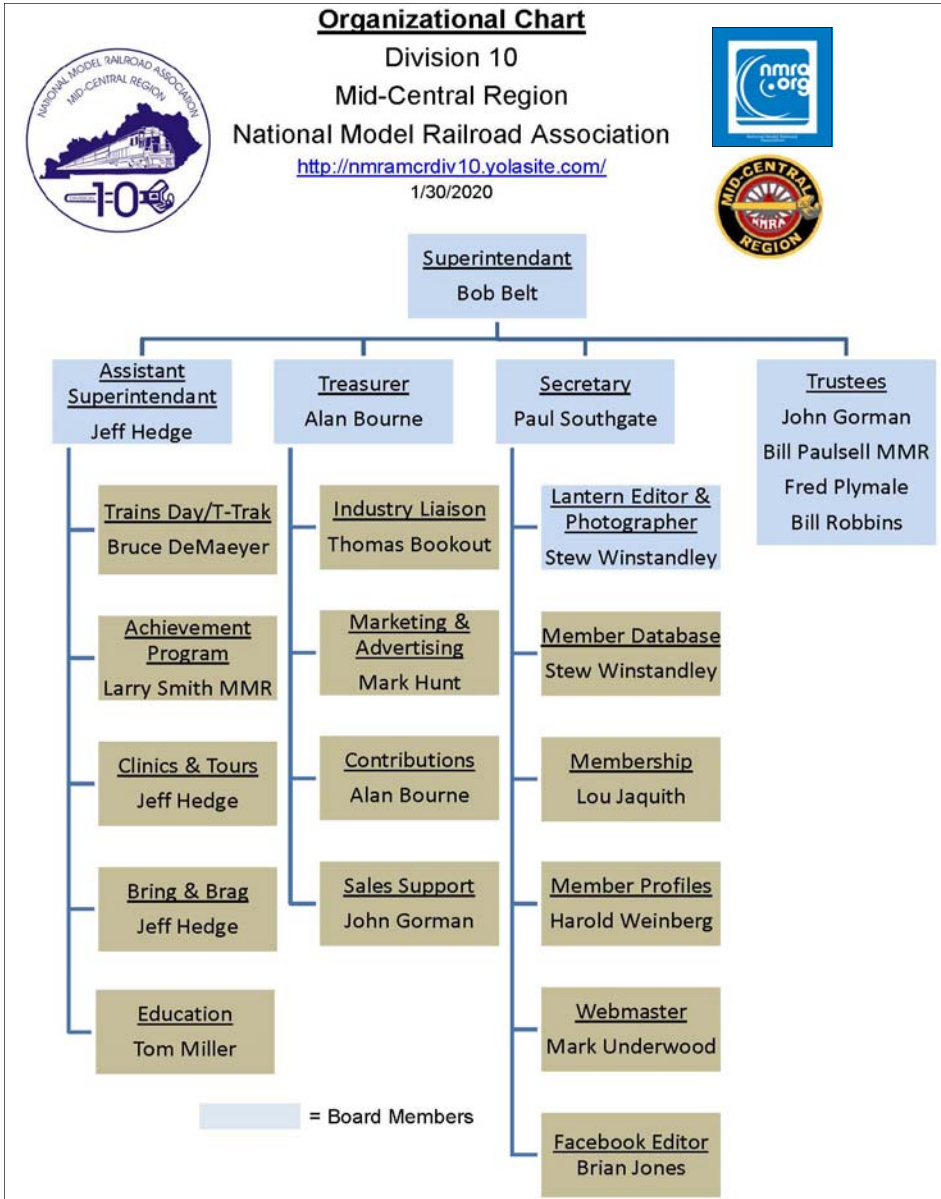
## In Recognition...

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's activities. **Send your monetary contribution to our Treasurer.**

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Report materials or time to Stew Winsteadley. 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 making a contribution will be listed below for 12 months.

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Harold Weinberg	11/19
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Paul Evans	10/19
Lou Jaquith	"
Tom Krill	"
Mark Hunt— paper and copying of printed materials	
Fred Plymale—Slide Projector	
John Gorman—Contributions to T-Trak	
Alan Bourne—Treasurer's materials	



- Division 10 website addresses are: 1) above at top of Org. Chart,  
2) <https://www.facebook.com/NMRA.MCR.Div10/> and  
3) <http://ttrak.wikidot.com/nmra-mcr-division-10-the-kentucky-division>

**Division 10 Treasurer:** Give or send your contribution to Alan Bourne, 438 Queensway Dr., Lexington, KY 40502

**Elections: Page 4 contains a ballot for the 2020 election. When this *Lantern* PDF is open with Adobe Reader, print page 4, cutout the ballot and mail it to Paul Southgate, if you want to vote in the election.**



## Request for Clinicians

The planning committee for the 2021 Mid Central Region Convention, *The Northern Express*, is looking for clinicians. We are looking for a variety of topics from prototype modeling, modeling methods, empire building, electronics, and well, you name it. Submitted clinics will be selected based on subject needs, timeliness, and the number of clinic slots.

The convention is being held at the Ambassador Center in Erie, Pennsylvania from May 20 through 23, 2021. The center will feature three well-lit clinic rooms with tables for clinicians and participants alike. The Ambassador was the site of our successful Mini-Meet last September, giving participants a chance to get a peek at our future convention center.

Douglas Sandmeyer <dsandme@stny.rr.com>

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Here's a link to an installation video about the Rapido RailCrew Decoupler described on page 1:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G7INiWqZuiU>

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NEWSLETTER FOR NMRA MCR DIVISION 10

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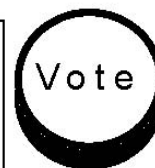
Bylaws are available at <http://www.div10-mcr-nmra.org>

### 2020 Officers Election Ballot

Superintendent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Larry Smith
Assistant Superintendent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Hedge
Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Harold Weinberg
Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul Southgate

Election Committee: Bruce DeMaeyer

Print a copy and mail ballot to:  
Paul Southgate, 105 Waller Ct,  
Nicholasville, KY 40356-9085



Mail by

September 20, 2020

**SEPT. 6, 1:30**

ONLINE ZOOM MEETING

**BRING AND BRAG**

WHAT YOU'VE BEEN MODELING

**MEETING AGENDA**

HOW TO GET YOUR CIVIL AP,  
PANEL DISCUSSION

**TOUR**

NONE

## AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	BRING & BRAG
Sept.	6	Div. 10	Zoom online	Civil AP—a how to panel discussion	None	What you've been modeling, see page 1
Oct.	4	Div. 10	Zoom online	A new layout, Bruce DeMaeyer	Jeff Hedge's layout	Passenger Car photo
Nov.	1	Div. 10	Zoom online			Diesel/electric Locomotive photo
Dec	6	Div. 10	Zoom online	DCC Installation with Sound, John Gorman		Caboose photo
Jan.	3	Div. 10	Zoom online			Photos

<https://zoom.us/download> - The web browser client for Zoom meetings will download automatically when you start or join your first Zoom meeting. Whether you are doing a Zoom for the first time or have done it before, use the link (web address) that will be emailed to you the middle of the first week of September.