



THE LANTERN



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From the Superintendent

My wife and I went to the regional convention in Pittsburgh. We had a very good time. Always nice to meet new people and talk to those you know, and to participate in all the activities that are offered. I attended some good clinics and browsed the white elephant section (members selling) and also saw what the vendors had to offer. I bought a few things I felt I needed. The T-TRAK layout was a hit and Bruce DeMaeyer will tell you all about it in this newsletter. Bruce has been working long and hard to establish T-TRAK in our region and his work was recognized when he was given the Director's Award from the MCR Region at the banquet. He deserved that award which was voted by the MRC board and the superintendents. In addition, Bruce was voted in by the MRC Board as MCR Secretary starting August 1. He will be taking over for Fred Soward who was recently voted in as the Central Director on the board for NMRA. As I understand it, Bruce intends to run for the secretary position in the next election, so be sure to watch for that. To me, the conventions I attended in the SER and the MCR were always enjoyable and I wish more of our members attended them. Next year the region convention will be held in Cleveland, and followed by Dayton in 2025.

Our board has started Groups.io for all the members of Division 10, and I recently asked all members to please sign up. Just say yes when you receive the invite to join and enjoy the experience. I think it will be a good method for members to communicate with each other and pass on information between members. You can send messages and respond to messages. I plan to use it to send out needed information on division activities and information you should know about. I may not send it out any other way so you need to join to be able to receive the information. The invite is out there, so go and sign up if you have not already.

Our next meeting on Sunday, June 4, will be on Zoom ONLY. There will be no in person in June. It will be our last meeting for awhile since we will not have a regular meeting in July or August. We do have a layout tour

scheduled for Sunday, June 18th at Harold Weinberg's (see page 4), and August 20th at John Bowling's. John's layout is in a separate building behind the house and has limited parking, so please don't block anyone in. If you have never seen John's layout, you will be in for a treat. He has a large beautiful professionally done layout with lots of details, featuring many scenes of Kentucky. Looking carefully, you will see many small detailed scenes which John has recreated in miniature.

The clinic on June 4 will be presented by Michael Hauk, superintendent of Division 12, an "Introduction to Static Grass". Michael does a great job of telling you all about the various types of static grass, the instruments you need, and how best to apply it. Since we will be missing July and probably August, the next meeting will be in September and Dan Banks, superintendent for the Indy area, will present "Water on the layout". It will be helpful for those who want water on the layout in one form or another. Dan said he is even able to reproduce HO scale raindrops on the pavement. The October meeting will be Don Winn and he will discuss Kitbashing and how you can go about doing it. I saw his presentation at a convention in Oklahoma and loved it.

I went to the Bill Robbins layout tour, that our members who attended enjoyed seeing. I was happy to see so many there but also wishing more members would have come.

Take care of yourself this summer. Please plan to attend the June 4 Zoom meeting and work on your model railroading inside when it is too hot to be outside. Also, please perhaps write something for all of us that we can read in *The Lantern*. No matter if your submission is long or short; please share your experiences with the other members. —Larry Smith

T-TRAK at the MCR Convention

Rails to Pittsburgh 2023

May 4-7, 2023

Division 8 and 10 both participated in the Convention Layout that was set up in the Willow Room at the

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Your portal to more fun in model railroading

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

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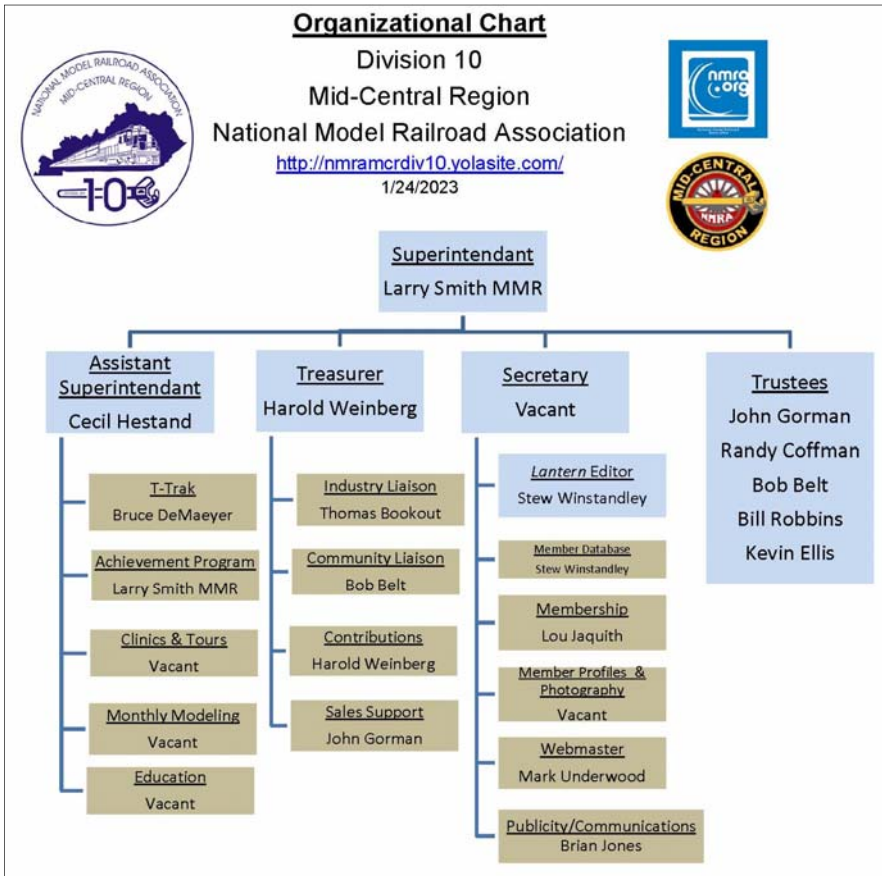
In Recognition...

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

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Randy Coffman	1/2023
Harold Weinberg	1/2023
John Wilshire	6/2022



Below: Kevin Ellis gets his Golden Spike Award from Larry Smith, right. For details link to www.nmra.org/golden-spike-award "The Golden Spike is the easiest, and for many people, the first AP award that they earn."

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- 2) <https://www.facebook.com/NMRA.MCR.Div10/> and
 - 3) <http://ttrak.wikidot.com/nmra-mcr-division-10-the-kentucky-division>
 - 4) YouTube.com search: Division 10 Mid Central Region NMRA, Past Div. 10 clinics are available on YouTube.

Division 10 Treasurer: Give or send your contribution to Harold Weinberg, 8 Lansdown Estates, Lexington, KY 40502-3322.



Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Mars, PA. The layout consisted of 73 modules provided by 40 module builders from 9 of the 12 Divisions (diagram bottom left).

The layout build began at 9am on Thursday morning and was running trains at 11am. We had no electrical problems and only one small mechanical problem which we were easily able to create a work around.

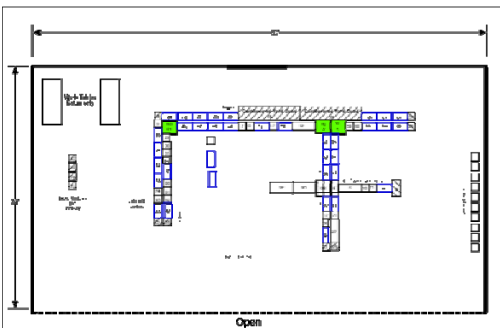
Three module builders requested that their modules be judged, and those modules were judged by eight judges.

Kevin Squires from Division 2 won the Best in Show for his very well-done Freight House Row double module (top photo). Mike DeSensi from Division 2 won First Place with his spectacular Steam-era Engine facility and Roundhouse (middle photo) using two triple modules. Richie Jordan won a second-place ribbon for his Ocean view inside corner (bottom photo).

Division 8 in Louisville had four participating module builders and eight modules. Division 10 had eight participating module builders and eleven modules. Division 8 modules included two doubles by Bruce DeMaeyer, one of which he collaborated with Bob Kuchler, who did some fantastic structure and scenery work. Four doubles and two outside corners were by Joe Martin, and a double module was by Fred Soward.

Division 10 modules included two outside corners modelled by Bob Belt and Stew Winstandley, a single module by Rick Cobb, two double modules by Bob Ferguson, a double module that both Larry Smith and Harold Weinberg collaborated on, another new double that Larry Smith built, a windmill double module that was built by Cecil Hestand, and three double modules built by Frank Stevenson.

Plans are being made for a T-TRAK Layout at the 2024 Convention in Cleveland, to be held on May 16-18, 2024. Keep tuned for



more details. Please give serious consideration to building a T-TRAK module. You will enjoy the effort. It provides you with the opportunity to do some spectacular scenery for display. Written by, and for T-TRAK information contact, Bruce DeMaeyer 847-302-6145. And on the web at <https://nrail.org/T-TRAK-Home>

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Below: Bob Belt, right, receives his Merit Award from Larry Smith for his model at the MCR Convention.



JUNE 4, 1:30

ZOOM ONLY

SHORT PRESENTATION

PANAMA CANAL RR

MEETING AGENDA

STATIC GRASS, MICHAEL HAUK

TOURS

HAROLD WEINBERG, JUNE 18
 1-4, 8 LANSLOWNE ESTATES,
 40502

AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	Short Clinics
June	4	Div. 10	Zoom only	Introduction to Static Grass, Michael Hauk	Harold Weinberg, June 18, 1-4	Panama Canal RR
July & Aug.		Div. 10		No meetings	John Bowling, Danville, Aug. 20, 1-4	
Sept.	3	Div. 10	Zoom and in person	Water on the Layout, Don Banks		Steam Engines Explained, Randy Coffman
Oct.	1	Div. 10				
Nov.	5	Div. 10				

<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 first of June for the meeting.