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From the Superintendent

The holiday season is over and I hope it was enjoyable for you and your family. Meeting with family seems especially nice during the holidays. We enjoyed it, but for us it is a busy time of the year with the holidays, train rides at the museum, meetings, and running trains at Southern Lights. It was fun but I think I am ready for a slower pace and looking forward to working more on my layout. The recent weather was too cold to go outside. I hope you are able to do some work on your layout or accomplish some other model railroading activity. If you have something you would like to share, and I hope you do, please bring it to a meeting.

We have some good presentations coming up at our meetings. The next meeting will be February 4, a Sunday, at 2 PM at Eastside library in the second floor conference room. After an update on the Ky. Steam Heritage, we will have two of our own members present a program on decaling. Stew Winstandley will present on decaling locomotives and cars, and Rich Murphy will present on decaling signs on structures. Stew has done an excellent job of painting and decaling engines, a recent one for the Florida East Coast Railway. This was done soon after the prototype appeared and the decals are not yet available from dealers. On Rich Murphy's layout the structures have quite a few signs on them, which is normal for structures. Rich will show you how to place these signs on your structures that will make them more prototypical and unique to your layout.

On March 3 Andy Belko, who gave us a very good presentation on Track Geometry earlier, will pre-

sent a clinic on "Streetscapes" which will show you now to scenic your city scenes to be more realistic. On April 7, Randy Coffman will show you how a steam engine works. I hope you will see these fine presentations.

Remember we have a layout tour at Tom Bensburg's house on February 18 from 2 to 4 PM. This is a Sunday and his address is 3218 Montavesta Road. Tom has done a lot of work on his N scale layout and it would be worth your time to come out and see what all he has been doing. When there, please notice his staging yard with cameras. It may be weather permitting, but if it is on, come out to see his layout and socialize with other members.

The division also has an Arduino class coming up on February 8 to learn about how to program one. Someone made a suggestion to have such a class and I thought it was a great idea! I think it would be worthwhile to members if we had similar classes on other subjects or topics. I would like to see this happen with other topics but unsure how to proceed. If you have an idea for such a class, or would like to volunteer to lead one, please pass it along (larry.ksmith@yahoo.com)

Do not forget about the trains show by Division 8 in Louisville on March 16. Information on it can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

Everyone take care of yourself. Remember if you have an idea, a lead, or an interest in a possible presentation, please contact me, or Bruce DeMaeyer, or any board member.

— Larry Smith



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

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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's 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 making a contribution will be listed below for 12 months.

Harold Weinberg	10/23
Bill Parker	10/23
Larry Smith	10/23
Lou Jaquith	10/23
Randy Coffman	1/2023

Past Division 10 member **Ray Grosser**, MMR® passed away on Sunday, November 19, 2023 at the age of 83. Years ago, Ray and his wife Renee built and shared their large portable HO scale Soo Line model railroad with thousands of amazed attendees at train shows. Later, they permanently installed and expanded that layout at their home in Eubank, KY. Eventually they replaced that HO layout with an O scale version of the same theme. They next built a ride-on large scale model railroad around their property. Over the years, Ray and Renee graciously hosted many groups and individuals. Their HO and O scale layouts were both featured in *Great Model Railroads* magazine, and photos have been published in the NMRA calendar. Our condolences go to Renee, and to all Ray's friends and family. A funeral service occurred on Friday, December 1. *Above edited text was copied from Division 7's newsletter.*

Organizational Chart

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Website addresses are: 1) above at top of Organization 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 Harold Weinberg, 8 Lansdowne Estates, Lexington, KY 40502-3322.



There will be two detailing discussions during our February 4th meeting. One will be on adding signage to your structures, and one on painting and applying decals to locomotives and rolling stock. Bard.google.com was asked about model signs, the following is part of the reply:

1. Using decals:

- This is the simplest and most widely used method. Decals are pre-printed sheets of thin film with the sign design already applied. Look for model structure signage by searching the web.

2. Printing your own signs:

- If you can't find the right decal or want a more unique sign, you can print your own using a computer and inkjet printer. You will need to find or create a high-resolution image of the sign design, then resize it to the appropriate scale for your model. It can be paper based or as a decal.

3. Hand-painting signs:

- For a more realistic look, you can hand-paint the signs directly onto the model building. This method requires some skill and patience, but it can produce stunning results.

The Highball Graphics website has instructions for applying waterslide decals. The instructions will be presented as part of the railroad equipment discussion.

Decals are available from suppliers, such as microscale.com, for lettering, intermodal, railroad, vehicles, graffiti and weathering.



Left is one of Rich Murphy's structures. Right is a Microscale graffiti set.



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FEBRUARY 4, 2 PM
EASTSIDE BRANCH
LIBRARY, 3000 BLAKE
JAMES DR. AND VIA ZOOM

SHORT
PRESENTATION

KENTUCKY STEAM HERITAGE

MEETING AGENDA

LOCOMOTIVE DETAILING &
SIGNS ON BUILDINGS

TOURS, FEB. 18

TOM BENSBERG, 3218
MONTAVESTA RD. 40502



Harold Weinberg, left below, received his Certificate of Achievement at the January meeting from our Superintendent, Larry Smith.



AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	Short Clinics
Feb.	4	Div. 10	Zoom and in person at Eastside Branch	Two Mini Clinics on Decaling Locomotives and Buildings	Feb. 18, Tom Bensberg, 2-4	KY Steam Heritage Update
March	3	Div. 10	Zoom and in person at Tates Creek Branch	Streetscapes, Andy Blenko		
March	16	Div.8	3938 Poplar Level Rd, Louisville, 40213	Train Show and Sale, 10 to 3, TrainShowFlyer.pdf (div8-mcr-nmra.org)		
April	7	Div. 10	Zoom and in person at Eastside Branch	How a Steam Engine Operates, Randy Coffman		
April	Sat., 20	Div. 10	Anderson County Library, Lawrenceburg	Trains Day at the Library, 11-4	T-Trak, and other Div. 10 layouts	

<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 second of February for the meeting.