



THE LANTERN



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From the Superintendent

The weather is growing warmer. We still have some cold days but more temperate days are ahead. With warmer weather we get out more and it is more pleasant to attend train shows, visit neighbors, friends, and the layouts of fellow members. Speaking of train show, remember the train show in Louisville on March 16. You will see some of your fellow members there at the T-Trak layout for sure. Check details on the last page of the Lantern. The March 9th Flea Market in West Chester, Ohio is also listed there.

Future Meetings

On March 3rd, Andy Blenko will present a clinic on what he refers to as “Streetscapes”. The aim of the clinic will be to show you how to develop a city scene. I have never tried to build a city scene but I have been fascinated and impressed by seeing a train running through tall buildings. All of us should learn something from his clinic. Andy said he was looking to add new material and he was looking forward to meeting with us. March 3rd’s meeting will be at Tates Creek library in the small conference room. On April 7th we will be back at the Eastside library on the second floor, where Randy Coffman will explain to us “How a Steam Engine Works”. Randy presented this subject as a mini clinic earlier but the subject was too big for a mini clinic. If we are lucky, maybe Randy will show some photos he has taken of UP 4014 Big Boy. Some of you may know how a steam engine works. I am looking forward to what Randy has to say.

I just got back from the layout tour at Tom Bensberg’s house. I loved seeing all the members there.

A couple of guys even brought their spouses. Not everyone was in the layout room at the same time. There was a great turnout of over 20 visitors. Lots of people and lots of conversation. Tom has a great layout to show and in addition, he had chocolate cookies and some freebies for members to take home. I picked up a couple of freebies, I hate to pass up a bargain. And I can actually use them! It was a good tour and thanks again to Tom for hosting a layout tour. Speaking of Spring and getting out, I do not have any more layout tours scheduled, and I would really like to have some for the members to visit. Rich Murphy said he would have one, but no date has been set at the moment. Bruce said he would like to host one sometime. If you would like to host a layout tour, please contact me. Please remember that it does not have to be “complete”, we will enjoy seeing it. A tour is enjoyed by your friendly fellow members. And you may also receive some useful comments.

Everyone take care. Remember if you would like to see a presentation on a certain subject, please contact me, Cecil or Bruce. If you would like to submit a short piece to *The Lantern* on model railroading, or any train related subject, please contact Stew. If you would like to present a short or long clinic at the meeting I would love to see it. We need to see what the members of our division are doing.

— Larry Smith

Obituary: Division 10 ex-member Bob Ferguson passed away January 25, 2024. His hobbies included golf, antique automobiles, and model railroading. His creative Gauley & Shavers Fork RR N scale layout was featured in an article in the September/October 2014 issue of *N-scale Magazine*. Search google.com by his railroad’s name.



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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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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

The Board met on February 13, 2024 to review last year's finances and to adopt a 2024 budget. The Division ran a deficit in 2023 and anticipates a surplus in 2024. Please contact the Treasurer if you would like further information, including copies of the 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Budget.



Organizational Chart

Division 10
 Mid-Central Region
 National Model Railroad Association

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A. COMMERCIAL AD RATES 1. Newsletter • \$10/month for business card • \$15/month for 1/8 page or less • \$25/month for 1/4 page • \$45/month for 1/2 page • \$80/month for full page • Multiple separate ads can be aggregated together for the above price structure. . Web site: No commercial ads allowed.

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>

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 Lansdowne Estates, Lexington, KY 40502-3322.

During the February clinic on applying signage to structures, Rich Murphy showed us examples of signage that he printed on tissue paper. The following is from gemini.google.com about printing signs: Printing signage on tissue paper is a fantastic technique for adding realistic details to your structure models! It creates a thin, painted-on appearance that elevates the overall look. Here's a guide to get you started:

Materials: Inkjet printer: Laser printers won't work with tissue paper.

- **Regular printer paper:** Used as a carrier for the tissue paper during printing.
- **Tissue paper:** Use the kind for wrapping gifts. Choose a smooth, opaque variety.
- **Clear tape:** Secures the tissue paper to the regular paper.
- **Thinned white glue:** Apply with a fine brush. Water-to-glue ratio is typically 3:1.
- **Tweezers or hobby knife:** For handling the delicate tissue paper.

Instructions: Print your signage: Design your signs on your computer and print them on regular paper. Make sure you note which side the ink is printed on.

1. **Attach tissue paper:** Cut a piece of tissue paper slightly larger than your printed sign. Use clear tape to carefully adhere the tissue paper over the printed image, ensuring no air bubbles remain.
2. **Print on tissue paper:** Re-insert the paper with the attached tissue into your printer, making sure the printed side faces down and the tissue side faces up. Print again to transfer the ink onto the tissue.
3. **Cut out the sign:** Carefully cut out the printed sign from the tissue paper, leaving a small border around the design.
4. **Apply glue:** Thin your white glue and apply a thin layer to the designated area on your structure model where the sign will be placed.
5. **Attach the sign:** Use tweezers or a hobby knife to gently position the sign onto the glued area. Start from one edge and carefully roll it down, avoiding any adjustments or repositioning.
6. **Let dry:** Allow the glue to dry completely before touching the sign.

With a little patience and practice, you can create stunningly realistic signage for your structure models using tissue paper!

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NEWSLETTER FOR NMRA MCR DIVISION 10

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MARCH 3, 2 PM

TATES CREEK BRANCH,
3628 WALDEN DR. AND
VIA ZOOM

SHORT
PRESENTATION

NONE

MEETING AGENDA

STREETSCAPES, ANDY
BLENKO

TOURS

NONE

Below: Tom Bensberg, seated, and Larry Smith at the February tour of Tom's N scale layout. Trains on Tom's layout can be controlled using smart devices connected via Wifi. Another photo taken at the tour is on the bottom of page 2.



AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	Short Clinics
March	3	Div. 10	Zoom and in person at Tates Creek Branch	Streetscapes, Andy Blenko		
March	9	Div. 7	Lakota West, 5050 Tylersville Rd., West Chester, OH 45069	Spring Flea Market & Trade Show, 10 to 3, \$7 Cash Admission		
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	20 (Sat.)	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 first of March for the meeting.