



# THE LANTERN



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## 2024 Officer Elections

We will hold our Divisional election at the upcoming September Meeting. The candidates' names and bios appear below. Per our bylaws, if after a diligent search all candidates are unopposed, then balloting is unnecessary and the candidates may be elected as a slate by motion to elect by acclamation.

### Cecil Hestand, Jr. - Superintendent

I joined Division 10 right before Covid hit. Except for a couple years I have lived in Lexington since 1968. Before that I moved around every few years as my dad was in the military for 30 years. I have held several positions in previous organizations and have seen good and bad results from their leaders. I am a mechanical engineer by trade in injection molding and tooling. I hope to have a good staff to help run the division. I will rely on everyone to help keep the division going and to improve where possible. Keeping up with 50 members and their wishes will be difficult but I hope the new leadership team can do it. My railroad interests include HO modeling mainly with the grandkids. I have a lot of family members in the area. I will try to go to regional conventions if time and money allows.

### Kevin Ellis - Assistant Superintendent

I have been an active member of Division 10 since before 2020. I first learned of the group after visiting train day at the Bates Creek Library. I have been a member of a couple historical societies in the past (L&N and Southern). I am also an active member of the Bluegrass Railroad Club and serve as a Board Member in our group. My railroad interests include HO modeling leveraging DCC (primarily NCE at home /Digitrax at the clubs). I have a walk-around layout in my basement that is 23 feet long by 6 feet wide, double track circular connection with a very small yard ... width of each section (except the ends) is 1 foot (instead of 2 feet) to provide room to walk around it. The lines I model the most are L&N, Southern, C&O, Frankfort & Cincinnati, Union Pacific, and Norfolk Southern. By trade I am a software engineer with UK HealthCare. I have degrees from Western Kentucky University (BS in Computer Science & Math), University of Louisville (MS in Computer Science), and Bellarmine University (MBA). I enjoy running trains, occasional rail running, dinner train excursions, train shows, and visiting train stores. Outside of trains, I spend the most of my time with my family (Christy my wife and 2 adopted daughters ... Olivia 18 from Poland and Eda 13 from Bulgaria) in various activities (vacations, school, reading, horse riding, soccer, and tennis).

### Tom O'Connor - Secretary

I filled the vacant Secretary role in late 2023 and have been performing those duties since that time. I volunteered for this role

because I wanted to contribute to the Division even though my model railroading skills and goals are very modest. I am an Auburn industrial engineering graduate, a Navy Officer Vietnam combat veteran, and retired information engineer, manager, and consultant. I am now nearing the completion of a master's degree program at the University of Kentucky – Educational Research Methods and Policy Studies. At certain times my studies take precedence over other duties, but I expect this to be manageable as it has been so far.

### Randy Coffman - Treasurer

I have been an active member of Div10 since I first learned of the group shortly after moving here from Northern Illinois in 1998. I have been a treasurer of several previous organizations including other RR clubs and our Neighborhood Association of which I was also President for about 10 years. My railroad interests include HO modeling, layout ops, railroad history and photography. I am a mechanical engineer by trade in commercial laundry and oven fields and like paying attention to details. I like problem solving and helping to improve model railroad operation.



Above photo was taken during the tour at Larry Smith's. Another tour photo is on page 4.

Larry's Superintendent Report this month is on page 3.



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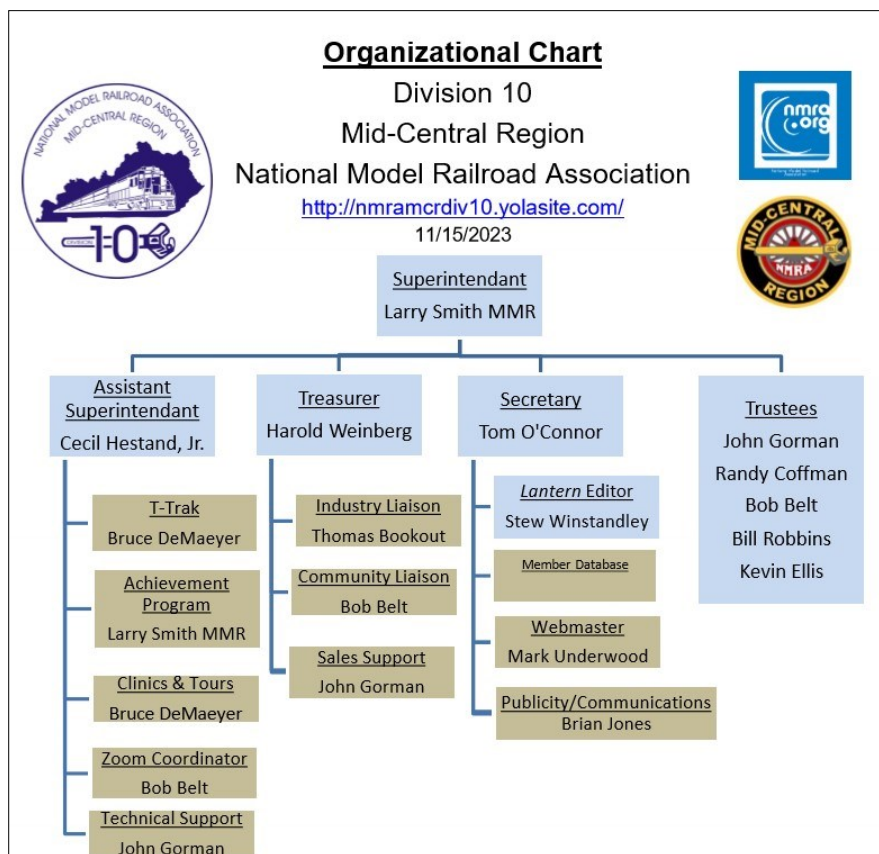
## In Recognition...

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   | 6/2024 |
| Harold Weinberg | 10/23  |
| Bill Parker     | 10/23  |
| Larry Smith     | 10/23  |
| Lou Jaquith     | 10/23  |



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4) YouTube.com search: Division 10 Mid Central Region NMRA, Past Div. 10 clinics are available on YouTube.

Bob Belt, right, receives from Larry Smith, his Wenderfer Award from the MCR convention.



## From the Superintendent

I would like to thank all the persons who visited my layout last month. I was overjoyed that a lot of people, 36 from the sign-in sheet, came and saw my layout. I wish I could have talked to all of them personally, but I was sort of overwhelmed. It was nice they came and I hope they enjoyed themselves. Some of the members of the Bluegrass RR Club came, and I noticed a lot of persons were interacting with each other, which is a good thing. In order to get ready, I did do some work on the layout, especially more scenery. Always seems like a lot needs to be done and little time to do it, but I enjoyed it. Layout tours are a good way to get out and find out about what other people do on their layouts, and to interact with your fellow members. I hope you will offer to host a layout tour in the following months, and if you are thinking about it, please contact Cecil or me.

An event to be aware of is being hosted by the Bluegrass RR Club on August 3 and 4, a Saturday and Sunday. This train show will be held at the Shriners Temple at 326 Southland Drive in Lexington and the times are 10 AM to 5 PM both days. The Bluegrass RR Club will be displaying various layouts; G, Lionel, HO, and N that they show at the horse park at Christmas. Vendors will also be available selling various train related items. If you come to visit or buy, you will see some members of Division 10 working the show.

Our next meeting will be September 1 in the small conference room at the Eastside library at 2 PM. We do not have a meeting in August, just the layout tour at John Bowling's. At the September meeting, our own Randy Coffman will present on "Coupler and Truck Maintenance". If you run trains, you know that it is important to have reliable couplers and trucks that do not mess up. If they do, it is a frustrating and aggravating situation, especially if you are having a layout tour or an operation session. Randy will tell us how to avoid those issues.

As some of you are already aware, we are in the middle of an election since it is an even numbered year. The new officers' bios are on page 1. I think we have a good team so please give your support to these individuals as they lead the Division from October on. They volunteered to be your officers so please stand behind them and also work with them going forward. I know some members do work for the division, some do a lot of work, and they will continue to do so in the future. If you have not been active in the division, please make a vow to do something in the coming months, like coming to a meeting, visit a layout tour, or participate in some division sponsored activity. You are a member, you paid your dues, now enjoy activities with your fellow modeling members.

I would like to thank Harold Weinberg, chairman, and Alan Bourne for their work on the officers' nominating committee. Harold did a great job in organizing the process.

Also remember the social event in September that Cecil is organizing, and please join. It will be fun!

Please take care of yourselves and remember to do something related to trains, either full size or model. Also think of bringing something you did, or writing something up for the newsletter, *The Lantern*. We really would like to see more member contributions.

— Larry Smith



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NEWSLETTER FOR NMRA MCR DIVISION 10

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SEPT. 1, 2 PM

EASTSIDE BRANCH  
LIBRARY. OFF OF PALUMBO  
AT MAN O' WAR, AND VIA  
ZOOM

SHORT  
PRESENTATION

NONE

## MEETING AGENDA

COUPLER AND TRUCK  
MAINTENANCE RANDY  
COFFMAN

## TOURS



Division 10 members Rich Murphy, left background, Clay Faulconer, black hat center, Brian Jones, and Kevin Ellis, right, during the tour at Larry Smith's.

## AROUND THE BEND

| MON.  | DAY | HOST    | PLACE                                    | EVENT / PROGRAM                                            | TOURS | Short Clinics |
|-------|-----|---------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| Aug.  |     |         |                                          | The tour that was scheduled for August has been cancelled. |       |               |
| Sept. | 1   | Div. 10 | Zoom and in person at Eastside Branch    | Coupler and Truck Maintenance, Randy Coffman               |       |               |
| Oct.  | 6   | Div. 10 | Zoom and in person at Tates Creek Branch | Steel Mills, Bob Frankrone                                 |       |               |
| Nov.  | 3   | Div. 10 | Zoom and in person                       | Wheel Bearings, Charles Bogart                             |       |               |
| Dec   | 1   |         |                                          |                                                            |       |               |

<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 end of August for the meeting.