



# THE LANTERN



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## Superintendent's Report

**REMEMBER**, we are meeting **December 14th** at the Eastside library in the second floor conference room. The clinician will be our own Cecil Hestand, Jr. who will be discussing Track Cleaning. If you have a layout, you need to keep the track clean to not have problems with locomotive performance. I understand that there are a number of ways to do this, but I expect Cecil will tell us some of the better ways. In January, we will be meeting on January 4th in the same place again, and Rich Murphy will be presenting Scenery – “An Old Unfinished Memory”. Since Rich is a master at scenery, I am looking forward to what he has to say. For the month of February, we will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> at the Eastside library to personally learn some modeling skills. It may be similar to what we did at a previous meeting. More info later so stay tuned. If you have a skill, as many of you do, please consider contacting Tom Bensberg to discuss it.

You may have noticed the new NMRA logo since it is now on new NMRA documents. See pages 2 and 3. It was felt the old NMRA logo was outdated and a new one came out for the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NMRA in 2025. NMRA president Gordy Robinson was at a show sponsored by five NMRA organizations but no where was the National NMRA mentioned or displayed. This did not sit well with our president who feels that if the NMRA is to grow and be recognized, the national logo should be recognized and represented. Gordy wants the national logo to be part of all NMRA Division logos. The Region's name was to be included but that is now optional. An example will be shown on our Organizational Chart.

This is still a work-in-process and the Divisions in our region are working all of it out. Some Division 10 members are working on it to adopt a suitable logo that will follow the NMRA's graphic standards, and you may become involved at some point. Having an identifiable brand logo is one major item our president wishes. Gordy Robinson wants a logo that will identify who we are and what the NMRA represents. Just like when you see the golden arches, a gas station sign, or any other identifying logo, you know who they are, and what they represent. There is also a NMRA Vision 2035 Work Plan which sets out the vision for the NMRA, the objectives, goals, and strategies to achieve the vision. If you have not seen this ten page document, but you would like to, please contact me I and will send it to you. It is interesting reading.

I have been pleased with the in person turnout at the library. You all seem to be enjoying your attendance. We will again have Modelers Showcase at the December meeting, as well as future meetings. The subject this month will be structures. Please consider bringing one to the meeting to share with others. If you cannot bring it in person, take some photos of it and send them to Cecil Hestand at [cecahes@gmail.com](mailto:cecahes@gmail.com). We had a good showing last month. Hopefully you will be able to join us at the December 14 meeting. As the winter season curtails outdoor activities, now is the time for indoor model railroading activities. Model Railroading is fun. Take care.

—Larry Smith MMR

Mentioning the winter season gets a snow discussion on pg. 3.

## 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.**

To be listed here your contribution needs to be at least \$20 in cash, or material valued at \$50, or a total of 20 hours time within the last year. Division 10 receives NO monetary support from the NMRA or the MidCentral Region. Div.10 is recognized by the US government as a 501c3 corporation and your cash or material donations may be tax deductible.

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	1/2025
Lou Jaquith	11/25
Randy Coffman	11/25



Pat Gerstle, is on the right in the above photo with his dioramas. Larry Smith is top left. Larry's comments: Thanks to Pat Gerstle for last month presenting construction information with his dioramas of "Western Mining Scenes". Pat showed us how he made the dioramas, and the history behind them. If you missed this clinic, or any other clinic, we do record them and they are available on our website.



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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B. MEMBER AD RATES 1. Newsletter: Member rates will be at 20% of the commercial rates Members that have a commercial business will pay the commercial

**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.

Contributions to Division 10 are sent to the treasurer, Randy Coffman. His address is 1500 River Circle Dr, Richmond, KY 40475-7907.

## Making a winter scene on a layout by Stew Winstandley

Larry Smith and Harold Weinberg built a winter T-TRAK module that has been part of our T-TRAK layouts. A photo of this module is shown left below. The snow is from Woodland Scenics. Now days when I need suggestions Gemini.google.com is asked. So I asked the AI about snow scenes. Gemini's response:

**In short:** You can choose between ready-made snow scenery products (like Woodland Scenics or War World Scenics) or DIY methods using powders, paints, and fibers. The most convincing layouts usually combine both approaches for layered texture and depth.

I also found a Jan-Feb 2007 article in *N Scale Railroading* magazine describing how the author added snow to his Colorado scenery. He masked off the track, roads and streams and then thoroughly wetted the scenery with a spray bottle of water with a drop of liquid soap. Then with a kitchen sifter he applied dry Hydrocal plaster to the wetted area to make snow. He wetted it again to make sure that the Hydrocal was thoroughly wet and applied another layer of Hydrocal to increase the depth of the snow. When satisfied with the snow depth he removed the masking tape. The track needed snow between the rails. To do this he used Arizona Rock and Mineral Co. white marble powder and glued it down the same as with ballast. He used a tooth pick to make sure the flange ways were cleaned out before the powder set up. Of course the track must be



keep clean (another plug for Cecil's clinic). A photo of the layout is to the right.

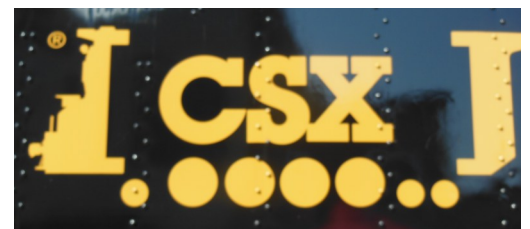


## NMRA's New Graphics Standard by Stew Winstandley

The National Model Railroad Association has adopted new standards for their graphics. One change is the recommendation that the typefaces will be either Nuckle or Manrope. Manrope is available as a free download so this text is using Manrope. The NMRA has designed a new logo shown below in red. The preferred color is red, and our Division's logo will be the same color as National's. In this issue I have our logo altered to agree with the NMRA's standards. It is displayed on page 2's Organization Chart. Our Division's Board may consider the possibility of a new logo for Division 10.



CSX had a logo that was called their boxcar logo. It is no longer applied by the railroad. When the C&O 2-8-4 2614 was moved from the Kentucky Railway Mu-



seum the tender had a variation that was similar with a 2 8 4 wheel design. CMR Products offered a decal set with this steam logo, but it was removed from their product line soon there after.

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NEWSLETTER FOR NMRA DIVISION 10 MCR

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**DEC. 14, 2PM**

**EASTSIDE LIBRARY, 3000  
BLAKE JAMES DR.,  
LEXINGTON 40509 AND  
ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

**MODELERS  
SHOWCASE**

STRUCTURES

**MEETING AGENDA**

TRACK CLEANING, CECIL  
HESTAND, JR.

**TOURS**

NONE



## MONTHLY MODELERS SHOWCASE

DURING THE NOVEMBER MEETING A NEW FEATURE, THE MODELERS SHOWCASE, WAS INNAUGARATED. NOVEMBER'S WAS ABOUT CABOSES. THE DECEMBER MEETING WILL FEATURE STRUCTURES. BRING YOUR FAVORITE STRUCTURE AND TELL US ABOUT IT. MORE INFORMATION IS IN LARRY'S REPORT ON PAGE 1.

## AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	SHOWCASE
Dec.	14 (2nd Sunday)	Div. 10	Eastside Library and via Zoom	Track Cleaning, Cecil Hestand, Jr.	None	Structures
Jan.	4	Div. 10	Eastside Library	Scenery, Creating an Old Fashioned Memory, Rich Murphy Also an update on the MCR Convention in Dayton	None	Freight Cars
.Feb.	1	Div. 10	Eastside Library	Modeling Skills, Hands On	None	Vehicles
March	1	Div. 10	Eastside Library	??? *	None	Steam Motive Power
March	21	Div. 8	3938 Poplar Level Rd, Louisville 40213	Flea Market & Trade Show	Layouts on site	

A link for Zoom access will be emailed near the end of the week before the meeting.

\* Suggestions for Clinics are needed. Contact Larry with your recommendation.