



# THE LANTERN



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## Superintendent's Report

Our next meeting will be January 4th 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 February, we will be meeting on the 1st 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 March, 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, the latest magazine, and on the 2026 calendar. It was felt the old NMRA logo was outdated. One was introduced 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. Randy Coffman has designed a new

Division 10 logo that complies with the NMRA's new graphic standards. 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. More logo news is on page 3.

There is also an 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. Everyone seems to be enjoying attending. We will again have Modelers Showcase at the January meeting, as well as future meetings. The next subject 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 in November. Hopefully you will be able to join us at the January 4th 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



“Our life is a constant journey...life is the train, not the station.” Source unknown

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



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.

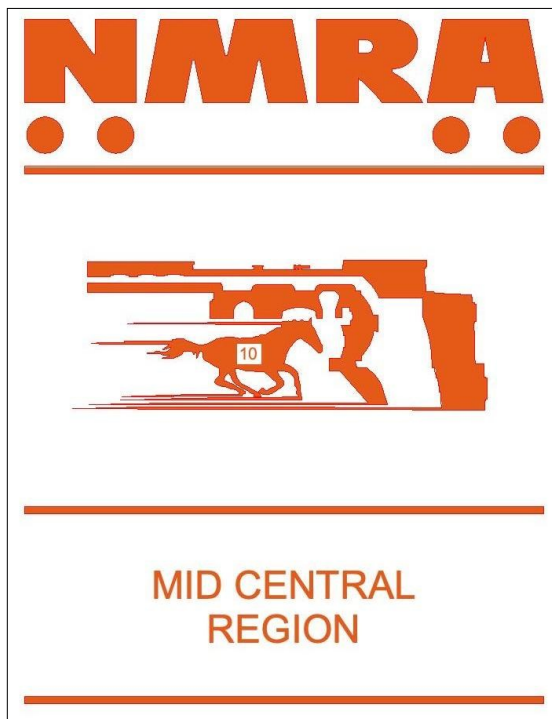
At a recent Division 10 Board meeting, Pete Birdsong was voted an honorary membership of Division



10. The photo above is of Pete at his departing diner in May 2014. Pete had been involved in Division 10 since its founding in late 1999. A search of archived newsletters revealed that in the years in our division, Pete was: Secretary and newsletter editor, 2000; presented a DCC decoder clinic, 2002; MCR Secretary and Division 10's Board of Directors, 2003; Webmaster, 2008; MMR, 2009; Superintendent, 2011; AP Chairperson, 2013; and a trustee in 2014. Pete now lives in Danville, California.

NMRA's New Graphics Standard, comment #2 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 top below in red. The preferred color seems to be red, and our Division's logo will be the same color as National's. In the December issue a new logo was displayed in the Organization Chart on page 2 using an altered existing Division 10 logo. This month the Organization Chart has not been updated with our new logo, but will be for February. Our Division's Board had a meeting and voted to create a new Division 10 logo based on the one used for the MCR Convention in 2015. It is shown below in the center of the NMRA / Division 10 / MCR logo. The old logo, first shown in the January 2005 newsletter, was designed by Tony Lucio, as was the one for the convention. After 21 years we have a new one. The artwork for it is by Randy Coffman.



The above was copied from the NMRA. It looks like a unit train of logo gondolas.

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NEWSLETTER FOR NMRA DIVISION 10 MCR

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JAN. 4, 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 INAUGURATED. THE JANUARY MEETING WILL FEATURE STRUCTURES. BRING YOUR FAVORITE STRUCTURE AND TELL US ABOUT IT. PHOTO BELOW: LARRY SMITH'S SCRATCH BUILT FREIGHT STATION, AND TOP, HIS FARM BARN.



## AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	SHOWCASE
Jan.	4	Div. 10	Eastside Library and via Zoom	Track Cleaning, Cecil Hestand, Jr.	None	Structures
Feb.	1	Div. 10	Eastside Library	Scenery, Creating an Old Fashioned Memory, Rich Murphy Also an update on the MCR Convention in Dayton	None	Freight Cars
.March.	1	Div. 10	Eastside Library	Modeling Skills, Hands On	None	Vehicles
March	7	Div. 7	5050 Tylersville Rd, West Chester, OH 45069	Flea Market & Trade Show, Lakota West Freshman Campus	Layouts on site	
March	21	Div. 8	3938 Poplar Level Rd, Louisville 40213	Trade Show & Sale, Holy Family Parish Saffin Center	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.