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Superintendent's Report

Well, our grass was mowed thanks to my wife but we still have some work to do in the yard and I have work in the garden before we till it for planting. This takes away from model railroading work but it needs to be done. I just had operations at my house and found there is a lot of work to be done on my layout. Both will keep me busy.

Our next meeting is April 12 (NOTE that this is the second Sunday of the month) on the second floor of the Eastside Library at 2 PM. We hope you can make it. We do have Zoom if you cannot come in person. Our presenter will be John Hemsath, MMR, who will tell us about "Easy Detailing a Boxcar." John will show us how to add details to a boxcar which will make it more prototypical and thus more appealing on your layout. Next month on May 3, Charles Bogart, who we all know is a great presenter, will show us "Then and Now: Winchester to Corbin". This route was once a busy line on the railroad for CSX but not so much anymore. Charles will tell us what is now happening. I saw Charles recently as a conductor at Versailles on a train ride especially for the veterans. For June 14 (notice this is the SECOND Sunday), our own Bruce DeMaeyer will discuss "How to plan your Layout." Bruce has a very, very nice layout in his house which he has been working on and it is almost ready for operations. I have seen his layout and I hope to operate on it someday.

I did attend the train show in Louisville hosted by Division 8. I was happy to see so many of the members of Division 10 at the show. That was great to be able to see and talk with you all. I wish I could have more chances to meet and talk with our members. The main reason I was there was to help out with the T-TRAK layout. This has been a popular and regular feature of the train show. I did bring a couple of T-TRAK modules that were included in the layout and I helped get it all arranged electrically to run. See a comment from Bruce on page 3. Later I would interact with the visitors to answer any questions and to tell them about T-TRAK. I do not have any N scale engines (at the moment) so I could not run anything but some of our members provided engines. In fact, we had a good showing of Division 10 members on the T-TRAK layout. Frank Stevenson brought a couple of modules of his

and some of his engines. Frank provided Thomas the Tank engine for use in the Junior Engineer Program. The Junior Engineer program is a popular part of the train show. Young visitors get to run the train themselves under guidance to earn a Junior Engineer Certificate with their name on it. It also makes the parents proud. Tom Bensberg does a great job managing the Junior Engineer Program. Tom is assisted by Cecil Hestand who handles the writing of the certificates and also gives guidance to the young children on how to run the engine. Cecil also brings his layout module. Tom and Ralph Haddock brought trains that ran on the layout. There were also Division 8 guys who contributed, but Division 10 had a great showing. Tom and Frank took over the setting up of the T-TRAK layout while the rest of us helped. It is a multi person undertaking. If you are interested in helping out with the T-TRAK layout, please contact one of us. When not helping, I toured the vendors to see what I could not live without, and talked with some of the guys I know in Division 8.

The weather is warmer and that means it is time to get out and visit some layouts. Please volunteer to be a layout host and show off your layout. I may also ask some of you to volunteer. Layout tours are a good way to see what other members do and what you may wish to do on your layout. Layout tours can be a good source of ideas.

We will also have the Monthly Modelers Showcase this month. Since we did not have it last month, we will double up and you will have two opportunities to show off what you have in steam power and in vehicles. Now I know we all have some of these, so let us see what you have by bringing it to the meeting or sending photos of them to Cecil Hestand (cecahes@gmail.com) by Thursday evening. We need your support.

If you haven't registered for the MCR Dayton convention, there is a link to the website, bottom of page 4.

As always, take care and stay safe.

—Larry Smith



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

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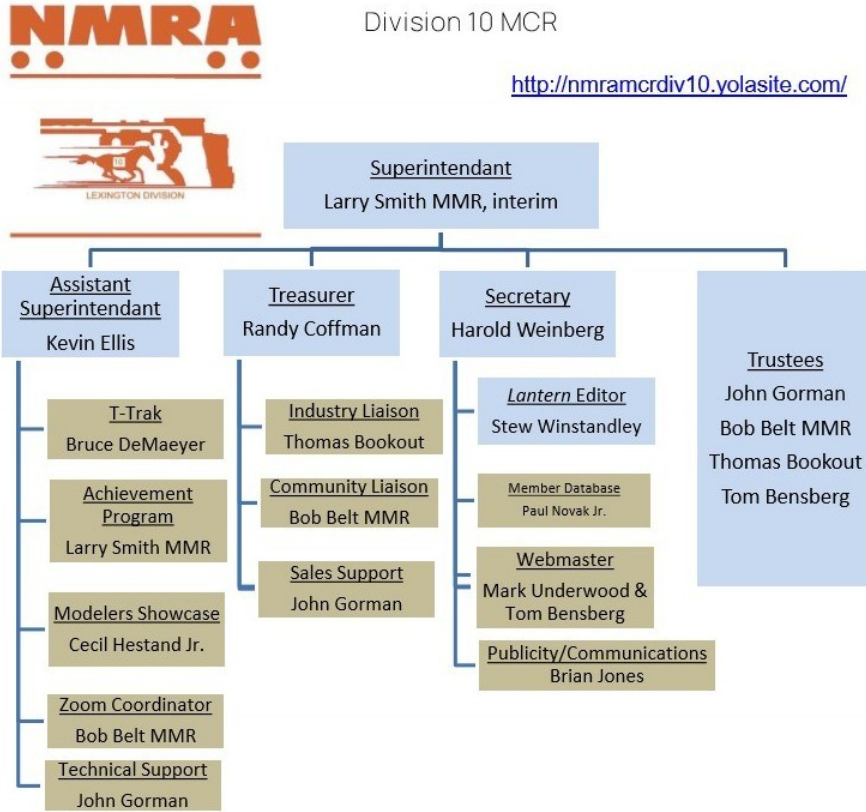
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Above is a photo of a steam powered speeder. How is that for combining steam and vehicles in one photo?

The *Washington Post's* article about Hobbies

This article was originally published March 25, 2025, but was repeated in the March 28th edition. The following was copied from part of the article. For us model railroading is the golden age of hobbies.

We should be living in the golden age of hobbies

“Hobbies are something that you invest your time and energy into without that expectation of financial return,” said Jasmine Cho, author of the 2024 book [“Get A Hobby.”](#) Cho defines “hobby” expansively: “any sort of activity that grounds you in joy, can help you cope with sorrow, and can help you escape from life’s burdens.” (Cho’s hobbies include journaling, doodling, boxing, taekwondo, Legos, Gundam models and puzzles.) “It’s just a practice of flow and getting lost, or even hyper-focused,” she said. “That, in and of itself, is the reward,”

A great hobby takes simple ingredients — a skein of yarn, a piece of lumber, a group of friendly strangers — and alchemizes them into something that makes day-to-day life better. But the relentless push toward self-optimization, the pressure to monetize every passion and the pull of consumerism can tarnish the joy of hobbies.

Among older people, having hobbies is [linked](#) to lower rates of depression. A [study](#) during the pandemic found that people who started gardening, crafting or woodworking for just a half-hour a day reported greater life satisfaction; those who spent more time on screens were more likely to be depressed. Essentially, researchers confirmed the wisdom of your parents when confiscating your Gameboy — you should go outside and play.

Louisville train show T-TRAK commentary by Bruce DeMaeyer

I want to congratulate all of you for the marvelous way that you guys installed and removed the T-TRAK N layout yesterday. You followed the process exquisitely and all I had to do was sit and watch you do it.

You had a wire reversal in the yard and you were able to isolate it in just a few minutes.

We processed over 30 Junior Engineers with several coming back with more time on the loop. At least four of the older kids were also “allowed” to run the “big guys” train on the main loops. NOTE: Cecil said it was 59 Junior Engineer Certificates we gave out.



With discussions in this issue about T-TRAK and Showcase Vehicles, the photo to the left is of a T-TRAK station module with vehicles. On the left side of the module are four automobiles. These

N scale automobiles, when connected to a power source, have working headlights and tail lights.

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MODELERS SHOWCASE

STEAM POWER AND VEHICLES

MEETING AGENDA

DETAILING BOXCARS, JOHN
HEMSATH MMR

SHORT PRESENTATION

NONE

MONTHLY MODELERS SHOWCASE

EACH MEETING NOW HAS A MODELERS SHOWCASE. THE APRIL MEETING WILL FEATURE "VEHICLES". THIS TOPIC COVERS UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES. PROBABLY THE MAJORITY OF VEHICLES WOULD BE OFF THE RAILROAD, BUT A MAINTENANCE-OF-WAY HI-RAIL TRUCK IS A VEHICLE. A SEARCH TRUNED UP ON WALTHERS A HO HI-RAIL MODEL. THE MODEL IS NO LONGER AVAILA-



AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	SHOWCASE
April	12 (2nd Sunday)	Div. 10	Eastside Library and Zoom online	Easily Superdetailing Boxcars, John Hemsath	None	Vehicles and Steam from last month
May	3	Div. 10	Eastside Library	Then and Now, CSX Winchester to Corbin, Charles Bogart	None	Passenger Equipment
June	14 (2nd Sunday)	Div. 10		How to Plan Your Layout, Bruce DeMaeyer	None	
June	4-7	Div. 3	Marriott at UofD, Dayton, Ohio	Mid Central Region Convention website address bottom of page	Local Layouts	T-TRAK layout featuring Operating Sessions
August	2	Div. 10		Layout tour	Maybe	

The link for Zoom access to the meeting will be emailed on Friday, April 10th.

www.modelraildayton.com/Documents/2026%20Convention/2026MCRConHome.html