



THE LANTERN



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Superintendent's Report

The weather outside has been nice, but the demands of the garden and the lawn have come to the forefront over the layout. I did manage, however, to have an operating session recently and it went very well. We had some guys come over who wanted to run some trains and we got a lot done. They enjoyed it and I enjoyed having them. It is also an experience where you can work on obtaining your Dispatcher AP Award. I tell the guys I will sign the sheet to verify your work and I will also help you to achieve this AP award. It is good to keep a record of your operating days whether you feel at the moment you will or will not try for it. Maybe someday, and then you will have the documentation. I plan to do more operating sessions so if you are interested in attending a session, please contact me and I will put your name on the invite list. It is also a good social outing.

Our next meeting will be June 14 at the Eastside Library on the second floor at 2 PM. NOTE: This is the SECOND Sunday. Bruce DeMaeyer who will present "How to Plan your Layout". Bruce has planed a couple of layouts and he wants to do operations soon. He knows what should be done to plan a good layout and he will tell you all about it. There is no clinic in July as usual. The NMRA National Convention begins at the end of the month. We will not have a clinic in August but Frank Stevenson said he would host a layout tour that month. Frank has been planning and working on his layout recently by adding, reworking, and redoing parts of it. When he is done it will be a great looking layout. Hopefully he will be doing operations in the future also. Information about the tour date will be available later.

After July and August, we will start again with our regular meetings. On September 6, John Lathrop will present "The New River Gorge". October 4th, Frank Stevenson will have a "3D Printing Presentation". Some of you are aware that Frank has been doing some amazing 3D work. I am one of the ones who has personally benefited from his knowledge and good will. For the November 7 meeting, Jeff Hedge will tell us about "Operations on his Steel Themed Layout". Jeff has a very nice layout which features the northeastern Ohio.

Since it is an even year, we will be having an election of officers later this year. We need members who are interested in helping out whether running for an office or just working to improve and participate in our activities. I have appointed Randy Coffman as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Thanks Randy. If you would like to be an officer in our Division 10, please contact Randy.

At the June meeting we will have the Monthly Modelers Showcase, the subject is Landscaping. See page 4. Please send your pictures to Cecil (cecahes@gmail.com) by June 11. Or send them to Bob (beltbob1@gmail.com) after that date. Please do it early if you can. If you have a model displaying your landscaping, bring it to the meeting. I once had one to show my landscaping, but I do not know what happen to it.

Remember that the Bluegrass Railroad Club will have their summer show on July 11 & 12 at the Shriners Temple on Southland Drive from 10 AM to 4 PM. The N, HO, G, and Lionel layouts will be running and vendors will be present. Be sure to visit the T-TRAK layout. You may see familiar faces at the show. Admission will be \$5 per person 12 years and older and a maximum of \$20 per family. Under 12 will be free. Come out and see it, and you may find something for your hobby.

I enjoyed the successful regional convention in Dayton, June 4-7. There were many activities and lots of people to talk to. I made contacts and got ideas to help get things done. Much of my time was spent in the T-TRAK room. One module was wired backwards but when it was removed the layout ran flawlessly (more on page 3). Some guys were running trains with more than forty cars. MCRX 26, a 250th anniversary locomotive, ran with a set of red, white, and blue cars. For the first time on a T-TRAK layout, operations were run and all agreed it was a success. Next year the regional convention is in Cincinnati, so we will have a close by attendance opportunity.

As always, take care of yourself and yours..

—Larry Smith



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

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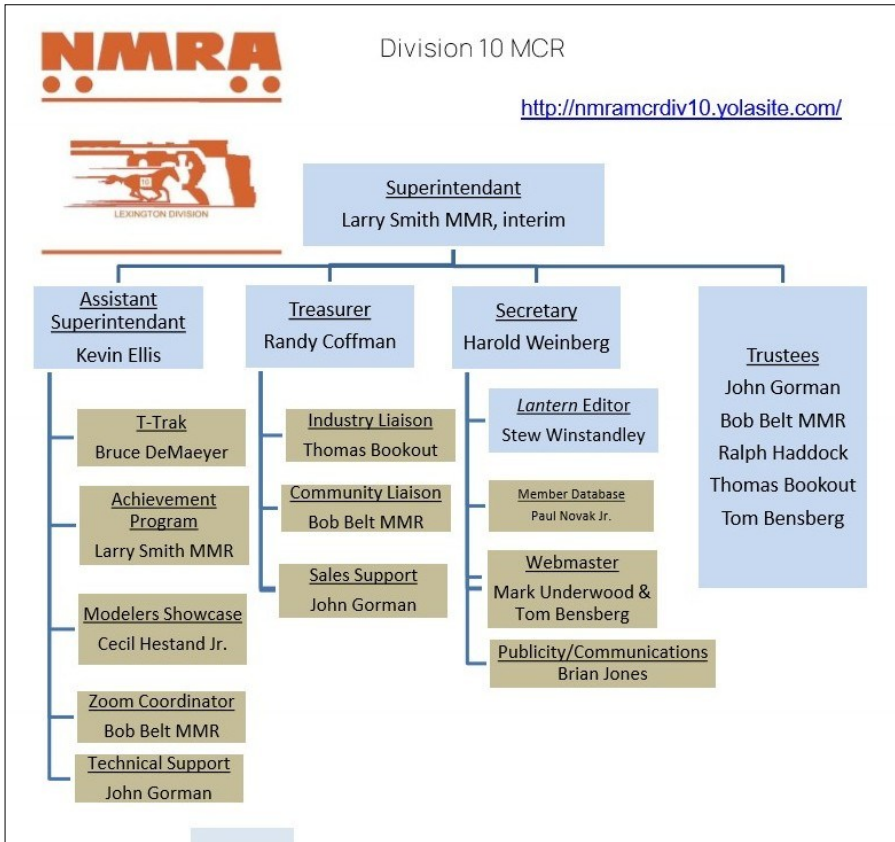
In Recognition...

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.

Alan Bourne	2/2026
Rich Murphy	12/25
Lou Jaquith	11/25
Randy Coffman	11/25



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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.



Division 10 Trustee

Ralph Haddock agreed to be a trustee and was so elected into that position. Ralph has an extensive collection of Chicago & North Western railroad books, locomotives and rolling stock. One of his locomotives is of a C&NW C-628 with a custom high short hood. He also has some brass F-M models. The above photo shows him at a Bensberg operating session. He's working on a layout that hopefully one day we'll tour.

A VISIT TO KENTUCKY STEAM HERITAGE CORPORATION

By Charles H. Bogart

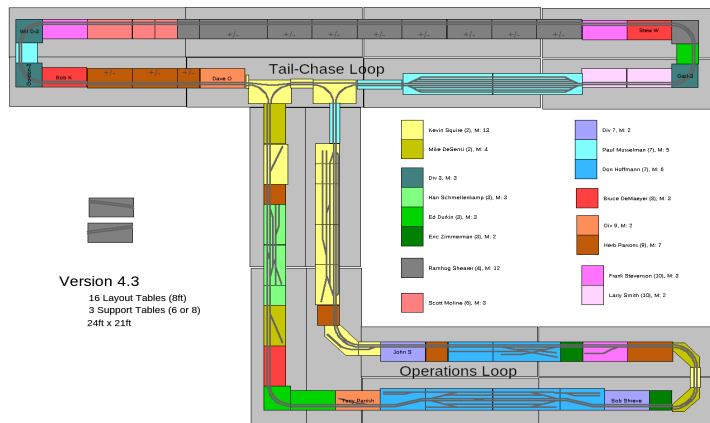
Mary Ann and I visited Kentucky Steam Heritage Corporation at Ravenna, Kentucky on April 25, 2026. We found Nickel Plate 587 still setting outside in pieces slowly rusting. We understood that her ownership still has some issues. At present Kentucky Steam Heritage is owed considerable money for her storage on their site. Inside the former CSXT Car Shop four steam locomotives were in various stages of disassembling.

Kentucky Railway Museum L&N 152, due to lack of money, has had no substantial work done on her since the first of the year. SOO 2425 is making slow but steady progress in returning to steam. The 0-6-0 Vulcan saddletank locomotive is under going work and is planned to have her operating under steam at Ravenna in the Spring of 2027. These three locomotives are having work done on them by Next Generation Steam Corporation.

Work on Kentucky Steam Heritage C&O 2716 continues slowly as promised funding has not yet produced any spendable cash. A recent EPA grant has allowed Kentucky Steam Heritage to purchase a substantial amount of gravel for use as a base to seal part of the site's Brown Field. The museum within the former L&N freight house has been upgraded.



Editor's comments: In 2019 Division 10 participated in one of the KSH's first open houses. The photo left above is of the freight house, that now contains the museum, behind an outstanding model of it constructed by Larry Smith. The photo to the right above is of the Division 10's T-TRAK layout in the shop with the C&O 2716 in the background behind Bruce DeMaeyer. T-TRAK layouts have become much larger since then. The layout at the Dayton regional convention had 67 modules from singles up to triples on 16 eight foot tables (viewed to the right). The 2019 layout at the KSH shop was on one table.



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NEWSLETTER FOR NMRA DIVISION 10 MCR

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JUNE 14, 2PM

**EASTSIDE LIBRARY, 3000
BLAKE JAMES DR.,
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**MODELERS
SHOWCASE**

LANDSCAPING

MEETING AGENDA

HOW TO PLAN YOUR LAYOUT,
BRUCE DEMAEYER

**SHORT
PRESENTATION**

NONE



MONTHLY MODELERS SHOWCASE

The June Showcase is Landscaping. Landscaping is modifying outdoor spaces blending horticulture with structures. So take photos of shrubs, trees, or other plants that enhance the areas around your layout structures. Email the photos to Cecil at cecahes@gmail.com before the evening of June 11th, or to Bob Belt at beltbob1@gmail.com no later than June 13th. If you have a landscaped diorama bring it to the June 14th meeting. The photo above is from Rich Murphy. It shows landscaping in front of the houses.

AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	SHOWCASE
June	14	Div. 10	Eastside Library and Zoom online	How to Plan Your Layout, Bruce DeMaeyer	None	Landscaping
July	27-Aug.2	SER	Chattanooga, TN	2026 National Convention, www.nmra2026.org	Area Layouts	
.August		Div. 10		Date / location's address to be provided later	Tour	
Sept.	6	Div. 10	Library	The New River Gorge, John Lathrop	None	Diesel/Electric Motive Power
Oct.	4	Div. 10		3D Printing, Frank Stevenson	None	Automation & Lighting

The link for Zoom access to the meeting will be emailed on Friday, June 12th.

[2026 Scenic City Express – Chattanooga, TN https://www.nmra2026.org](https://www.nmra2026.org) is the link to the NMRA National Convention. Division 10 does not have a July meeting. The July show information at Shriners is on page 1.