



THE LANTERN



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Superintendent's Report

It wasn't too long ago that I returned from the NMRA National Convention held in Chattanooga. I had signed up early since a number of guys who would be there were from my old division in Atlanta, the Piedmont Division. I had not seen any of them in about 20 years and I wanted to see them again. While there I really enjoyed visiting with many of them. I also enjoyed the other things which a convention offers. I attended a number of interesting clinics and a couple of the get togethers where you meet and talk with friends and new people. I saw the world's largest (93 scale miles) T-TRAK layout. The train show was very good but I did not buy anything. I also did do some judging. My wife and I enjoyed the dinner train ride and the views of Chattanooga. It was an enjoyable experience and you owe it to yourself to go to a convention, either a national or a regional one.

You have probably heard the good news about the NMRA dues being lowered to \$50 a year. This started last month and will be good for two years, and possibly longer. It was a very good move by National. I believe they feel it will bring in more new members. That price does not include the printed magazine, only the online version.

I would like to thank Frank Stevenson for hosting his layout tour in August. Thank you Frank! His layout is a work in progress. He was also a very good host. I noticed quite a few members had shown up to visit the layout and I was glad to see so many people come. If you were not there, you missed a good one. I will see if I can get some more going for the rest of the year.

I recently had an operating session at my house. We had good attendance and the guys seemed to enjoy themselves, including me. Besides running trains it was also a chance to talk to other guys who like model railroading. And not all the guys were members of NMRA, but they all like trains. A couple of them even drive the prototypes. If you did not receive an invite but would like to see what goes on or run trains, please contact me and I can add your name to the list of invites on my email list.

Our next meeting is September 6, a Sunday, and we will meet at the Eastside Library on the second floor starting at 2 PM. We will get a report from the Nominating Committee headed by Randy Coffman. It is an even numbered year so it is time for elections. Please read last month's *Lantern* for additional information on the candidates. We have a good slate of candidates this year.

Our program for the meeting will be a presentation by John Lathrop on "The New River Gorge." It is an area of the country with a lot of railroad history and John will tell us all about it and show us some photos. The following month on October 4, Frank Stevenson will give us a "3D Printing Presentation." Frank knows a lot about 3D printing and he has been doing some amazing things with it. 3D printing was a popular topic for clinics at the National Convention in Chattanooga. I would love to do some myself.

I hope all of you are doing well and I hope to see you at the September meeting.

—Larry Smith MMR



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

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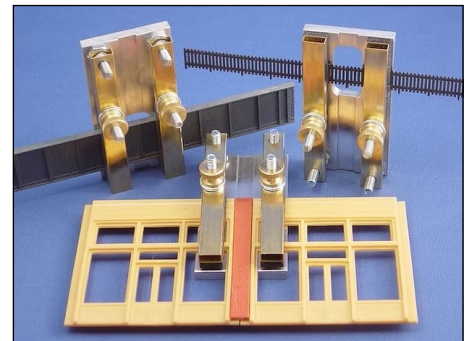
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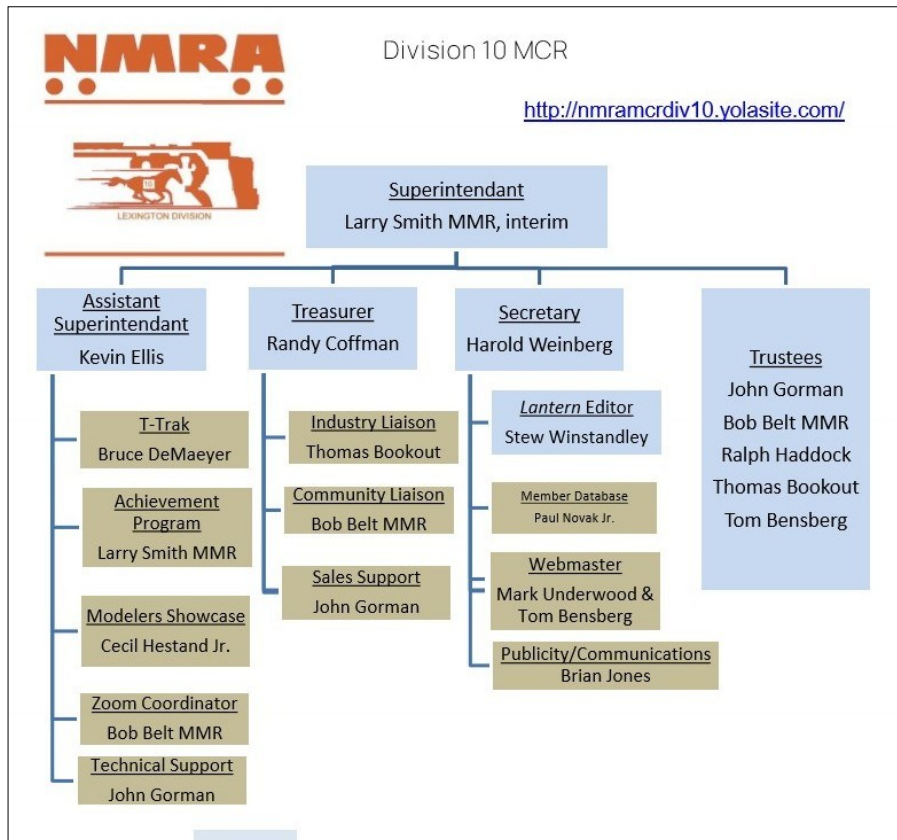
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Contributions to Division 10 are sent to the treasurer, Randy Coffman. His address is 1500 River Circle Dr, Richmond, KY 40475-7907.

Superintendent News

At the end of the October meeting the division will have a new group of officers. Larry Smith was elected as the Superintendent in October 2020. He served two terms until October 2024, at which time he was appointed out interim superintendent until a replacement was found. A new superintendent did not replace Larry so he has been in office for six years. In Division 10's current history Fred Plymale, John Gorman, Pete Birdsong, Bill Paulsell, Bill Robbins, Lou Jaquith, Rick Cobb and Bob Belt previously have been our Superintendents. Larry Smith has served the longest. Thank you Larry for taking care of Division 10 for six years. Continue to stay active, we need support from all of our members. During the September meeting a discussion about our next officers is on the agenda.

To the right is an April 29, 2010 photo of Larry on the private varnish *Georgia* 300. Another noteworthy person that has been on this car, President Obama rode on it January 17, 2009 to Washington, DC for his first presidential inauguration.

Over these past three years Larry has encouraged the members to submit articles to the *Lantern*. That has not happened very often. Anything you do that might be helpful to some



of the members please write about it and post it in the newsletter. I got a tip from Gemini that suggested I buy a P-400 piece of sandpaper and paint it. After completing my RJ Corman model I noticed that the cab hood was black. The photo shows the sandpaper I cut and put on it.

This year I have painted and applied decals to eight America 250 and one Freedom 250 anniversary locomotives. I hope to display them during the September meeting. One is in the tour photo on page 4. Bring any of your special diesel or electric locomotives to show at the September meeting.

— Stew Winstandley



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MODELERS SHOWCASE

DIESEL/ELECTRIC MOTIVE
POWER

MEETING AGENDA

THE NEW RIVER, WV GORGE,
JOHN LATHROP

SHORT PRESENTATION

NONE

MONTHLY MODELERS SHOWCASE

The monthly showcase returns in September with Diesel Electric Locomotives. Here's information from Cecil Hestand: For the September monthly modelers the item is Diesel/Electric Motive Power. Please send your pictures to Bob Belt. Also bring items to the monthly meeting to show and please still send pictures to Bob Belt so we can post them on our website. We are no longer going to use Power Point to present the items in the meeting. We are also not going to video record the items you bring to the meeting.



This photo was taken of Frank Stevenson's layout during our tour. The locomotive is custom painted with decals of a CSX 2026 anniversary locomotive.

AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	SHOWCASE
Sept.	6	Div. 10	Eastside Library and via Zoom	The New River Gorge, John Lathrop	None	Diesel/Electric Power
Oct.	4	Div. 10	Eastside Library and via Zoom	3D printing, Frank Stevenson	None	Automation & Lighting
Nov.	1	Div. 10	Eastside Library	Operations on a Steel Themed Layout, Jeff Hedge	None	
Nov.	14	Div. 8	Saffin Center, 3938 Poplar Level Rd, Louisville 40213	Train Show and Sale, 10-3, div8-mcr-nmra.org	Layouts onsite	
Dec.	6	Div. 10				