



THE LANTERN



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Superintendent's Report

I would first like to thank Larry Smith for his tenure as Superintendent and the leadership and services he has provided to the Division. As I take on this new role I know I will have to leverage his experience along with many of the other members. As for my goals for Division 10, I intend to keep the club fun and engaging.

There have been some Ops Sessions recently. On October 3, Larry Smith opened his house for a session on his impressive HO scale layout, primarily attended by members of Division 10 and Division 8. This was my first time in the role as dispatcher, with aid and guidance from Bruce DeMaeyer. Leveraging JMRI and a phone, the dispatcher gets calls from folks running trains, asking permission to proceed at certain points on the layout. The dispatcher has complete control of switches in the districts. The main goal is controlling traffic on the layout mirroring what happens on live rails. Tom Bensberg invited folks to his N scale Phantom Cutoff Line for a session on October 24. It's always a pleasure running trains on Tom's layout.

Here's an early reminder of Train Days at the Tates Creek Library. It will be held on Saturday, April 10. Setup will be the afternoon of the day before. The library opens at 9:30 am. More details will be provided as this gets organized. Shout out to Bob Belt for getting this finalized with the library. Additionally, I highly recommend that you help out. This is the event that got me involved with NMRA many years ago, and Bob was the first person to greet and always does an awesome job.

Our meeting on November 1 will be at the Eastside

Library. This is the beginning of Standard Time. I hope to see everyone there or on Zoom. Jeff Hedge will talk about "Operation on a Steel Themed Layout." From the Youngstown, Ohio area, Jeff has built a layout based on the steel industry. During our December 6 program, we will have a "3D Printing Presentation" from Frank Stevenson. His presentation will discuss how he creates 3D printed models. I am also in contact with Dr. Jerry Rose who has done presentations in the past. He was a Civil Engineering professor teaching railroad construction and maintenance. I will be working on scheduling his appearance at a 2027 monthly meeting.

Our November Monthly Modelers Showcase topic is people and animals. I hope members will participate in the showcase. A list of the next Showcases is on page 4.

Just a reminder that Division 8 will be having their bi-annual train show in Louisville on November 14. Our Division will have a table at the show this year. As always a T-TRAK layout will be running.

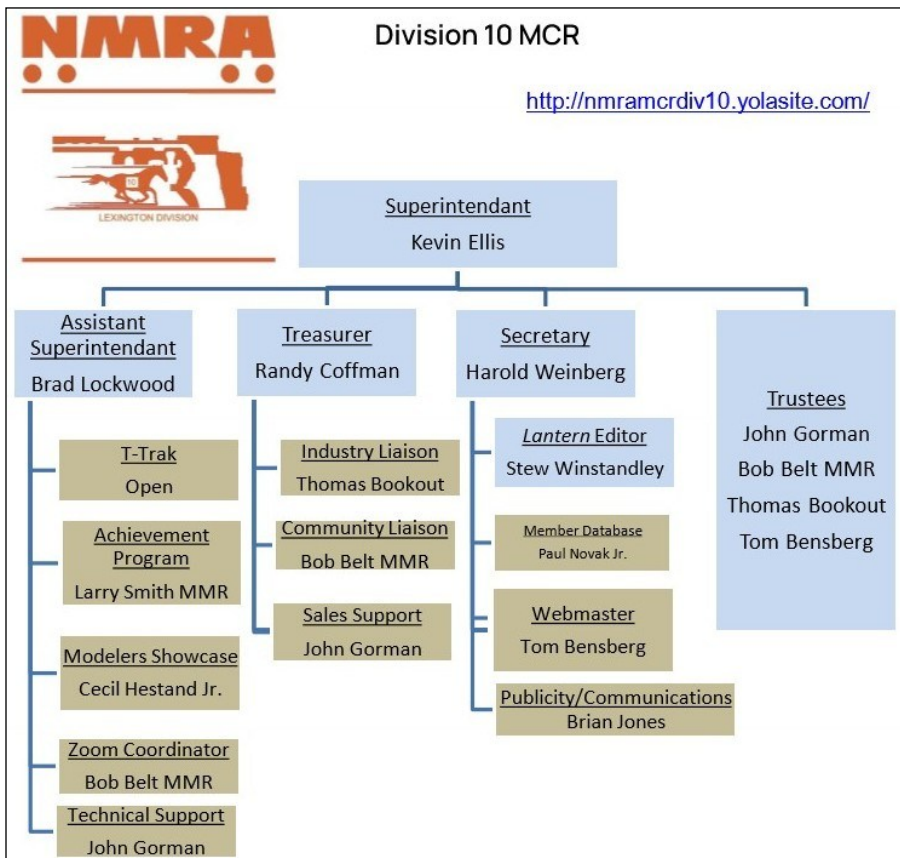
Near the end of September our new Assistant Superintendent Brad Lockwood earned his Scenery AP and his Electrical AP. The Division 10 Achievement Program is headed up by Larry Smith. If you're interested he will provide you with AP information.

— Kevin Ellis



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Model Railroading and Gemini AI: Graphics

Harold Weinberg

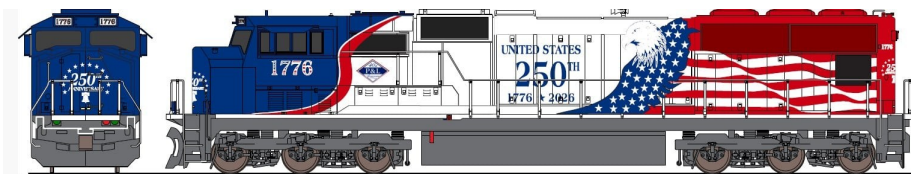
Last month I discussed using Google's Gemini AI to help me complete my layout. I also asked Gemini to create a logo for my railroad showing a steam locomotive traveling west from Cleveland Ohio's Union Terminal toward a grain elevator and cornfield in Moweaqua, Illinois. I gave further instructions, e.g., "make the cornfields flat" and "make it a sunny day." Here is the result.



I'm certain Gemini can also be used to create signs and billboards. Before you try, I suggest you read its instructions for using five "core detail buckets."

Editor's Note: The NMRA *TURNTABLE* Volume 10 / Number 10 has an article "How to Use AI to Create Realistic Model Railway Images and Logos." AI can become another useful tool in the modelers toolbox. The final paragraph has the question "Is it a fantastic creative tool that opens up new possibilities?"

Personally I have used Gemini AI to answer questions on how to do things. Recently I needed to know what Tamiya TS spray paint number could be used to match the Alaska Railroad blue. So I asked Gemini. Another model I did was one of a GE locomotive. I had noticed in a photo that older GE's had a dark gray walkway along the top. Gemini suggested I paint some P400 sand paper to make the strip. It also explained why GE's have the walkway whereas EMD locomotives do not. To use Gemini I open a browser and enter the address gemini.google.com/app. There is also an app available in the Apple App Store by searching for "gemini ai free." Another AI possibility is ChatGPT. AI replies are not always correct, but when asking for modeling suggestions you can decide if the idea is good for what you want to accomplish.



The Paducah & Louisville Railway has painted a locomotive to celebrate America 250 and their 40th anniversary. The initial concept came to life with a little imagination and some help from AI.

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MODELERS SHOWCASE

ANIMALS AND PEOPLE

MEETING AGENDA

OPERATIONS ON A STEEL
THEMED LAYOUT, JEFF HEDGE

SHORT PRESENTATION

NONE

MONTHLY MODELERS SHOWCASE

The monthly Showcase for November is Animals and People. The next three months topics are listed below in the Around the Bend schedule. After February: March—Something made from Scratch; April—Fast Food Structure, Amusement Rides, or a Park; May—Anything; June—Government Building or a Monument.



AROUND THE BEND

MON.	DAY	HOST	PLACE	EVENT / PROGRAM	TOURS	SHOWCASE
Nov.	1	Div. 10	Eastside Library and via Zoom	Operations on a Steel Themed Layout, Jeff Hedge	None	Animals and People
Nov.	14	Div. 8	Saffin Center, 3938 Poplar Level Rd, Louisville 40213	Train Show and Sale, 10-3, div8-mcr-nmra.org	Layouts on site	
Dec.	6	Div. 10	Eastside Library and via Zoom	3D Printing, Frank Stevenson	None	Scenery or Water Feature
Jan.	3	Div. 10	Eastside Library		None	Industry or Business
Feb..	7	Div. 10	Library		None	Bridge or Tunnel

The Zoom link for attending the online will be emailed the Friday or Saturday prior to the meeting.