

Division 10
Mid-Central Region
National Model Railroad Association
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Board meeting of Division 10 was held on January 27, 2016 at the home of John Gorman. Present were Rick Cobb, John Gorman, Bob Belt, Tom Krill, Bill Paulsell, Tom Bensberg, Fred Plymale, Stew Winstandley, Bruce DeMaeyer and Bill Robbins.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Superintendent Rick Cobb.

Special Projects Chair, Bruce DeMaeyer reported on the following:

1. His investigation of the division conducting a train show concluded that conducting a trade show would provide no additional value to Division 10 NMRA members or attraction for new members in the area since there are already several train shows within a reasonable driving distance. Board consensus was to table the idea of conducting such a show for the time being.
2. Reported on his contact with Bluegrass Railroad Museum concerning the sharing of planned new space on their property. Unfortunately the expected grant money from the state did not materialize. Therefore, this idea is on hold.
3. Discussed possibility of space in the Old Courthouse. Remediation study for the courthouse is underway. After renovation it will become something of a museum of museums. The Division would certainly have the opportunity to attempt to establish a model railroad exhibit there. However, the remediation and renovation is a long time in the future. This is on the back burner as well.
4. Bruce's thoughts on space at UK is that bureaucracy and parking situation make this option untenable.

Treasurer Tom Krill stated that our checking account balance as of December 31st 2015, is \$13,005.01.

Rick Cobb stated that he had contacted HobbyTown. They are receptive to displaying our club flyers. Rick would like to re-establish our flyer program. He will contact Mark Hunt, Marketing and Advertising Chair, to discuss. Stew Winstandley will look for the original copy of previous flyers.

Assistant Superintendent Bob Belt suggested that we consider a visit to Entertainment Junction in Cincinnati. He stated that group pricing for 15 people would allow us to tour of the museum as well as have a back shop visit for \$15 per person. This is a considerable reduction from the normal price of about \$25. There was some discussion about using division funds to pay for admission. However, the general consensus was that each individual would pay for his ticket.

Rick stated he had received the announcement for the annual NMRA Model Railroad TRAINing Day in Dayton. [Click Here](#) for more information. Admission is free. It consists of clinics and includes a free lunch. It takes place on March 19th from 9 to 4. Division 3 have been doing it for five or six years. The idea is to bring in the public and beginning Model Railroaders to learn some of the basic techniques to build a railroad. Several of our members attended last year and thought event went very well. There was some discussion of perhaps holding a similar event with our club there was no decision made to actually pursue it.

Rick also stated that the badges are ready and will be distributed at the meeting on February 7th.

Tom Bensberg proposed that we begin to notify division members a month before their membership expires. The board agreed. Tom will review the updated roster provided monthly by NMRA and make a list of those individuals and provide it to Rick Cobb. He will determine how to notify them. It was suggested that a phone call might be the best way to handle it. John Gorman volunteered to make some of the phone calls.

Bruce DeMaeyer presented his proposal for club sponsorship of a T-Track program. [Click Here](#) for a copy of the proposal. The T-Track modules would be used to support Boy Scouts to achieve the Railroading merit badge and encourage beginning modelers. Bob Belt stated that initial contact with the Boy Scouts had produced a favorable reaction. John Gorman moved and Fred Plymale seconded, that the proposal be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

In addition, the layout will provide the members with a layout for which they can build modules that can be a part of a Division 10 traveling layout that can be taken to trains shows, regional conventions, local library exhibits etc.

Bob Belt will acquire the material for the initial modules and for a storage box and will construct them. Rick and Bruce will work to determine who will install track and scenery on each module.

Stew volunteered to provide a power pack to be used if the modules are run on DC. DCC equipment will not be purchased until it is determined that DCC should be used on the modules.

Bill Paulsell stated that he would like to pass on the AP chair position to some other member. He suggested Larry Smith. Rick Cobb will contact Larry to see if he is willing to become the AP chair. Bill also said that he would like to resign as modeling chair. The group consensus was that the responsibilities of the Modeling chair is not clear.

Tom reported that Ed Butcher wanted to be removed from the Special Projects co-chair Position.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.