



## From the Superintendent's Desk...

Well I guess we can all breathe a little easier now that two months have passed since the South Wind and we are all still here. Letters continue to arrive from the attendees proclaiming their utmost Thanks to the Convention Committee and to Division 8 MCR for doing such an outstanding job. Again I say Thanks to you as you are the ones that made it happen....

Several of our members in the Division qualified for the Volunteer AP Certificate with all the work that they did as members of the Convention Committee...We congratulate you on this accomplishment....

As I write this, Joe O'Gara is in rehab at Christopher East on Browns Lane from his collision with an automobile....from what I hear he is doing fairly well. I hope to visit him in the next few days to see for myself if he is on roller skates or not.

Ruth Keeling was back in the nursing home at last report, but doing well.

On May 19, many of us went to Danville and Eubank, KY to visit John Bowling, Bob Lawson and Ray & Renee' Grosser. Even with the \$3.39 price of gasoline we had a great time. Those guys did a great job hosting our May meeting....even though it only lasted 15 seconds. John Bowling is planning on extending his building in the near future and Bob Lawson has his addition built and is filling it up....Ray and Renee' have the barn half full of O Scale Trains now, and the layout keeps getting bigger. The lunch at Bob's was fantastic and the deserts at the Grosser's made me gain weight. Sorry about us eating all of it and leaving none for the Cincinnati Group or Division 7.....the early bird gets the worm or in this case the cake!

Over the Memorial Day weekend my wife, grandson and I visited the Swift Creek RR in

Greenville, Indiana....now owned by Harry Munser....and assisted by Bob Irmsher....and some other fellow from the southwest end of Louisville named POOOttteet! From the looks of the guest book there were several Division 8 Members who took advantage of the open house and the enjoyment of the railroad ....Harry is the NEW Chief Executive Officer of the SCRR I guess we can call him NCEO or something like that.

Beth and I will not be here for the June meeting so Bruce Goreham as Asst. Super will be in charge of the meeting..

It sounds like the Friday night ops sessions are getting ready to get steamed back up in the near future.....with Russ Weis (when available) Rick Tipton, Bob Frankrone and myself hosting the sessions and the Southern Indiana group joining in. We had one here in May and it was a load of fun....Herman Weir is still hunting for his returning cars, and Bruce has to go to the clinic for his blood test after derailing so many times and hitting other folks on the sidings. Yes, I will tell all and any who will listen what happens....also points are being earned for the AP Award in these sessions for Dispatcher.

PICNIC at Buechel Station July 14, 2007

Please bring a covered dish....to share with everyone. Division 8 will supply the burgers, dogs and brats, buns, plates and plastic forks, knives and spoons....along with the condiments. I will need to know how many are coming so that I can purchase close to the amount of stuff that we need. If you are planning on attending, at least give me a phone call and leave me a message on the machine so that we can do that. My phone number is listed on the back of the Pie Card in the officers section. Mike Berry is scheduling the trains again this year....this should get a smile from him. We have the building and grounds from 7:00 Am til midnight...so you can come early and stay late..enjoy each others company and see the trains go by....

Please, everyone, stay well, drive with your family in mind and have an enjoyable summer. We do not want to lose you.....I know, this is like the pot calling the kettle black but I will do the same.....if you are rail fanning, please stay off the right of way and off the tracks....as it could be very unsafe for you...someone sent me a video of a person who was rail fanning in Kansas and almost got hit by a derailing car...dangerous, you bet....unsafe also.....so if you do it, PLEASE DO IT THE RIGHT WAY.....from a distance...and a safe one at that....

Any and all suggestions for clinics are welcome, your comments for the BOD or Throttle Committee are also welcome....if you have them you can either call me or email me, and I even accept plain old letters. We are always open to suggestions. Always remember, that we are here to serve you not the other way around.

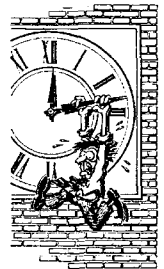
Jerry Ashley  
Super Division 8 MCR  
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## TIMETABLE

Call an officer if you have any questions

(Phone Number on the last page)



**Jun 16**, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Meadowview Church

**Jul 14**, Annual Picnic, Buechel Station, see Pie Card for details.

**Jul 22-28**, NMRA National Convention, Detroit, MI

**Aug 18**, Div 8 Meeting, Sat., 2:00 PM, Depot Museum, Salem, IN

**Sep 15**, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Taylor's, Madison, IN

**Oct 20**, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Jerry & Beth Ashley's

**Oct 27-28**, Div 7 Fall Train Show, Lakota West High School, West Chester, O.

**Nov 15**, Div 8 Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 PM, Airport Industrial Park

**Nov 17**, Div 8 Train Show and Sale, Highland Post American Legion

**Dec**, Holiday Party, date, time and location to be announced.

### MAINTENANCE TIE FUND

Do you enjoy the color pages in each issue of the Pie Card? It costs \$ 44 a month to bring them to you. The maintenance tie fund helps defray the cost of the color printing. To support this fund please give your contribution of \$ 5.00 or more to the Pie Card editor, Bob Dawson.

**January:** Larry Hujo, Cecil Smith, Charlie Keeling, Don Fowler, Charlie Buschman, Charlie Fackler

**February:** Bob Sobotka, John Ottman, Don Fowler, Charlie Buschman, Stephen Taylor, Charlie Fackler

**March:** Donated by Ward Printing

**April:** Don Fowler, Ron Rauchmiller, Kevil Rice, Steven Taylor, Charlie Fackler, Ron Montgomery

**May:** Jim Hinderer, Mike Berry, Herman Weir, Charlie Fackler, John Kelly, Bob Johnson, Jim Harrington, Bill Poteet

**Jun:** Mike Berry, Bob Johnson, Jim Harrington, Ron Rauchmiller, Kevil Rice, Jack Diehl, Charlie Fackler, John Kelly, Bob Johnson

**Jul:** Bill Poteet, John Bowman, Bob Johnson, Bob Lawson, Dale Bradley, Jerry Ashley, Don Fowler

**Aug:** Bob Lawson, Dale Bradley, John Ottman

**Sep:** Bob Lawson

**Oct:** Bob Lawson

### Model Contest

**Note: May (caboozes) and June (open loads) contests are combined this month. You may submit an entry in either or both.**

<b>May</b>	<b>Caboozes (Combine w/</b>
<b>June Contest)</b>	
<b>June</b>	<b>Open Loads</b>
July	No Contest
August	MOW Equipment
September	Photos
October	Steam Locomotives
November	Displays/Dioramas
<b>December</b>	<b>No Contest</b>
January	Freight Cars
February	Diesels
March	Commercial Structures
April	Passenger Cars
Contest Chairman Bill Lynch is looking forward to your entries.	

### DIVISION 8 ACHIEVES

I have certificates and a plaque to present to our members who have completed one or more steps toward their Master Model Railroader recognition. I have Golden Spike certificates for Bob Kuchler and Rick Maloney. I have Scenery certificates for Ralph Bracewell, Bob Kuchler, and Rick Maloney. I have an Association Official for Jerry Ashley (one more and he has earned his Master Model Railroader recognition). Association Volunteer certificates await Ed Brennan, Jack Diehl, Mark Hedge, Bobbi Hedge, Rick Tipton, and Eric Waggoner. I look forward to presenting them at our June meeting.

Those hot, sultry days offer a good time to spend modeling time in the cool of the train layout. Let's get more certificates completed. Remember our goal is 7 MMR in 2007. We will soon have two completed; who will be next?



### JUNE MEETING INFORMATION

The June meeting is at 2 PM, Meadowview Presbyterian Church, 2944 Breckinridge Lane. Bob Dawson will present a program, "Louisville Trackside Today". If you missed this at the convention, you can catch it now. **ALSO, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE SOME SLIDES OF YOUR FAVORITE RAILFAN SPOTS, BRING THEM TO THE MEETING. IF POSSIBLE, BRING THEM IN A KODAK CAROUSEL SLIDE TRAY.**

### MID-CENTRAL REGION OFFICERS

As noted in last month's PIE CARD, our own Jerry Ashley is now Mid-Central Region President. Other new officers are: Vice President, Dick Briggs, Secretary Tom Atherton, and Treasurer Gary Sole. Congratulations to our new officers.

### DIVISIONS 8 PICNIC SATURDAY JULY 14

Plans are underway for the Division 8 picnic to be held July 14. As with last year, we will meet at Buechel Depot on Buechel Ave. off Old Bardstown Road in (where else?) Buechel. We have the depot for all day, so if you want to do some train watching, come early. The Division will provide the meat, buns, soft drinks, condiments, cups and plates. **You are asked to bring chips, pretzels, etc., or a covered dish or desert. The cost will be \$ 5.00 per person.** You can pay at the picnic, but please call Jerry Ashley at 502-893-0801 or email him at [jerryashley@insightbb.com](mailto:jerryashley@insightbb.com) to let him know how many are coming.

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## DO YOU HAVE ANY CONVENTION PHOTOS?

The Pie Card Editor is looking for photos taken during the convention, especially of the tours. You can email them to Bob Dawson at: [dawsonrobertl@bellsouth.net](mailto:dawsonrobertl@bellsouth.net), or mail prints to him at 7305 Ticonderoga Drive, Louisville, KY 40214. You can also your bring photos (either prints or on a CD) to a Division Meeting. All prints and discs will be returned.

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## GREAT TRAIN EXPO CHANGES HANDS AGAIN

In its Fall News Letter, the Great Train Expo reports that it has changed hands. The show has been owned by Competitive Intelligence Advertising (CIA Inc.) which also owned the Greenburg and Great Midwest Train Shows and managed the World's Greatest Hobby on Tour Shows.

Train Show Inc. has purchased the Greenberg Shows and the Great Midwest Train Show. The Great Train Expo has been purchased by Train Expo Inc. CIA Inc. will continue to manage the World's Greatest Hobby on Tour Shows, and handle advertising for the Great Train Expo, Greenburg, and Great Midwest Train Show. Train Show Inc., Train Expo Inc. and CIA Inc. will share certain assets such as databases and mailing lists. The new Great Train Expo management expects operation to continue largely as they have for several years.

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## MEETING MINUTES

### Minutes of the annual business meeting of Division 8 MCR NMRA, May 19, 2007.

As required by the articles of incorporation of Division 8 MCR NMRA, the annual business meeting was called to order by Superintendent Ashley at 11:35 AM at the home of Bob Lawson in Danville, Kentucky. The Assistant Superintendent, Clerk, and Treasurer were absent. It was moved and carried to suspend all reports. There being no old or new business to discuss, it was moved and carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 AM

Respectfully Submitted by Bob Dawson, for Mark Norman.

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## SWIFT CREEK RAILROAD

Division 8 was well represented at the Swift Creek Railroad Open House on May 26. Among those that were there when your editor was present were: Jim and Janine Harrington, Steve Summers, Nat and \_\_\_\_\_ King, and Mark and Bobbi Hedge. Other friends were there: Cecil and Martha Smith, John Campbell, and members from the Louisville National Railroad Historical Society Chapter. Bill Poteet was performing his usual duties of leading tours around the railroad. Host, Harry Munzer, said he had been ballasting and testing up to the last minute. Harry and his group did a great job. Look for photos in next month's Pie Card. The Swift Creek will be open to the public twice more this summer:

Celebration of Trains, Saturday July 7, 5 PM.

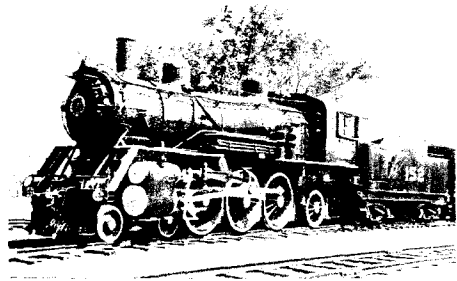
Autumn Special, Saturday September 1<sup>st</sup>, 5 PM.

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## MEMORIAL DAY CAB RIDE ON #152

*By Eric Waggoner*

My fiancée Jenny and I had great time at Kentucky Railway Museum this past Memorial Day. We had a cab ride on #152! We sat on the tender above the opening for the fireman to shovel coal into the firebox. There were two firemen, both older folks who looked like they could have fired it when it was in revenue service. It was wonderful getting cinders and coal smoke in your hair again. I watched the fireman keep 195-psi for most of the trip and then watch the sight glass for when the water level in the boiler would get low, and then he would open a valve on his side of the boiler and let in more water. When we hit a small 1% grade, the exhaust from the stack would pick up and really bark at you. The fireman would open the doors and the fire in the boiler would be a raging inferno like looking into the gates of hell. Naturally, the engine performed wonderfully. On the return from Boston, the 152 ran in reverse and pulled the train back to New Haven. We again were on the tender, now running backwards. I watched the boiler pressure slowly drop from 195-psi to 165-psi as the new fireman could not find "the hole" in the bottom of the firebox that was allowing cold air to come in. After shoveling in a bunch of coal, one scoop full after another, he finally found the cold spot and filled it with fresh coal. The boiler pressure slowly built up to 195-psi again and as we hit a grade, again the exhaust barked. What work to make a steam powered railroad work? It makes you wonder how the C&O ever fielded all those Kanawha's and Allegheny's or the L&N those Big Emma's.



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