



The Pie Card



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From the Superintendent's Desk



Is this really the November *Pie Card*? Wow, tempus fugit, that's "time flies" for those who misspent their youth instead of studying Latin. Seriously, how did we get to Fall so quickly?

Since the last column, Nat King and I had the opportunity to take a road trip to Columbus for the Mid-Central Region meeting. Being an absolutely beautiful day, I borrowed my wife's convertible and we took full advantage of it. There we were, two friends sharing a common interest enjoying each other's company in America's heartland. Of course, the purpose of the trip was to take care of business. The region is doing well and moving toward modernizing some record keeping, i.e. digital images of records. There was discussion of purchasing a projector to save on rental expense. One issue being grappled with is the frequency region newsletter. Nat and Carole have done a wonderful job on the *Kingpin*. The challenge being worked on is how to maintain it economically. Working together, we will find a way.

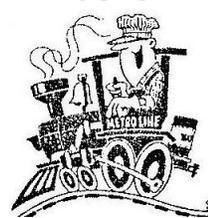
That's enough of my administrative ramblings! Things are back on track and we had the opportunity to experience a first rate clinic about programming decoders given by Jerry Ashley. As he clearly demonstrated, this is a skill which each of us can readily add to our skill set. Thank you Sir! Incidentally, check out the most recent *Scale Rails*. Smiling back at you is Master Model Railroader Jerry. Congratulations!

Around the division, I am always impressed with the incredible knowledge among our members. Yes, you. You are who I am talking about. What you consider "no big deal" may be a revelation to the rest of us. Please take a moment to reflect on this last comment. What knowledge do you have that might benefit your fellow model railroaders. Don't keep your light hidden under a basket. Call Bob Dawson

today to discuss your talents. We will work with you to turn your knowledge into a clinic. We really want to hear from you.

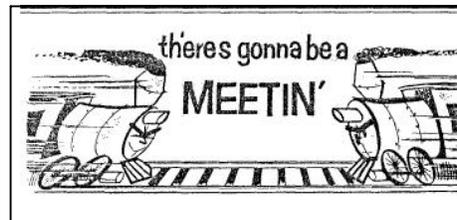
Back at home, the ballast is down on the Moon Mountain Railway. The scenery is slowly taking form. We now have three incredible structures on the layout, thanks to Charlie Keeling, I was shocked yet not surprised to receive a call from Charlie inviting Sophia and I to his home. Charlie wanted Sophia to select a couple of structures he made for his layout. Permit me to be candid, it brought me to tears. Charlie, thank you Sir! You are truly a gentleman.

The word is that a few people are making progress on their AP certificates.



Fantastic! Keep up the good work. Will you be the next Master Model Railroader? Why not? Let's go lay some track.

Mark



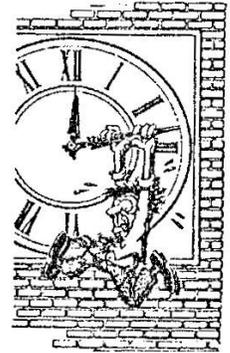
NOVEMBER MEETING

The next meeting is Thursday, November 20, at 7:30 PM in Jeffersonville, IN. The meeting is being hosted by the Southern Indiana Model Railroad Club, located in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church, Walnut and Chestnut Streets, Jeffersonville. Take exit 0 from I-65 to Court Avenue. Continue on Court Avenue 1/2 miles to Walnut Street. Turn right on Walnut and go two blocks to Chestnut. Turn left on Chestnut, the church is on the southeast corner, park in the lot on the east side of the church. Enter from the parking lot. The club is in the basement.

DISPLAY LAYOUT

As reported in the minutes **Nat King** has volunteered to build a small operating demonstration layout for use at public shows and exhibitions to promote, NMRA, Division 8 and the Hobby. It is planned for the layout to be in one or two sections small enough to be transported in a mini-van. The layout will be funded by Division 8. Nat is forming a team to plan and build the layout. This would include determining the scale. If you would like to be part of this project call Nat King at 502-426-8656.

TIMETABLE



Nov 15, Div 8 Train Show & Sale, 10-3, Highland Post American Legion

Nov 20, Div 8 Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 PM, Southern Indiana RR Club, Jeffersonville, IN

Nov 22-23, K & I Club open house, Buckner, KY.

Dec 6-7, K & I Club open house Buckner, KY

Dec 7, Ralph Bracewell, layout open house

Dec 18, Thursday, NO MEETING, Holiday Party.

Open House

Ralph Bracewell is hosting an open house Sunday December 7, from 9 AM to 5 PM. Ralph's address is 107 West Woodlawn Ave. Ralph's layout is HO on two levels connected by a helix. Ralph suggests parking on First Street, and walk up the alley behind his house. From I-264 take Exit 11, Crittenden Dr., left (south) on Crittenden Drive to Nevada St. Right on Nevada (west). Nevada becomes Woodlawn. Turn right on to First Street to park.

MAINTENANCE TIES 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: Charlie Keeling

February: Mike Berry, Jack Diehl, Don Fowler, Bruce Goreham, Jim Harrington, John Kelly, Bob Kuchler, Mark Norman, Cecil Stewart, Eric Waggoner, Herman Weir, Bob Frankrone, Ron Rauchmiller

March: Mike Berry, Jack Diehl, Don Fowler, Bruce Goreham, Jim Harrington, Bob Kuchler, Mark Norman, Eric Waggoner, Ron Rauchmiller, Ron Montgomery, Bob Johnson, Mark Hedge

April: Mark Norman, Eric Waggoner, Bob Johnson, Jim Finley

May: Eric Waggoner, Bob Johnson, Dale Bradley, Herman Weir, Cecil Smith

June: Bob Johnson, Dale Bradley, Herman Weir, James Kuzirian

July: Bob Johnson, James Kuzirian, Charlie Fackler

Aug: Charlie Fackler, Bob Kuchler, Bob Sobotka, John Ottman

Sep: Charlie Fackler, Bob Sobotka, Ed Brennan, Kathy Bracewell, James Kuzirian, Jim Harrington, Ivan Baugh

Oct: Charlie Fackler, Bob Sobotka, Ed Brennan, James Kuzirian, Jim Harrington, Ivan Baugh, Charlie Keeling

Nov: Charlie Fackler, Bob Sobotka, Ed Brennan, Ivan Baugh

Dec: Ivan Baugh, Steve Taylor

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The September wind storm that caused (among other things) the cancellation of our September meeting, pointed up the need to have an effective emergency notification system. Therefore, the Board of Directors voted at the October Throttle Committee Meeting to spend \$ 50.00 to purchase a block of 30 second calls from Call-em-All calling service. This service will be used to alert the members of cancellations, or relocation of meetings, and emergency notifications for the good of the members. This will not replace the Division 8 Email List which is used to inform members of news about fellow members and events in the area.

CHRISTMAS PARTY RESERVATIONS

Bobbi Hedge is taking reservations for the Division 8 Christmas Party. This year we will meet Thursday evening, December 18th, at "Our Best" Restaurant on Holmans Lane, Jeffersonville Indiana. You will be able to order from the menu and be responsible for your own check, but Bobbi needs a "head count" so she can give the restaurant some idea of how many to expect. Her email address is bhedge59@yahoo.com, phone number 812-288-8037. Please call or email her by December 1. A map and directions will be in the December Pie Card.

ON THE MEND

Ivan Baugh suffered a stroke October 6. While he was in the hospital they installed a pacemaker/defibrillator. We are happy to report that he has had a complete recovery.

Ed Brennan's wife, JoAnn, had recently undergone a knee replacement. At the same time, Ed's mother, age 92, was hospitalized with an infection and is in a nursing home for re-hab.

DIVISION 8 ACHIEVES

After not having a report last month, I do have something to report for October and November....Bob Kuchler and Rick Mahoney have items to be judged and as soon as Ivan is able to do it we will be there. Bob Sobotka has turned in his paperwork on his passenger car, it has been judged and scored well over the 87 and 1/2 points required now he only has seven more to go....(Check out page 57 of the November Scale Rails for an article about our fearless AP Chairman.-Ed.)

Jerry Ashley MMR

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Do you know when your NMRA membership is going to expire? If you haven't seen your membership card recently you may have forgotten what month it does. Recently I completely forgot what month my membership was going to expire and it was not until I became your membership chairman and looked at the first monthly division membership report sent to me did I realize it was going to expire at the end of October. I don't recall ever seeing a renewal notice from NMRA HQ. Maybe I need to talk to the mailman?

There are several simple ways to check the status of your membership should you have any questions - especially if you lost that membership card (I put my wallet on a diet and keep all those pesky membership cards in a desk drawer.) First there is the telephone. You can call NMRA in Chattanooga at (423) 892-2846 and speak with an actual person. Or you can mail them a letter at: NMRA, 4121 Cromwell Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421-2119. For those of you who have made it to the 21st Century their email is: HQ@HQ.NMRA.ORG. These contacts can also be used if you need to change your address.

If you find that you need to get that renewal in quickly or just want to save 42 cents NMRA has an online form to join or renew. It is: <https://www.nmra.com/Membership/renewal-membership.html>. If you would like to save your fingers for something more important (like building a Branchline coach kit) just go to <http://www.nmra.org> and click on "Join the NMRA" on the upper left. Scroll to the bottom and you will find the link to renew.

I hope to get to know each of you in the coming months. Should you have any question about your NMRA membership please call me at (502) 365-3690 and I will do my best to get you an answer.

Bob Sobotka, Division 8 Membership Chairman

DIVISION 8 EMAIL LIST

If you would like to have your name on the Division 8 E-mail list, send an email to Jack Diehl: diehljohn@bellsouth.net with the request "Please add my name to the Div 8 e-mail list." This will enable you to keep up to date on happenings within the Division and the local model railroad scene, as well as news about our members.

SHOWS AND EXIBITIONS IN THE AREA

Kentucky & Indiana Model Railroad Club will host an open house at the Kentucky & Indiana Club House in the Old Fire House on Ky. Hwy. 146 in Buckner, KY November 22 - 23, and December 6 - 7. Saturday hours: 10 AM to 4 PM; Sunday 11 AM to 4 PM.

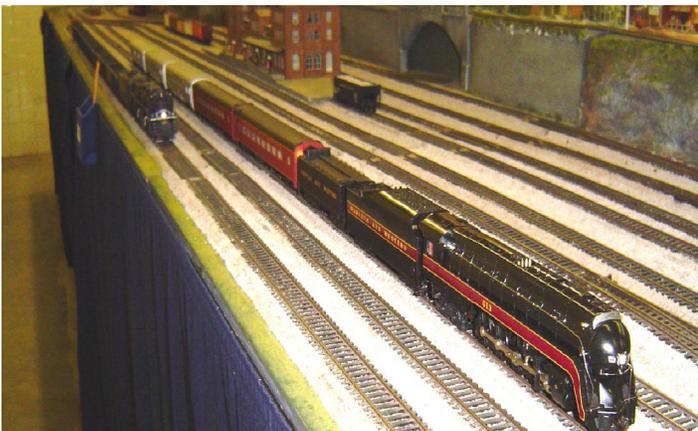
SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER CONTESTS

Due to the cancellation of the September meeting, both the September and October contests were conducted at the October meeting. The winners are shown below. September's (photos) winner was Bill Lynch with his photo of a NS train in the snow. The winner for October (steam locomotives) was Bob Widman's Erie RR tri-plex.



OPEN HOUSES

Scenes from the K & I Model Railroad Club open house 11st year. Details on page 2.



Below are two scenes from Ralph Bracewell's HO layout. Details on page one.



Pike Showcase
we pay a return visit to Tom Guenther's HO L & N layout.



TRACKSIDE KENTUCKIANA

This month's contest is Displays/Dioramas. Here is a scene that could fit into a diorama. We are looking at the K & I T RR viaduct at Broadway, with the Fall City Brewery as a backdrop. The Brewery is gone, but the viaduct is still busy with Norfolk Southern trains.



CFC 12286
Federal Employees! For the first time, the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) will be included in your annual Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) to be conducted at your workplace. To offer the NMRA your support please designate #12286 on your CFC contribution form.



Division 8 MCR NMRA Meeting Minutes for October, 2008

Meeting was called to order by Superintendent Mark Norman at 2:00 PM. Meeting was held October 18, 2008, at Meadowview Presbyterian Church.

Mark announced that the clinic would precede the business meeting to accommodate the schedule of the presenter, Jerry Ashley.

Jerry presented a clinic on using a Personal Computer and JMRI software to program digital command control decoder equipped locomotives and other accessories. Jerry demonstrated and described the various aspects of the program while programming two different HO locomotives.

After a short break for refreshments, Mark called the business meeting to order. The Clerk being absent, Mark asked Bob Dawson to record the minutes. Twenty two members were in attendance.

Mark acknowledged Bill Schnook and Bob Widman representing the Ohio Valley Railroad Historical Foundation and welcomed them to the meeting. They had brought some of the "Little Blue House" kits that the society has for sale.

Mark reported that Ivan Baugh was home from the hospital, and welcomed Jack Jackson back after his illness. He noted Jack's thank you card for the gift certificate he had been sent.

Reports:

Minutes from the August meeting (there was no Meeting in September) were accepted as published in the September Pie Card.

Treasurer report was accepted to be filed for audit.

Old Business: There being no old business, Mark opened the floor for new business.

New Business: Mark reported that Nat King has volunteered to build a demonstration layout for use at public shows and exhibitions to promote NMRA, Division 8 and Hobby. Nat said he was in need of people to form a team to plan and build the layout. This would include determining the scale.

Mike Berry reported that two of the layouts are unable to participate in the Bill Collins Show this year, and we only had two layouts committed. Rather than present "one-half" of a show, the Throttle Committee recommends that we cancel the show for, but try again for next year.

Bruce Goreham moved that the Division cancel the Collins show for this year and keep it open to attempt to have it again next year. Motion was seconded by Bob Johnson, and carried by a vote of the membership.

Mike said that Bob Johnson has been exploring the possibility of a replacement show with the management at Jefferson Mall. This would be similar to the show we had years ago at Oxmoor Shopping Center. Superintendent Norman called for a motion.

Bob Johnson moved that Division 8 be willing to provide a train show at Jefferson Mall for 30 days or less using NMRA manpower and the O-6-O layout. Motion seconded by John Bowman and carried by vote of the membership.

Committee and Club Reports:

Swap Meet, Meetings, and Pie Card: Bob Dawson reported 70 tables reserved as of Oct. 14. If you are planning on reserving a table do it now. Bob reminded everyone of deadline to get announcements into the Pie Card. Pie Card subscriptions that are about to expire are identified by a RED STAR on the address label.

Bob was asked about having a meeting at Salem next year. Bob said the Calendar is open and he would check into it. He also said some out of town layout tours were planned for next year.

Christmas Party: Mark Hedge said Bobbi would like to know how many will attend. She would appreciate information by December 1.

K & I Club: Nat King reported the club will have an open house Nov 22-23 and Dec 6-7.

KSONS: Rick Maloney reported that KSONS are set up and running at New Albany Public Library through October 26. Rick also noted they have had a lot of walk up interest at the K & I Club building while having the doors open during work session.

LCL: John Bowman reported that the LCL club will be setting up their layout to test it November 1.

Southern Indiana: Jim Harrington reported that they were getting ready to host the Division 8 meeting on November 20.

News for the Good of the Hobby: Mark Hedge reminded everyone of the Division 7 show next weekend. Mark also said he had been looking at a website, Trainboard.com, and a lot people were saying a lot of bad things about NMRA. He suggested sounding off and supporting the association when you see things like that. Charlie Keeling reported that he recently visited the Depot Museum in Salem. He recommends checking it out. He said they constantly making additions and improvements.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Dawson for Eric Waggoner, Clerk

Model Contest

November	Displays/Dioramas
December	No Contest
January	Freight Cars
February	Diesels
March	Commercial Structures
April	Passenger Cars
May	Cabooses
June	Open Loads
July	No Contest
August	MOW Equipment
September	Photos
October	Steam Locomotives

Contest Chairman Bill Lynch is looking forward to your entries.

SHOWS AND EXIBITIONS IN THE AREA

Division 8 Train Show and Sale: Saturday November 15 – 10 AM to 3 PM. The show will be at Highland Post American Legion, 2929 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky. Admission is \$ 5, children 12 and under free. There will be dealers with items for sale, operating train layouts, and the Fall City Live Steamers will be offering free train rides. Dealer tables available at \$ 20/each-\$ 15/each for NMRA members. Call Stephen Taylor (812) 265-6155 or email him at, skTaylor44@yahoo.com to reserve a table.

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