

AT THE MAY MEETING



(Above left.) Out going Superintendent and MCR President Jerry Ashley shows us his Master Model Railroad Certificate. He is now MMR #411. (Above center.) Welcome to our new Superintendent, Mark Norman. Bob Kuchler's N-scale Milwaukee Road Transfer caboose (Above right) was the May Contest winner.

PIKE SHOWCASE

Below are four scenes from Harry Munzer's Swift Creek Railroad. Three show different views of the outdoor garden layout. The fourth is a scene from the basement HO logging layout.



MAY WAS.....

The Kentucky Derby Train tradition still lives. Norfolk Southern brought their business train to Louisville to serve as a hotel for the Derby Festivities. (Below Left) Charlie Buccola snapped it as it passed inbound at Buechel Depot. Amtrak brought a charter into Union Station (Right).



The Amtrak Charter (above left) arrived on the Thursday before the Derby. On Derby Day, Saturday May 3, two specials brought fans in from Frankfort and Lexington. The first train of the morning was the CSX Governors Special from Frankfort. Captured (above right) at the Frankfort Ave. crossing in Louisville.



The R J Corman Railroad (above) had preceded it at Frankfort Avenue an hour earlier. The consist was made up of the Bardstown Dinner Train equipment augmented by Canadian National Business cars.

.....RAIL MONTH

R. J. Corman introduced its Chinese QJ Class locomotive, "Old Smokey", in a spectacular manner. The engine was brought to Louisville on Friday night, May 23rd. Jerry Ashley was waiting for it at Frankfort Avenue and provided this photo (below left). On Saturday morning, Old Smokey left R. J. Corman yard near Nugent Sand Company on River Road with six gondolas of sand at 7:30 AM. A caboose was carrying invited guests was coupled on the rear. The train was paced by a R. J Corman Company bus and helicopter. The train reached the junction with CSX at M, Mellwood Ave., (below right) at 8:06 AM.



Several Division 8 members and friends met at Superintendent Mark Norman's property along the CSX right of way at Dorsey Lane (above left). Photo by Mark Norman. They had a long wait. Old Smokey was consigned to "the hole" at Frankfort Ave to allow an outbound and two inbound CSX movements to pass. Track was being replaced between Frankfort Ave. and Hubbards Ln. The CSX dispatcher at Jacksonville was trying to shoot traffic through to beat an eminent curfew. Eric Waggoner was able to get this fine shot (above right) at Dorsey Lane. Jim Bergant took this picture (below left) from the Hurstborne Parkway Overpass. Our final view (below right) was contributed by Herman Weir who stationed himself at HK, Anchorage, KY. We see the R. J. Corman Train moving on to home rails.





While waiting for the R.J.Corman special, Jerry Ashley was presented with an HO "Presidents" car painted and lettered for his Crescent Hill Southern. The car was a special gift to Jerry from Bob Sabotka, Ivan Baugh, and Mark Norman (above left). Also pictured are Nat King and Antwon Townsend. The car installed on Jerry's layout is shown above right. *Presentation photo courtesy Mark Norman. The car on the layout by Jerry Ashley.*



The photo (above left) of the check presentation from the Convention Committee to Superintendent Jerry Ashley at the April Meeting was omitted from the May Pie Card. (Above right) The R J Corman Steam special was accompanied by their corporate bus carrying additional invited guests. *Photo by Jim Bergant.*

TRACK SIDE KENTUCKIANA

This month's trackside photo again Matches the June Contest, Open Loads.

Photo was taken on CSX near SW along Strawberry Lane in Louisville.

