



# The Pie Card



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## From the Superintendent's Desk

Allow me to take this opportunity to introduce a new member of the division, Henry E. Ball; full name Henry Eight Ball. His close friends know him as Henry the Eight. Please join me in making him feel welcome. Being an eight ball, he fits right in with this group. Henry has agreed to serve as our Sergeant-at-Arms



Henry hails from Atlanta, Georgia, having moved to Louisville in early April. Henry spent most of his youth knocking about in southern pool halls and biker bars. Over time, he became something of an enforcer/bouncer. He's got the cuts and scratches to show for it. He got his degree from the School of Hard Knocks, but certainly is not a high roller. Not only does he not have deep pockets, I don't think he has a dime to his name. This background makes him well suited for his new role. I've explained to him that we are a more genteel group than he may be accustomed to. Hopefully, he will be able to serve us without

having to crack too many skulls. I will be the first to admit though he is a somewhat hard headed fellow. Generally, Henry is easy to get along with. He just rolls with the punches.

In addition to serving as Sergeant-at-Arms, Henry has agreed to assist with opening and closing the meetings. He came with his very own walnut table for this purpose. I'm awaiting approval from the Throttle Committee to turn budgetary matters over to him. If you can get Henry to say "yes" to your expenditure, it's approved.

There is more to Henry than just cracking skulls and being hard headed. Though cold-hearted, room temperature actually, he's a great listener! Not once have I seen him interrupt or argue with anyone. Some of us might take a cue from him. So, if you're troubled and need someone to talk to, feel free to spend some time with him. You can share your troubles and most intimate secrets. Henry will not repeat a thing. He accepts calls twenty-four hours a day. His phone number is - 8. Henry can be your therapist; yet another benefit brought to you by Division 8.



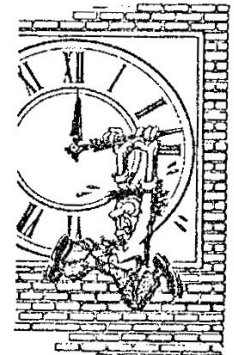
It must be getting late. Henry said something about hitting the rack.

Mark

## MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR 2009 DIVISION PICNIC

Our 2009 picnic will be at the Kentucky Railway Museum in New Haven, KY on Saturday, July 25, 2009. We must be at the museum no later than 11:30 AM for a box lunch consisting of a ham or turkey sandwich, chips, desert and a soda. A variety of soft drinks will be *continued on page 5, column 2*

## TIMETABLE



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

**May 30,** Saturday, Layout Tours Cincinnati

**Jun 18,** Div 8 Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 PM, The Johnson home

**Jul 25,** Saturday, Annual Picnic, Kentucky Railway Museum

**Aug 20,** Div 8 Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 PM, Bob Frankrone's

**Sep 19,** Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM, The Taylor's, Madison, IN

**Oct 17,** Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Meadowview Church

**Nov 8,** Div 8 Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 PM, Bob Scout Center

*(Note that several meetings will be on Thursday evenings this year. Check the Time Table each month for meeting location.)*

## MAY MEETING INFORMATION

The May meeting will be Saturday May 16, 2:00 PM at Meadowview Presbyterian Church, 2944 Breckinridge Lane. After a short business meeting we will leave for local layout tours. Rick Maloney and Bob Kuchler will have their N-Scale layouts open for us. Maps and directions will be provided at the meeting.

**Model Contest****MAY**

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

Bob Kuchler took the honors for the April Contest with Bill Lynch second. See pictures on page 3. Point standings to date are: Bill Lynch: 7 points, *Bob Johnson and Charlie Keeling: 6 points. Bob Frankrone: 5 points. Nat King, Bob Kuchler, and Bob Sobotka: 4 points, Jack Diehl and Rick Maloney: 2 points and Tom Lindquist, John Kelly, and Herman Weir: 1 point.*

**MAINTENANCE TIES FUND**

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**\$ 50 or more:** Don Fowler, Ralph Bracewell

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**SWIFT CREEK RAILROAD OPEN HOUSE  
SATURDAY MAY 23**

Harry Munzer will have an open house at his Swift Creek Railroad beginning at 5 PM on Saturday May 23, 2009. The Swift Creek is an O-gauge garden layout located at 6265 Buttontown Rd. in Greenville, Indiana. From Louisville take Interstate 64 West to exit 119 (Greenville-US 150). Follow US 150 7.5 miles, turn left on Buttonwood Rd. Travel 0.4 miles, turn right into 6265.

**REMEMBERING RON MONTGOMERY**

*By Jerry Ashley*

Ron Montgomery, age 66 passed away on Thursday April 16, 2009. Ron was a great friend and mentor, and a fine model railroader. He always had time to listen to even the smallest problem and was a wonderful teacher both in real life and after retirement from the Jefferson County Board of Education.

Ron was always making trips to see his daughter who had married and moved to Milwaukee, bringing back little bags from Walthers and shaking them at us and saying "Look at what a sale they had on there!" He always enjoyed our local train shows and had planned on attending the one this past March but did not do as he was in the hospital...

While I was Super. Ron served as one of the trustees on the BOD of the Division, always with a sound mind he was a very level head to have at your right hand. Ron always had great opinions and advice which we usually followed. He will be missed not only by his family of Marilyn and Terri and the grandkids, but also by the model railroading community of Division 8 MCR NMRA here in Louisville, KY.

**CINCINNATI LAYOUT TOURS  
SATURDAY MAY 30**

Bob Dawson is coordinating a layout tour in the Cincinnati area with Bob Lawson for Saturday May 30. We will visit four layouts. Members and their families and friends are invited. Bob Lawson will provide lunch. **Current plans are to meet at 8 AM at Scale Reproductions with an 8:15 AM departure.** Maps and directions to Bob Lawson's will be provided. Car-pooling is recommended. We will Convoy to Bob Lawson's for the first stop arriving at about 11:00 AM. Bob Lawson is providing lunch. He will provide maps to the other layouts. Let Bob Dawson know by the May meeting if you are going so Bob Lawson will know how many to prepare for. The layouts are as follows:

- Bob Lawson modeling Southern and NC&StL.
- John Miller, modeling seven railroads around Cincinnati in the 1970's.
- John Listermann, modeling the B & O Railroad 1940's and 50s.
- Perry Simpson (in Independence, KY) modeling the L & N, specializing in coal movement.

We will head home from Perry Simpson's, and should return by 6:30 PM.

**Let Bob Dawson know by the May meeting if you are going and how many will be with you so Bob Dawson will know how many to prepare for.**



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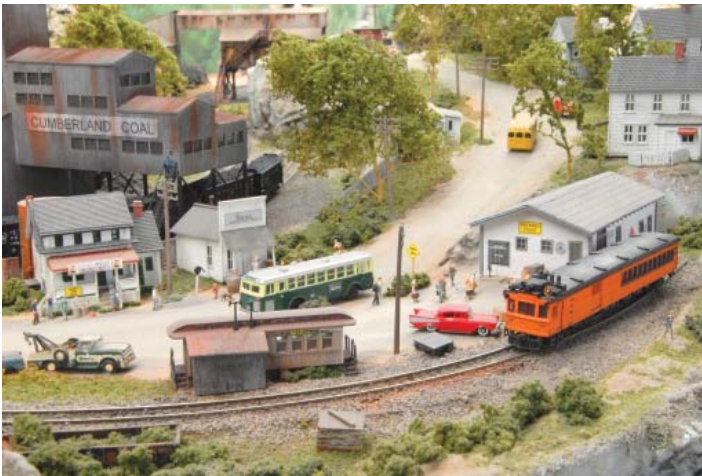


### April Contest Winners



Above left: first place Bob Kuchler's N scale Milwaukee Skytop sleeper observation. Above Right: second place Bill Lynch's Westours HO full length dome cars.

### Pike Showcase



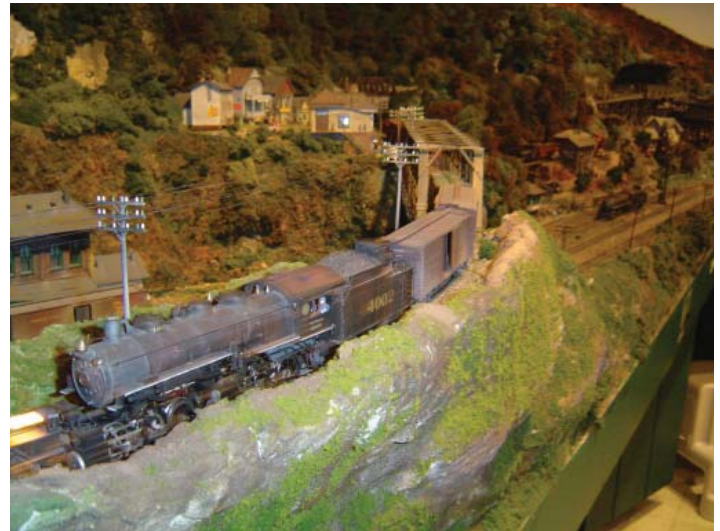
Above: two photos from Bob Kuchler's layout. *Bob Kuchler Photos.*



Above: two pictures of Rick Maloney's layout. *Rick Maloney photos.* Both of these fine N-Scale Layouts will be open for visiting after this month's meeting.



Pike Showcase (continued)



Above: two scenes on Bob lawson's Danville, KY Layout. Bob's new layout that will be open on the May Cincinnati Layout tour. Below, new hot steel cars have recently entered service on Bob Frankrone's Louisville Southern Photos Bob Frankrone.



Trackside Kentuckiana--May Contest Caboose



The photo of the B & O Caboose on the K&I Bridge was taken March 1978. The IC Caboose at Oak Street Yard was shot March 1979. Photos Charlie Keeling.



## AT THE APRIL MEETING

We met on April 16, at the Sam Swope Boy Scout Headquarters building. This is a great facility with first class audio-visual equipment. Our thanks to staff at Boy Scout Headquarters for allowing us to use it. The minutes for the March meeting were approved as posted on our website.

Jerry Ashley reported that Ron Montgomery was in the hospital. We are sorry to report that Ron has since passed away. See memorial in this issue of the Pie Card. Jerry also reported that Ray Rohmann will be having a knee operation.

Eric Waggoner made a presentation on the summer picnic. It will be held at the Kentucky Railway Museum on Saturday 25, 2009. This is a "Steam" weekend. Our train will be pulled by restored L & N Pacific Locomotive # 152. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the Division subsidize the cost per person for NMRA Members in good standing who have paid their activity fee. This will include their family members. This will make the cost per person for both adults and children, \$ 10/each. The cost for non members will be \$ 22 per adult and \$ 17 per child (ages 2-12). This includes train ticket and box lunch. See this issue of the Pie Card for details and deadline for reservations and payment.

Bob Johnson said the 0-6-0 club is set up in the Antique Toy Mall and Museum on Blue Lick Road near the Brooks Exit off I-65. Bob said he will be running on designated Sundays. If you want to run on the layout, give Bob a call. Nat King reported that the K & I Club will be having an open house on May 9<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with a celebration at the Oldham County Fairgrounds. Nat also reported that the Division Display layout is still being assembled and will be available soon.

Achievement Program Chairman Jerry Ashley reported that Dick Briggs (Mid-Central Region President) is now a Grand Master Model Railroader. Jerry said he believes that Dick is only the 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> modeler to achieve this.

Bob Dawson reported on upcoming Division activities. May will be layout tour month. Bob Kuchler and Rick Maloney will have their layouts open as part of our May Meeting Program. Division Members and their families have been invited by Bob Lawson to visit his new layout in Middletown, Ohio. Bob has also arranged for us to visit three other layouts. Details are elsewhere in this issue.

Bob Kuchler took first place in the monthly contest with his superbly detailed N-Scale Milwaukee Skytop sleeper observation car. Bill Lynch took second with the "only passenger cars he owns". See photos in the Color Pages.

Bruce Goreham provided refreshments during the break. Bob Dawson presented a program on the History of the Kentucky & Indiana Terminal Railroad. One picture was of the K & I bi-centennial locomotive #76. We learned from Mike Berry, that he painted this engine.

## FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Most of you are at least somewhat familiar with the NMRA's Achievement Program. There are eleven categories in which one can earn a certificate for things such as constructing locomotives, rolling stock, structures, scenery and the layout itself. There are also certificates for operation of the layout and service to the association. To achieve the Master Model Railroader Certificate one must be awarded seven of the eleven. This month's column is not about the MMR however but the "twelfth" certificate - the Golden Spike.

The Golden Spike was developed as a certificate that can be obtainable by most folks who currently have a layout and rolling stock that they have done at least a little more to that just open the boxes they came in. It is basically a nice starter version of the AP MMR program without the judging.

Take a look at this quick list and see if you qualify: 6 cars, 5 structures, 8 square feet of layout, 3 types of trackage such as a turnout, crossing, and grade change for example, two trains must be able to operate simultaneously - a passing siding qualifies, one additional electrical feature like a lighted building or powered turnout. The cars and buildings can have a little as just weathering added and the tracks must be properly ballasted. And none of this needs to be on the same layout or even in the same scale. Club members have a good shot at the Golden Spike. None of it needs to achieve score a minimum?

More information is available at the NMRA website:  
<http://www.nmra.org/education/achievement/gold.html>

Does this list resemble what's in your basement? If so contact Jerry Ashley and tell him you want to get that Golden Spike!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Carey Anderson - Louisville, KY, William L. Burton - Bowling Green, KY. and Rob Johnson - Louisville, KY.

*Bob Sobotka, Division 8 Membership Chairman*

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available. Our train will be pulled by historic restored L & N 4-6-2 Steam locomotive #152 and will depart New Haven at 2:00 PM.

Cost for NMRA Members in good standing who have paid the Division Activity Fee/Pie Card Subscription and their family members: \$ 10.00 per person.  
Non members and others: 22.00 per adult, \$ 17.00 per child (2-12)

**Reservations box lunch choice must be made and paid for by July 11, 2009.** Make out checks to: Division 8 MCR NMRA and mail with your box lunch choice to:

Eric Waggoner 614 Foxgate Rd. Louisville, KY 402235535  
You can also make your payment and box lunch order choice at the May or June Meeting to either Eric or Jim Ward. If you have questions you can contact Eric via e-mail at [eric.waggoner@insightbb.com](mailto:eric.waggoner@insightbb.com).

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