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From the Superintendent's Desk

Okay, what are you running - a continuous loop or a point to point operation? If you think you are running a continuous loop, you might wish to reconsider. Before throwing your *Pie Card* down in disgust about my critique of your railroad, allow me to clarify something. I wouldn't think of casting aspersions about your layout. That isn't going to happen. No, this is a comment about you and me and our journey together.

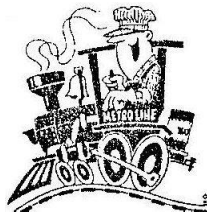
You see, we are on a point to point journey. We will not pass this way again. If we are running around in circles, a continuous loop if you will, we're kidding ourselves. Worse, we are wasting our time. We never know when The Conductor will announce that we have arrived at our station and have to step off the train. Our time together is all too brief.

Presuming we agree that we are on a point to point trip I'm sure you will agree with me that it is one wonderful journey. Each of us has chosen to jump on board the particular train that is Division 8. At times, the old train rattles, shakes, blows off some steam and even squeals going around the curves. Yet, rattle on it does. Together, we stay on track. What a great group we have! We come in all scales, sizes, ages, backgrounds, and so forth. I guess you could say we are a mixed freight of sorts. Along the way, more than a few fine cars have been delivered to their destination. Those we've known personally and those we've only heard of have enriched our lives in ways we

may never measure.

Those of us on the train we call Division 8 now, have to ask what role we see for ourselves. Are we focused solely on the rattles and squeaks or are we enjoying the journey? Are we the grease that keeps things running smoothly? Perhaps you are sitting in the cupola watching for danger ahead. Everyone has a part to play.

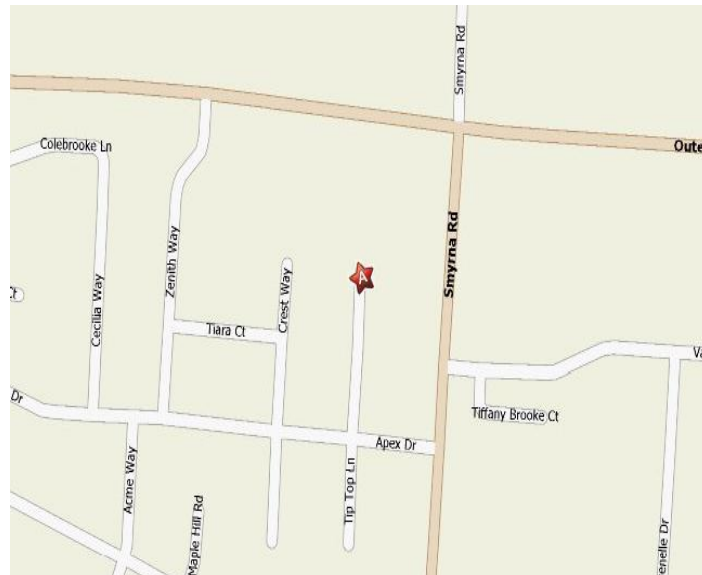
Wherever you are on this train, I encourage you think it over and contribute where you can. Along the way, be sure to look around, enjoy those around you and take in this wonderful experience.



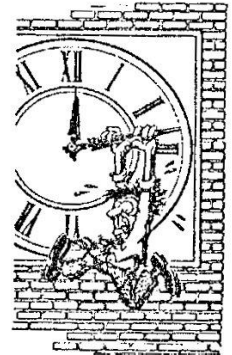
Mark

JUNE MEETING INFORMATION

The June meeting is Thursday June 18 at 7:30 PM. We will meet at the home of Bob and Ramona Johnson, 7703 Tip Top Lane. From I-65 South, take Okolona exit to the Outer Loop. Go 5.4 miles to Smyrna Rd., turn right onto Smyrna Road. Go 0.2 miles to Apex, turn right on Apex, turn right onto Tip Top Ln. See map below.



TIMETABLE



- Jun 18**, Div 8 Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 PM, The Johnson's
- July 5-12**, NMRA National Convention, Hartford, CT
- Jul 25**, Saturday, Annual Picnic, Kentucky Railway Museum
- Aug 8**, Summerail, CUT, Cincinnati, OH
- 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
- Dec**, No Meeting, Holiday Party, date and location TBA.

Of what is this open load made?



Model Contest**JUNE**

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
May	Cabooses

Bob Sobotka took the honors for the May Contest. Charlie Keeling and Bob Kuchler tied for second. See pictures on page 3. Point standings to date are:

<i>Charlie Keeling</i>	9
<i>Bob Sobotka</i>	8
<i>Bill Lynch</i>	7
<i>Bob Kuchler</i>	7
<i>Bob Johnson</i>	6
<i>Bob Frankrone</i>	5
<i>Nat King</i>	4
<i>Jack Diehl</i>	2
<i>Rick Maloney</i>	2
<i>Herman Weir</i>	1
<i>John Kelly</i>	1
<i>Tom Lindquist</i>	1

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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. Donors for 2009 to date are:

\$ 50 or more: Don Fowler, Ralph Bracewell

\$ 25 to \$ 45: Charlie Fackler, Bob Lawson, Ivan Baugh, Jim Kuzirian

\$ 5 to \$ 20: Stephen Taylor, Charlie Buschmann, Eric Waggoner, Bob Frankrone, Bob Johnson, Jim Harrington, Charlie Keeling, Short'n'Sassy Embroidery, Mark Hedge, Joe Fields, John Ottman, Bill Poteet, Ron Montgomery, Jerry Ashley, Ed Brennan, Frank Becker, John Henle, Jack Diehl, Cecil Smith, Ryan Eckler, Ron Rauchmiller, Rick Williams.

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MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR 2009 DIVISION PICNIC NOW!!!!

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 available. **THIS IS A STEAM WEEKEND.** 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 and 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 40223-5535

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 or need additional information you can contact Eric via e-mail at eric.waggoner@insightbb.com

AT THE MAY MEETING

The May Division meeting was held at Meadowview Presbyterian Church Saturday May 16. Asst Superintendent Bruce Goreham conducted the meeting. Minutes from May meeting were approved as posted on the web site. There was no treasurer's report.

Jerry Ashley gave a short report on this year's MCR Convention held in Columbus. A total of 13 contest certificates were brought to Louisville (details on page 5).

There were a two ew faces at the meeting. Bob Sobotka introduced new member Sonny Driscoll and visitor Ted Shackleton. Bob Dawson outlined the plans for the May 30 layout tours. He had a sign up sheet for the tour.

Club News:

K & I Club was open to the public during Oldham County Town and Country Days. The club is planning an operating session for May 20.

KSONS had a joint meeting with the Southern Indiana Club in Jeffersonville. They were also open along with K & I Club during Town and Country Days. The T-Track modular layout was set up at the Oldham County Fairgrounds.

Bob Johnson said the 0-6-0 is set up at the Antique Toy Mall in Brooks, Kentucky. They run on Sundays between 1 PM and 5 PM. Members are taking turns.

News for the good of the membership:

Jerry Ashley reported that Ray Rohmann is home from the hospital. Jim Findley has been hospitalized.

Thanks to Bob Kuchler and Rick Maloney for having their layouts open for tour.

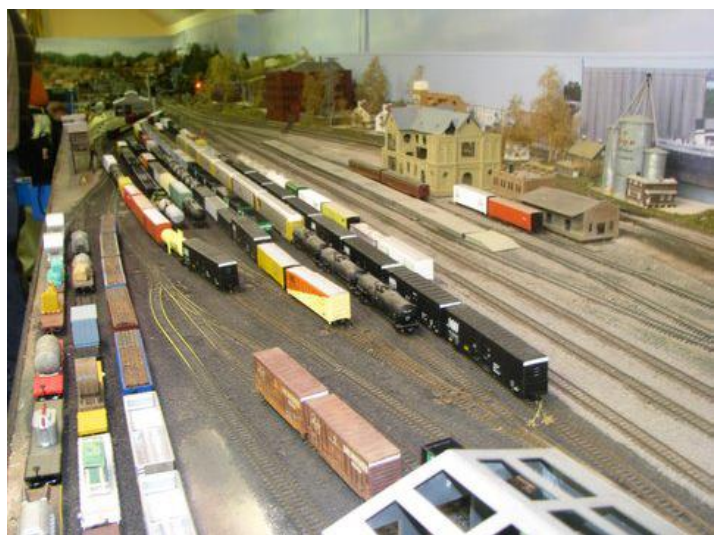
May Contest



Bob Sobotka's HO Monon Caboose took first place. Bob Kuchler's N-Scale Milwaukee Road Transfer Caboose and Charlie Keeling's pair of PAL Caboosees (one shown above) tied for second. *Photos by Tom Guentner.*

Pike Show Case - Rick Maloney

If you didn't make it to the May layout tours, here are some examples of what you missed. *Photos courtesy of Tom Guentner and Jerry Ashley.*



Pike Show Case (continued) Bob Kuchler's Layout



Photos courtesy of Tom Guenthner.

Trackside Kentuckiana - June Contest is Open Loads



April 2009, Strawberry Lane: M1A1 Abrams Tanks on their way to Lima, OH for rebuilding.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Division 8 Membership. What does it mean?

Division 8 of the Mid Central Region is your local organization of the National Model Railroad Association. But you knew that already. The requirements to be a member of Division 8 are as follows:

1. Live within the geographical limits of Division 8.
2. Pay your NMRA dues.

That is it.

Last August members of our division voted on new By-Laws that put Division 8 in compliance with the definition of a division by NMRA's own By-Laws. This changed the definition of a member to the above. Any member fitting the definition is allowed to participate in division activities and vote for division officers. Along with this change the definition of "Associate Member," or a member who paid an "activity fee" to Division 8 but was not an NMRA member, was eliminated.

So what about the \$10 "activity fee" now? It is not required to be a participating member. The activity fee gets you a mailed subscription of the Pie Card and Division 8 may apply additional benefits to individuals who offer to pay it such as the discounted lunch at the upcoming division picnic. With a First Class stamp now at 44 cents, postage for the Pie Card alone is \$5.28 per year. As the number of "subscribers" to the Pie Card decrease the ability to cover its printing is diminished, occasionally resulting in support from Division 8 funds to make it so. Therefore the Division makes incentives for folks to pay this optional payment.

Being able to participate in division activities is one of the benefits of NMRA membership. Many of the events our division holds are made possible by our ability to obtain liability insurance through the NMRA. This insurance is predicated on participants being NMRA members (with some exceptions.) Some of these activities, such as the Swap Meet, generate funds for the division that make additional activities possible. The clinics and competitions at monthly division meetings are but one way to reward membership. The standing around and talking about trains is a benefit too. After all if it were not for Division 8 getting us together each month we might not have such a good opportunity to trade thoughts and ideas with our fellow model railroaders.

Visitors to Division 8 monthly meetings are encouraged. It is the best way for an individual to see if the NMRA is right for him. If you are already an NMRA member in the Louisville area and have not been to a Division 8 meeting please come! It is your organization. But as stated division meetings and activities are benefits of NMRA membership and, like the Elks, American Legion, or Rotary Club, you will have to join the organization to continue to participate.

The bottom line is that for Division 8 to exist the NMRA must exist. They have the deep pockets that make

almost all of this happen. With the worst recession since the Great Depression upon us the NMRA has never been in a more vulnerable position as it is now. So if you are an NMRA member reading this I thank you for your continued membership and support. You are greatly appreciated. If you are not a member yet I encourage you to join. Every member is necessary to make our organization continue to function and thrive for generations to come.

Bob Sobotka, Division 8 Membership Chairman

DIVISION 8 MEMBERS AT THE COLUMBUS CONVENTION

We had a small but prolific delegation at this year's Mid Central Region Convention in Columbus.

Beth Ashley took first place in Railrodiana Original with her railroad motif Derby Hat. Bobbie Hedge took first place in Original Needlework, second and third place in Needlework Pattern. In the model categories Jerry Ashley took second place in Passenger Cars, Off Line Structure; and Third Place in Caboose, Non Revenue Car, and Freight Car. Bob Frankrone came home with Second Place in On Line Display and Caboose. Bob also took second place in model slide and third place in prototype slide.

It's not too early to get ready for the 2010 Mid Central Region Convention. The Coalfield Express is on track for May 13 to 16, 2010 in Charleston, WV.

DIVISION 8 ACHIEVES:- JUDGING TRAINING PLANNED

Mark Norman and myself, after reviewing the judging situation here in Division 8 in Louisville and with much discussion with others have decided to hold an AP Judging School here in Louisville in September. Those wishing to attend should either notify Mark or me as to your intentions.

Judging in the AP Program has changed somewhat since we held our last judging class several years ago. It has also changed in the last year. **If you do not attend this class you will be considered declassified as a judge in the AP Program of the NMRA. No matter whom you were trained by.**

Mr. Bob Weinheimer MMR, the MCR Head Judge retired has agreed to come here and instruct this class.

Jerry Ashley MMR



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