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*From the  
Superinten-  
dent's Desk*

It's official. The northern hemisphere is slowly tilting away from the nearby star marking the official beginning of Model Railroad season. Some people insist on recognizing this as fall. Of course, we know that it is about spending more time enjoying our hobby. One aspect of that enjoyment is sharing with one another.

Recently, we had the opportunity to share this wonderful hobby at the Centennial of Scouting Kickoff. This event was attended by more than 6,000 scouts and their families. That is good exposure. Special thanks go out to Bob Sobotka, Dale Bradley, Joe Fields, and Al Oswald who manned the division booth. Wayne Gentry along with Al were there representing Operation Lifesaver. The event received rave reviews. Several people expressed interest and will be receiving information from us. If you are one of those people, we hope you are enjoying your first Pie Card. We look forward to joining us at one of our meetings. We want to learn from you and share what we have to offer.

Bob Weinheimer from the Coal Field Division was kind enough to drive over from West Virginia to tell us about the upcoming convention and conduct A.P Training. Thanks go out to Jerry Ashley for arranging this. An article about the training will follow. Bob gave a great presentation about the convention. By any measure, this promises to be an absolutely fantastic convention! If you've never been to a convention, this would be a great one to begin with. It's literally "just down the street". If you are an old hand at conventions, you probably already have your reservations made. For details go to their web site - <http://www.coaldivision.org/>

November is Model Railroad Month. Take a moment and ask yourself what will you do to make this a reality? Who will you invite to a meeting? Will you register as a merit badge counselor? Perhaps you would like to set-up the division layout at a school or club. Whatever it is you do, you are challenged to do it. Let's make this the best Model Railroad month ever!



Mark

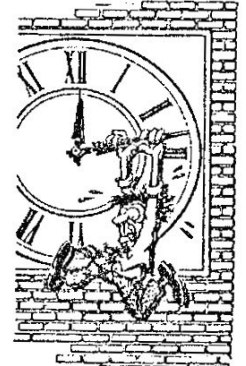
## OCTOBER MEETING INFORMATION

The October meeting will be Saturday October 17, 2 PM at Meadowview Presbyterian Church, 2944 Breckinridge Lane. The contest will be Steam Locomotives. Bob Dawson will present the program, "Arbegust Branch a Railroad You Can Model".

## RALPH BRACEWELL TO HOST OPEN HOUSE IN NOVEMBER

Ralph Bracewell will have his layout open Sunday, November 29, 9 AM to 5 PM. Ralph's address is 107 West Woodlawn Ave. Ralph suggests parking on First Street and walk up the short alley behind his house. If you have never seen Ralph's layout before you are in for a real surprise. It is bi-level connected with a helix that features several animated items.

## TIMETABLE



**October 17**, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Meadowview Church  
**October 24-25**, Div 7 Train Show, West Chester, OH, Sat noon to 7 PM, Sun 11AM-5PM

**November 19**, Div 8 Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 PM, Southern Indiana Club, First Presbyterian Church, Jeffersonville, IN

**November 21**, Div 8 Train Show & Sale, Saturday 10:00 AM, Highland Post American Legion

**November 29**, Sun 9AM-5PM, Layout Open House, Ralph Bracewell

**December 5-6**, K & I Club Open House, Buckner, KY

**December 18**, Holiday Party, Friday evening, Kyana Car Club.

Division 8 Train Show and Sale  
November 21, 2009

**Model Contest**

<b>October</b>	<b>Steam Locomotives</b>
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

**DIVISION 8 TRAIN SHOW AND SALE  
IN NOVEMBER**

The annual Division 8 Fall Train show will be Saturday November 21 at Highland Post American Legion. It's not too early to reserve a table. Tables are \$ 15 each for NMRA members, \$ 20 for non members. Call Steve Taylor 812-265-6155.

**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. Donors for 2009 to date are:

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

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

**\$ 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, The Roundhouse Train Shop, Tom Lindquist, Bob Kuchler.

**WHAT HAPPENED IN SEPTEMBER?**

Better yet what didn't happen? First, Steve Taylor was hospitalized and had to cancel hosting the meeting (Steve is home now and doing fine). It also was found that Meadowview Presbyterian Church was unavailable as an alternate site. A mad scramble began to find a new location. Thanks to Eric Waggoner for procuring the Airport Conference Center at the former Naval Ordinance Plant. The AP training was also moved to the Conference Center.

Second, the Color Pages did not arrive in time to be included in the September issue. They are in this issued instead.

**SEPTEMBER CONTEST WINNERS**

The September contest was rail photos. First place went to Bob Frankrone, with second place to Ed Brennan. Bill Lynch is looking forward to your entries. The contest is limited to NMRA members only. Entrants must provide their NMRA membership number on the contest log. If you are bringing a model that you want judged in the Achievement Program, let Jerry Ashley know in advance to arrange for judging

Contest point standings: 8 points, Bob Frankrone; 5 points, Rick Maloney; 3 points, Ed Brennan; 2 points, Bill Lynch, Bob Johnson, Bob Kuchler; 1 point, Herman Weir, Charlie Keeling, Eric Waggoner

**2010 MID CENTRAL REGION CONVENTION**

The 2010 Mid Central Region Convention, THE COALFIELD EXPRESS, will be held May 13-16, 2010 in Charleston, West Virginia. At the convention hotel (the Embassy Suites) you will find the usual sorts of activities including the model contest, raffle, silent auction, company store, clinics, hospitality suite, and banquet. Thursday evening you will have the opportunity to operate one of three area layouts. Prototype and industrial tours available as extra fare events on Friday and Saturday. Sunday will find a number of layouts in the immediate Charleston area open for visits, plus others that you will be able to visit on your way home from the convention. For information you can go to the Division 8 Web Site and follow the links or go to [http://www.coaldivision.org/coalfield\\_express.html](http://www.coaldivision.org/coalfield_express.html). You can also contact the convention registrar: [registrar@coaldivision.org](mailto:registrar@coaldivision.org)

**DIVISION 8 CHRISTMAS PARTY**

This year the Christmas Party will be at the KYANA Car Club, 3821 Hunsinger Lane. The date is Friday evening, December 18, 2009. The meal will be a buffet catered by Halls catering and will feature a choice of three meats, four vegetables, and several salad and dessert choices. Cost for NMRA members is \$ 12.50 per person (\$ 25 per couple), non-NMRA members \$ 20/person. Bruce Goreham is taking reservations. You can email Bruce at [bgoreham@bell-south.net](mailto:bgoreham@bell-south.net) or call him at 502-491-3996. Make out checks to "Division 8 MCR NMRA" and mail it to Division Eight, MCR, NMRA; P. O. Box 99041, Louisville, KY 402691-0041; or give it to Bruce at a meeting.

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**At the August Meeting**



Above contest winners from left to right: Bob Frankrone, Jim Harrington, Rick Maloney.  
Below, more meeting pictures\.



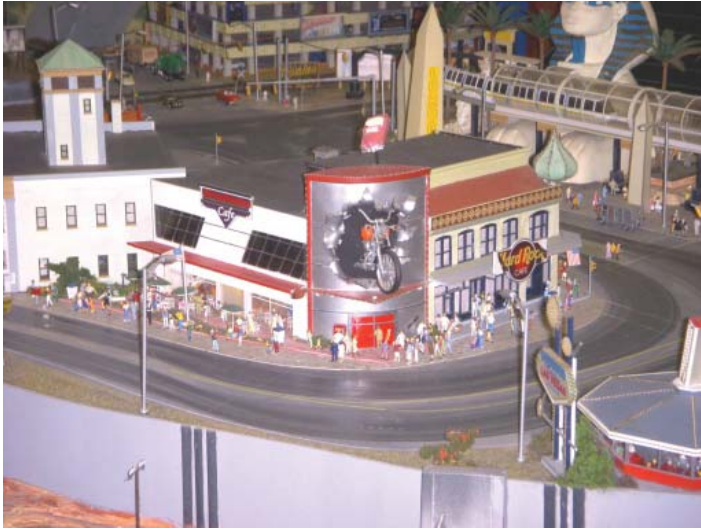
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**WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A MODEL JUDGE?**

Come to Meadowview Presbyterian Church, 2944 Breckenridge Lane, 2 PM Sunday September 20 and find out. Bob Weinheimer MMR and Mid-Central Region Contest Chairman will be the instructor. Do you want to know what the judges are looking for when examining a model? In September you can have an opportunity to find answers to these and any other

Pike Show Case

Something a little different. Many of you have seen the “Miniatur Wunderland” model railroad in Hamburg, Germany on the web. Our clerk, Eric Waggoner, took these photos while on a business trip to Germany. It is billed as the largest model railroad in the world. Eric said he spent four and one-half hours there and still didn't see everything. If you want to see more check out their website: <http://www.miniatur-wunderland.com/>.



Crowds abound and nothing (above right) is omitted.

**Trackside Kebntuckiana**

The year is 1981, Illinois Central “Jeeps” wait at Oak Street Yard.

Photo by Charlie Keeling.

The September contest is Photos. Bring your favorite photo to the meeting and enter.



## FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Saturday, September 12, saw the Division 8 display set up at the Boy Scouts' 100th Anniversary Celebration Kick-Off held at the Broadbent Arena of the Kentucky State Fairgrounds. We were among several exhibitors on hand to promote various youth and awareness programs, our contribution consisting of promoting NMRA and the Railroading Merit Badge. I was assisted by our own Dale Bradley and Joe Fields who are also scouters involved with local Boy Scout troops. Our Superintendent was also there as one of the organizers of the event.

The Railroading Merit Badge for some scouts is their first introduction to model railroading. It is more than just model railroading, in fact model railroading is represented as one of two special interest areas, one of which the scout chooses to accomplish. The other is railfanning. Examples of tasks the scout is required to accomplish include identifying different types of freight trains, freight cars, railroads and what regions they serve, studying Amtrak and rail-based mass transit, explaining jobs people can have on a railroad or interviewing a railroad employee, explaining the purpose of Operation Lifesaver and examples of safety around railroad tracks and grade crossings, and explaining the meaning of warning signs, signal types and whistle signals. The model railroading area requires the scout to accomplish two of seven tasks. Among these choices are layout design, build a locomotive kit, freight car kit or structure kit or scratchbuilt, identify different types of model rail gauge/scale, build a layout, and participate in a switching contest on a timesaver layout. Remember it is just two of the above.

Division 8 has assisted the Boy Scouts with this merit badge in the past. We have several members who are counselors including myself, Mark Norman, Joe Fields, and Don Fowler (my apologies to those I missed, please contact me.) Bob Johnson has contributed a case containing several different models of different scales to aid in one of the previously mentioned tasks. And Division 8 has donated several Athearn tank car kits for another requirement as well. Last December Mark and I participated in a merit badge "university" held at IUS where a dozen scouts were able to complete the requirements for the badge in a day-long event (This was described in the January 2009 Pie Card). We expect this event will be held again this year in December so please contact myself or Mark if you have or know of a scout who might be interested.

I believe the Railroading Merit Badge is a great way to introduce our hobby to our young people. Encourage any scouts you know to check it out. With so many activities available to youth these days we have our work cut out for us to compete for their interest. Remember - today's young people are tomorrow's model railroaders and key to the continuation of this hobby for many years to come.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS - Tom Guenther - Lou-

isville, KY; Marissa Pharris - Louisville, KY; Joey Proctor - LaGrange, KY

Bob Sobotka, Division 8 Membership Chairman

## IS YOUR CLUB HAVING AN EVENT?

Your editor is sometimes asked, how come my model railroad club event wasn't reported in the Pie Card. The answer is simple, you didn't tell me. If you want an upcoming event, open house, etc., advertised in the Pie Card, you need to notify me at least two months in advance of the date. If you want the event reported in the Pie Card, send me some pictures for publication and short a description of what occurred. My phone number is found on the last page of every issue of the Pie Card. My email address is: dawsonrobertl@bellsouth.net.

## TWENTY FOUR ATTENDED AP TRAINING

By Mark Norman

If you've been reading Scale Rails these last several months, you hopefully will recall a series called Modeling with the Masters. What struck me about the series was how each of these masters showed how the goal was attainable. That's not to say it is a walk in the park, but it is a path that can be walked. In some ways, it reminds me of the Hare and Tortoise. Slow and steady won the day.

Another thing that struck me was how each of these masters described how they often started tentatively but found camaraderie and mentoring among their fellow modelers. With time and practice, they became better modelers. To this day, they continue to grow as modelers and individuals. Another item unfamiliar to me (it's a long list) was that MMR's agree to pass their knowledge on to others.

At our September meeting, Master Model Railroader Bob Weinheimer presented a clinic on the Achievement Program. Specifically, twenty four model railroaders were certified including our friends from neighboring divisions.

Bob skillfully blended a Power Point presentation with actual models to explain the Achievement Program and what the judges are looking for. Simply stated, the judges are looking for you to be a better modeler!



Achievement Program Judges Training

Holiday Party  
December 18, 2009  
Kyana Car Club

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