



# The Pie Card



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## *From the Superintendent's Desk*

Model Railroad Month has arrived! To some, this is still known as November. We though, know that it is prime time to enjoy and share this wonderful hobby. All we have to do is take care of the leaves and other chores so we can settle in and have some serious fun.

Recently, I made the trek to Columbus, Ohio to take care of the business side of our hobby. The region meeting was fairly straight forward. A number of changes have been made to get our finances in order. A large part of that was moving publication of the *King Pin* to the web unless the member requested a paper copy. The paper copies will be in published in black, white, and shades of grey. The web version will have color and additional photos. The convention/ballot edition will remain on paper. A database of clinicians is being developed. More will be written about that in the next newsletter. The divisions are generally in good shape. The upcoming convention in Charleston, WV looks to be a winner.

One topic discussed was membership. Specifically, how do we serve our members and attract new members? What are we doing to serve you? There are numerous answers and there is always the possibility to do more or do something better. Having first rate activities such as our programs, swap meet, picnic, Christmas party and tours is certainly a key. The members of those committees deserve a pat on the back for all they are doing. Likewise, the achievement program and model

contest help us become better modelers and are a lot of fun to boot. Your feedback is welcomed and encouraged. Send a message and make sure your voice is heard.

There is one way we can help the hobby, help the hobby shops and clubs and help ourselves too. You are encouraged to lend a helping hand to the hobbyists entering the hobby for the first time. While you are out and about you may well encounter someone buying their first train set. What better gift than for them to have a mentor? A few helpful suggestions from an experienced mentor, you, will pay dividends in enjoyment for them. Invite them to a division meeting and to join a club. They will grow in the hobby and join this wonderful world of ours.

The holidays will soon be upon us. Please mark your calendars and join us for a fantastic Christmas party!

*Mark*

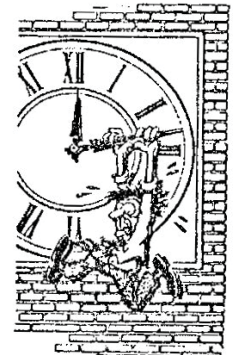
## **NOVEMBER MEETING INFORMATION**

The November meeting is Thursday, November 19, at 7:30 PM in Jeffersonville, Indiana. The meeting is being hosted by the Southern Indiana Model Railroad Club. They are 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.

## **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

## **TIMETABLE**



**Nov 19**, Div 8 Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 PM, Southern Indiana Club, Jeffersonville, IN

**Nov 21**, Div 8 Train Show & Sale, Saturday 10:00 AM, Highland Post Amer. Legion

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

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

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

**Jan 15**, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM.

**May 13-16**, MCR Convention, Charleston, WV

## **RALPH BRACEWELL TO HOST OPEN HOUSE IN NOVEMBER**

Ralph Bracewell will have his layout open again this year. The date is Sunday, November 29, 9 AM to 5 PM. Ralph's address is 107 West Woodlawn Ave. This is just west of First Street. 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. It also features several animated scenic items.

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**Model Contest****NOVEMBER**

December	<b>DISPLAYS/DIORAMAS</b>
January	No Contest
February	Freight Cars
March	Diesels
April	Commercial Structures
May	Passenger Cars
June	Cabooses
July	Open Loads
August	No Contest
September	MOW Equipment
October	Photos
	Steam Locomotives

**OCTOBER CONTEST WINNERS**

The October contest was steam locomotives. Rick Maloney took first place with his G-gauge LH&S R ten wheeler (see photo in color pages). Jim Harrington took second place, Bob Johnson and Bill Lynch tied for third. . 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: 9 points, Rick Maloney; 8 points Bob Frankrone; 7 points, Jim Harrington; 3 points each, Bill Lynch, Bob Johnson, Ed Brennan; 2 points each, Charlie Keeling, Herman Weir, Bob Kuchler; one point each Rob Johnson and Eric Waggoner.

**THANKS**

Just a note to thank the members of the Division for the gift certificate. It was very much appreciated. Thanks again,  
*Ray Rohmann.*

**FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**

Look for Bob's article next month.

*Bob Sobotka, Division 8 Membership Chairman*

**PIE CARD SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL**

IF THERE IS A "STAR" STICKER ON THE COVER OF YOUR PIE CARD, YOUR SUBSCRIPTION HAS EXPIRED! Subscriptions are \$ 10. Make checks out: Div 8 MCR NMRA. Mail to Pie Card Editor or bring to a meeting.

**BACK IN THE DAY**

From the February 1977 Pie Card. The January meeting had been held at John Kelly's house. The February meeting (Feb 17) was to be held at Charlie Keeling's house. Superintendent Charlie Williams had just gotten out of the hospital. The postage to mail the Pie Card 13 cents. Registration for the MCR Convention to be held in Cincinnati that April was \$ 16. Hotel registration at the convention hotel (Howard Johnson's) was \$ 26, double occupancy.

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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@bellsouth.net](mailto:bgoreham@bellsouth.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 40269-0041; or give it to Bruce at a meeting.

**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.

**K & I CLUB OPEN HOUSE DECEMBER 5-6**

The K & I Model Railroad Club is having an open house at their Club Room in the Old Buckner Firehouse on Highway 143 in Buckner, KY. The hours both days are 10 am to 4 pm. Directions: From Louisville, take I-71 East toward Cincinnati. Take exit 18 and turn left at the bottom of the hill (Hwy. 393). Go under I-71, continue on and cross the railroad tracks, turn right (Hwy 146), the firehouse is 500 yards up the road on your left.

**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, Joe Fields.

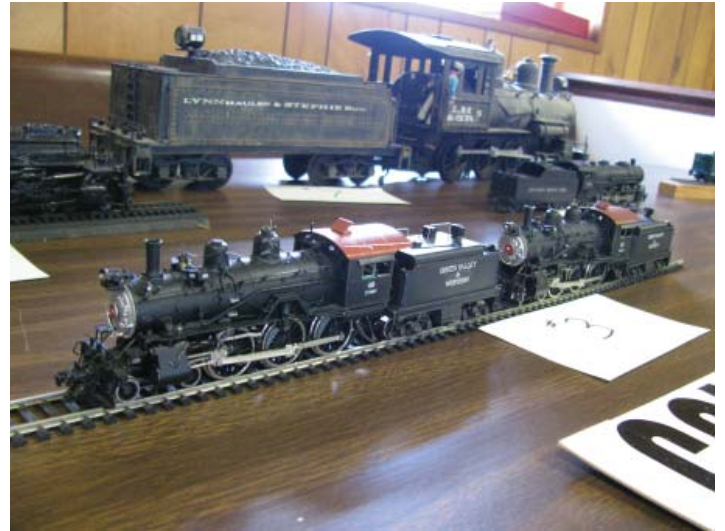
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### October Contest Results



Rick Maloney took first place with his G-Gauge locomotive. Jim Harrington took second with his brace of Green Valley & Western ten wheelers.

### PIKE SHOW CASE

A “blast from the past”. Four views of Miles Hale’s South Park Valley On3 Railroad. Alas it no longer exists.





### A LOOK AT THE PROTOTYPE

Miles Hale's layout was inspired by Colorado Narrow Gauge. For comparison, here are some photos from a recent trip your editor took on the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge RR.



### TRACKSIDE KENTUCKIANA

The C & O-Big Four Freight House at Preston & Main Streets, 1928.

Today this the concourse for Slugger Field



## PROGRAMS AND MEETING HOSTS AND NEEDED FOR 2010

It's that time again; time to plan our 2010 meeting schedule. January's program and host is covered, but we need programs and hosts for the rest of the year (or at least the first part). What would you have to do volunteer?

**Present a program or clinic.** It could be a slide or power point (or other format) program of your favorite railroad, railfan pictures, layouts you have visited, a model project you have completed, etc. You could present a clinic- a sort of show and tell, maybe demonstrate a modeling technique.

**Host a meeting or provide refreshments:** Do you have a home layout? Would you open your home to a meeting? Our meetings are normally the third Saturday or the third Thursday evening of the month. If you can't host a meeting at home would you be willing to bring refreshments to one of our meetings? Usually soft drinks and snacks for 25 or 30 people are sufficient. Keep your receipts and turn them in at the meeting reimbursement.

**Who do you contact?** To present a program or host a home meeting contact Bob Dawson at a meeting or call him at 502-368-2607 or email him at: [dawsonroberl@bellsouth.net](mailto:dawsonroberl@bellsouth.net). If you can provide refreshments, call Bobbie Hedge, 812-288-8037 or email her at: [bhedge59@yahoo.com](mailto:bhedge59@yahoo.com). You can also check with Bobbie at a meeting.

## NEW NMRA DIVISION

The newest Division in the NMRA is the Michiana Division, which falls right on the border between Southwest Michigan and Northern Indiana (hence the name). The Division was founded by several well known modelers, including Jim Six, who's serving as the first Superintendent. Their slogan is "Model Railroading in the Digital Age," so keep your eyes on what this 21st Century Division will be up to in the coming months and years.

## AT THE OCTOBER MEETING

The Division met at Meadowview Presbyterian Church, Saturday October 17 at 2:00 PM. In the absence of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent Bruce Goreham presided at the meeting. There was no new business brought before the members.

Bruce gave a brief presentation on the Christmas Party. See details and reservation information in elsewhere in this issue. Bob Dawson reported 70 tables are sold to date for the November 21 Train Show and Sale. He said some help is needed at 7:30 am that morning to direct dealers to their tables.

Club Reports: The 0-6-0 is still set up at the South Louisville Antique and Toy Mall at Brooks, KY. Nat King said the K & I Club will host an open house (see notice this issue for details). LCL will be set up at festival of trees and lights. Glenda Stewart said the 900 people Falls City Live Steamers had over 900 people present at a recent meet at Southeast Christian Church in four hours. The Southern Indiana Club will host the November Division 8 meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Jeffersonville.

Ray Rohmann is at home with a broken shoulder. As soon as that heals he will have repeat surgery on one of his knees. Steve Taylor is recovering from surgery.

Bob Dawson presented a preview of the program he will give at the Spring MCR Convention in Charleston, WV, "The Arbogust Street Branch, a Railroad You Can Model". Nat and Carolyn King provided refreshments.

The official minutes for the meeting are posted on the Division Web Site.

## NATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS

As you may have seen in the last issue of *Scale Rails*, the Milwaukee 2010 Convention Team is well along with their plans for next summer. They'll be featuring one "special event" every day of the convention. All are "extra fare" except the Sunday event:

Sunday: Beer & Brat Fest in Zeidler Park

Monday: Dinner cruise

Tuesday: Dinner Social at the Milwaukee Public Museum

Wednesday: Ladies' Luncheon at the Milwaukee County Zoo

Thursday: Dinner Train

Friday: Traditional Wisconsin Fish Fry

Saturday: 75th Anniversary Banquet & Awards Ceremony, with keynote speaker Jim Hediger of *Model Railroader* magazine

## 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)

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