



# The Pie Card



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## *From the Superintendent's Desk*

This column is being written a few days before Thanksgiving. By the time it is ready, some will just be getting over that feast and preparing for the Christmas festivities. Truly, there is much to be thankful for, no matter the challenges we face. I can honestly say, that there is not a meeting attended, a member visited, or a call received where I don't learn a little something. It is an amazing journey with incredible people.

Recently, I had the opportunity to take another amazing journey with the estimable Bob Dawson. We began our journey by ensuring there was plenty of fuel. We took on fuel at Waffle House! From there we proceeded to chase down trains, active tracks, abandoned tracks, industries, and childhood memories of Bob's. In those hours a deeper and broader appreciation of the local community on both sides of the river was gained. Bob is truly a walking encyclopedia! The highlight was getting to know Bob a bit better of course. If you ever get the chance to take such a tour, do it.

To reiterate points made in earlier columns, now is the time for us to fulfill our commitment to community outreach. Here is where we can really shine. While out and about at your favorite hobby shop, you will almost certainly encounter people new to the hobby. What better

gift can we offer than an invitation to the division? A Rail Pass costs less than an inexpensive car now. This isn't just about growing the membership. This is about reaching out to the community and helping. Being a part of a community of caring modelers, they will be more likely to avoid common pitfalls that drive people from the hobby. It's really quite easy. When you see someone who is obviously struggling, just mention your part of the larger model railroading community; a community that is interested in helping them. Just like that, you've become a mentor. It ranks right up there with being an elf.

From my family to yours and to the community at large, we wish each and everyone one of you Merry Christmas!

*Mark*

## **DECEMBER MEETING INFORMATION**

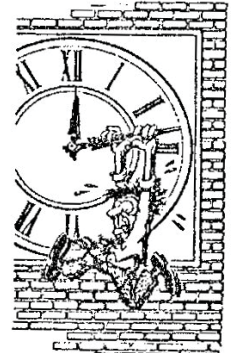
There is no meeting in December, but if you haven't done so make your reservation for the Division 8 Christmas Party. Call Bruce Goreham (491-3996) to make your reservation.

## **DIVISION 8 CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Are you coming to the annual Christmas party on Friday the 18th? There will be optional gift exchanges for both the men and women. To participate, bring a gift between \$15.00 and 25.00, wrap the gift and note on the outside if it is for a man or woman. Bring the gift and exchange it for a ticket when you arrive. The ticket numbers will be scrambled during dinner so you will then get a different gift to take home. Not interested? Just don't bother buying a gift and sit there smiling during the exchange.

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## *TIMETABLE*



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

**Dec 19**, Saturday, Christmas Open House, Harry Munzer & Bob Irmscher

**Jan 9-10**, Great Train Expo. Louisville Int'l Convention Center

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

**Jan 31**, Sunday, Mid-West Region Train Show, Noblesville, IN

**Feb 20**, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM. TBA

**Mar 27**, Div 8 Train Show & Sale, Highland Post American Legion

**April**, TBA

**Apr 24**, Saturday, Central Indiana Division Train Show, Bedford, IN

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

**May 22**, Saturday, 2:00 PM, TBA

**Model Contest****DECEMBER**

January  
February  
March  
April  
May  
June  
July  
August  
September  
October  
November

**NO CONTEST**

Freight Cars  
Diesels  
Commercial Structures  
Passenger Cars  
Cabooses  
Open Loads  
No Contest  
MOW Equipment  
Photos  
Steam Locomotives  
Displays/Dioramas

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We will all enjoy a good dinner, a special program, some fellowship and maybe win a door prize. The program be presented by Al Oswald from Scale Reproductions. Al will present a "different view" of railroads around Louisville and the country.

We already have about 50 reservations for the Party, but would certainly hope to see 20 or so more. You can also email Bruce at [bgoreham@bellsouth.net](mailto:bgoreham@bellsouth.net) or call him at 502-491-3996.

**BOB IRMSCHER AND HARRY MUNZER  
HOSTING CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSES  
DECEMBER 19**

Bob Irmscher and Harry Munzer will be hosting open houses for the holidays featuring their indoor train layouts. Bob features a fully scened O-gauge layout with an On30 branchline. Bob's address is 5541 Buck Creek Rd., Floyds Knobs, Indiana just off Hwy 150. From 1-64 take US 150 West. Buck Creek Rd is on the right immediately after the four lane divided highway goes to two lanes. Bob will be open from 11:00 AM to 2 PM. Harry will be running is HO Division of the Swift Creek Railroad, as well as having Lionel running. Harry lives at 6265 Buttonwood Rd. off US 150 in Greenville, IN. Harry's layout will be open from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

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**CHARLIE CASTNER RECOGNIZED**

L & N Railroad Historian Charlie Costner was presented with a Certificate of Merit as part of Kentucky Archives Month this past October. As an employee of the L & N Railroad in 1975, Charlie developed a relationship with the University of Louisville Archives and Records Center to have the minute books of the L & N Railroad microfilmed for preservation. He was later instrumental in the transfer of extensive L & N Records including maps, photographs, blue prints and other materials. For past 30 years he has been working with the archives to catalog the collection and helping to acquire other significant railroad collections. Congratulations Charlie!

**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:

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**NOVEMBER CONTEST WINNERS**

The November contest was dioramas. Rick Maloney took first place with his farm scene. Second place went to Bob Frankrone with his Hardware and Lumber Co. Third place was a tie between Bill Lynch and Bob Kuchler.

Point standings to date: Rick Maloney, 13; Bob Frankrone, 10; Jim Harrington, 7; Bill Lynch, 4. With three points each: Bob Johnson, Ed Brennan, and Bob Kuchler. Two points each: Herman Weir and Charlie Keeling. One point each: Rob Johnson and Eric Waggoner.

Now is the time to start working on you entry for the January contest. The subject is freight cars. Bill Lynch is looking forward to your entry.



### November Meeting



Above left: Certificates were presented to some of the members who attended the Judging Training held in September. Above right: Rick Maloney's winning diorama entry in the November Contest.



This month features the Southern Indiana Railroad Club layout. The club meets at the First Presbyterian Church, Walnut and Chesnut Streets in Jeffersonville, IN. They meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.



At the November Train Show...



Above left: Bob Johnson's Marx Train layout. Above right: Russ Weiss and Eric Waggoner greeting prospective customers.



Above left: TT train layout at the show. Above right: Radcliff Model Railroad Club operating their On30 layout.



Above left: Ruth Lynch and Brenda Stewart greeting show attendees at the door. Above right: Bruce Goreham and Cecil Stewart greeting show attendees at the door..

More photographs are available on the Division 8 web site: <http://div8-mcr-nmra.org/train-show.html>.

## FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Bob has been globe trotting. Look for his article next month.

## AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting was held Thursday evening November 19 in Jeffersonville, Indiana. The meeting was hosted by the Southern Indiana Railroad modular club.

Due to a schedule conflict with the Mid Central Region 2010 Convention in Charleston, WV, it was voted to move the date of the May meeting to the fourth Saturday, May 22, 2010.

Following the meeting we enjoyed the hospitality of the Southern Indiana Railroad members.

The minutes for the meeting are posted on the Division website.

## 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.** Program Chairman Mark Hedge is looking for volunteers. 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. Or 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 for reimbursement.

**Who do you contact?** To present a program or host a home meeting contact Mark Hedge at a meeting or call him at 812-288-8037 or email him at: [porkypine52@yahoo.com](mailto:porkypine52@yahoo.com). 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.

## 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)

## TRAIN SHOW REPORT

We had another great train show. To paraphrase one of our past treasurers, the late Bob Norton, "We made money." More important, I think everyone who attended had a good time. Thanks to those who made it such a success. John Manning, Bobbie and Mark Hedge who helped me Friday night. Jim Schmidt, John Manning, Tom Guenther, Ed Atkins, and Ed Hardesty who helped get the dealers to their tables Saturday morning. Jerry Ashley for again picking up the donuts and Bruce Goreham for providing the coffee before the show opened. Brenda and Cecil Stewart, Ruthie Lynch, and Bruce Gorham who took care of the admissions at the doors. Bruce also took care of the hard part, counting and putting the deposit together after the show was over. Don Fowler took care of the parking lot. I know I have forgotten some names, so forgive me.

What's a show without layouts? Thanks to Bob Johnson for bringing his vintage Marx layout, Joe Martin with the T-Track, and Radcliff Model Railroad Club for bringing their On30 logging layout.

Thanks also to our local hobby shops who provided door prizes: L & N Trains & Things, Roundhouse, and Scale Reproductions. Door prizes were also provided by Short'n' Sassy Embroidery (Mark and Bobbie Hedge), and Larry Hujo.

A full report will be given at a later Division meeting.



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