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*From the
Superintendent's
Desk*

Happy New Year Division 8! Here we are again with a brand spanking New Year stretching out before us. What will you do with yours? As pondered a few columns ago, this isn't a continuous loop but a point to point that we are traveling on. As we pause to take on fuel, clean the windows, and get everything lubricated, it's a good idea to walk around our train and make sure everything is in working order. Before leaving the station, check the aspect for three indicators- start, stop, and continue. What are you not doing that you want to start? What are you going to stop doing that isn't effective or worth the time? What is going well that you will continue doing? Your Throttle Committee will be doing the same.

By all accounts the Christmas party was a resounding success. It was good seeing so many of you having a fine time celebrating this holy season. For those who couldn't make it, we hope to see you the next time. I don't know about you, but it seems a couple of pounds were gained following that feast! We will be looking at this event too with an eye to making this successful event even better.

Look for an article in an upcoming *Pie Card* asking you to share your photos. This reason will be clear and will be fun for all.

For the time being, just flag some of the photos you take for sharing. Specifically, we are looking for photos of the division and its members in action, photos of our layouts, or maybe the new train set Santa left under the tree. The article will explain where to send them.

As we roll along, there are inevitably crew changes. Joe Fields has graciously agreed to serve as our Achievement Program Chairman. Joe is an extraordinary modeler and will serve us well. A word of thanks goes out to Jerry Ashley who is taking well deserved crew rest. Jack Diehl is heading up the Silver Spike Committee. We are starting a bit late because of the Superintendent, but Jack will get us back on track. Mark Hedge has agreed to be the Program Chairman. This allows Bob Dawson to be over-dispatched with new challenges. Tom Guenther is working on the division directory. Mike Berry, having retired from Norfolk Southern, will be taking Promotions to new levels.

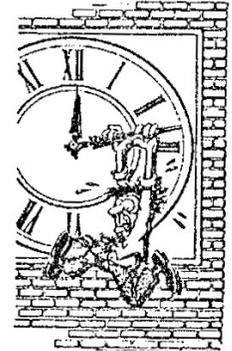
I pray that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and that this year is the best ever for you and your family. Let's go have some fun and promote this wonderful hobby!

Mark

JANUARY MEETING INFORMATION

The January meeting is Saturday, January 16, 2010, 2 PM at Meadowview Presbyterian Church, 2944 Breckinridge Lane. Eric Waggoner is presenting the Program. Bob Dawson is providing refreshments. The contest will be freight cars.

TIMETABLE



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 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

NOMINATIONS FOR 2009 SILVER SPIKE AWARD ARE OPEN

Jack Diehl is accepting nominations for the 2009 Silver Spike Award. The purpose of this award this award is to recognize Division 8 members who have given exemplary service to the National Model Railroad Association, Mid Central Region, or Division 8. The nomination criteria and nominating procedure may be found on the Official Nomination Form enclosed with this

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MODEL CONTEST

JANUARY

February
March
April
May
June
July
August
September
October
November
December

FREIGHT CARS

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

CONTEST POINT STANDINGS

There was no contest in December. 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.

JOE FIELDS AND CECIL STEWART TAKING OVER THE ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Jerry Ashley has decided to step down as Achievement Program Chairman. Joe Fields has agreed to take over as AP Chairman assisted by Cecil Stewart. You can make arrangements to have a model or layout judged by contacting Joe or Cecil. Contact Joe at 502-964-2679, email: joeflds3@aol.com, Cecil Stewart at 502-252-7814. You may also make arrangements to have a model judged at a regular Division 8 meeting.

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DIVISION ELECTIONS

Division 8 will elect Officers in March. The positions are Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Treasurer, Clerk, and one Trustee. The officers serve two year terms; the trustee will serve a six year term. The Nominating Committee (Bob Johnson and Joe Fields) will present their report at the January meeting. After report of the nominating committee is accepted, nominations from the floor will be accepted. Any regular member may be nominated. No second is required,

but the nominee must agree to serve. Nominations can only be made by regular member in good standing with NMRA. Voting members are defined by NMRA.

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 2010 to date are:

\$ 50 or more:

\$ 25 to \$ 45: .

\$ 5 to \$ 20: Eric Waggoner

DIVISION 8 TRAIN SHOW AND SALE

Plans are already under way for the Spring Train Show. The date is March 27. The show will again be at Highland Post American Legion. Mark Hedge is taking over the dealer liaison position. If you want to reserve a table, contact Mark. Parking is still a problem. We can't get some the vendors to move their vehicles so our customers can park close to the building. Don Fowler is working on some ideas to improve the situation.

HOLIDAY OPENHOUSES

By Bob Dawson

Again this year I had the opportunity to attend some of the Model Railroad open houses held in the area. First was Ralph Bracewell's R & C Railroad on Woodlawn Avenue on November 29. Charlie Keeling and I stopped by in the afternoon. Ralph features two levels connected with a helix and animated scenes all over the place. Next Tom Guenther and I visited the K & I Club in Buckner on Sunday December 6. There several visitors there when we arrived. Nat King told us they had a larger crowd on Saturday. Doc Shane, Barry Barmore and Bob Sobotka were busy running trains. KSONS were also set up and running. Among the KSONS members running were Joe Martin, Bruce Goreham, and Paul Downs. On Saturday, December 19, Tom Guenther and I visited Bob Irmscher and Harry Munzer's open houses in Floyds Knobs, and Greenville Indiana. Bob's place was packed when we arrive. Bob has filled the second story of his garage with a large O-Scale fully scened layout. We then continued on to Greenville to Harry Munzer's house. Harry has a HO layout (built by Bob Irmscher) along with a Lionel layout. There also trains displayed all around the house. Hopefully these layouts will be open again next season. I highly recommend you take the time to visit them. See pictures in this month's color pages.

Silver Spike Nominations continued from page 1 issue of the Pie Card. Nominations must be received by Jack by February 28, 2010. Voting information and award date will be announced at a later date.

At the Christmas Party



DOOR PRIZE DRAWING



PROGRAM - AL OSWALD

Pike Showcase - Christmas Open Houses
Ralph Brfacewell's R & C Railroad



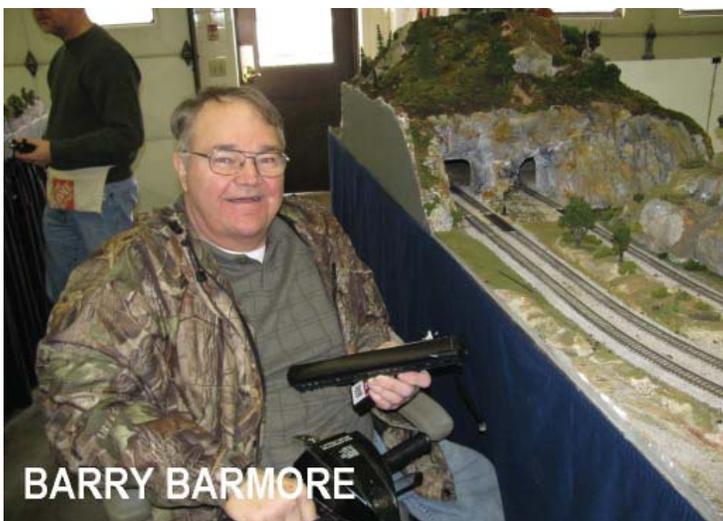
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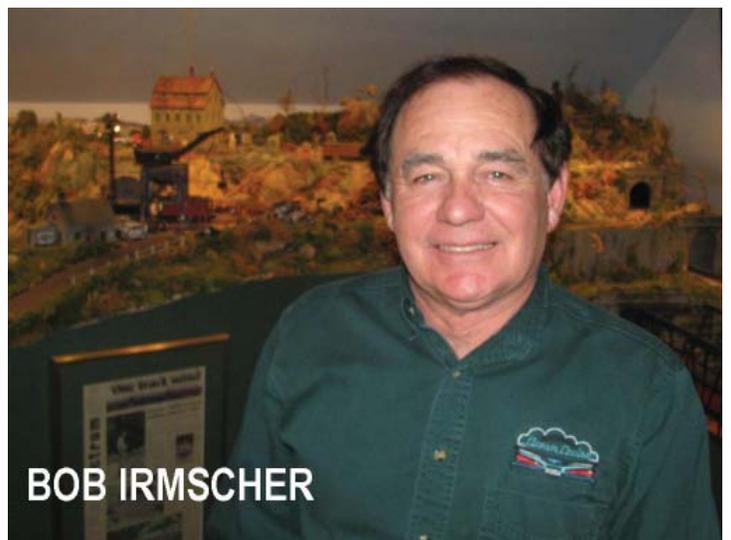
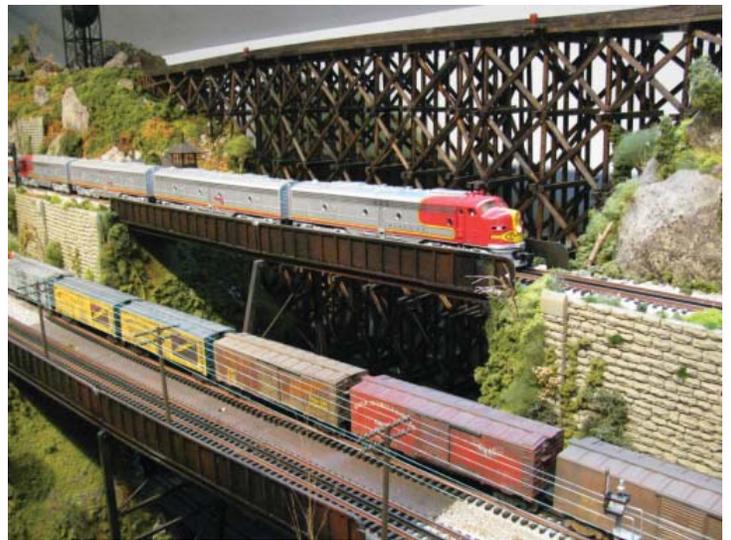


KSONS



JOE MARTIN

Bob Irmischer's O- Gauge



BOB IRMSCHER

Harry Munzer's Swift Creek O-Gauge and HO



Along the Right of Way - Prototype Views

Since the January Contest is freight cars, we take a look at a few prototype Cars.



FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Saturday, December 5, saw another Railroading Merit Badge class held by the Chief Old Ox District of the Lincoln Heritage Council, Boy Scouts of America. Just as last year this event was held at Indiana University Southeast in New Albany. I had the privilege of presenting the course to ten scouts from southern Indiana (although the course was open to scouts from both sides of the river.) Again Division 8 contributed to this effort by donating Accurail boxcars, screwdrivers and glue purchased with a discount from Scale Reproductions. Additionally, as he did last year, Al Oswald gave his Operation Lifesaver presentation. Most of the information held in the Operation Lifesaver presentation are the safety items that must be learned by scouts to complete this badge. Special thanks are in order to Al for helping with this project.

Other items of study for this merit badge are identifying different types of rail cars and their purpose, explaining how diesel and electric locomotives operate, identifying different types of freight trains, such as unit, mixed, and intermodal trains, explaining what Amtrak is and planning a trip of over 500 miles, explaining the different departments of a railroad, identifying light signals, horn signals, and more.

Finally the badge provides two different special interest tracks to choose from, model railroading or railfanning. As presented this course naturally followed model railroading. Two of several choices needed to be accomplished for this track. One was completing the aforementioned model; the other was to identify four different types of model railroad scales or gauges. A case of boxcars from scales Z to G was provided last year by Bob Johnson and was again utilized.

At the beginning of the course none of the scouts admitted any knowledge of railroading, model or 1:1 scale. By the end interest was piqued and the scouts bombarded me with questions of where they could buy more models or ride actual trains. Hopefully seeds of our hobby have been planted that will eventually bear fruit in the form of more model railroaders.

Bob Sobotka - Division 8 Membership Chairman

STOLEN CROSSBUCKS

Someone stole Harry Munzer's railroad crossbucks. They were taken from in front of Harry's House, 6265 Buttonwood Road in Greenville, Indiana. The theft occurred sometime during the evening, Saturday, December 18. Harry had them setting at the end of his driveway for his open house. The crossbucks are replicas. Harry said they are made from Aluminum with two hooks mounted on the top so that they can be hung over a cross bar. He said they are reinforced with ridges on the back. Let Harry know if someone approaches you trying to sell them. You can call Harry at 812-923-1537.

BOB JONGEDYK

Long time member, Bob Jongedyk passed away Friday December 18, 2009. Bob lived in Brandenburg. He had been unable in to attend our meetings in recent times. He was an O-scale modeler. Our sympathy goes to Bob's family.

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. 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. You can also contact the convention registrar: registrar@coaldivision.org.

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 as a 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. If you can provide refreshments, call Bobbie Hedge, 812-288-8037 or email her at: bhedge59@yahoo.com or check with Bobbie at a meeting.

PHOTOS AND ARTICLES NEEDED FOR THE PIE CARD

Would you like to see pictures of your pike in *The Pie Card*? Do you have pictures from visits to other layouts, or rail fan outings you would like to share? How about an article? The editor is always looking for articles from the members. Articles can be about a modeling project, a layout visit, a convention experience, or a rail fan experience. If you have an idea, but want some help with it, contact the editor. Send pictures or articles to Bob Dawson, 7305 Ticonderoga Dr., Louisville, KY 40214; email: dawsonrobertl@bellsouth.net or give it to the Editor at a meeting.

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