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From the Superintendent's Desk

We are in the heart of the model railroading season and I hope you are enjoying every minute of it. Between the rain and the snow, we have every reason to enjoy our hobby.

As is always the case, the division has been busy individually and collectively. Several members took turns at our booth at the Great Train Expo. The booth, signage, display layout and members looked good and drew visitors. The clubs were out in force sharing and promoting. It was a good to see all the enthusiasm. Thanks to everyone for all that you did and for supporting one another. By the way, three people joined the NMRA, two who live in the division.

Due to the efforts of two of our members, several Boy Scouts recently earned the Railroading merit badge. This helps with our outreach obligations and gives us good exposure too. Thank you! Another member called to say that he had signed up to be a counselor. Excellent! This is something that takes little time and has great rewards. Please consider it.

In other developments: Tom Guenther is hard at work on an updated division directory. If you haven't sent him your current information, please do so now. It's only as good at the information

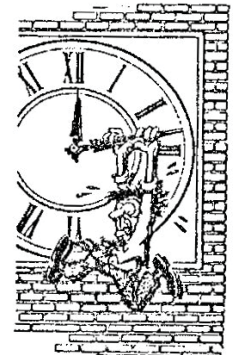
you provide. Joe Fields has hit the ground running as the Achievement Program Chairman and already is putting a committee in place. The Nominating Committee, Joe Fields and Bob Johnson, assembled a slate of candidates and the Clerk will be sending out the ballots. Please check your mailbox and return your ballot by mail. Only mailed ballots can be counted. Russ Weis has agreed to be our Teller and tally the ballots. Mike Berry, recently retired from Norfolk Southern, is working on Promotion ideas. Stay tuned! Bob Dawson is turning over the reins of Program to Mark Hedge. We look forward to some good programs in the upcoming meetings.

The above just skims the surface of what is happening in the division. There is far more going on than space allows discussion of here. My intent was to give you a sense of what an active division we are.

In the near future, I will be asking the Throttle Committee to again sit down and lay out goals we should be pursuing. It always helps to put these things in writing. That said, your input is needed. This is your division, your hobby. What goals do you think we should establish? Please, take a moment and think it through. Then, send me an email with your thoughts. We sort through the ideas and see what we can do. Your input and participation is vital.

Mark

TIMETABLE



Feb 20, Div 8 Meeting, Airport Industrial Center, Saturday, 2:00 PM

Mar 20, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM TBA

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

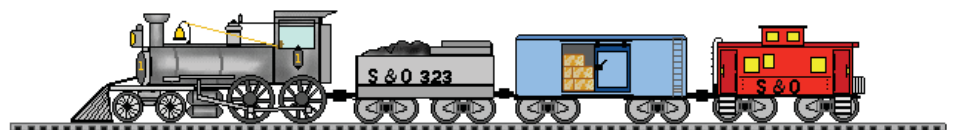
Apr 24, Saturday, Central Indiana Division Train Show, Bedford, IN

May 13-16, MCR Convention, Charleston, WV

May 22, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Stewarts, Bardstown, KY

FEBRUARY MEETING AT AIRPORT CENTER

The February meeting will be Saturday, February 20, 2010, 2:00 PM at the AIR PORT INDUSTRIAL CENTER (former Naval Ordnance Plant). We will meet in Building 91, the Conference Center on Rochester Ave. Rochester Ave. can be accessed from either Southside Drive or Strawberry Lane. Turn south on Technology Drive (between the two 5 inch gun mounts) atop buildings on either side. The Conference Center is on the right and clearly marked. The program will be presented by Bob Frankrone.



Model Contest

FEBRUARY

March
April
May
June
July
August
September
October
November
December
January

DIESELS

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

CONTEST POINT STANDINGS

John Kelly and Jim Harrington tied for first place in the January Contest. See pictures of the winning models in this month's color pages. Point standings to date: Rick Maloney, 14; Bob Frankrone, 13; Jim Harrington, 11; Bill Lynch, 5. With four (4) points each: Bob Johnson, Bob Kuchler and John Kelly. Three (3) Charlie Keeling, Ed Brennan and Jack Diehl. Two (2) points, Herman Weir. One point each: Rob Johnson, Eric Waggoner, Bob Sobotka, and Chris Broughton.

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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. Tables are \$ 20 each, but the price for NMRA members is \$ 15.

AT THE JANUARY MEETING

We met on January 16 at Meadowview Presbyterian Church. The nominating committee submitted its report: Superintendent, Mark Norman; Assistant Superintendent, Bruce Goreham; Clerk, Eric Waggoner; Treasurer, Mike Berry; Trustee, Don Fowler. Eric Waggoner presented a program on some of the layouts he has toured at previous NMRA National Conventions. He preceded this with promotions for the Mid Central Region 2010 Convention in Charleston, WV and NMRA National Convention in Milwaukee that he pulled from their website. Check the Division 8 website for the official minutes for the January meeting.

DIVISION EIGHT DIRECTORY

Tom Guenther is working on updating and revamping our membership directory. Some of the information is provided from NMRA headquarters, but needs to be verified and updated. A copy of the information sheet is enclosed in this month's Pie Card. Tom hopes to have the directory available on the Division 8 website with a secure link that can only be accessed by members. If you haven't already submitted your information, please fill out the form and return to: Tom Guenther, 4523 S. First Street, Louisville, KY 40214. You can also email the information to: tom@aye.net.

PROGRAMS AND MEETING HOSTS AND NEEDED FOR 2010

Give a clinic or program. 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. 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. 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.

January Contest Winners



The January model contest (freight cars) resulted in a tie between John Kelly (upper left) and Jim Harrington (upper right)

Pike Showcase



Above are two photos of Dr. Penne's layout taken by Bob Sobotka. The layout was built by Steven and Marrisra Pharris of Pop's Custom Model Railroads.

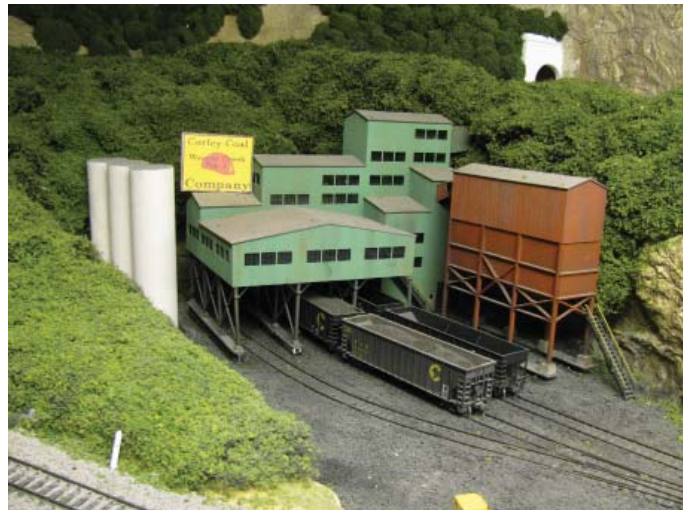


Last month we looked at Bob Irmscher's layout. Here are some more pictures. Above left, his On30 branchline; above right, a depot on the O-Scale mainline.

Pike Showcase (continued)



Division 8 member Tom Guenther is in the process of building a new layout. Above are views. Above right: checking it out are Tom Lindstrom (left) and Herman Weir (right).



A little farther afield. Above left, a scene from Bob Weinheimer's Pennsylvania Southern in Charleston, WV. Above right, Lin Young's G & G in Gallipolis OH. Both of these layouts will be open for the Coalfield Express MCR Convention in Charleston, WV, May 13-16, 2010.



Along the Right of Way: Prototype Views. Movie Stars visit Louisville. Still in costume for their role in a movie production "Unstoppable," The three CP units came through Louisville PAL yard on their way to Paducah for return to CP colors.

DIVISION 8 ACHIEVES

Joe Field, Achievement Program Chairman

Hi, let me introduce myself. My name is Joe Fields and I have agreed to serve as your Achievement Program chairman. I will try my best along with some other folks I've chosen to give to the best of our abilities to provide fair and accurate judging of your models as you work toward Master Model Railroader.

A little bit about me. I have been involved in model railroading and a member of Division 8 since 1976, and a life member of NMRA since 1983. I currently have a layout under construction. It is located in an unusual location, a finished 27 x 35 foot crawl space. My railroad is the Eastern Kentucky & Cumberland Gap. I chose the name because I was born in Eastern Kentucky, and Cumberland Gap just seemed to fit. While I try to follow prototype practices, my layout is freelanced with no particular actual cities or towns modeled. I like to scratch build items, especially buildings. Like you, I am working on my Master Model Railroader certification. I have currently earned my volunteer associate and structure certificates.

Enough about me. Here's a list of names and numbers you can contact to judge your models. Please be assured that we will try to assist you as quick as our schedules allow. I work from 1:15 a.m. until about 1:30 p.m., and sleep from about 5:00 p.m. till 11:20 p.m. or so. Please call before 5:00 p.m. to set up a time for your models to be judged. The other members of the AP crew have a little more flexible hours. Committee members are: Joe Fields, (502) 964-2679, email: joedfields@bellsouth.net; Cecil Stewart, (502)252-7814, email: cecilstewart8630@aol.com; Steve Pharris, (502)671-9124 (call after 4:30 p.m.), email: pops@popscustomlayout.com; Marrisa Pharris (502)881-3453 email: marissa@popscustomlayout.com (please allow me time to obtain a babysitter). Ryan Eckler (502) 245-5687, email: jreckler@bellsouth.net.

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\$ 50 or more: Ralph Bracewell

\$ 25 to \$ 45: Charles Fackler

\$ 5 to \$ 20: Eric Waggoner, Mike Berry, Mark Norman, Bill Poteet, Charlie Keeling

DIVISION 8 ELECTIONS

It's that time again. As reported in the meeting happenings, a slate of candidates has been named by the nominating committee. Ballots will be mailed to all regular NMRA members residing within the boundaries of Division 8. There is also a space to write in a candidate if desired. Ballots must be received by the teller, Russ Weis, by mail by the date indicated on the ballot to be counted. Election results will be announced at the March meeting. The officers will take office at the first meeting following the Spring meeting of the Mid Central Region Board of Directors.

BOY SCOUT MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

Did you know that Division 8 sponsors a program to enable Boy Scouts to earn the Railroading Merit Badge?

The requirements for the Railroading Merit Badge emphasize railroad safety and prototype operation as well as model railroad skills. The prototype portion deals with signals and communications used today. It also covers

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NOMINATIONS FOR 2009 SILVER SPIKE AWARD ARE OPEN

Jack Diehl is accepting nominations for the 2009 Silver Spike Award. The purpose of 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 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.

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types of cars and how a diesel locomotive work. Safety on and round railroads is also stressed. The modeling portion covers scale vs. gauge, building a rolling stock kit. Among the requirements the scout must make a sketch of a proposed model railroad with the necessary design elements to make it work.

Bob Sobotka has taken the lead on this program becoming a certified councilor, and has conducted two merit badge workshops. This was done with model kits donated by Scale Reproductions Hobby Shop and tools provided by the Division. Bob works in conjunction with Joe Fields who has been a councilor for several years. Al Oswald with Operation Life Saver has also provided assistance.

On Saturday January 23, Mike Berry and Ryan Eckler set up our information booth at the "University of Scouting" held at Male High School for area scout leaders. Mike and Brian talked to some of the 700 or so leaders who attended about the Merit Badge Program. 250 brochures were handed out.

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