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From the Superintendent's Desk

As you read this, the first growths of the coming spring will be showing.

Goodness knows, many of the people I talk to are ready to see a bit less snow. As model railroaders, the snow really isn't all that much of an issue. There's plenty of work to be done our pikes and projects. By the way, our family rather likes the snow. There was an igloo in the front yard for a couple of weeks until it slowly seeped back into the ground. All that was missing was a garden railroad inside!

The division is growing in many ways as is the membership. Let's take a quick tour.

The monthly contest is doing well with ever more entries. It is fascinating to see what everyone is up to. Of course, there is the not insignificant incentive of winning a gift certificate to Scale Reproductions. Win the prize, and you can buy more models to enter in the contest. It's a friendly modeling arms race of sorts. Be sure to enter. You earn a point just for entering.

A few months ago, Bob Weinheimer taught Achievement Program Judging. Many of you have taken advantage of our having so many judges and entered your models for review. This is a great learning experience for everyone, judges and entrants. When all is said and done, everyone's skills improve.

Our programs are really first rate. A word of thanks is due Mark Hedge for taking this on. Sadly, he has had to step down due to work obligations. Please give a hearty welcome to Russ Weis who has stepped up to take on the challenge. We expect to see continued improvement.

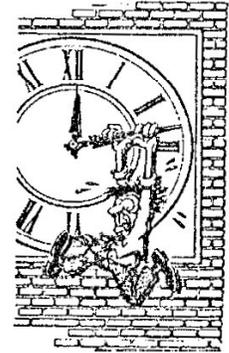
The division web site has undergone a complete makeover. Tom Guenther took Ivan Baugh's work in a new direction. From the number of "hits", i.e. visits, it appears things are working. Be sure to visit regularly as it is constantly updated. The calendar for example, is regularly updated. You will want to send photos of your layout, models, as well as division and club outings to Tom. These will be posted to the web. At the Christmas party, these will be the basis of our entertainment.

Do you need a hand with your layout? Post the job on the web. Do you have a bit of time and want to help out? Post it on the web.

Our membership and promotions chairmen have been busy reaching out to the Boy Scouts teaching the Railroading merit badge. These efforts fulfill our outreach obligation and attract new members. Several members have stepped up to help.

To wrap up, we are a busy division. The above is but a brief tour of some of what we do. Soon, some of us will be attending the Mid-Central Region Convention or possibly the National Convention. If you have the opportunity, make your reservation now. Not only will you have fun, you will grow as a person and modeler. See you about, *Mark*

TIMETABLE



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

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

April 10-11, K & Club Open House, Buckner, KY

April 15 iv 8 Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 Airport Industrial Center

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

May 13-16, MCR Convention, Charleston, WV

May 22, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Cecil and Brenda Stewart, Bardstown, KY

Jun 17, Thursday, 7:30 PM, Bob and Ramona Johnson, KY

MARCH MEETING AT AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL CENTER

The March meeting will be Saturday, March 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 Dawson; Bob Kuchler will provide refreshments,

NIDEL CONTEST COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES

MARCH

April	Passenger Cars
May	Cabooses
June	Open Loads
July	No Contest
August	MOW Equipment
September	Photos
October	Steam Locomotives
November	Displays/Dioramas
December	No Contest
January	Freight
February	Diesels

CONTEST POINT STANDINGS

Tom Lindquist and Charlie Keeling tied for first in the February Contest. Jerry Ashley, Rick Maloney, and Bill Lynch tied for second. See photos in this month's color pages. Point standings to date: With 17 points, Rick Maloney; 14-Bob Frankrone; 12-Jim Harrington; 8-Bill Lynch; 7-Charlie Keeling; Bob Johnson, Bob Kuchler, and John Kelley with 5 points each; 4-Tom Lindquist; Herman Weir, Ed Brennan, Jack Diehl and Jerry Ashley with 3 points each; Rob Johnson, Eric Waggoner, Bob Sobotka, and Chris Broughton with 1 point each.

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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.

KENTUCKY RAILWAY MUSEUM 2010 STEAM SCHEDULE

Kentucky Railway Museum has released the 2010 Steam Schedule for #152. Dates are: May 29-31, Jun 19-20, Jul 3-4, Sep 4-6, Sep 11-12, Oct 2-3, Oct 9-10, Oct 23-24. Regular excursions begin April 3. For information check their web site at www.kyrail.org.

DIVISION 8 TRAIN SHOW AND SALE

Our Spring Train Show is March 17, just a week after our March Meeting. The date is March 27. The show will again be at Highland Post American Legion. Show will be open from 10:00 AM to 3 PM. The Mark Hedge and Bobbi Hedge report that tables are going fast. If you want to reserve a table, contact Mark. Tables are \$ 20 each, but the price for NMRA members is \$ 15.

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. The directory is available on the Division 8 website with a secure link that can only be accessed by members. If you haven't all ready 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.

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.

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: Ralph Bracewell

\$ 25 to \$ 45: Charles Fackler, Bob Kuchler, Bob Johnson

\$ 5 to \$ 20: Eric Waggoner, Mike Berry, Mark Norman, Bill Poteet, Charlie Keeling, Stephen Taylor, Jim Harrington, Jim Kuzirian, Russ Weis

RUSS WEIS IS NEW PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

As reported in the February meeting news, Mark Hedge has stepped down as program chairman due to job commitments. Russ Weis has stepped up to take his place. If you have a clinic or program you would like to share with your fellow members, contact Russ at 502-245-7991 or see him at a meeting.

Bobbi Hedge is still looking for volunteers to provide refreshments at our monthly meetings. To find out what dates are still available and volunteer, contact Bobbi at: 812-288-8037 or see her at a meeting.

February Contest Winners



First place was a tie with Charlie Keeling (upper left) and Tom Lindquist (upper right) sharing the honors. Below are two of the other entries. Below left is NS Locomotive entered by Bill Lynch. The subject was “Diesels”; below right was Jerry Ashley’s entry. It tied for second by the way.



People



Above left: AP Chairman Joe Fields presents Bob Sobotka with a merit award for his Monon Caboose. Bob was awarded 94 points. Above right, Tom Guentner, Bob Frankrone, and Jerry Ashley check out Tom’s new layout.

Pike Showcase

Below are pictures from two of the layouts that will be open for tours at the Coalfield Express MCR 2010 Convention.



Above are two views on Bob Weinheimer's Pennsylvania Southern RR in Charleston, WV. Below are scenes from Lin Young's Grafton & Greenbrier RR in Gallipolis, OH.



Along the Right-of-Way--Commercial Structure



There is still activity at the old Henry Vogt Machine Company at 11th and Ormsby Avenue on the "Hub" track.

DIVISION 8 ACHIEVES

Well my first month as Div. 8 AP chair has gone very smoothly. Several of our committee members have gone to members layouts and started the ball rolling towards certificates for Master Model Railroader. I have sent Tom Guentner's Golden Spike award application to Frank Koch for consideration.

Speaking of the Golden Spike Award do you have a home layout with the following items on it?

1. Six units of rolling stock either scratchbuilt, craftsman kits or detailed commercial kits.
2. A minimum of eight square feet of layout including scenery.
3. Have constructed five structures, either scratchbuilt, craftsman kits or detailed commercial kits.
4. Do you have a turnout, crossing, crossover, etc. These must be properly ballasted and installed on proper roadbed. (commercial trackage may be used).
5. Installed trackage must be properly wired so that two trains can be operated simultaneously. (double track main, single track main with sidings, and block or command control).
6. Provide one additional electrical feature such as power operated turnouts, signaling, turnout indication, lighted buildings, etc.

If you can answer yes to these requirements then you have completed the requirements for the Golden Spike Award. Please contact one of the AP Committee persons who will be glad to come and have a look and get the application filled out and on its way.

Joe Fields

CLICK THE SHUTTER AND WIN A STEAM CAB RIDE!

With the single click of a shutter, you could find yourself riding for a full day in the cab of an historic mainline steam locomotive operated by the Union Pacific! It can happen if your photo is the winner of the National Model Railroad Association's 75th Anniversary Photo Contest.

Your day-long cab ride will begin in Cheyenne, WY in May, 2010, behind some mighty big steam power on its first leg of an excursion. And we'll make sure you're there when the conductor yells "All aboard!" because the winner will also receive airfare (up to \$500), two nights in a hotel, plus transportation to and from the excursion.

If you're an NMRA member in good standing, all you have to do is submit a photograph depicting one or more models of UP equipment and/or structures in a realistic scene. Your photo will be judged for prototype fidelity of both the modeling and the scene, as well as for photographic art. You can submit color prints, color slides, or digital files on CD.

To be eligible, your photo must be postmarked by April 15, 2010 (or originated in transit by a third party service such as FedEx or UPS), and received no later than April 20. Only one photograph may be submitted per envelope, but there's no limit to the number of photos you can submit. All photos become the property of the NMRA, which may use the photo in any manner it chooses. In addition, participants agree to provide the NMRA with the original medium of the photo (negative, transparency, or digital file) if requested.

Send your entries to: Robert J. Amsler, Jr., 514 Dover Place, St. Louis, MO 63111. And if you send a print, be sure to protect it from bending! So get modeling and shooting right away. Because this May you may be behind a few horses in Wyoming!



AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING

The February Meeting was held Saturday 16 January 2010 and the Air Port Industrial Park Conference Center. Approximately 25 members attended.

Member welfare: It was reported that Nat King had been in the hospital but was now home. Jerry Ashley had out patient surgery.

Mark Hedge said he must resign as Meeting Program Chairman due to his job work load. With Bobbi's help he is continuing as Dealer Chairman for the Train Show.

Tom Guentner described the changes to the Division 8 Website. Among the new features is a "members only" section that will require a username and password. Contact Tom for this information. Tom is also working on the membership directory and an emergency notification list.

Bobbie Hedge is still in need of host provide refreshments at our monthly meeting.

After the meeting Bob Frankrone presented a program on "Modeling Open Loads".

IN MEMORIAM

Condolences to Division 8 Trustee Don Fowler who's mother passed away February 5

Division 8 and Falls City Live Steamers member Evans T. Hunt Jr. passed away February 5, 2010. Our condolences to his family and the members of Falls City Live Steamers.

CONGRATULATIONS, BOB & NELL BROWN

Pie Card publisher Bob Brown and his wife Nell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at St. Louis Bertrand Catholic Church.

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