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From the Superintendent's Desk

The last column was written from a canvas tent at Fort A.P. Hill. By contrast, this one is written at home. There is something to be said about sleeping in my own bed and now having to shower with 20 – 30 of my new found buddies.

While at the National Scout Jamboree, I had the opportunity to visit the Railroading merit badge exhibit there. It was quite a set-up. In addition to the “kitbashed” former UPS trailer that had become a locomotive, there were a series of tent classrooms. Each of these held about two dozen scouts. There were forty-two adults who had driven to The Hill to instruct the badge. With temperatures often over a hundred degrees, that was dedication!

The good news for us is that the badge was popular with the boys. That said, there was and is plenty of competition. The competition comes from other merit badges. So, how does that apply to the division? Quite simply, we have to remain relevant or become replaced.

Over the years any numbers of Boy Scout merit badges have been introduced and others “retired”. Usually, there are about 120 to 125 merit badges available at any given time. As time goes on, less relevant badges are retired. Ninety years ago, there were nearly two dozen farm related merit badges. Of course, our country was far more agricultural then. Now, there are four farm related merit badges. The decision is based on the number of badges earned by the boys.

Railroading, nationally, is on the low side of the infamous bell curve. It was considered for retirement about fifteen to twenty years ago. Through the dedicated efforts of a few people, this was changed. The supporting materials were updated and the hobby overall modernized. Interest in the badge grew.

We again face the same challenge. Next year, the Robotics merit badge will be introduced. Over three hundred other applications are received every year! That is our competition. As part of our public outreach, each and every one of us must do our part to share the benefits of this wonderful hobby. As young people become involved, we grow stronger, the hobby grows, and we all have more fun.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

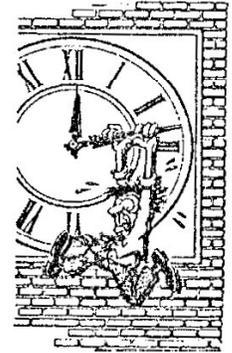
Joe Fields, AP Chairman

With this article Division 8’s coach’s list is now complete. The following folks have signed up to be coaches in the following categories:

- Author: Rick Tipton, (502)228-4997
- Volunteer: Bob Sobokta (502) 365-3690
- Motive Power: Bob Johnson (502) 968-1256

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TIMETABLE



- Sep 18**, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Conference Center
- Oct 15**, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Conference Center
- Nov 18**, Div 8 Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 PM, Southern Indiana Railroad Club
- Nov 20**, Div 8 Train Show, Highland Post, 10 AM to 3 PM
- Dec 16**, Christmas Party. Thursday, KYANA Car Club

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting will be at 2 PM, Saturday September 18th 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 Jerry Albers from Division 7. His clinic will be “DCC wiring your layout in preparation for signals”.

Mark

Model Contest

SEPTEMBER

October
November
December
January
February
March
April
May
June
July
August

PHOTOS

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

Enter your favorite model in the contest. The judging is strictly “peoples’ choice”. If you would also like your model to be judged for the Achievement program, contact Joe Fields and he will arrange to have AP judges present.

CONDOLENCES TO DON FOWLER

Our condolences go out to Division 8 Trustee Don Fowler and his family. Don’s daughter, Melissa Ann Fowler, passed away Saturday August 14. She was 34 years old.

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CONTEST REPORT

Bill Lynch, Contest Chairman

Jim Harrington took the contest honors. Charlie Keeling and Bill Lynch also entered models. Pictures have been posted on the Division Website.



Photo taken at East Chicago, IN

August 15, 2010

Gary Everhart, Photographer

AUGUST MEETING REPORT

The Division met Saturday August 21. Thirty nine members and friends gathered to enjoy the hospitality of Russ and Beverly Weis. Thanks for inviting us to your home. Under new business it was approved by the membership to go to an electronic Pie Card. Beginning with the January 2011 issue it will be published on our Division Website. See details elsewhere in this issue. Nat King reported that the K & I model railroad club is having to vacate the Fire House at Buckner. Nat said they are looking for another location. This month’s contest was maintenance of way equipment. The winner was Jim Harrington. After the meeting we enjoyed the refreshments provided by Russ and Beverly. Russ showed everyone around his new layout under construction. Some of us operated a few trains where the track work has been completed. The minutes and contest pictures from the August meeting are posted on the website.

ELECTRONIC PIE CARD

As reported in the meeting report and in the minutes, it was approved at the August meeting to go to an electronic Pie Card beginning with the January 2011 issue. The Pie Card will be posted to the Website, members and subscribers will be notified by email when it is “up”. In order to receive the Pie Card, our webmaster, Tom Guenther, must have your email address. If you haven’t already done so, send your email address to Tom at: tom@ave.net. Type in “NMRA” in the subject block. We will be doing trial notifications over the next few months. Details still need to be worked out for those who need a paper copy.

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, Ivan Baugh

\$ 5 to \$ 20: Eric Waggoner, Mike Berry, Mark Norman, Bill Poteet, Charlie Keeling, Stephen Taylor, Jim Harrington, Jim Kuzirian, Russ Weis, Herman Weir, Ronald Rauchmiller, John Ottman, Ed Brennan, Frank Becker, Tom Smart, Tom Lindquist.

JULY 2010 PICNIC

This year's picnic was held at the Depot Museum, Salem Indiana.



Above left. We enjoyed a box lunch provided by a local caterer. *Above right.* Assistant Superintendent Bruce Goreham presented the Silver Spike award to Bob Sobotka. This award is presented to Division 8 members who have given



Winners of the model contest were presented with gift certificates for Scale Reproductions Hobby Shop. First place was won by Fick Maloney who was not present. Tied for second were Bob Frankrone (*above left*), and Jim Harrington (*above right*).



Above left. Bill Lych was presented with his award for taking third place in the contest. *Above right.* After the awards we enjoyed looking at the exhibits including the Monon RR recreated in the basement.

OPERATING SESSION AT TOM GUENTHNER'S



Above left. Bruce Goreham and Tom Lindquist at Middlesboro Yard.

Above right. Jack Diehl's train is arriving a Three Point.

Left. Tom Lindquist's train is working at the Jenkins Coal Mine.

Photos by Tom Guentner



SEPTEMBER CONTEST-PHOTOS

Enter your favorite railroad photo, either prototype or model.

The photo at the left was taken on the HO Monon Layout at the Depot Museum in Salem, IN.

Located in a 2700 ft. basement room, it depicts the Monon Railroad operating through Washington County, Indiana in the late 1950s.



NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Pie Card Editor Bob Dawson

This year is the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the NMRA. In recent issues, the NMRA Magazine has been reflecting on the history of the organization. What about Division 8? I was able to put a little of our history together after a call to Col. Johnnie Reid.

In 1966, Johnnie said he was attending a convention in Cincinnati. He was approached by then Mid Central Region president, Frank Peterson, and member Charlie Schwarm and asked if he would be interested in starting a division in Louisville. Armed with a mailing list provided by the Region, he sent out letters to NMRA members in the area inviting them to a meeting at the home of Chester Miles.

Johnnie said, "Modelers came out of the woodwork". He said had never seen some of those people. Thus the Division was formed; with Johnnie Reid as its first superintendent. He was followed by Dwight Swayze. Johnnie would serve two more times as Superintendent.

WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS

Division 8 is in the process of assembling photos of division activities, layouts, meetings, clinics, picnics, anything related to our wonderful hobby. Please send your digital photos to: kingpin@insightbb.com

The photos you share will become part of our Christmas entertainment and even on the division web site. Keep those photos coming in! This will go a long way in sharing with people just how much fun we are having.



<http://webclipart.about.com/library/photos2/bltrains1.htm>

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I want to personal thank all who have volunteered for these positions. Their names and phone numbers will be posted on the Divisions web site and anytime you have a question about how to do something you may call on these folks for advice. Just a reminder if you have anything you need to have judged please give your AP Chairman a call or email me at: joedfields@bellsouth.net.



**MID CENTRAL
REGION
CONVENTION**
Apr 28 – May 1, 2011
Geneva-on-the-Lake, Ohio
Hosted by Division 5
"The Western Reserve
Division"



EXTRA 2011 WEST NMRA CONVENTION

The 2011 NMRA Convention in Sacramento is being billed as the "Unconventional Convention," and one of the reasons is that the registration fee is only \$99! But, that low \$99 rate will be available only until September 1, 2010, at which time it will definitely increase. Register now to take advantage of this low rate at the Convention's website - www.x2011west.org

Division 8, MCR, NMRA<http://div8-mcr-nmra.org/>

Tom Guenthner, webmaster

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