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From the Superintendent's Desk

For those who attended the September meeting, thank you for the good natured ribbing. What took place is a testimony to the power and the shortcomings of technology, especially when I'm using it. You might find it interesting to know what happened and how we recovered. The presentation was prepared on Power Point and inadvertently saved on the company server, not my PC. The voice in my head (one of many) suggested saving a backup on a thumb drive. The voice was ignored. Meanwhile, knowing that I would be in Buckner, I told the technician that it would be a great time to perform required maintenance on the server, making it inaccessible to me. A few minutes before the meeting the presentation was being set up when the discovery was made that the file was on the server back in Middletown. The cold fingers of panic began to be felt. Bruce Goreham graciously started and ran the meeting. Driving to the church across the street enabled me to borrow their Wi-Fi signal. Idea: Access the server remotely and get the file. No such luck. In performing maintenance, my password gotten changed! Fortunately, I was able to reach Joe on his cell phone. Here is where the power of technology came together. Joe and I are talking on cell phones, themselves remarkable instruments. I'm in a truck in Buckner; he's in an apartment in St. Matthews. He connects to the server in Middletown, and then remotely connects to the laptop in Buckner! He puts a copy of the file on the laptop. Mission accomplished. We terminate our call and he resets my password later that day. Back in the old firehouse, the meeting is running smoothly and the presentation goes on. This story is only tangentially related to our hobby. What it speaks to, beyond technology, is the power of teamwork. The division team and the technology team each played a role and things came together. Of course a bit more double checking on my part would have helped too. As it was with the presentation, so it is with our hobby. Things go better when we work as a team.

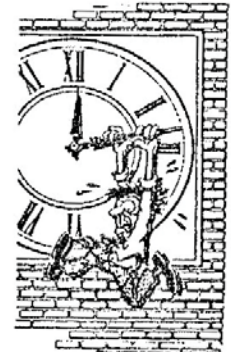
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OCTOBER MEETING INFORMATION

In October, we will return to Meadowview Presbyterian Church for our meeting. The meeting is Saturday, October 15, at 2:00 PM. The Meadowview Presbyterian Church is located at 2944 Breckenridge Ln. Russ Weis is giving the clinic, "Easy weathering". Bobbi Hedge is providing refreshments.

Now is the time to begin planning for next year. If you have a clinic you would like to give, or a subject you would like to see covered, give Russ Weis a call at 502-245-7991 or see him at a meeting. If you are interested in hosting a meeting at your home or club, give Russ a call also.

TIMETABLE



- Oct 15, Sat 2 PM, Meadowview Church
- Nov 5, EnterTrainment Junction, Lv. From Scale Repro.8:30AM
- Nov 17, Thur 7:30 PM, Div Mtg, Southern Indiana Club
- Nov 19, Sat 10AM-3PM, Div 8 Train Show, Ramada Plaza
- Dec 16, Fri, 6:30 PM, Div 8 Christmas Party, KYANA Car Club.
- Jan, To be announced

CONTEST REPORT

Joe Fields filled in for Bill Lynch. Bill was taking some vacation time. The contest was photos. There was a lot of tough competition this time. Fred Soward took the honors with his photo of one of crewman on #152 taking a break.

There were six entries in the August contest, Maintenance of Way Equipment. Bill Lynch took first place with his NS flanger. Jim Harrington took second place with his steam shovel. Steve Summers won the drawing. Point standings to date: Bill Lynch, four points; Jim Harrington, 3 points; with one point each, Bob Johnson, Rob Johnson, Charlie Keeling, and Tom Lindquist. Photos of the winning entries may be found on page 3.

The October Contest is Steam Locomotives. Contest chairman Bill Lynch is looking forward to your entries.

Model Contest

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

Enter your favorite model in the contest. The judging is strictly "people's 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.

MAINTENANCE TIES FUND

The Maintenance Ties Fund is be used to help underwrite the Member Welfare Fund and the printing of the Pie Card for those members who don't have access to a computer. The Member Welfare Fund is used to provide a gift certificate to a member who has been hospitalized. It is also used for an expression of sympathy upon the death of a member or a member's spouse. Donors of \$ 5.00 or more to the maintenance ties fund will continue to be recognized in the Pie Card. Donors for 2011 to date are:

\$ 5 to \$ 20: Roundhouse Trains, Ed Atkins, John Manning, Eric Waggoner, Rick Able, Bill Poteet, Bob Johnson.

\$ 25 to \$45: Ed Brennan, Stephen Taylor, John Ottman, Jim Kuzirian, Jim Harrington

\$ 45 +: Don Fowler, Larry Hujo

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Joe Fields, Div. 8 Achievement Program Chairman

Ed Brennan was presented with his Chief Dispatcher's Certificate, and Mark Norman was presented with his Association Volunteer certificate.

I hope everyone is aware that Division 8 has a multitude of very talented modelers who are more than willing to share their modeling techniques. They are ready to give you a hand, to get you over the snags you may encounter as you build your dream layout.

Check out Div. 8's web site for a list of members you can call on for help. There you will find individuals continued in column 2, this page

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Bob Dawson, Pie Card Editor

I attended the L & N Historical Society's Convention in Harlan, KY last month. Several Division members were in attendance. In addition to me, Tom Guenther, Barry Barmore, Al Oswald, and Charlie Fackler also attended. On Friday, the first full day of the convention, we toured the Portal 31 demonstration Coalmine at Lynch, KY as well as the Miner's museum at Benham. There was also time to do some railfanning at Loyall and up the branches. There were several modeling clinics. Some examples of models that were on display are on pages X & X in this issue.

Besides keeping the heritage of the "Fallen Flag" railroads alive, railroad historical societies are a great source of modeling information. Most have regular publications and newsletters. Most have an annual convention where you can meet fellow enthusiasts, and learn more about your favorite railroad. Here are just a few of the societies for railroads that once served Louisville:

- Louisville & Nashville Historical Society
- Monon Railroad Historical-Technical Society
- Illinois Central Historical Society
- Pennsylvania Railroad Technical & Historical Society.
- Southern Railway Historical Association

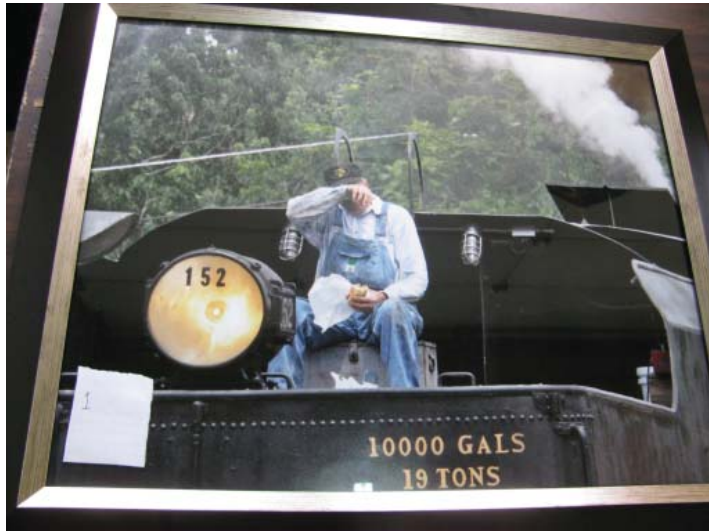
Contemporary railroads such as Norfolk Southern also have historical societies. The CSX Historical Society is in the process of starting up and is already planning their first convention.

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listed in all categories of model railroading. Please, call me if you want a model judged or have any questions about the Achievement Program,

September Contest



Fred Soward took the contest honors with his photo of a KRM Crewman one #152 taking a break. Fred said he knew the moment was going to happen. He waited patiently and got the shot.

Achievement Program



On the left, AP Chairman Joe Fields presents Ed Brennan with his Chief Dispatcher Certificate. Above, Mark Norman receives his Association Volunteer.

What in the World is this?



You are looking at a brake sled, a cut-down former Pere Marquette Railorad tender filled with concrete. It was used to provide additional wheels for braking on downhill track to a tipple at Lynch, KY. It is located adjacent to the Portal 31 Demonstration Coal Mine at Lynch. Back in the day, Lynch was served by a Pullman that ran via the Lebanon Branch from Louisville.

Pike Showcase



Some little railfans follow the trains during Harry Munzer's September Open House. Harry opens his garden railroad in Greenville, IN to the public several times a year. The layout consists of two loops following different routes through and around his landscaped yard. Originally built by Bob Irmscher, it features numerous scenes and animations along the right of way.

Ice house on Tom Lindquist's free-lanced L & N layout. Tom took third place for the year in the 2010-11 Division 8 Model Contest.



Another view of Tom's layout. The layout fills most of his basement. Buildings and numerous mini-scenes are major interests. Control is Digitrax DCC.

DIVISION 8 SPONSORED TRIP TO ENTERTRAINMENT JUNCTION AND TOWER A BUS TOUR, SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2011 Featuring:

EnterTrainment Junction, WEST CHESTER OHIO (CINCINNATI)

This model railroad attraction bills itself as the World's Largest indoor, interactive model train display with 90 large scale trains (1,200 cars), two miles of track, detailed cities, towns, villages, factories and more. The display has hundreds of bridges, trestles, and tunnels with 16 foot high mountains taking up over 25,000 sq. ft. We will also be taking the VIP Backstage Tour.

TOWER "A" CINCINNATI UNION TERMINAL

In its day Tower A controlled the movements of 216 daily passenger trains to and from the mainlines, through the track throats, and along the platforms of Cincinnati Union Terminal. Tower "A" was somewhat similar to the control tower of one of today's airports. Today the tower overlooks CSX's and Norfolk Southern's Cincinnati yard facilities. The tower has been restored by the Cincinnati Railroad Club, and features a museum of how the tower operated as well as an extensive railroad library. NOTE: Tower "A" is NOT handicapped accessible, you must be able to go up and down steps.

THE PLAN: We will board our tour bus in front of Scale Reproductions Hobby Shop, 3073 Breckinridge Lane, Louisville, Kentucky. The bus will leave promptly at 8:30 AM for the two hour trip to EnterTrainment Junction. We will spend approximately three hours there. This should allow for time to tour the railroad, take the backstage tour, have lunch, and visit the gift shop.

Lunch will be on your own at the Junction Café on a scenic patio overlooking a 1930s town square. Hot dogs, nacho's, chicken nuggets, pizza, sandwiches and beverages are available.

We will then continue to Cincinnati for our visit to Tower "A". We will spend approximately one hour at Tower "A" and Cincinnati Union Terminal arriving back at Scale Reproductions at approximately 5:30 PM.

COST: \$ 32 per person We have reserved a 36 passenger bus. Get your payment in early to insure a seat. We need your payment as soon as possible so we can reserve the bus (we will not reserve a bus without a minimum of 20 paid reservations.) Refund Policy: \$ 20 (bus fee) of the cost is non-refundable should you cancel unless the bus or the trip is cancelled. _____

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK TO ADDRESS BELOW BY OCTOBER 15, YOU MAY ALSO PAY AT THE OCTOBER DIVISION 8 MEETING. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DIV 8 MCR NMRA

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Louisville, KY 40214

For information contact: Bob Dawson, 502-368-2607 or email: dawsobl@aol.com

Models at the L & N Historical Society Convention in Harlan, KY.

The Society didn't have a model contest this year, but invited modelers to display their talents. Here is a kit-bashed coal tippie by Jeff Kuebler. Jeff presented a clinic on Kentucky-izing model kits to better represent tipples and company stores typically found in Eastern Kentucky. You can see this clinic on the Division 8 website.



Company Store by Jeff Kuebler. Before the 40's and 50's miners were paid in "company script" rather than money. This script could only be used in company owned stores. "I owe my soul to the company store" was not just a line in a Tennessee Ernie Ford song ("Sixteen Tons).

80 Ton L & N hopper car by Stuart Thayer. Stuart gave a clinic on how to kit-bash these cars from an Atlas Trainman 70 ton hopper car to model the L & N prototype. The process involves removing the existing vertical ribs and fabricating new ones to match the correct spacing. In the case of the 80 ton car, the sides must be raised 6 scale inches.



L & N Convention Models (continued)



Bob Chapman presented a clinic on modeling the Pan American Consist in 1953-54. Bob described how he kit-bashed cars from different manufacturers to produce the models. Bob has a series of articles appearing in current issues of the L & N Magazine describing how to model L & N Coal Gondolas. If you are not a society member, you can usually find copies for sale on the magazine racks at local hobby shops.



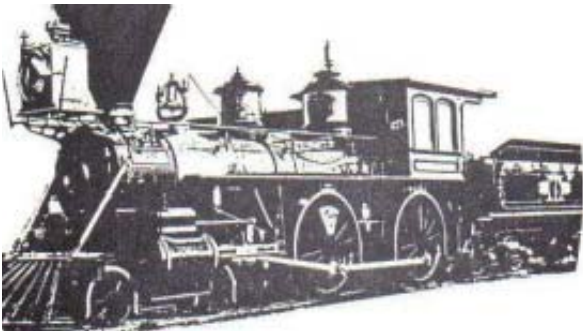
Left. A horse car in the consist. The prototypes were used to transport throughbred horses from track to track. As such they were frequent visitors to Louisville.

Trackside Kentucky

A change of pace for this month. We are at the north end of Loyall Yard, Loyall, KY in the Eastern Kentucky coal fields. The locomotives are backing south to pick up an empty hopper train. The train will then head north to Heidrick, KY north of Barbourville, run around its train, and head up the C & M branch towards Manchester. Next month we'll spend some more time Trackside with Charlie Keeling.



DIVISION 8 FALL TRAIN SHOW AND SALE



The date for the Division 8 Train Show and Sale is Saturday, November 19, 2011. Hours are the same; 10 AM to 3 PM. Our show is moving -- the new location is the Ramada Plaza Convention Center, 9700 Bluegrass Parkway, Louisville, 40299. This is the same location where we hosted the MCR Convention in 2007. This change will provide us with more parking, and a larger space for more dealer tables and layouts.

New this year will be an indoor riding train for the kids. Falls City Live Steamers will be setting up a "pedal car" rail operation in the layout area. Invite anyone you know with children to come out and let them ride the train.

Prices remain the same: \$5 admission, dealer table rental \$20, \$15 for NMRA members. To reserve a table contact Mark or Bobbi Hedge, (812) 288-8037 or email, div8trainshow@gmail.com.

AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting was held at the K & I Club in Buckner. We had a good crowd. Approximately 35 members and guests were in attendance. This included new member Lamont Williams, and guests Thor Steffen, and Paul and Julie Hagley.

The members authorized the purchase of the new Model Railroader magazine DVD for \$ 200. It covers the first 675 years of Model Railroader, 900 issues. The DVD features a fully searchable index that makes it easy to explore by issue, keyword, or contributor.

Bob Dawson presented a plan for a tour to Entertrainment Junction in Ohio. A bus charter was authorized. The cost approximately \$ 720. Cost to members and guests would be \$ 32 each which includes the bus and ticket to Entertrainment Junction. We will need 15 people to get the Group Discount, and 20 to charter the bus.

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MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW!



Our Fall Trip this year will be Saturday November 5, a bus trip to EnterTrainment Junction in West Chester, Ohio, with a stop at Cincinnati Railroad Club's Tower A at Cincinnati Union Terminal on the way back. The cost is \$32 per person; this includes admission to EnterTrainment Junction and bus fare. Details on a flyer and order form inserted in this issue. Please make your reservation and payment as soon as possible. We must cancel the bus if less than 20 paid reservations are received. Refund policy: \$ 20 (bus fee) is nonrefundable should you cancel, but will be refunded if the bus is cancelled. If we are unable to get enough for the charter we will car pool. Bus fee is nonrefundable should you cancel, but will be refunded if the bus is cancelled. If we are unable to get enough for the charter we will car pool.

MEMBER WELFARE

Our condolences go to Bob Kuchler, whose mother passed away on September 14. Carolyn King was hospitalized last month. Also, Tom Guenther had a short stay in the hospital after surgery. Bruce Goreham reported that his wife, Marty, had fallen and broken her arm.

Let Jack Diehl, chairman of the Member Welfare Committee, know if you or a member of your family has been hospitalized, or have lost a loved one.

VOTING FOR SILVER SPIKE AWARD

You should have received your Silver Spike ballot in the mail. You have until November 15th to return your ballot. Remember this is not a competition. It takes 51% yes votes for the candidate to be selected. If there are several people on the ballot who you believe are equally deserving of the award, you can select all of them.

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Tom Guenthner, webmaster

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September Meeting continued

Our Super, Mark Norman presented a program on "Hobo Culture". You can read about his trials and tribulations getting it together in his column this month. If you missed it are want to see it again, it is on our website.

Refreshments were provided by our host the K & I Model Railroad Club. Thanks again to K & I Superintendent Nat King and his gang for inviting us.



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