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From the Superintendent's Desk



Congratulations Division 8! The swap meet was a success. A special pat on the back goes out to the committee for their tireless work in making the transition smooth. In early January, there will be an opportunity to examine the event in depth. As ever, we will want to keep the best of what we do and improve where the need exists. Overall, the overwhelming response has been positive. Together, we will make this event a destination that attracts the community at large.

The Christmas season is officially underway. This is being written perhaps an hour after Santa Claus made his appearance at the Macy's parade. Thanksgiving dinner is still a few hours away, but will be history by the time this goes to print. As ever, everyone is encouraged to turn their focus outward toward our community. The nature of our hobby lends itself to individual effort, often taking place into the evening in our workshops, alone. So it is and so it will be. Still, we grow by associating with one another and reaching out to those just entering the hobby or thinking about it. Throughout the railroading periodicals there are stories of how modelers entered the hobby and grew with the help of others. Most of us were mentored by other modelers, often our fathers or neighbors. Now is out time to mentor others.

The Christmas party is shaping up to again be a fun gathering of the division and guests. We hope to see everyone there for great food and camaraderie. Please share photos of your layout, yourself, activities, or anything else related to the hobby with Tom Guenther. We will have a running show featuring some of the best people in the NMRA, our members.

Merry Christmas to all from my family to yours! May the New Year bring you blessings.

Mark

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Joe Fields, Div. 8 Achievement Program Chairman

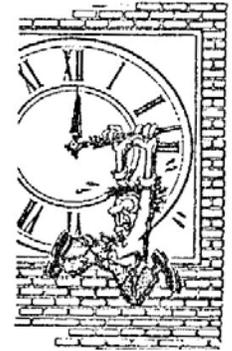
I hope everyone is aware that Division 8 has a multitude of very talented modelers who are more than willing to share their modeling techniques. They are ready to give you a hand, and get you over the snags you may encounter as you build your dream layout.

Check out Div. 8's web site for a list of members you can call on for help. There you will find individuals listed in all categories of model railroading. Please, call me if you want a model judged or have any questions about the Achievement Program,

No December meeting.

Our holiday party takes the place of the December meeting.

TIMETABLE



Dec 16, Fri, 6:30 PM, Div 8 Christmas Party, KYANA Car Club

Jan 19, Thur, 7:30 PM, Conference Center

Jan 21-22, Great Train Expo

Feb 18, Sat, 2 PM, Conference Center

Mar 17, Sat, 2 PM, Conference Center

Mar 24, Sat, Division 8 Train Show

Apr 19, Thur, 7:30 PM, Conference Center

Apr 26-29, MCR Convention, Pittsburgh



Model Contest

DECEMBER

January
February
March
April
May
June
July
August
September
October
November

NO CONTEST

Freight Cars
Diesels
Commercial Structures
Passenger Cars
Cabooses
Open Loads
NO CONTEST
MOW Equipment
Photos
Steam Locomotives
Displays/Dioramas.

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.

CONTEST REPORT

The Results of the November Contest with only 2 Entrants are as follows

Charlie Keeling was 1st with his Durango Station. 2nd place was Bob Johnson with his O Gauge Display. Pictures in the Photo Section of this issue. Ken Pettit won the door prize drawing.

Point Standings: Seven points, Charlie Keeling and Jim Harrington. Six points, Bill Lynch. Five points, Bob Johnson. Four points each; Rob Johnson, Tom Linquist, and Fred Soward. Three points, Ed Brennan. One point each, Eric Waggoner and Ed Atkins.

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, Charlie Keeling.

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

\$ 45 +: Don Fowler, Larry Hujo

AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting was hosted by the Southern Indiana Railroad Club in Jeffersonville, Indiana. Bruce Goreham was taking reservations for the Christmas Party. Jack Diehl, Member Welfare Chair reported that Joe Fields' father had died. Thank you notes were read from Joe Fields, Rita O'Gara, and Doris Coleman regarding Keenan Coleman. A thank you note from Day Spring was also read to the group; a donation was made there in the name of Don Fowler's father, Joe. Bob Dawson and Mark Hedge reported on the final plans for the Fall Train Show. Visitors were Todd Erwin, his father-in-law and three children. See the Contest results elsewhere in this issue. Following the meeting, we enjoyed refreshments, checked out the changes in the Southern Indiana layout since our last visit. Mark thanked them for hosting our meeting. The minutes for the meeting are posted on the Division Website.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Bob Dawson, Pie Card Editor

One of the features of our monthly meetings is clinics. Russ Weis is our program chairman. He is already working on the clinic schedule for next year, and he needs your help. Clinics can be as technical as the presenter wants it to be. We have had clinics on "How I named my Model Railroad", weathering techniques, prototype railroads, digital control, to name a few subjects. Some have been on electronic media, others have been demonstrations, and a few simply "show and tell". It's pretty simple, give Russ a call at 245-7991 or see him at a meeting.

I am still in need of layout pictures. What am I looking for? A scene on your model railroad with a train in it. Send the picture along with a brief description of the scene and your railroad. You can send as many as you want. Email to: dawsonrobertl@bellsouth.net, or give them to me at a meeting.

MEMBER WELFARE

Our sympathy goes to Division 8 members who have lost a family member in this past month. Don Fowler's dad passed away, November 1, 2011. Thurman "Joe" Vetter lost his wife on November 8. Joe is also with the Falls City Live Steamers. Mrs. Vetter was a NMRA family member.

Hospitalized were Keenan Coleman, Larry Duff, and Mark Hedge. All are home and doing well at this writing. 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.

NOVEMBER CONTEST



Charlie Keeling took first place with his diorama featuring the Durango & Silverton Scenic Railroad Depot.

Bob Johnson took second with his O-Scale scene depicting L & N switch crew.



The November meeting was hosted by the Southern Indiana Railroad Club in Jeffersonville

From left to right, Southern Indiana Club members, Jim Harrington, Ken Petit, and Jeff McMahan.

In the foreground is Jeff's "Camp Swampy" army base module recently returned to the layout. The vehicles and structures were in storage while Jeff was deployed to Iraq.

FALL TRAIN SHOW



We received a lot of favorable comments on our new “digs.”

There was plenty to see and do.

There was a lot of interest in Bob Johnson’s “tutorial” layout. Bob invited attendees to set up and solve switching problems on the layout.

Gary LaPlace with the Radcliffe Modular Club gave scenery clinic.



Falls City Live Steamers provided their riding cars for the children at the show.

For the first time we had room for it under the same roof with the show.

PIKE SHOWCASE

And now for our holiday special. A visit to Ramona Johnson's Lionel Christmas village layout.

Santa has arrived in Toyland and, his reindeer are taking a break at the "reindeer dining hall".

-unless noted otherwise, photos by Bob Johnson



Main Street is bustling with shoppers hurrying to find that last Christmas present.

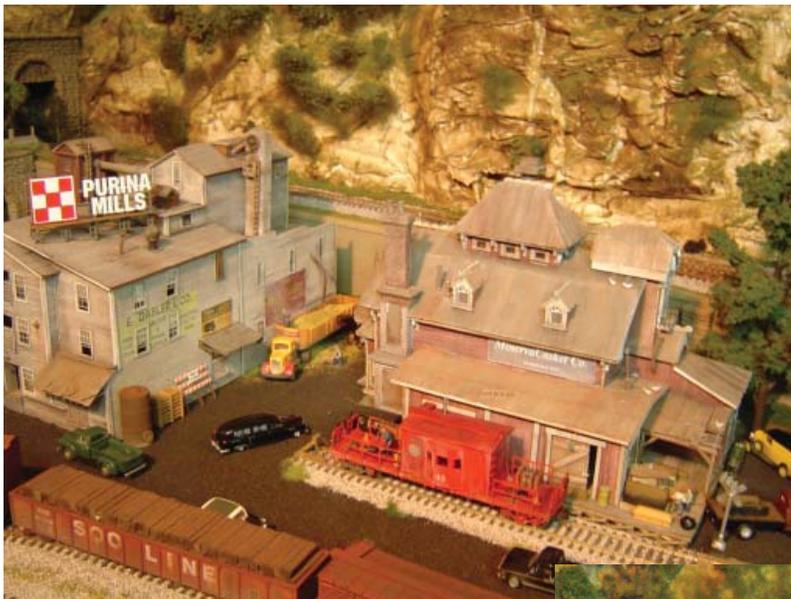
A photo from another day, Ramona with her railroad.

Her layout is not restricted to Christmas viewing. It is up all year round. The train is a replica of the Lionel "girls" train set.

-photo by Bob Dawson



PIKE SHOWCASE-JOHN OTTMAN



Business must be good at the Minerva Casket Company. They're even shipping them out by caboose.

Ottman & Son is ready to serve the local farmers with feeds, seeds, milling service and farm supplies.

John's layout is chock-full of mini scenes such as this.



TRACKSIDE WITH CHARLIE KEELING

This month we visit L & N's MN tower with Charlie. The year, 1971. MN, located off Mellwood Ave. controlled mainline crossovers and the junction with the Water Street Branch. The junction is still there and still identified as MN, but the tower is long gone.

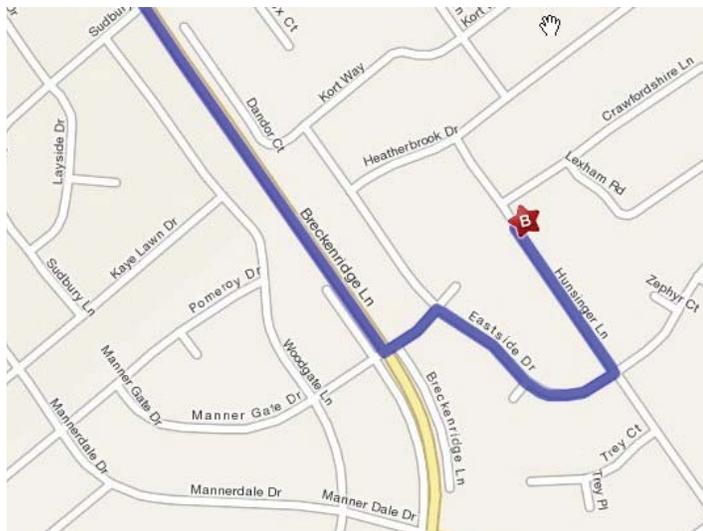
LIN YOUNG

Lin Young of Gallipolis, Ohio passed away suddenly on November 12 while vacationing in California. Lin was the past Superintendent and one of the founding members of Division 9, the Coal Division. He led the Coal Division from a loose group of modelers to the organization it is today. Some of us had the opportunity to operate on his fine model railroad, the Grafton & Greenbrier. Lin will be greatly missed.

DIVISION 8 CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year our Christmas Party will again be held at the KYANA Car Club, 3821 Hunsinger Lane, same place as the last two years.. The date is FRIDAY evening December 16, 2011. Bruce says the doors will be open before 6:30 and we will eat at 7PM. There will NOT be a gift exchange.

Directions from I-264: Take Taylorsville Road South Exit. Right on to Breckinridge Lane. Left on Mannergate Drive. Right on Eastside Drive. Left on Hunsinger Lane. The Car Club will be on your right. You can also turn right from Taylorsville Road (the second traffic light past Breckinridge Lane) onto Hunsinger Lane, and follow the street to the Car Club.



THANKS FOR ANOTHER GREAT TRAIN SHOW

We had another great train show. Positive comments were received from the dealers about our new location at the Ramada Plaza. Most commented on the “spaciousness” of the floor layout. Many also appreciated the carpeting. A lot easier on the feet and back than the concrete floor at the Legion Post. Attendance was up, and we sold more tables. A complete financial report for the show will be presented at the January meeting.

While it is always dangerous to name names (usually someone is left out) I want to thank those who worked so hard on the show. First, thanks, to Eric Waggoner who negotiated our contract with the Ramada. Mark and Bobbi Hedge who took the table reservations and made the assignments. Mark also took care of the free advertising sending notices to local media and national hobby magazines. Bob Johnson coordinated our paid advertising on local public radio. Mark Norman arranged for an interview about our show on WFIA-FM. Cecil Stewart coordinated the layouts at the show. Falls City Live Steamers provided the riding layout. Russ Weis coordinated the clinics. This was the first time we had real clinics at the show. Gary LaPlace with the Radcliff club conducted a scenery clinic. Don Fowler was our electric man. Ruth Lynch and Brenda Stewart again took care of admissions. Barry Barmore, Rick Tipton and Charlie Fackler watched the door checking on re-entry and helping with NMRA membership information. Helping with getting dealers to their tables were: John Manning, Bob Kuchler, Fred and Barbara Soward, Herman Weir, Tom Guentner, and Ray Rohmann. Bruce Goreham was our financial man. He made the gate deposit and computed our attendance. K & I Model Railroad club provided their test track. Layouts at the show included Bob Johnson with his “tutorial” switching layout, Radcliff On30, Joe Martin with T-track. Tim Yurt’s son also brought a small “toy” layout for the little ones. Door prizes were provided by Scale Reproductions, Roundhouse Electric Trains, and Short ‘n’ Sassy Embroidery. Finally, thanks to all of those who bought tables or attended the show.

Our next show is March 24, 2012, Ramada Plaza.

Christmas Train, Photo courtesy of CSX



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