



# The Pie Card

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## From the Superintendent's Desk

Greetings and happy rails to you. This month's column is a potpourri of possibly random thoughts. With snow, ice, and cold being our constant companions, what better thing to do than enjoy our hobby?

At our last meeting we were treated to a presentation about the national convention. It was fascinating. In addition to the great layouts that are featured, industry representatives bring out their latest wares. I suppose a model railroader at the convention really is like a kid in a candy store! Well done Eric.

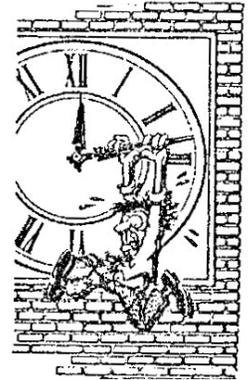
On a personal note, the past month has been one of phenomenal change. Professionally, I concluded my career with UPS after 38-1/2 years of service. The last day was truly touching. Subsequently, I've started my own company. The new boss is demanding, but I rather like the guy. It's challenging, exciting, and absolutely exhausting. Two weeks after leaving, our family dog passed away. She was a good dog. The one constant in life is change. It is wonderful to have a hobby to turn to.

For Christmas, I received a set of videos from the steam era. They have been fascinating. There are scenes of the wheels being cast, the steel tires being installed, the drivers being hammered to size, and so forth. It is amazing to see these huge components being formed and machined to such a high degree of precision. Of course, the people doing the work were doing their calculations with pencils and slide rules. The measurements were taken with mechanical calipers. Computer driven machining tools were yet to have been developed. Still another fascinating aspect was the glimpse provided into life just a few years ago. This is armchair modeling at its best.

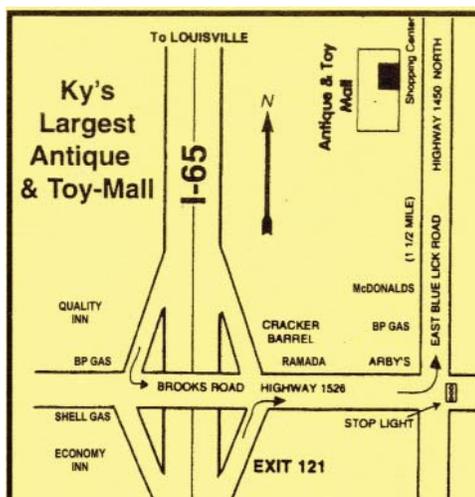
Now, it's time to get out of the armchair and to the modeling desk. See you about.

Mark

## TIMETABLE



- Feb 19, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM, South Louisville Antique and Toy Mall
- Mar 17, Div 8 Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 PM, Conference Center
- Mar 19, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 10AM-3PM, Div 8 Train Show and Sale, Legion Post
- Apr 21, Div 8 Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 PM Conference Center
- May 21, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM, home of Mark & Bobbi Hedge
- Jun 16, Div 8 Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 PM, home of Bob & Ramona Johnson
- Jul, Summer Picnic, TBA



## FEBRUARY MEETING INFORMATION

We will meet Saturday February 19, 2011, 2 PM. Rick Able is hosting the meeting at the South Louisville Antique & Toy Mall, 4150-8 Blue Lick Road, Louisville, KY 40229. This is in Bullitt County.

From I-65 take the Brooks exit (121) and go East on Brooks Road, Hwy. 1526 to the traffic light at Blue Lick Road. Turn left (North), the Antique & Toy Mall is 1 1/2 miles on the left. For aviation aficionados, it is across from "Blue Lick International Airport." Walk through the building to the back of the Mall. Parking is available in front of the building. Additional parking is available at a church up the street. Rick is trying to get an OK for additional parking across the street. There are several layouts in various scales set up and running. See pictures on page three of this issue. BE SURE TO BRING A CHAIR.

## 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 Cars

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.

## JANUARY MEETING REPORT

The January meeting was held January 15, 2:00 PM, at the Airport Industrial Park Conference Center. Ed Brennan reported on the progress with the Company Store Project. He had samples of some of the shirts w/logo that will be available. He said logo patches also will be available for purchase as well as the tank car kits. Details will be on the website when ready.

Two motions were made and carried. The first was approval do away with the Activity/Pie Card Subscription fund. The second was to refund the Christmas Party money paid by those who were unable to attend due to the ice storm.

Those desiring a refund should contact Bruce Goreham.

Mark Hedge reported that 18 tables had been paid to date for the Spring Swap Meet and they are going fast. Next meeting will be 2: 00 PM Saturday, February 19, Antique and Toy Mall.

The January meeting minutes can be found on the Division 8 website at: <http://div8-mcr-nmra.org/>.

## CONTEST REPORT

Bill Lynch, Contest Chairman



The January contest was won by Tom Lindquist with three weathered and detailed freight cars. Jim Harrington took second. To encourage voting, all who voted were also entered in a door prize drawing. Don Fowler was the winner. Contest standings to date: In the lead with 12 points each, Jim Harrington and Charlie Keeling; 9 points, Tom Lindquist; 6 points each, Bob Johnson and Bill Lynch; 5 points, Bob Frankrone; 4 points Eric Waggoner; 2 points each, John Bowman and Steve Summers. With one point each: Tom Guenther, Patrick Hardesty, Ramona Johnson, Bob Kuchler, and Rick Maloney.

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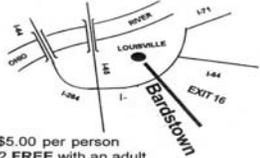
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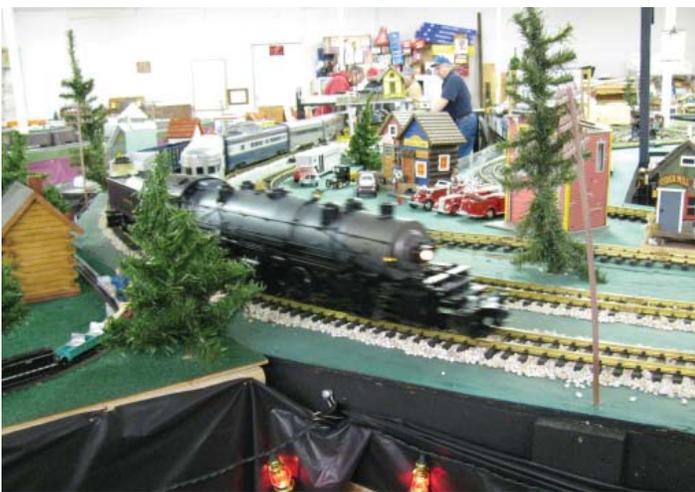
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Admission: \$5.00 per person  
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## Louisville Antique & Toy Mall (February meeting location)



Above are some views of the layouts at the Louisville Antique and Toy Mall. This is a great venue to see and run model trains. There are layouts in N, HO, O, O-27, Standard and G-Gauge up and running every Sunday afternoon. The O-6-O (HO) is always looking for modelers interested in running trains. Usually the O-27 layout will give you some time to run your Lionel or MTH trains. Rick Able, member of Division 8 and the Falls City Live Steamers will host our meeting on Saturday February 19 at the Mall.

## PIKE SHOW CASE

We are visiting John Campbell's interpretation of the L & N in coal country again this month.



John simulates both Louisville and Cincinnati. In Louisville he has a free lanced passenger and freight terminal. From Louisville passenger trains can head to Cincinnati staging or “up the holler”. Manifest freights and way freights can originate and terminate at the classification yard. There is plenty of work for a terminal switch crew to do.



The tracks pass through several small towns as they traverse the layout. Here we see the attention to detail that John takes to make each scene come alive.

## JOHN CABELL (continued)

Coal is king in Eastern Kentucky. Using ideas from both the L & N and C & O there are several coal mines served on the layout. At the tipples the coal from the mine was collected, cleaned, and sorted by size for the use it will be put to. Tipples could be quite elaborate or very simple. Here John has modeled a moderate size tippie.



## RALPH BRACEWELL

(Below) We are also taking another look at Ralph Bracewell's layout also. Ralph's built his layout in a finished attic room. It is built on three levels two of which are connected by a helix. The refinery is located on the top level.



PIKE SHOW CASE (continued)



Our webmaster, Tom Guenther has added a new stop for passenger trains on his layout. The farming community of St. Matthews. Tom named it St. Matthews in honor of the model shown in the picture. This is a model of the old St. Matthews depot made many years ago by Alan Bates.



ANSWER TO JANUARY QUESTION

The answer to the January question was a poling pocket. Found on most freight cars and locomotives during the steam and early diesel eras, it was used to secure a pole to push a car on an adjacent track. A very hazardous operation. The photo on the left shows how it was used (O. Winston Link photo). An article on “poling” was published in the March 1993 issue of Trains Magazine.



FEBRUARY QUESTION

Where are we? Pictured in Louisville in the 1970's, this New York Central System switcher is sitting behind a roundhouse. A hint: Now a parking lot, there is a modern Louisville sports venue across the street from this location today.



**ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM**

*Joe Fields, AP Chairman*



Ed Brennan was presented six merit certificates for structures and his Master Builder-Structures Certificate at the January meeting. Charlie Fackler's paper work for Master Builder-Structures has been received and will be sent to Frank Koch. Several folks approached me at the meeting to let me know that they were either working on different aspects towards certificates or were close to needing judges to look at their endeavors. To all Division 8 members, please keep up your pursuits towards Master Model Railroader and remember I'm just a phone call away to help get you on your way.

In his January column, Mark mentioned his trip to the O-Scale B & O at the Duke Energy Building in Cincinnati. How many of us had our introduction to Model Railroading through a displayed layout? I saw this layout in Louisville sometime in the early 1950's. The layout was commissioned by the B & O Railroad and toured the country. I remember seeing it in the basement of Stewart's Department Store. Which was kind of a strange place for it to be! The builder of most of the original B&O locomotives, cars and structures was a fellow named Mel Thornburg. Mel built the locos from scratch as there were no commercial builders at the time. Eventually costs were too great for storage, maintenance, and operation by the cash strapped B&O. It later ended up at Cincinnati Gas & Electric, now part of Duke Energy. A dedicated crew of employee's volunteer to maintain, set it up and operates it each year. It is believed the railroad (it would now be CSX) still owns the layout.

Public layouts are a great introduction to Model Railroading. Unfortunately our local Malls are no longer welcoming of model and toy train layouts as they were in the past. Remember our annual layout at Oxmoor Mall during the Christmas season? That said, there are still a few layouts being set up outside of train shows. Keeping the dream alive are the clubs and groups who set up at the Festival of Trees and Lights, and the Christmas Craft and Décor Show. KSONS has been displaying their layout at the Floyd County Library from time to time. The public can also see layouts at the South Louisville Antique and Toy Mall and visitors are always welcomed by the K & I club at their clubhouse in Buckner. Thanks to Rick Tipton for canvassing his railfan network to gather information on the history of the B & O Layout.

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**NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK**

*Pie Card Editor Bob Dawson*



Photos of B & O layout from Duke Energy.



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Tom Guenthner, webmaster

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**MAINTENANCE TIES FUND**

It was approved by the members at the January meeting that we do away with the Activity Fee. At the same time it was agreed to retain the maintenance ties fund. In the past the Maintenance Ties Fund has been used to underwrite the cost of printing of the Pie Card color pages. The fund will now 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 2010 to date are: \$ 5 to \$ 20: Roundhouse Trains, Jim Harrington

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