



The Pie Card

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From the Superintendent's Desk



Last month, I wrote about 10,000 hours, the time needed to become an expert in any given field. While admittedly an exaggeration, it seems at times that there are 10,000 questions about NMRA Insurance. Briefly, you can go to the web site, www.nmra.org, and look up the details about insurance. In fact, allow me to suggest that you do so. The following is a brief, extract from a recent InfoNet that was received:

“Our General Liability Insurance Policy covers all NMRA business activities in the US and Canada including NMRA Canada. All Region-, Division-, 100% NMRA Club-, and NMRA SIG-sponsored events are covered up to a specific limit of liability provided for in the policy. For clarity and assurance of coverage, we prefer that SIG events be co-sponsored by the National, a Region, or a Division. The policy covers the entire NMRA except Regions and Divisions outside the US and Canada. Once again, this year’s policy does not require reporting of meeting or event sites to trigger coverage – it’s automatic. We would appreciate an annual report of all meeting dates and locations from each Region and Division so that the Underwriter (Peerless Insurance) has a good idea of the NMRA’s exposures.” Somewhat later, the question of ‘who is covered’ is addressed: “Because the coverages extend to Regions, Divisions, 100% NMRA Clubs, etc., it is critical that these entities of the NMRA operate their organizations in line with the National Regulations of the NMRA. If they do not, they will jeopardize coverage for their organization, as well as its officers and members, should an incident occur. If Regions, Divisions, etc. operate contrary to or in disregard of the National Regulations, their actions could also jeopardize the National’s ability to provide the same quality and breadth of coverage in the future.”

The benefits of NMRA membership are many. This benefit is incredibly valuable. The basics are simple: Be a 100% club, play by the rules, and you’re insured. Obviously, the ruling document is the policy; these are my comments. To put this in perspective, just ponder the cost of treating someone injured at an open house; just the medical expense. It costs a bit doesn’t it. If you have any questions, read over the materials found on the web. If you’re still confused, they will respond to email.

Next month, we will get back to the “fun” part of our hobby. The fun part of this is that our legal counsel has done the tough thinking for us and made arrangements. Now is the time to become 100%.

Mark

MEMBER WELFARE

Jerry Ashley is recovering from surgery and undergoing rehab at Jefferson Manor nursing home. Hopefully he will be out by the time of our next meeting. Meanwhile drop him an email or stop by and visit.

Please contact Jack Diehl, if you, a family member, or you know of a member, who is ill or hospitalized. Let Jack know also, if you have suffered a death in the family, or if you know of a member, past or present who has passed away.

TIMETABLE



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

APRIL MEETING INFORMATION

Due to Thunder over Louisville, the April meeting will be held on Thursday evening, April 21 at 7:30 PM at the AIRPORT 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. The program will be presented by Bob Frankrone, the subject will be Operations on his Louisville Southern Line. Bob Dawson will provide refreshments,

Model Contest

APRIL

May
June
July
August
September
October
November
December
January
February
March

PASSENGER CARS

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

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.

ANOTHER GREAT TRAIN SHOW

By Bob Dawson, Train Show Chairman

Our Spring 2011 show was a great success. It wouldn't have happened without the assistance of many hands. First, thanks to Mark and Bobbi Hedge who diligently worked at taking table reservations, always a tough job trying to keep everything organized and still keeping our sellers happy. Thanks also to the other committee members: Ray Rohmann, Eric Waggoner, Bruce Goreham, and Don Fowler. Thanks to these members who contributed their time and talents before during and after the show: Bob Kuchler, Rick Maloney, John Manning, Herman Weir, Charlie Fackler, Barry Barmore, Tom Guenther, Marty Goreham, Cecil and Brenda Stewart. Thanks to Jack Diehl and Ed Brennan for bringing and setting up the K & I Model Railroad Test Track. It's not a show without layouts. Thanks to Dennis Sanders, Radcliffe Model RR Club, and Southern Indiana RR club for setting up and operating layouts. A full report will be presented at the April meeting.

This was our last show at Highland Post American Legion. We are looking forward to having a bigger and better show November 19 at our new show location: Ramada Plaza, 9700 Bluegrass Parkway.

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CONTEST REPORT

Bill Lynch, Contest Chairman

There were nine entries in the March Contest Commercial Structures. Taking first place was Rick Maloney with his N-Scale Sterling Dairy. Second place honors were taken by Ed Atkins with his O-Scale Ice House. See photos of the winning models on page three of this issue. Eric Waggoner won the voting raffle, a ten dollar gift card for Scale Reproductions Hobby Shop. Point Standings to date: 16 points, Charlie Keeling; 14 points Tom Lindquist; 13 points, Jim Harrington; 8points: Bill Lynch and Bob Johnson; 5 points, Rick Maloney, Bob Frankrone; 4 points, Eric Waggoner and Ed Atkins; 3 points, John Bowman; 2 points, Steve Summers; with 1 point each: Ramona Johnson, Patrick Hardesty, Tom Guenther, Bob Kuchler, Jack Diehl, Fred Soward and Charlie Fackler.

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, Jim Harrington, Ed Atkins, John Manning, Jim Kuzirian, Eric Waggoner.
\$ 25 to \$45: Ed Brennan, Stephen Taylor, John Ottman



Check Div. 8 Website, click on links, and go to Division 5, MCR and follow links to "convention".

**MID CENTRAL
REGION
CONVENTION**
Apr 28 – May 1, 2011
Geneva-on-the-Lake, Ohio

Hosted by Division 5

"The Western Reserve
Division"

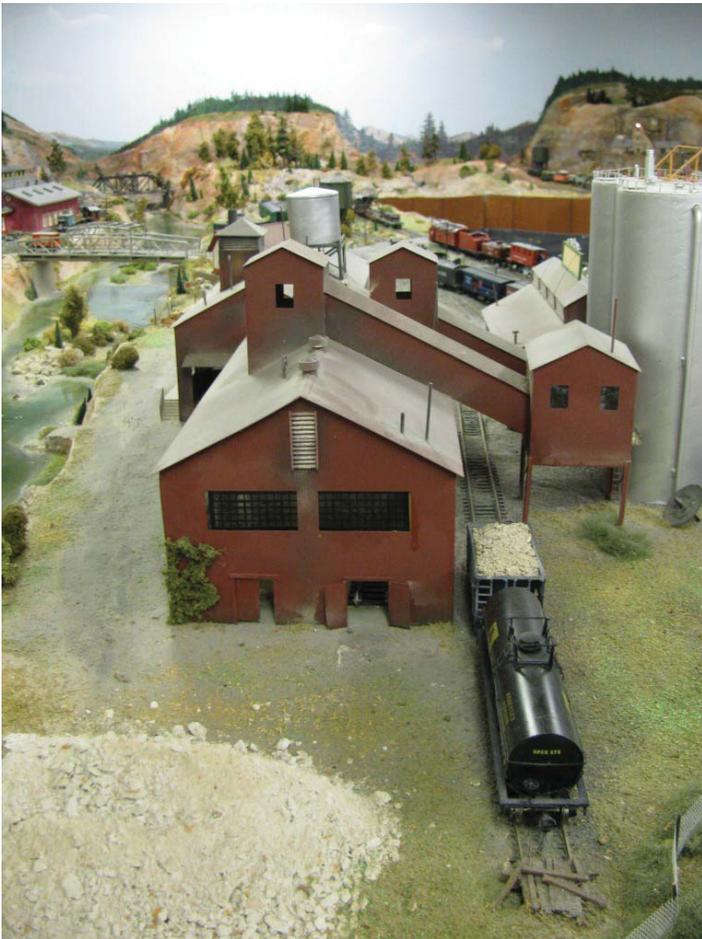
March Contest Winners



Above left. First Place winner, Rick Maloney's N-Scale Stirling Dairy. Above right, Ed Atkins O-Scale ice house.

SNAP SHOTS OF THE SPRING TRAIN SHOW: Photos by Tom Guenther





PIKE SHOWCASE

We continue our visit to Jim Harrington's Green Valley & Western this month. The Smith & Cecil manufacturing plant is busy with several cars on its sidings. We are not totally sure what their product is, but the must ship a lot of it.

In the mountains the weather can change quickly, and the GV&W snowplow is ready if needed. In the distance we see the Smith & Cecil Manufacturing Company from a different view. To the right, in front of the gate, is Hambaugh Shell Service named in honor of the late George Hambaugh. George was a Division 8 member and longtime friend of Jim's who passed away several years ago.



PIKE SHOW CASE GV&W (CONTINUED)



Engines and cars are repaired at the GV&W shops located at across the river from the Smith & Cecil Manufacturing Company. The adjacent Jim's RR Supply Company provides all of the parts that the railroad can't fabricate itself. The two side of the river are connected by a bridge (above right).

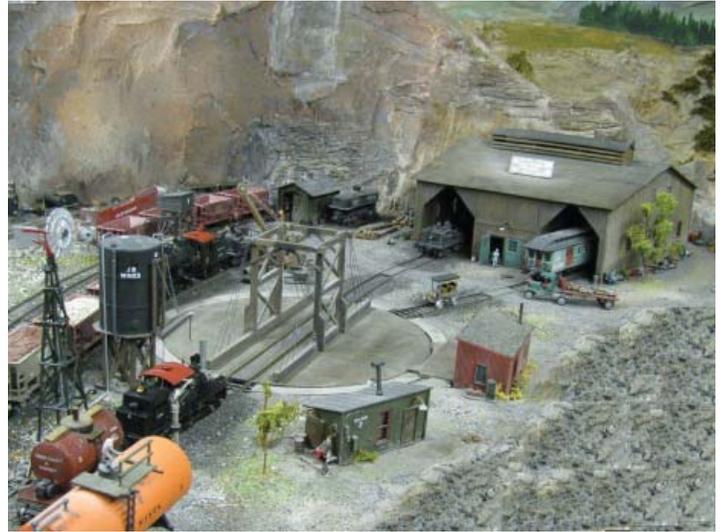


Several industries are strung out along the river bank. One is Scott's Lumber and Sawmill.

If you need a place to stay, Maxine's Room & Board is nearby. If you are in the mood for a streak or maybe some chops, Martha's Café is attached. You may even find a cold beer to wash it down.



PIKE SHOW CASE GV&W (CONTINUED)



The Summit Yards is the main classification yard for the railroad (above left). The JB Mining Company has its own railroad and engine facilities. The turntable is a modified Atlas unit. Jim added the scale stripwood decking and the gallows superstructure (above right).

ANSWER TO MARCH QUESTION

The “Big 10 Hundred” is northbound on Second Street approaching Jefferson Street. The only recognizable building still standing today is Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral. The rooming house on the corner advertising rooms as cheap as 75 cents is long gone. In better days it had been Nic Bosler’s Hotel

April Question



It is an early morning in July, 1976. A southbound Amtrak passenger train is threading its way through the streets of a still sleeping small city. What is the name of the train? What city is this? Where will be its next stop? If you can answer any or all of these questions, bring your answer to the April meeting.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Pie Card Editor Bob Dawson

This is the fourth month for the electronic Pie Card. Do you have any comments, or suggestions for improvement? From the editor's perspective it is a lot less complicated. Thanks to Rick Tipton who does the proof reading, and Ivan Baugh who puts it together in its final form. Our webmaster, Tom Guenther alerts you that the Pie Card has been posted and is available each month. Past issues are also available on our website. There are still a few who receive a paper copy; contrary to popular belief, not everyone has email access. Ivan has been taking care of the printing and mailing each month.

Welcome back to Bill Poteet. Actually Bill didn't go anywhere, but he has recently rejoined NMRA. Glad to have you back Bill!

I am still looking for articles, and layout pictures. Most of you have digital cameras, and many of you have layouts, take some pictures, and let's see them! You can send them to me as an email attachment at: dawsonrobertl@bellsouth.net. You can also give me prints at a meeting.

STEVE TAYLOR'S LAYOUT DESTROYED BY A WATER LEAK



Steve Taylor notified us that his layout, the Buffalo "T" Lines, has been destroyed by a burst water line. Located in his old house, Steve had kept it in place in the basement after he moved to his newer house down the road. He had been renting out the first floor, but it was vacant at the time. Many of you may remember his layout with its well-crafted scenery from the many times Steve and Karen hosted Division 8 meetings at their home in Madison, IN. A supply line continued in column 2, this page



NMRA NEWS

As reported by Gary Leone in the March Issue of the NMRA Magazine, the NMRA Online Archives is open for business. Taken from photo and art collections donated to the NMRA, the Online Archives already features over 10,000 images of locomotives, structures, cabooses, depots, and much more. Images include color and black & white photos, drawings, erection elevations, paint schemes, plans, and logos. NMRA members can download high-quality scans of any of the images for just \$2 each. Non-NMRA members can download scans for \$4 each. And browsing's free! Just click on the "NMRA Online Archives" link at the left under "About the NMRTA" to get started.

Notice of 2012 elections. The following NMRA Officers and Board of Directors positions are open for election in 2012: President, Vice President-Administration, Vice President-Special Projects, Eastern District Director, Pacific District Director, and At-Large North America Director. All candidate names for consideration by the Nominations Committee shall be submitted to Didrik Voss, davoss@pvmtengr.com, no later than June 15, 2011.



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to a toilet burst, and before it was discovered, it had leaked an estimated 20,000 gallons of water causing the ceiling below to collapse, flooding the basement. The control system was destroyed, but he was able salvage the engines, cars, and most of the structures.

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EXTRA 2011 WEST NMRA CONVENTION

The 2011 NMRA Convention will be held in Sacramento, CA. Register now to take advantage of the pre-convention rate at the Convention's website http://www.x2011west.org/cart/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=1. Many interesting activities are planned for the week. You will want to participate in as many of them as you can. Check out their web site: <http://www.x2011west.org>. The National S Gauge convention will be held at the same time.

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