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From the Superintendent's Desk



Thank goodness for model railroading and you my fellow model railroaders. Two months ago, the column was about the 10,000 hours it requires to gain expertise in a subject. Last month, it was about the 10,000 questions I've heard about NMRA insurance. Okay, that's an exaggeration. The short version – join the NMRA, it's well worth it. It's only a slight exaggeration to say I've put in 10,000 hours getting my business up and running. At least it feels that way! Fortunately, the modeling desk beckons. Even an hour working on a car, tuning it up, and weathering it realistically restores some level of mental health. Then there are our meetings we share fellowship, clinics, suggestions, contests, and just plain have fun. Thank you all!

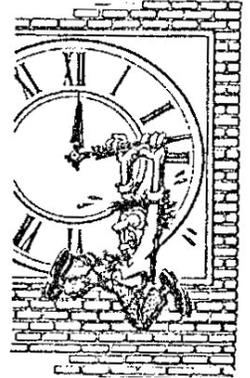
When you get to read this, three of the division members will have gone to the region convention and returned. At the moment, that's a few days in the future. If you haven't been to one, you are truly missing out. If you have, you know what you are missing already. While the convention isn't free, it is a bargain. The obvious way to save money is to share expenses – travel, lodging, etc. By the way, if your travel buddy talks too much, talk with one of the active or former UPS pilots. They probably have cheap foam earplugs lying about. Just nod your head and mumble "uh-huh" periodically. They'll just figure you're senile. It works for me. [Just teasing...maybe.]

Everyone has their own view of what is best. Here are my favorites. Admittedly, yours may be different and that's okay. Operating sessions. No two are alike and I learn from every one of them. All scales and sizes bring joy. Layout tours. The talent of you and other modelers never ceases to amaze me. Clinics. They're like the division clinics on steroids. There are more than you can possibly take in. Personalities you've seen in the magazines are there too. Prototype tours. Where else can you see what we get to see? Then, there is the hospitality room and banquet. Sipping on a soda, ideas are swapped, friendships formed, plans made, and fun is had. Let's start making plans for the next convention now.

Mark



TIMETABLE



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

MAY MEETING INFORMATION

The May meeting will be Saturday, May 21, 2 PM. We will meet at the home of Mark and Bobbi Hedge, 1501 Cameron Drive, Jeffersonville, IN 47130 (for GPS users). Phone 812-288-8037. The program will be "Show and Tell". Bring a favorite railroad item (hat, shirt, memorabilia, etc.), or railroad model and tell us a little about it. Also BRING A CHAIR.

Directions: Take I-65 North to Exit #2 Eastern Blvd. Go to the top of the ramp and turn right. Proceed east and go under the old PRR viaduct. Go to the next stop light and turn left onto Hamburg Pike. Stay on Hamburg Pike through the first stop light, Walnut Ridge Greenhouse will be on the right. Follow Hamburg Pike(north) past Walnut Ridge Cemetery and watch for Thomas Jefferson Elementary School on the right. You will go up and over a small hill beside the school. As you

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Model Contest

MAY	CABOOSES
June	Open Loads
July	No Contest
August	MOW Equipment
September	Photos
October	Steam Locomotives
November	Displays/Dioramas
December	No Contest
January	Freight Cars
February	Diesels
March	Commercial Structure
April	Passenger Cars

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.

May Meeting continued from page 1, column 2 come down the far side of the hill, Cameron Drive will be on the left. Turn left on Cameron Drive, and the house will be the last house on the right facing the road. House number is by front door and on mailbox post. Map in column 2 of this page.----->

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Bob Dawson, Pie Card Editor

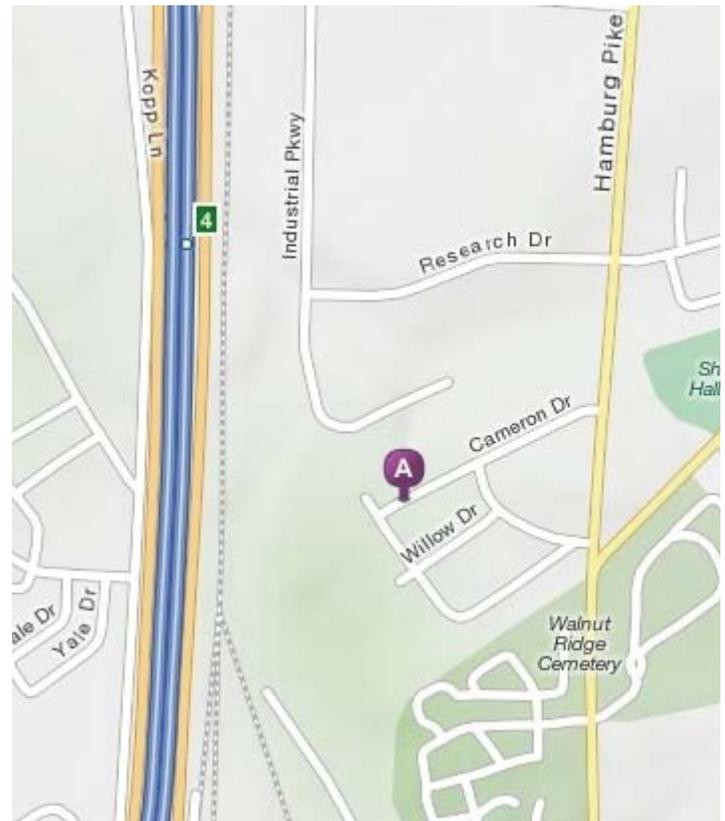
We were treated at the May meeting to Bob Frankrone's program on operations. In it Bob described how he introduced operations including car forwarding to his layout, even though the layout was not originally designed for operations. While he had favorite railroads he wasn't trying to replicate the operations of any particular prototype railroad. In his introduction he described himself thus, "I am a model railroader not a railroad modeler." This reminded me of the flexibility and diversity of our hobby. We have all been attracted to the hobby for our own reasons. To me this is one of the advantages of membership in NMRA. Some of us concentrate on scenery, others electronics, while some on operations. I could go on and on, but you get the idea. Through the interaction available through attending meetings, conventions, layout tours, you can "pick the brains" of your fellow members in areas that you may be weak in -- and you can take on challenges one at a time, not «all at once».

CONTEST REPORT

Bill Lynch, Contest Chairman

There were seven entries in the April Contest (Passenger Cars). Taking first place was Jim Harrington with his HO Green Valley and Western passenger cars. Second place honors were taken by Bob Johnson with his HO L & N coach. Tom Lindquist and John Kelly tied for third. See photo of the winning model on page three of this issue. Bill Lynch won the voting raffle, a ten dollar gift card for Scale Reproductions Hobby Shop.

Point Standings to date: Tied for first are Jim Harrington and Charlie Keeling with 17 points each; 15 points, Tom Lindquist; 11 points Bob Johnson; 9 points Bill Lynch; 5 points each, Bob Frankrone and Rick Maloney; 3 points John Bowman, 2 points Steve Summers; 1 point each, Ramona Johnson, Patrick Hardesty, Tom Guenther, Bob Kuchler, Jack Diehl, Fred Soward, Charlie Fackler and



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April Contest Winners

FIRST PLACE:

The April contest was passenger cars. Jim Harrington took the honors with a passenger set made up of a drover's car and coach. Both cars carry the lettering and colors of his GV&W Railroad. The GV&W was featured in the March and April issues of the Pie Card.



SECOND PLACE

Bob Johnson took second place with his Louisville & Nashville passenger cars. In the photo the top has been removed to show the interior.



OPEN LOAD:



Bob Frankrone shares this picture with us of his newest open load project. The refinery vessel on a flat car was inspired by an article that appeared in the March 2011 issue of *Model Railroader*.

PIKE SHOW CASE--Rick Maloney's N-scale Midwest Central and North Western
Photos by Rick Maloney



Rick has sent us these pictures of the industries in the town of Shark Harbor. The MC&NW switchers are preparing to pull cars from one of the industries.

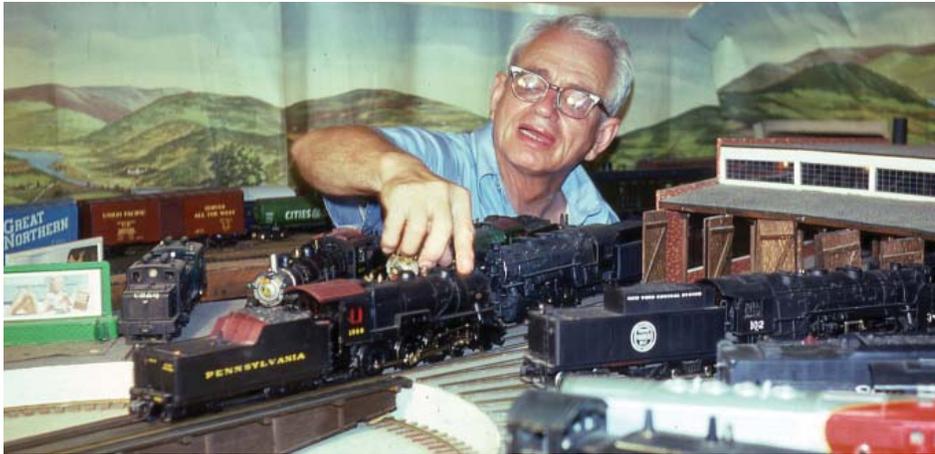
The Lowe's Manufacturing Company shipping department seems to be pretty busy.



We don't know exactly what this industry does, but it sure is interesting. Rick says the motto of the MC&NW is "We go anywhere but Florida."

THE MODELS OF E. G. BAKER

By Bob Dawson



Many old timers will remember E. G. Baker. "EG" modeled mostly in 1/4 inch (O) scale. With my then nine year old daughter, I had an opportunity to visit EG in 1976. One by one he would pull each of his models on the turntable for photos. At the same time he would share stories about his many years in model railroading.

EG made many museum quality models in several scales. This model was scratch built in large scale. The television set it was displayed on gives you an idea of the size.



Here is a model of Southern 1401. The prototype can be seen at the Smithsonian. EG claimed to have the only model railroad with a fatality. A "trespasser" was struck by a train and killed in a tunnel on the layout. Soon after a heavy O-gauge locomotive entered the tunnel there was a loud "thump" with the engine de-railing. Upon inspection it was found the train had run over and killed a mouse.

E. G. Baker (continued)

Nickel Plate Road 779. The prototype was built for the New York, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad (Nickel Plate Road) in May 1949, for use on fast freight trains. It was the last steam locomotive manufactured by Lima Locomotive Works. In May 1963, it was donated to the city of Lima, Ohio and placed on display in Lincoln Park, where it remains to date.



Union Pacific 7865. The prototype was built by Brooks for the UP in 1924.



MAY QUESTION

2736, a 2-10-2, is taking a spin on the turn table. Can you answer any, some, or all of these questions. We are in Louisville.



What is the railroad? What is the name of the yard? What railroad owns this yard today? Email your answer to: dawsobl@aol.com or let Bob Dawson know at the May meeting. What do you win--a warm fuzzy feeling. Bob Sobotka and Bill Lynch identified the location of the April question as New Albany, IN. The Amtrak train, the "Floridian" would soon be crossing the K & I bridge into Louisville.

MAINTENANCE TIES FUND

The Maintenance Ties Fund is 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 \$45+ Don Fowler

RAILFAN CORNER- HOT SPOT NEW ABANY, IN

By Bob Dawson



Norfolk-Southern mainline, Water Front Park, New Albany Indiana. This line sees 25 to 30 trains per day. In addition to the usual mixed freights, auto racks, coal and unit trains, there are steel coil and double stack trains daily. Trains are sometimes held at New Albany for pushers to be added to assist trains up Duncan Hill. The helpers are cut off at Georgetown, IN for the return to Youngtown Yard in Louisville. Take I-64, exit 123 to State Street. Turn right on State Street. At the end of the street there is public parking lot to the left in front of the tracks. There is also an elevated public observation tower. From there you can see all of the way to the K & I Bridge to the east, and the small NS New Albany yard to the west. You may also spot a towboat passing up or down the river.

THANKS FROM JERRY ASHLEY

Thanks, for the cards, visits at the hospital and nursing home rehab center to all of you...Division 8 really supports their members...Beth was really surprised to receive her gift card and I was just as equally surprised to receive mine... you can betcha that they both will be used wisely.....I would be sitting there in my bed and the phone would ring and who would it be? One of our members, or the knock at the door would be one and sometimes two of them...I appreciate your thoughts and prayers...it makes me feel really good that you all go out of your way to show your appreciation to other members because it sure can get lonely in those little rooms by yourselves....Thanks Again.....the Ashley Family appreciates it.

Jerry & Beth

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APRIL MEETING REPORT

A large crowd assembled at the Conference Center for the April meeting. Jerry Ashley was back with us after his surgery. Barry Barmore brought him. Welcome back Jerry. One visitor, Philip Johnson, was recognized. Philip is a member of KSONS. The Company Store is up and running on the website. Polo and Denim shirts are available with the Division 8 logo. Mark Norman modeled the denim shirt and Tom Guenther modeled the polo shirt. L & N tank car kits are also for sale. Check out the Company Store on the Division 8 web site. Bob Frankrone presented a program on operations on his Louisville Southern Lines. He described how he set up operations on a layout not originally designed with operations in mind. The minutes are posted on the website.

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Tom Guenther, webmaster

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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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