



The Pie Card

Division Eight Newsletter - Mid-Central Region, National Model Railroad Association



From the Superintendent's Desk



Let's open up this month's column with a correction. Last month I said that three Division 8 members would be at the regional convention. Wrong! There were more. *Mea culpa.*

The convention was a great success. This year's convention was held in the small resort town Geneva-on-the-Lake, Ohio. This is east of Cleveland and immediately west of the industrial town of Ashtabula. While Geneva is a resort town, the convention was held about a month before the tourist season began. No, there were no high rolling festivities that I observed! The convention hotel sat on the shore of Lake Erie and had excellent meeting rooms.

For those who haven't been before, the conventions tend to follow a pattern. On the night of arrival, several local modelers open their homes for operating sessions. The next two days consist of numerous clinics, rail and non-rail tours, hospitality, contest room, company store, and a silent auction. Put that all together and it's a lot of fun.

One evening, a few of us enjoyed an Amish dinner at the home of a local family. The food and hospitality were incredible. To my way of thinking, it was good country cooking. It was plentiful. Along the way we passed a number of covered bridges and other structures worth considering depending on the locale you are modeling. One site in particular caught my attention. It was a cemetery with an adjacent recycling center. Is it just me, or is that ironic? It calls out to be modeled. If anyone challenges it, there's a prototype in Mesopotamia, Ohio.

On the way home, there were numerous layouts open to the participants. As ever, people's creativity always impresses me. Lastly, there is the journey itself. We live in a wonderful, beautiful country. It is a joy to see it and even better with a pleasant travelling companion. I've already registered for the 2012 convention. How about you?

Mark

MAY MEETING REPORT

The division met at the home of Mark and Bobbi Hedge in Jeffersonville, IN. Treasurer Mike Berry conducted the meeting in the absence of the other officers. Attendance was twenty-four; we had one guest, Rick Bohme. Rick is a friend of Patrick Hardesty, and models in three rail O-gauge. AP Chairman Joe Fields presented Charlie Fackler with his certificate for Master Builder-Structures. Joe said Ed Brennan's certificate for Chief Dispatcher is awaiting the calligrapher. Ed's award was published in the June issue of the NMRA Magazine. It was reported, that Jeff McMahan was thought to have suffered a brain aneurism, and has been sent home from Iraq. Jeff, president of the Southern Indiana Club, has continued in column 2, page 1

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 2, Summer Picnic, Saturday, NLT 10:30 AM, Kentucky Railway Museum, New Haven, KY

JUNE MEETING AT THE JOHNSON'S

The June meeting is Thursday June 16 at 7:30 PM. We will meet at the home of Bob and Ramona Johnson, 7703 Tip Top Lane. From I-65 South, take Okolona exit to the Outer Loop. Go 5.4 miles to Smyrna Rd., turn right onto Smyrna Road. Go 0.2 miles to Apex, turn right on Apex, turn right onto Tip Top Ln.

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been deployed with the U. S. Army Reserve. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM. After digging into the "sloppy joes" provided by Bobbi, we gathered again for a "show and tell". Presentations were made by Charlie Keeling, Rick Able, Mark Hedge, and Tom Guenther.

Model Contest

JUNE

July
August
September
October
November
December
January
February
March
April
May

OPEN LOADS

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

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.

2011 PICNIC TO INCLUDE RIDE BEHIND L & N 152

This year the 2011 Division 8 Picnic will be at the Kentucky Railway Museum on Saturday July 2, 2011. Please arrive and be ready to board no later than 10:30 AM. This is the last season that 152 will run before it goes in the for its FRA mandatory inspection in 2012. The inspection will require the locomotive to be totally disassembled. Work will begin when funding is secured and could take three years or more. We will have our own dining car. The meal will be a box lunch that includes your choice of a turkey sandwich or club sandwich, chips, cookie or brownie, plus a drink. Please provide your sandwich selection when you make your reservation. Cost per person: \$ 16 for adults, children \$ 11. Lunch is \$ 6.50, so the total for each adult with lunch is \$ 22.50.



For reservations call Bobbi Hedge at (812) 288-8037, email: bhedge59@yahoo.com. Let her know how many and lunch choices. You can mail your payment to Bobbi at 1501 Cameron Drive, Jeffersonville,

IN 47130-6609, or pay at the picnic. You need to make your reservation by June 25, 2011, one week before the picnic.

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CONTEST REPORT

Bill Lynch, Contest Chairman

Charlie Keeling took first place in the May model contest with his pair of Paducah & Louisville cabs. John Kelly took second place with another pair of cabooses, Pennsylvania and Lehigh Valley. Third place was a tie -- Tom Lindquist with his Atlantic Coast Line caboose, and Jim Harrington with a Great Northern model. Contest results to date: with 21 points, Charlie Keeling; 18 points, Jim Harrington; 16, Tom Lindquist; 12, Bob Johnson; 10, Bill Lynch; Rick Maloney and Bob Frankrone have 5 points each; Ed Atkins and Eric Waggoner, 4 points each; John Kelly and John Bowman with 3 points each. With 1 point each: Romona Johnson, Patrick Hardesty, Bob Kuchler, Tom Guenther, Jack Diehl, Fred Soward, Charlie Fackler, and Phillip Johnson.

The June Contest will be open loads. This will be the final contest for this cycle. Awards will be presented at the Picnic in July.

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The Kentucky Railway Museum is located at 136 S. Main Street, New Haven, KY 40051.

DIVISION MEMBER J. K. SMITH PASSES AWAY

John K. Smith, 80, passed away May 23, 2011. Mr. Smith retired from Ford, and was an Army veteran of the Korean War. He is survived by his wife, Wilma, and two daughters, grand and great grandchildren. Mr. Smith had been a member of NMRA since 2002. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family.



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May Contest Winners

Charlie Keeling's pair of Paducah & Louisville Cabs took first place. Caboose 9630 shows its obvious Illinois Central origin.



John Kelly took second place honors with his Pennsylvania Cabin Car and Lehigh Valley Caboose.



Achievement Program

AP chairman Joe Fields presented Charlie Fackler (right) with his certificate for Master Builder Structures. Charlie's models were also entered in the Model Contest at this year's Mid-Central Region Convention. Photos of Charlie's Models as well as some of the other winners are on page 5 of this issue.



Pike Show Case Signals at Loyall/Loyall Junction



We are looking at the cross-over from Loyall Junction (to the left) on Tom Guenther's free-lanced layout inspired by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad in Eastern Kentucky. While the connecting track is only a few inches long, for operation it is considered several miles in length. The photo was taken before the signals were installed. This "dummy" signal bridge has since been removed. Usually operated as point to point, east bound trains approach from the trestle in the distance, round a curve behind the camera and continue on the track to the right. The connecting track forms a return loop and is used when needed to turn some though trains. *Pie Card* File Photo, other photos by Tom Guenther.

A train is occupying the main at Loyall Depot. The dwarf signal in the distance shows red for the junction track. The signal on the left at Loyall Junction is showing green for the main. The train in the picture will continue around the curve and eventually pass that signal. Tom uses Digitrax DCC with JMRI software for block detection and occupancy. All powered turnouts can be controlled either by the engineer's throttle, or by the dispatcher at the computer.

Tom plans to eventually signal the remainder of the layout. Hopefully we can entice Tom into a clinic or article on the subject in the future.



The train is occupying the Loyall Station Block. Both upper and lower signals are red for both the main and the passing siding. The signals to the right are set for the main line west. The high signal is green, when the train to the left enters the next block it will turn red. the lower red is for the return loop connection to Loyall. Signals are controlled by turnout position and/or block occupancy.

Pike Showcase (continued)



Tom has a couple more pictures to share of his layout. It looks like the young lady has suffered a flat tire. Never fear, one of the employees from Gunther's Brewery has come to her rescue.

Gunther's Brewery is one of the industries at Loyall.

We are on the lower level and a train is approaching Middlesboro Yard.



Benchwork has begun on Cecil Stewart's New Layout in Bardstown.



Cecil (right) and a longtime friend visiting from Houston, Norman Bevenridge, recently began work on Cecil's new layout. Cecil is modeling the Llano Branch of the Southern Pacific Austin Division. The prototype is located in Central Texas. Cecil is Division 8's Membership Chairman.



Some Contest Winners at Convention



Charlie Fackler took first place in the Display Category with his HO model of a Kentucky Tobacco Barn. Charlie also took first place for Off Line Structures with a model of a leaning barn. Charlie also scored a third place for on line structures.

Brenda Stewart took a first place in the Arts and Crafts Category with her quilt. Bob Frankrone took third place in the B & W Prototype Photo category. Bob also scored third place in the Freight Car Model Category with his largery refinery vessel on a depressed enter flat car. A photo of this model appeared in last month's issue of the Pie card, but we'll show it again.



June Question



This month's picture was provided by Charlie Keeling. Different yard, same questions as last month. Can you identify the railroad, the location and/or name of the yard, and its current owner/operator. Last month featured an Illinois Central locomotive pictured at IC's Oak Street Yard in Louisville. Today this yard is owned and operated by the Paducah and Louisville Railroad Ivan Baugh, Eric Waggoner, and Charlie Keeling responded with correct answers.

DIVISION 8 MEMBERS TAKE HONORS AT MCR CONVENTION

Several Division 8 members won several contest awards at last month's Mid-Central Region Convention. In the photo category Bob Frankrone won third place in the B & W Prototype category. Bob also took third place in the Freight Car Model category with his large refinery vessel on a depressed center flat car. A picture of this model was published in last month's Pie Card. Charlie Fackler took several awards. Charlie took first place in Off Line Structures with his model of a leaning barn. He also took first place in the Display category with his Kentucky Tobacco Barn Display. Photos of these two models are on page 6 of this issue. Charlie took third place for Off-Line structures. Brenda Stewart's quilt entry took a first place in Arts and Crafts.

The 2012 Mid Central Region Convention will be the "Highline to Pittsburgh", Pittsburgh, PA, 26-29 April 2012.

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:

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Bob Dawson, Pie Card Editor

Photo contributors needed. In this month's photo section you will see pictures taken by various members. Cecil Stewart shares construction photos taken of his new layout. Cecil also sent a picture of his wife Brenda's quilt that took the Arts & Craft award at the recent MCR convention. Charlie Fackler sent pictures of his award-winning entries. Tom Guenther contributed most of the pictures of his layout in Pike Showcase. Last but not least, Charlie Keeling is responsible for the picture for this months "Question". If it hadn't been for these contributors there wouldn't be much in the photo section this month.

I need pictures. If you go to a swap meet, a scale convention (such as the recent N-Scale meet), or any other train or model related event, take pictures. If other members are attending, include them in a picture. Again if you have prints, I can scan them and return them to you. You can email me digital pictures. I would prefer digital pictures be at least 200 to 500 KB. That way Ivan or I can edit them for fit.



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