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From the Superintendent's Desk

The depth and breadth of skill in the division never ceases to impress me. Collectively, there are centuries of experience out there. Virtually every skill needed to be a world class modeler can be found sitting next to you or a phone call away. You are encouraged to share with our AP Chairman, Joe Fields, skills you have and those of your buddies who may be too bashful to share.

You don't have to have your PhD in Electrical Engineering to mention you know a bit about electrical. After all, we're building model railroads, not fly by wire jet aircraft. Model railroading is fun. Modeling with our friends is even more fun.

The nominating committee is in place and looking for candidates for officer and trustee positions. You are encouraged to consider stepping up and sharing your wisdom and enthusiasm. This is real opportunity to make a difference in the division and hobby.

Another project underway is mundane but particularly useful. All organizations have processes and procedures that they follow. Our division is no exception. Like many organizations, many of these processes and procedures are carried around in the heads of the trustees, officers, and members. The term often used for this is "cultural knowledge" or "oral history". The problem is that memories fade at times or the "sage what knows" is away watching trains on the other side of the country. The mission of the SOP Committee, Standard Operating Procedures, is to commit as much to writing as possible. Having written procedures will allow us to provide greater consistency for all. Unlike the bye-laws, the procedures can be changed more readily as conditions warrant. At least we will know when we are "off-track" and decide if it makes sense.

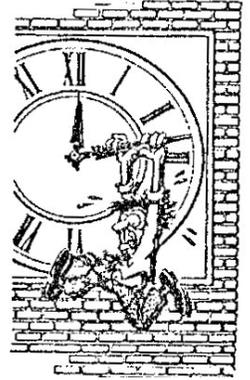
The big event that is rapidly approaching is the Swap Meet in our new venue. This is being marketed to encourage the public to engage with us. The timing is perfect – weeks before Christmas. The committee will keep you posted on goings on there.

Mark

SEPTEMBER MEETING INFO

This month's meeting is Saturday September 17, 2:00 PM. K & I Model Railroad Club is hosting the meeting. We will meet at their club house in Buckner, Kentucky. The club has done a lot of work on their layout since our last visit. From most places take I-71 to exit 18 (KY 393). Continue north on Hwy 393 to La Grange Road (KY 146), cross the railroad tracks and turn right. The club house will be on your left in a former firehouse. Mark Norman will give a clinic titled "Hobo Culture". Following the meeting we will enjoy the company and the trains.

TIMETABLE



Sep 17, Sat 2 PM, Div Mtg, K & I Club, Buckner, KY

Oct 15, Sat 2 PM, Div Mtg, Conference Center

Nov 17, Thur 7:30 PM, Div Mtg, Southern Indiana Club

Nov 19, Sat 10AM-3PM, Div 8 Train Show, Ramada Plaza

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

Jan, To be announced

VOTING FOR SILVER SPIKE AWARD

Jack will be mailing the ballots September 1. You will have until November 15th to return your ballot. Remember this is not a competition. It takes 51% yes votes for the candidate to be selected. If there are several people on the ballot who you believe are equally deserving of the award, you can select all of them.

CORRECTIONS TO AUGUST PIE CARD

Bob Johnson's name was omitted from the Maintenance Ties Fund donors list. Bill Lynch was not credited with his Picnic Photos that were used.

Model Contest

SEPTEMBER

October
November
December
January
February
March
April
May
June
July
August

PHOTOS

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

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.

DIVISION 8 FALL TRAIN SHOW AND SALE

The date for the Division 8 Train Show and sale is Saturday, November 19, 2011. Hours are the same; 10 AM to 3 PM. Our show is moving. The new location is the Ramada Plaza Convention Center, 9700 Bluegrass Parkway, Louisville, 40299. This is the same location where we hosted the MCR Convention in 2007. This change will provide us with more parking, and a larger space for more dealer tables and layouts. Prices remain the same: \$ 5.00 admission, dealer table rental \$ 20, \$15 for NMRA members. To reserve a table contact Mark or Bobbi Hedge, (812) 288-8037 or email, div8trainshow@gmail.com.

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 **\$ 25 to \$45:** Ed Brennan, Stephen Taylor, John Ottman, Jim Kuzirian, Jim Harrington **\$ 45 +:** Don Fowler, Larry Hujo

AT THE AUGUST MEETING

The Ohio Valley Railroad Historical Society hosted our August meeting in the lower level of the old L & N Depot in La Grange, Kentucky. After the short Division business meeting, society member Rick Able told us of the plans they had for the depot and depot grounds. At this time they have two layouts on display, as well as several locomotive models in various scales, and railroad memorabilia. Track had been laid outside, and they are getting a locomotive and caboose for display. *(The locomotive has since been delivered to La Grange. See the article and photos elsewhere in this issue.)*

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Joe Fields, Div. 8 Achievement Program Chairman

Charlie Fackler was presented with the two merit award certificates he earned for the structures he entered in the 2011 Mid Central Spring Convention contest at the August meeting.

Also at the August meeting I announced that I have received Ed Brennan's Chief Dispatcher and Mark Norman's Association Volunteer certificates. Ed and Mark will be presented with their certificates at the September meeting.

Congratulations to those who received or were named to receive certificates at our August meeting.

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, to 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. That's about it for this time. Please, call me if you want a model judged or have any questions about the Achievement Program,

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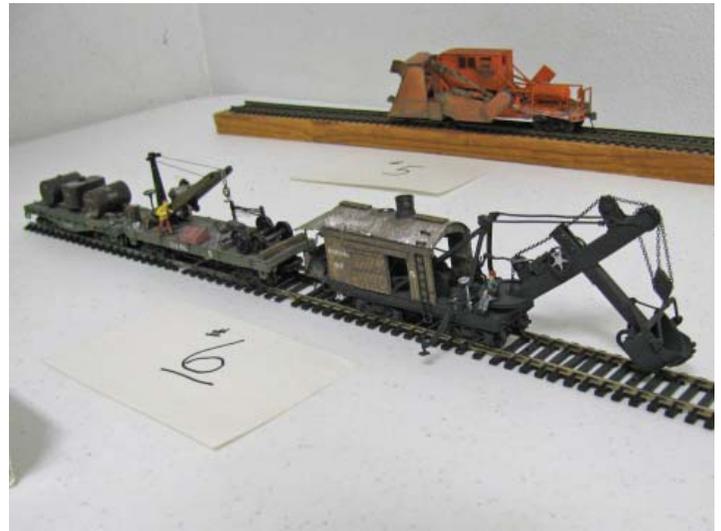
CONTEST REPORT

The 2011-12 contest cycle kicked off with the August Meeting. Here is a review of the monthly contest awards program:

- Each person who brings an entry to the meeting will receive one (1) point.

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August Meeting



Contest winners are shown above. Left is Bill Lynch's NS Flanger, Jim Harrington took second place with his steam above! (RIGHT).



After the meeting, members and guests enjoyed chili-dogs and chips provided by our host, the Ohio Valley Railroad Historical Society. We also had an opportunity to socialize and study the railroad items and layouts on display.

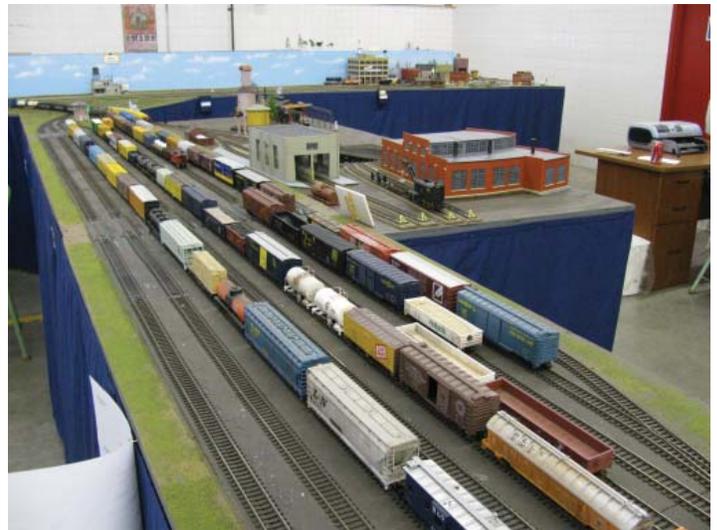
Sellersburg Train Show

Here is a portion of the Louisville Connecting Lines modular layout. The train belongs to Brian Weir. Some of the other layouts participating were Bob Johnson with his vintage American Flyer layout, Southern Indiana Club, and Kentuckiana Live Steamers. There was also a swap meet on Saturday.

The show is organized by the Southern Indiana model RR club and is held annually at the Moose Lodge in Sellersburg on the same weekend as the Sellersburg Celebrates Festival.



K & I Club Open House



Upper left a view from the balcony. Upper right, work is progressing on Montgomery Yard. A new engine terminal is under construction. Lower left, Barry Barmone's IC switcher is drilling the yard,. Lower right, this is the town of Card Stock. The Card Stock structures were built by John Stokes. See the article "Card Stock Structures" on page 7 in this issue.



Summerail 2011

Division 8 was represented by a small but distinguished contingent at this years Summerail. Back row, left to right: Charlie Keeling, Tom Guentner, and Charles Wimer (a friend of Rick Tipton's). Front row: Frank Becker and Rick Tipton.

Summerail is a multi-media show of rail-fan programs that is presented each year in August in the theatre at Cincinnati Union Terminal.

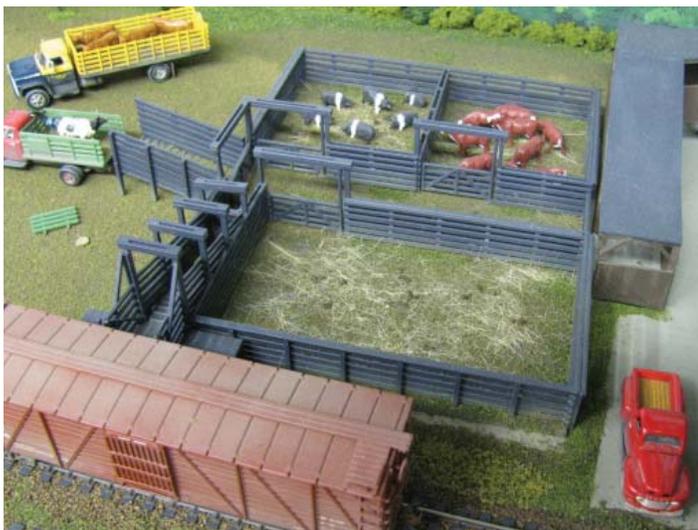
Pike Showcase

O-Scale Chicago Surface Lines car on Cliff Burnstein's traction Diorama.

Cliff models traction in O and HO. In addition to the diorama and his HO layout, he has a large three rail O gauge layout controlled by two giant Lionel transformers. When everything is running you can smell the ozone in the air.



Slaughter house and packing plant complex on Tom Linquist's HO L & N layout.



Part of Tom's packing huse complex are holding pens for the cattle and hogs waiting to become steaks and bacon.

Many people model stock pens but how many model the "cow pies"?

Flying Duchess arrives in La Grange.

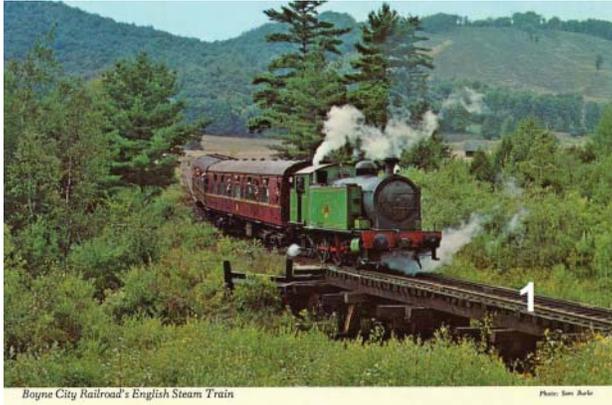


Photo 1 shows the Flying Duchess under steam with the Boyne City railroad in the 1970s. In photo 2 the engine is being prepared for loading at Atkins Construction. Photo 3 shows the engine arriving in La Grange, and in Photo 4 in place on the display track. *Photo 1* downloaded post card photo. *Photos 2 and 4* by George Corral. *Photo 3* by Jack Diehl.

Trackside with Charlie Keeling



It's early evening, November 1977. Charlie found this ICG GP10 on the trestle at First and Water Streets in Louisville. ICG is delivering cars to be taken by C & O later that night to Lexington. While on the waterfront it will switch Belknap, and pick up cars brought to Louisville by C & O earlier in the day.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Bob Dawson, Pie Card Editor

I had an enjoyable time attending some local model clubs' open houses and train shows last month. I attended both events on Saturday, August 27. Southern Indiana Railroad Club hosted a show and swap meet at the Moose Lodge in Sellersburg with several clubs participated with them. K & I Model Railroad Club hosted an open house at their clubhouse in Buckner. Both presented opportunities to see some find modeling and visit with some old (and some new) friends. If you or your club is planning on hosting a show, setting up for the public, or having an open house, please let me know. Due to deadlines in getting the Pie Card ready, I need to know at least a month in advance. You should also send your notice to Jack Diehl for posting in the on line news feature "Train Events".

CARD STOCK STRUCTURES

By Bob Dawson

John Stokes of the K & I Model Railroad Club has been building realistic structure models using cardstock and downloaded "texture" materials. "Texture" is the term used by the manufacturers for printed wall sidings, brick, and roof materials. These are similar to the old brick papers you may be familiar with, much more sophisticated. The example pictured is a cardstock model of the Lakeville Produce Company. John used the plans and article that appeared in the August 2011 issue of the NMRA Magazine. The simulated board and batten siding and iron roof came from: clevermodels.squarespace.com. Dozens of textures and models are available. This website features some models that can be downloaded for free. Others must be purchased. John has also used models from a British website: scalescenes.com. This website also offers some free downloads and models for purchase. The models are cut out and then folded securing them by tabs with glue. The clevermodels website has a tutorial for assembling their models.

Charlie Keeling has also built several cardstock models, some using texture papers. Charlie mounts the paper on matte board (use in picture framing) using *Aleen's Tacky Glue*. Charlie cuts the walls, roofs, a platform etc. separately and assembles them as you would a model kit.

Check out John's models on the K & I layout. They are grouped together in a town named, what else, Cardstock.

CONTEST REPORT continued

- The person who receives the most votes for the month gets three (3) points.

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FLYING DUCHESS ARRIVES IN LAGRANGE

The English built tank locomotive "Flying Duchess" arrived by truck in Lagrange on August 23, 2011. The locomotive was built in 1952 for English power plant service. It came to the US in the 1970's. Dubbed the "Flying Duchess": it was operated on a tourist and museum railroad in Grand Falls, Michigan. After the demise of that operation it was moved around several times finally coming into the possession of a local group, the Louisville Harrods Creek & Westport Railroad led by Mr. John Caperton. There were plans to operate it on the trestle across the Louisville water front, or on the old tracks along River Road. This never came to be and the locomotive sat in pieces at Atkins Construction Company in West Louisville for many years. The engine has been leased to the Ohio Valley Railroad Historical Society with an option to take ownership. Plans are to cosmetically restore the locomotive and display it along with a caboos on the depot grounds in La Grange. Pictures of the "Flying Duchess" in service in Michigan and its delivery to Lagrange are on page 6 of this issue.

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- If there are 10 or more entries for a month, there will be two awards of three (3) points.
- The person with the second highest number of votes will receive (2) points.
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- In case of a tie with nine or less entries, both parties will receive three (3) points, and there will be no second place awarded.
- The prize (to be announced later) will be awarded at the annual Division Picnic in July.

It is a popular vote contest. If you want your entry to be judge for the Achievement Program, you can arrange with Joe Fields to have AP judges present.

There were six entries in the August contest, Maintenance of Way Equipment. Bill Lynch took first place with his NS flanger. Jim Harrington took second place with his steam shovel. Steve Summers won the drawing. Point standings to date: Bill Lynch, four points; Jim Harrington, 3 points; with one point each, Bob Johnson, Rob Johnson, Charlie Keeling, and Tom Lindquist. Photos of the winning entries may be found on page 3.

The September Contest is Railroad Photos, either of prototype or models. Contest chairman Bill Lynch is looking forward to your entries.

MEETING AND CLINIC SCHEDULE

The schedule for Division 8 meetings and clinics is set for the remainder of the year. Program chairman Russ Weis has provided the following:

- August meeting will be at OHVRRHS in La Grange. Russ will be presenting a clinic on Easy Weathering of Freight Cars.
- September meeting will be at the K & I Club, Mark Norman will give a program about Hobo Culture.
- October meeting will be at the Conference Center: Program to be announced.
- November we will be at the Southern Indiana Club in Jeffersonville. Time to meet and greet and check out their layout.

See the Time Table for dates and times.

Now is the time to begin planning for next year. If you have a clinic you would like to give, or a subject you would like to see covered, give Russ Weis a call at 502-245-7991 or see him at a meeting. If you are interested in hosting a meeting at your home or club, give Russ a call also.

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