



# The Pie Card



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## From the Superintendent's Desk



There are a number of items to pass along to you this month.

First, we want to say thanks to the Southern Indiana Railroad club for hosting our November meeting. As always, it was good to see what the club has accomplished over the year, and, of course, see some

trains run.

If you couldn't make November's meeting, you missed Bruce DeMaeyer, Chairman MCR 2015 Convention, who gave us an update on next year's convention in Lexington. They have a great lineup of clinicians and exciting tours to see. They are still looking for volunteers, so if you want to get some firsthand experience to prepare for our convention, give Bruce a shout. For the members who were at the meeting, I hope you took notes as it will be our turn in 2017, and as I said last month, it will be here before we know it.

Moving on, please take note that starting in January our monthly meetings will be held at the Iroquois Post American Legion, with the church as a backup. With this, I hope it will bring continuity on our meeting place and clear up any confusion. As always, check your **latest** Pie Card as things do come up and our meeting place may change.

Lastly, I suspect most of us had a Lionel or American Flyer train under our Christmas tree as kids. And for all of us who continued with the hobby there has always been a train around the tree - - - and the basement - - - and the attic. And for the real creative, the ever popular wash room, just to get that extra staging area.

When your holiday guests come over and notice that train under the tree you might think about inviting them to see your layout. If you do, I highly suggest you get prior approval from your bride as visitors usually don't want to leave all those trains running and if dinner gets cold, well you know! Who knows what future railroader you might inspire by them seeing those trains run so effortlessly across that bridge and through those mountain passes.

Need to finish that track section before the holidays - - - oh, I think I see one of those deadlines coming! So go get that done!

I hope you will all have safe and happy holidays.

## AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting was held Thursday evening, 7:30 PM, at the Southern Indiana Railroad Club, in Jeffersonville, IN. Southern Indiana Railroad President, Jeff McMahan, welcomed us to the club. The minutes for the November meeting are posted on the Division Website.

Bob Dawson and Bobbi Hedge thanked those who helped with our Fall Train Show. Mike Berry reported that the numbers were up from the Spring Show. A full report and photos are found elsewhere in this issue.

Mike Berry said he had 36 reservations to date for the Christmas Party.

Bruce DeMaeyer, Chairman MCR 2015 Convention in Lexington gave a presentation on their plans and an invitation to register. Bruce said they are having good response to people making their reservations. The Convention Hotel is the newly renovated Campbell House.

Following the meeting we visited the Southern Indiana Club layout.

## TIME TABLE

**Dec 12**, Fri, Div 8 Christmas Party, Rails, LaGrange, KY

**Jan 17**, Sat, 2 PM, Div 8 Mtg., Iroquois Post American Legion

**Feb 21**, Sat, 2 PM, Div 8 Mtg., Toy Mall

**Mar 19**, Thur, 7:30PM, Iroquois Post

**Mar 21**, Sat, 10-3, Div 8 Train Show, Highland Post, American Legion.

**CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST***Fred Soward, Contest Chairman*

<b>December</b>	<b>NO CONTEST</b>
January	Freight Cars
February	Diesel Locomotives
March	Commercial Structures
April	Passenger Cars
May	Cabooses
June	Open Loads
July	NO CONTEST
August	MOW Equipment
September	Photographs
October	Steam Locomotives
November	Displays/Dioramas

There were just two entries for the November Contest which was Displays/Dioramas. Bob Kuchler came in first place with his N scale "Big Al's Smokeless Popcorn" factory. Bob Frankrone came in a very close second with his HO scale factory.

Point standings for the year changed marginally from last month: Bob Kuchler is leading the group at fifteen points; Bob Johnson is next with six points; Fred Soward is in third place with five points; Patrick Hardesty and Ed Brennan are tied for fourth with four points; Russ Weiss and Bob Frankrone are tied at fifth with three points; sixth place has a tie between Barry Christensen and Bill Lynch with two points; and there is a six-way tie at one point apiece for Jack Diehl, Joe Fields, John Kelly, Mark Norman, Nat King, and Rick Maloney.



Above, Bob Kuchler's winning entry in foreground, Bob Frankrone's second place entry in rear. *Photo by Fred Soward*

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**NO MEETING IN DECEMBER.**

**DIVISION CHRISTMAS PARTY** Friday Evening, December 12, Rails Restaurant & Bar, 117 E. Main Street, LaGrange, KY. We will gather at 6 PM. Pay at the dinner but you need to contact Mike Berry to make a reservation and give him your choice of entrée.

**Choices:**

**Grilled Salmon with Rice**

**Grilled Tenderloin Steak with Mashed Potatoes**

**Grilled Salmon with rice**

**Veggie Burger or veggie Skewer with orzo rice**

**Call Mike: 502-245-1337 or email:**

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The January meeting will be Saturday January 17, Iroquois Post American Legion on Woodlawn Ave. Details and directions will be in the January Pie Card.

**MAINTENANCE TIES FUND 2014**

The Maintenance Ties Fund helps 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 provides a gift certificate to a member or spouse who has been hospitalized. It is also used for an expression of sympathy upon the death of a member or a member's spouse. Donations of \$ 5.00 or more to the maintenance ties fund are recognized in the Pie Card.

\$ 5, Anon; \$20-\$25, John Czerwinski; \$30, Mark Hedge; \$40, Steve Taylor, Jim Kuzirian; \$50, Ed Brennan, Bob Johnson, Rob Cooper; \$60, Don Fowler; \$100 Barbara and Fred Soward.

Thanks to all who made donations in 2014.

**MEMBER WELFARE**

Ed Brennan reported at the November meeting that Joe O'Gara is in the hospital and is improving.

Lamont Williams was hospitalized briefly for injuries incurred in a traffic accident.

Condolences to Nat King whose mother, Sarah King, passed away on October 31; and to Bob Frankrone, whose father, Leonard Frankrone passed away on November 4. A donation was made to St. Jude Children's Hospital in memory of Mrs. King, and a donation was made to Dare to Care in memory of Mr. Frankrone.

**PICTURES FROM THE TRAIN SHOW**



Above: Panoramic view of the show.



Left: Little eyes watching and little fingers blowing the horn on Bob Johnson's S scale layout

Below Left: Airbrush demonstration by Preston Art Center.  
*Photos by Fred Soward*

Below Right: Joe Martin answers questions about the T-track layout.  
*Photo by Bob Dawson*

*(More photos on page 4)*





**TRACKSIDE WITH RUSS WEIS**

Who better to snap a photo of "Lightning Stripes" than our own Super and NYC modeler Russ Weis? Russ found it in the siding at Lyndon, part of a CSX locomotive consist. GMTX 3303 is still lettered for its former owner Finger Lakes Railway (FGLK). The Finger Lakes Railway is a class III railroad in the Finger Lakes region of New York. The FGLK operates 11 diesel locomotives on 118 miles of ex Conrail trackage, formerly owned by the New York Central Railroad, the Pennsylvania Railroad, and the Lehigh Valley Railroad.



Above: Classic cars on a classic. Two scenes on Bob Johnson's hi-rail modular layout.

*Photos by Bob Johnson*



Above: An oil refinery on the HO Southern Indiana Railroad.

*Photo by Bob Dawson*

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**CONTEST** (continued from page 2)

Shortly after announcing that Bob Kuchler was this month's winner, I spent a few minutes talking with him about his winning entry. He said that he actually spent very little time putting it together. He used buildings that he had already constructed for his layout, a spare piece of flex track, a previously built, painted, and weathered boxcar, some motor vehicles, and scale scenery details (ground foam, dirt, and ballast) mounted on a piece of foam core (with a coat of neutral paint) he already had in the train room. Total time the night before the meeting – about two hours!

We are only 40% of the way thru the contest year – you still have plenty of time to show off your favorite models and join in the hunt. In January, bring a freight car to enter in the November contest. Everyone has at least one model freight car – you may not think it to be contest-worthy, but as always, the judging is strictly “People's Choice.” You never know what people might choose. 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.

Russ Weiss won the gift card drawing.

**TRAIN SHOW**

*Bob Dawson, Train Show Chairman*

Another successful train show is under our belt -- thanks to those who helped make it happen. **First**, the committee who put it together: Mark and Bobbi Hedge took the care of the dealer reservations and table assignments. Cecil Stewart drew up the table plan and coordinated the layouts. Russ Weis and Tom Guentner helped with the Friday night set up. Mike Berry handled the finances and picked up the traditional coffee and donuts Saturday morning. Russ Weis visited the Hobby Shops to get our door prizes.

Fred and Barbara Soward, Herman Weir, Tom Guentner, John Czerwinski, and Bob Kuchler helped get the dealers to their tables.

Our admissions crew was Brenda Stewart, Ruthie and Bill Lynch, and Charlie Fackler.

It's not a show without layouts. Lending their support were the K & I Club, Joe Martin with the

Radcliffe T-track layout, and Bob Johnson with his S-gauge modular layout.

Our door prize donors were Hobbytown USA, Roundhouse Electric Trains, and Scale Reproductions. Thanks to these stores for supporting our show.

Thanks to anyone I missed, which I'm sure I did.



RJ Corman burns up the rails on the K & I Club Layout at the Train Show.

*Photo by Fred Soward*

**ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM**

*Joe Fields AP Chairman*

Greetings all, I hope that as we approach the Christmas season that all of your wishes come true.

Sorry I missed the November meeting, but I received an early Christmas gift. My second granddaughter Lillian Elizabeth Fields arrived November 18. She weighed 9 lb. 3 oz., 21 inches long. She is a real joy, and all the family are doing great.

As I mentioned my Christmas has already been made. In the Achievement Program, three Golden Spike applications have been sent to Frank Koch, but I haven't heard back on them yet. I will present the certificates as soon as I receive them.

That's about it for this issue -- hope to see each of you at the Division 8 Christmas Party. A very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

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