



# The Pie Card



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## From the Superintendent's Desk



If you weren't able to make it to June's meeting at the K&I club, you missed a fun afternoon. A big thanks to Nat King and all the members of the K&I for having us.

New modelers to the hobby often ask me, "How's that done?" or "I saw it on YouTube, but it's not coming out the same." My answer to them is to join a club -- then I point out that there are a couple nice ones around Greater Louisville.

For those who may be reading the Pie Card for the first time, clubs are a great way to learn from the guys who have been railroad modeling for years. Clubs are frequently remodeling areas, trying new techniques or new materials that become available. It's a great way to learn everything from ballasting to wiring.

Another way to pick up ideas is to frequent your local hobby shop. On any given day, there are probably one or more long-time modelers at the shop who are happy to pass along their thoughts about your questions. Most of the employees working in your hobby shop also have layouts of their own and can offer experience in all phases of the hobby.

Finally, I tell new modelers to join the National Model Railroad Association. Their monthly meetings consist of a short business meeting followed by a program that covers topics ranging from scenery techniques to specialized wiring to the history of a particular railroad. Attending the monthly meetings gives you unlimited resources to help answer your questions.

This is an age of great websites and YouTube videos, but there is still no substitute for hands-on experience and learning from the guys who have been doing this for years. So pull the plug on that computer and talk to the railroaders in person.

*Russ Weis*

## AT THE JUNE MEETING

*Bob Dawson, Clerk*

First, to echo, our Superintendent, a big thank you to the Kentucky & Indiana Model Railroad Club for hosting our meeting at their Club House. The program was bringing your locomotive to run on the layout, and many took advantage of it. Welcome back to "visitor" long time Division 8 member Bob Frankrone. Bob has been working in New Jersey for the last three year or so, and hasn't been able to attend very many meetings. Bob said he is retiring later this year, and we will be seeing more of him.

It's not too early to be thinking about our Train Show in November. Mark and Bobbi Hedge said 15 tables have been sold. They suggest that if you want a table, reserve it now.

Ed Brennan brought sample shirts and kits from the Company Store along with order forms. The minutes for the June meeting are posted on the Division Website in the Members Only section. Following the meeting we enjoyed the hospitality of the K & I, and ran trains.

## ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

*Joe Fields, Chairman*

Greetings everyone, hope your summer is going well. This past week I had the privilege of going down to the Boy Scout camp and talk to Cub Scouts about railroad safety, a little bit of history about railroads, types of cars, and the different gauges and scales in model railroading. It was a neat experience.

At the Div.8 meeting this past Saturday I announced that Charlie Fackler had completed his last requirement for Master Model Railroader with Master Builder Prototype Models. I have his certificate and will present it to him when he can make a meeting. Charlie is Master Model Roader #539. Congratulations Charlie on a job well done.

How about you? Do you have something to be judged to get you started on your way to MMR? Just give me a call and we'll set up a time and a place. You can even have your model judged at a Div. 8 meeting -- just please give me a heads up so I can bring the paper work and score sheets. I guess that's about it for now, see you at the picnic in July. Happy model railroading!!

## TIME TABLE

**Jul 26**, Sat, Noon, Picnic, The Depot, Salem, Indiana

**Aug 9**, Sat. Summerail Cincinnati

**Aug 16**, Sat, 2 PM, Div 8 Mtg, Conference Center

Sep 20, Sat 2 PM, Div 8 Mtg., Conference Center.

Oct 18, Sat 2 PM, Div 8. Mtg., St.

Matthews Episcopal Church

Nov 20, Thur, 7:30 PM, Div 8 Mtg., Southern Indiana Club

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

<b>JULY</b>	<b>NO CONTEST</b>
August	MOW Equipment
September	Photos
October	Steam Locomotives
November	Displays/Dioramas
December	No Contest
January	Freight Cars
February	Diesels
March	Commercial Structures
April	Passenger Cars
May	Cabooses
June	Open Loads

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.

We had eight Open Load entries for June. John Kelly took first place with his HO mixed loads of pulpwood, long poles, military hardware, and crates. Bob Frankrone came in second with his refinery tower. Nat King's pipe load and Bob Kuchler's tied down steam engine tied for third.

The year ended with Bob Johnson in First Place with 18 points, Bill Lynch in Second Place with 15 points, and John Kelly in Third Place with 10 points. Barry Christensen, Patrick Hardesty, and Todd Whitehead finished the year with 8 points each. Joe Fields stood alone with 7 points. Charlie Keeling had 5 points. Cecil Stewart, Doc Shane, Nat King, and Rob Johnson had 4 points each. Bob Frankrone, Jim Harrington, John Bowman, Rick Maloney, and Russ Weiss all had 3 points. Bob Kuchler was alone at 2 points while Jack Diehl and Tom Lindquist each brought home 1 point apiece.

Thanks to everyone for your help and participation. The contest standings will reset at the August meeting.

**NO MEETING IN JULY-PICNIC**

**THE DIVISION 8 SUMMER PICNIC** will be Saturday July 26, at the Depot Museum 208 South College Ave, Salem, Indiana 47165. . Cost is \$5/person, payable at the picnic. Call Mike Berry at 502-245-1337 to make your reservation. See insert in this issue for details including the menu.

**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, Jim Kuzirian, Mark Hedge; \$40, Steve Taylor; \$50, Ed Brennan, Bob Johnson; \$60, Don Fowler; \$100 Barbara and Fred Soward.

**FLIES OR WORMS...DOES IT MATTER?***Bob Dawson, Pie Card Editor*

This was the title of an article by Al Kalmbach in the September 1940 issue of Model Roder that Bob Johnson shared with us at the meeting. In the article he discussed the sometimes heated opinions between modelers regarding scale, prototype, and even layout design.

NMRA Charlie Getz had a similar thought in his monthly column in the July issue of the NMRA Magazine. Charlie took a lot of "heat" for saying that personally "he didn't get" operations. One of the great things about our hobby, it is as varied as the members. Some like operations, some detailed modeling, or building scenery, or electronics, or watching them run, to name a few. As Al Kalmbach said in 1940, "For, after all, model railroading is a hobby only so long as you put something of your own into it."

## PIKE SHOW CASE

Right: A scene on Bob Johnson's G-Gauge out door layout.

Photo by Bob Dawson



Left: Mike Berry's HO Model of a Schnabel car shown on the K & I Club Layout.

A **Schnabel car** is a specialized type of railroad freight car. It is designed to carry heavy and oversized loads in such a way that the load makes up part of the car. The word *Schnabel* is from German *Tragschnabelwagen*, meaning "carrying-beak-wagon", because of the usually tapered shape of the lifting arms, resembling a bird's beak.

Info: Wikipedia, Photo by Bob Dawson

Right. A city scene on Chris Broughton's N-scale Layout.

Photo by Russ Weis



**Railfan & Railroad** and **Bluegrass Railroad Museum** are sponsoring a **Trains & Tripod Photo Shoot Day**, Labor Day Sept. 1, at the BGRM site located at US62 and Beasley Road in Versailles, KY. Spend the day learning how to shoot railroad scene Photos. Instructor will be Steve Berry, Editor *Railfan & Railroad* magazine. The cost of the class is \$75 and includes two meals and a train ride. Tickets must be purchased in advance through Bluegrass Railroad Museum website. <http://www.bluegrassrailroad.com> or call 859-873-2476. Seats are limited.



**JUNE MEETING**

Left: Hospitality following the June meeting at the K & I Model Railroad Club House.

*Photo by Bob Dawson*

Below: Bob Frankrone observing operations in the K&I main yard.

*Photo by Fred Soward*

Below: Fred Soward's new HO Genesis "torpedo boat" GP9 in Southern Pacific's Black Widow paint scheme crossing the bridge at Bucks Run on the K&I layout. Southern Pacific bought four GP9s with steam generators but no dynamic brakes. The air tanks were placed on top of the long hood, resembling the torpedo tubes found on World War II PT boats. This made enough room underneath for an 1100 gallon fuel tank, plus two 600 gallon water tanks – exactly what was needed for San Francisco Bay Area commuter trains.

*Photo by Fred Soward*



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**TRACKSIDE AT MARION OHIO  
WITH RUSS WEIS AND CHARLIE  
KEELING**

Left: Russ attended the Mid-Central Region Board meeting at Marion, OH last month. While there he had the opportunity to catch a little rail action. Marion is still a hot bed of rail action with two railroads (CSX and NS) crossing multiple times over eight diamonds.

*Photo by Russ Weis*

Right: A Norfolk Southern Freight charges past the depot grounds on the former New York Central/"Big Four" line from Cleveland to Indianapolis.

*Photo by Russ Weis*



Left: In 1973, Charlie Keeling got this shot of an Erie Lackawanna RS-3 crashing across the N&W (ex-Pennsy) diamonds.

The occasion was a Division 8 fan trip to Marion.

Other pictures from this trip are in the January 2012 issue of the Pie Card.



### 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY STEAM

Lexington, KY, to Oneida, TN, Saturday, May 31, and Sunday June 1.

Several Division members were on the Saturday trip. In our car were: Bob and Jean Dawson, Tom and Betty Guenther, Bill and Ruthie Lynch, and Kevin Jones and his wife. Eric Waggoner was in another car closer to front of the train.

Left: Preparing #630 Friday night.

Below left: Boarding Saturday morning  
*Bob Dawson photos.*

Below right: Arrival at Oneida.  
*Eric Waggoner photo*



Above left: Railfan David Hayes took this picture on Sunday as the locomotives pull the cars backward on the return trip to Lexington. This was due to the “wye” at Lexington being too short to turn the whole train.

Above right: Bill Lynch returned to the Lexington Yard and got this shot of #630 as it was about to leave for Oneida on the Sunday trip.



**"STREAMLINERS AT SPENCER"**

Left: Bill Lynch took this photo, of EMD's FT demonstrator as it passed by English, IN, being taken east to participate in the "Streamliners at Spencer" celebration.

The FT is in the collection of the St. Louis Museum of Transportation.



The four day event was held at the North Carolina Transportation Museum's former Southern Railway steam shops at Spencer, NC. Spencer Shops was Southern's largest steam locomotive servicing and repair center. A total of 25 streamlined cab unit diesels, plus former Norfolk and Western 4-8-4 steam locomotive No. 611, were on display for the festival, which attracted over 4,600 attendees.

*Photos by Ron Flanary and Alex Mayes.*

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