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From the Superintendent's Desk



This has been a most difficult time for me to go through as we have lost four of our most valued members this year, two of them within the past two months. Jim Harrington age 85 and Charley Keeling age 96 have gone to the great railroad in the sky, leaving us with many happy memories of their leadership in Division 8 and the NMRA. Both were NMRA Life Members...and life members in our minds. We express our sorrow to their families, and offer any help we can provide to them at this time. Janine Harrington called to THANK all the members of the Division that came to visitation and funeral services for Jim. I was in the hospital at the time and could not go but prayers were offered for them and their family. I was out in time for the visitation for Charley and got to attend that but was ill the next day and could not attend the funeral service.....it is a day to day thing with me...one day good and the next two or three bad, or just the opposite.

We look forward to the new year with the planning for the 2017 convention moving ahead, and the division's two train shows scheduled for this year. Our treasury has been restored to a nice balance, so we know we can go ahead with the convention and carry the expenses involved.

Lastly, we are beginning a new age in the division, one without Bruce Goreham. We are going to miss him greatly, he and Marty have moved to Carmel Indiana to live near their son and his family. Thanks Bruce for all your years of service to Division 8 and the NMRA....from our hearts to yours.

Jerry Ashley, MMR

AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Bob Dawson, Clerk

A good time was had by all who attended the Division Christmas Party at the Captains Quarters. Superintendent Jerry Ashley was there, but was still recovering from his recent hospitalization. So following dinner, Russ Weis took over as Master of Ceremonies. Ed Brennan, Cecil Stewart, and Russ were awarded the Silver Spike for 2013. Russ presented the awards with one exception -- Russ couldn't figure out how to present himself with the award, and shake his own hand in congratulations.. So Mike Berry stepped in and presented Russ with his award. The festivities concluded with the door prize drawings.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Joe Fields, AP Chairman

Hope all had a good time at Division 8's Christmas party. The food was great and like a lot of other folks, I have a gift card to use at one of the hobby stores.

It is my prayer that 2014 brings you much happiness and a great year, not only with your model railroading but with all of your endeavors.

Several members have inquired about the Achievement Program and as always just give me a call if you need something judged. May this be the year you earn several certificates towards your Master Model Railroader.

I had the pleasure of seeing Tom Guenther's layout the 18th of December and it really looks great, Tom has done a beautiful job, and I thank him for having me over to see it. Well that's it for now.

TIME TABLE

Dec 14, Sat, 6 PM Christmas Party
Jan 11-12, Great Train Expo
Jan 18, Sat, 2PM, Div 8 Mtg., St. Matthews Episcopal Church.
Feb 15 Sat, 2PM, Div 8 Mtg., Toy Mall
Mar 15 Sat, Div 8 Train Show
Mar 20, Thur, 2 PM Div 8 Meeting , location pending.



MODEL CONTEST

JANUARY

February
March
April
May
June
July
August
September
October
November
December

FREIGHT CARS

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

Beginning with this month, Fred Soward is taking the reins of the Model Contest from Bill Lynch. Fred will be assisted by his wife Barbara Soward. Thanks to Bill Lynch for a job well done.

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.

Since there was no contest in December, the year-to-date point standings remain the same: Bob Johnson 10 points, Bill Lynch 8 points, Charles Keeling 5 points. Doc Shane and Todd Whitehead each have 4 points, and Jim Harrington has 3 points. Rob Johnson rounds out the entrants with 1 point.

MEMBER WELFARE

Doris Coleman, wife of Keenan Coleman was hospitalized in August, but we just caught up with the news. Superintendent Jerry Ashley was hospitalized last month. Longtime member Charlie Keeling passed away in December. (see page 5 of this issue).

MAINTENANCE TIES FUND

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.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO MADE MAINTENANCE TIES DONATIONS IN 2013.



JANUARY MEETING INFORMATION

The January meeting will be held Saturday January 18 at St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 330 Hubbards Lane, 40207, 1/4 mile north of Westport Rd. Enter through the doors under the parking lot walkway roof. Russ Weis is presenting a clinic on using a "Diode Matrix for Yard Ladders". This is how yard turnouts are controlled on Russ's layout. A turn of a dial sets up the routing. Russ is also providing refreshments.

TRAIN SHOW and SALE

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ELECTIONS IN 2014

The nominating committee will make their report at the January meeting. Following the reading of their report, nominations will be accepted from the floor. Positions open: Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Clerk, Treasurer, and trustee. Officers serve for two years, trustee for six years. The person nominated must agree to serve and fulfill the duties of the office if elected.

Only a voting member as defined by NMRA regulations may put forward a name in nomination or run for office. The most current roster as received by the Clerk at the time of the January meeting will be used if there is a membership question.

Ballots will be mailed in February, and the election concluded in March.



The Silver Spike is awarded to a Division 8 member in recognition to of exemplary service to the NMRA, and/or Mid-Central Region, Division 8.

The Silver Spike was awarded to three members for 2013: Ed Brennan, Cecil Stewart, and Russ Weis. Awards were presented at the annual Christmas Party.

Left. Assistant Superintendent Russ Weis presents Ed Brennan with his award.

Right: Russ presents Cecil Stewart with his award.



Left: Treasurer Mike Berry presents Russ Weis with his award.

Congratulations to the 2013 awardees.



TRACKSIDE WITH CHARLIE KEELING

The year is 1969, and the Louisville section of C&O's *George Washington* is charging past the Kentucky Children's Home on LaGrange Road in Lyndon Kentucky on its way to Ashland, KY.

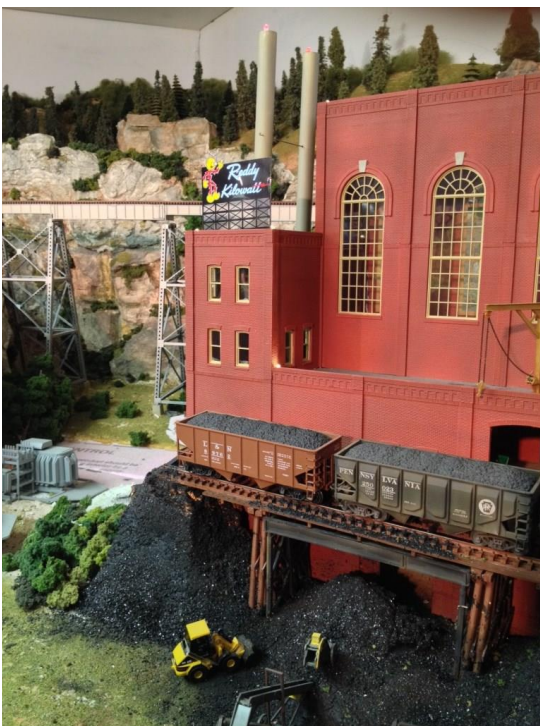
Charlie spent many years documenting the railroad scene around and about Louisville.

PIKE SHOW CASE

Ralph Bracewell and Tom Guenther hosted open houses in December.

Right: A refinery on Ralph's layout. Ralph's layout is built in multiple levels.

Below: Fred Soward provided this photo of the Stony Junction Power Station on Tom Guenther's L & N Railroad.



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DID YOU KNOW - L&N's plant forced it into dieselization?

By Rick Tipton



We all know that L&N's only modern steam was the Big Emma 2-8-4's -- used mostly in Eastern Kentucky on coal hauling main lines. It has been said that these might have been 4-8-4's if the repair bay length at South Louisville Shops were longer.

However, L&N's physical plant limited the railroad in many other ways. Passenger trains were dieselized early (pre-WWII) because heavy steam would not have been able to run on L&N's Gulf lines into New Orleans. And, almost system wide, even if track and bridges could have been beefed up to handle 2-10-2's or articulateds, the roundhouses and backshops would have to have been rebuilt for longer engines. So ultimately L&N management's choice was either continue with its relatively light, antiquated steam

fleet, or dieselize the railroad. According to the late George H. Drury in *The Encyclopedia of North American Railroading*, the diesels were cheaper than updating all those steam terminals.

CHARLIE KEELING, long time Division 8 member, passed away December 13, 2013. Charlie was 96. Charlie enjoyed model making most of his life. Beginning in the 1930's he made and flew early gasoline powered model airplanes, competing in the 1940 National Championship in Chicago. In the 1960's Charlie expanded his interest to include model trains, joining NMRA in 1969. Charlie and his wife Ruth were regular attendees at National and Regional Conventions over the years. He also served as the unofficial Division Photographer, recording and sharing his photos of Division 8 parties, picnics, events. Ruth passed away in 2007 but even last year Charlie traveled with other Division 8 members.



He is survived by his daughters, Carol Ruth Huffman and her husband Ron and Barbara Jean Fisher and her husband Bill; three grandchildren, Kimberley Bayse, Chip Huffman (Ginger) and Chad Huffman; great-grandchildren, Jeremy Bayse, Jordyn Florkey (Ryan), McClaine and Monroe Huffman; great-great-grandchildren, Austin and Breytan Florkey and one on the way.

Charlie will be truly missed by his family and his longtime friends and acquaintances.

Memorial donations can be directed to Division Eight, MCR, NMRA, Box 99041, Louisville, KY 40269, or to Depot Railroad Museum, 206 South College Ave, Salem, IN 47167, or to Bethel St. Paul Church, 4004 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, KY 40207.



Charlie enjoyed building models, both scratch built and from kits, up to the end of his life. When it became difficult for him to go downstairs to the basement to work on his railroad, he built structure models, both for himself and others. Shown left is Charlie with a model of Los Angeles Union Passenger Terminal he built from a Walther's kit last year.

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