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From the Superintendent's Desk



As we come to the end of another year, I would like to take this time again to thank all the Division 8 members who put in countless hours during the year for writing articles and publishing this Pie Card -- and also those keeping track of our money and balancing the books -- as well as those coordinating monthly meeting places, refreshments, and programs.

Besides those mentioned monthly tasks, there is deciding where to have our picnic and Christmas parties, plus coordinating our two train shows, including taking vendors' requests and their money, as well as setting up and taking down tables at the Moose Lodge.

Oh yes, don't forget about this little thing of a regional convention coming in May. Even more members have been working on shaping our convention for the last TWO years. During the past twenty months, your convention chairs have given their thoughts and suggestions on how to make our convention one of the best. Some members have attended four Division 8 related meetings in a month!

You may say, "you wanted to be superintendent, or treasurer." That's true, but if you think about it, when was the last time you had to decide between two candidates for an office? For a number of elections the candidates were running unopposed. Can you guess why?

Which brings up the point that by this time next year, you'll have to have one or more members in mind to fill my position. Yes, my time will be over a year from May.

There may be other non-elected members before election time who might like a breather from the jobs they have done for years. So think about all the areas you enjoy at the Division 8 and what job you would like to take over.

Getting back to "thank you"s, don't forget to thank the three hobby shops in town for supporting our hobby. When you hear about icons like Caboose Hobbies closing, think how lucky we are to have THREE shops in Louisville with each having their own unique inventories.

So please join me in thanking Tammy & Lee at Hobby Town USA, Kevin & his crew at The Roundhouse, and Brian & company at Scale Reproductions for supplying us with track, detailing parts, scenery, and tons of engines and cars. Not to mention what great places they all are to hang out on a Saturday afternoon and shoot the bull!

Russ Weis

NOVEMBER MEETING REPORT

The November meeting was at the Southern Indiana Model Railroad Club in Jeffersonville, IN on Thursday evening November 17 at 7:30 PM. We were welcomed by Duke Green, Assistant Superintendent of the club. Barbara Soward announced that the convention shirts were in and could be picked up after the meeting. (continued on page 2)

TIME TABLE

Jan 19: Thur, 7:30 PM Div.8 Mtg., Iroquois Post

Jan 21-22: Sat-Sun, Great Train Show, Ky. Fair & Exposition Center.

Feb 18: Sat, 2 PM, Div. 8 Mtg., Iroquois Post.

Mar 18: Sat, 2 PM, Div.8 Mtg., Iroquois Post.

Apr 1: Sat, Div.8 Spring Train Show, Moose Lodge.

INSIDE: NOVEMBER CONTEST + FALL TRAIN SHOW + LOVE THOSE LOADS + TRACKSIDE + HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSES + HOBBY TIP

CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST

Fred Soward, Contest Chairman

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

We had three displays/dioramas submitted as entries in this month's contest. Mark Norman won with his HO scale Corleone Cement Plant. Bob Kuchler came in second with his N scale model of a Greyhound Bus Depot. Bob Johnson's On30 scale pipe offloading display came in third. Check out my Facebook page for photos of all the entries. (photos and descriptions Page 3)

Contest standings for the year: It's now a two-way tie for first place between Bob Kuchler and Bob Johnson; Patrick Hardesty, Steve Lasher, Bill Lynch, and Mark Norman are in second place with 4 points; Craig Hatter and Robin White are tied in third place with 3 points; and Barry Christensen remains in the back of the pack with 1 point.

Mike Berry won the gift card drawing.

Next month is no contest. The model contest takes a break, as usual, in December because of the Christmas party. We'll begin again in January 2017 with Freight Cars.

Remember that the judging is strictly people's choice.

I'll always have blank contest entry forms for anyone who needs one, but you can save yourself some time at the meeting by downloading the entry form from the Division 8 website or Facebook page and completing it prior to arriving at the meeting.

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.



NO MEETING IN DECEMBER.

MAINTENANCE TIES FUND 2016

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. \$40 John Ottman, Stephen Taylor, John Czwierwinski; \$44 Jim Kuzirian; \$50 Ed Brennan; \$20 Charles Brohm.

NOVEMBER MEETING (continued from page 1)

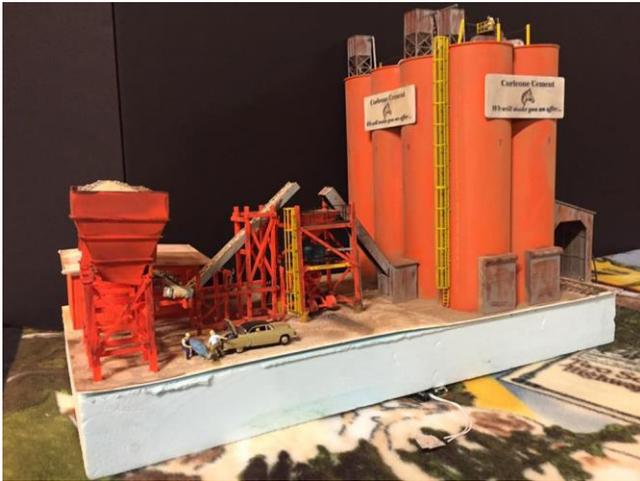
Mark Hedge reported that tables were sold out for the Train Show this weekend. Bob Kuchler asked why it hadn't appeared in the King Pin; Bob Dawson said he would check on this. Bob Dawson said help is needed Friday at 3 PM for table set up. Help is also needed Saturday morning for dealer check in, and 3 PM to take down after the show closes.

Meeting locations were discussed. It was commented that new Legion Post location was not the best for meetings. Meetings are interrupted by patrons going through the meeting area to get in and out of the back door. Access to the restrooms is also through the meeting area. Russ Weis said he has checked on the Public Libraries. While we can have our meetings, we can't have refreshments. General comment was that this wasn't a deal breaker. Stan White said we may be able to hold meetings in the building where his office is. Russ will coordinate with Stan.

Mark Norman took first place in the contest, Bob Kuchler took second. Following the meeting Don Fowler served a "meal". He provided chili and meatballs, in addition to soft drinks, and chips. A good time was had visiting with the Southern Indiana group and viewing their layout. The minutes for the meeting are posted on the Division Website.

MEMBER WELFARE

Our condolences to Barbara Soward upon the death of her mother. Rick Tipton is recovering at home following outpatient surgery.



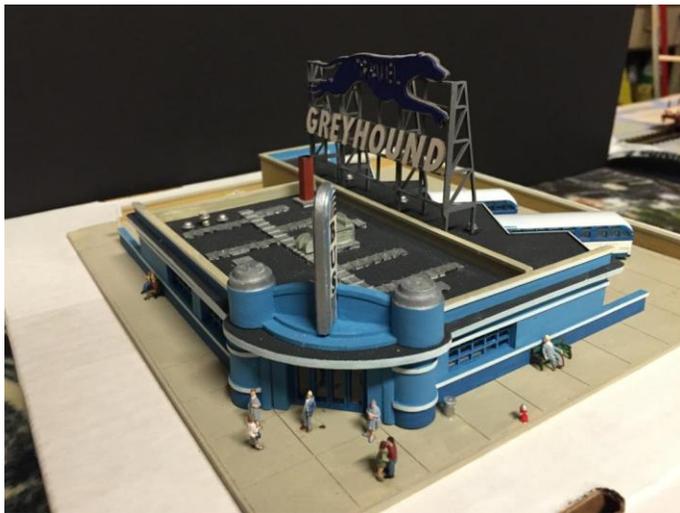
NOVEMBER CONTEST

Photos and captions by Fred Soward

Mark Norman's HO Scale Corleone Cement Plant was mostly scratchbuilt. Although the office is a Pikestuff kit and the silos are from a Walters Medusa Cement kit, Mark superdetailed the silos. The rest of the display/diorama model was scratchbuilt. Sand and gravel feed the operating conveyor belt. The batching tower is also fed by an operating conveyor belt. The drive motor for these conveyors is inside the office. A speaker is hidden under the mixer truck and the sound is of an operating cement mixer. The front office is lit.

Right: A detail on Mark's diorama. Some of may remember the Corleone Family from the movie The Godfather.

Apparently one of the specialties of the Corleone Company is cement overshoes. They are loading one of their clients into the trunk of the car.



Left. Bob Kuchler took second place with his N-Scale Greyhound Bus Station. The model is a resin kit. Bob added a Blair Lines billboard on top of the building, hand painting the details on the building and the people around the building

Right: Bob Johnson's On30 scale pipe offloading display came in third.





Left: Janine Harrington dropped by before the November meeting at the Southern Indiana Club. *Photo by Fred Soward*

Below: Fall Train Show. *Photo by Bob Dawson*



LOVE THOSE LOADS

By Bob Frankrone

The June 2016 issue of *Scale Rails* featured an article on modeling an HO scale railroad ties load. It used to be that *Scale Rails*, when it was published as the *NMRA Bulletin* several years ago, featured an open loads article every month, so it was a real treat for me to catch this one.

By nature, I am not a creative person, so I have to take my inspiration from others sources such as that *Scale Rails* article. After reading the article, I knew that I too had to build that load. I did, however, use what little creativity I do have to build and finish the load somewhat differently than that of the article's author.

I first had to purchase a bag of Northeastern Scale RR ties, which come 750 ties to a bag. I like these ties because their profile is more prototypical than some of the others I've seen, which appear flat when viewing them from the end.

I created bundles of 20 ties, five ties wide and four ties high. I needed a total of 38 bundles to realistically load the Atlas 73' center beam flat car that I had also purchased for this project. I taped a right-angle plastic clamp to my workbench to facilitate building the bundles and I used Elmer's white glue to bond the ties together. I took care not to have the glue ooze out onto the sides of the exterior ties as this would impact the staining process that would come later.

Once all 38 tie bundles were completed, I stained them with an alcohol/India ink mixture, strong enough to get the correct color to closely match the prototype picture contained in the *Scale Rails* article. Next, I banded each bundle with 1/32" black chart tape, using two bands per bundle, and I painted a red crimping ring on each band. I used a fine tip yellow marker to add the prototypical markings on some of the bundles.

The final step was to load and glue the tie bundles onto the flat car and add the tie-down cables using appropriately thick sewing thread. I used pieces of scale lumber to separate the stacked bundles of ties as seen in the prototype photo.

All in all, this was a very enjoyable project and I was quite pleased with the resulting model.



Right: At the top picture is a prototype load of creosoted railroad ties. Using that picture and a *Scale Rails* (now *NMRA Magazine*) article, Bob created the model shown in the bottom picture.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM



Happy Thanksgiving everyone, by the time you read this Thanksgiving will have come and gone, so I thought I'd share a few things I'm thankful for.

- 1) My family is first on my list: My wife, who indulges me in my enjoyment of model railroading and supports my wild ideas. My son and daughter-in-law, my granddaughters, who can make me laugh anytime or anyplace. My daughter and her husband, my mother and sisters.
- 2) My friends that I know or have known who share the same passion for model railroading that bonds us all together.
- 3) For God who has kept me in his watchcare, guiding and protecting me and my family.
- 4) For life itself, a very precious gift, never to be taken for granted.
- 5) For my health and the health of my loved ones.

The list could go on and on, and hopefully the things that you're thankful for could too. Thanksgiving is not just eating a meal till you pop, or watching football, or what kind of a shopping deal can you get the day after. Thanksgiving is being thankful 365 days a year for what God has so richly blessed each of us with, and never taking these things for granted.

At our November meeting I was pleased to present Mark Norman with his Golden Spike Award, and his certificate for Model Railroad Engineer-Electrical. Mark also brought two structures and one car to be judged. These two structures finished up his requirements for MMR Structures. All paperwork has been submitted to Frank Koch for final review. Congratulations Mark and a huge thank you to Nat King for helping me judge Mark's entries.

By the time you read this, Christmas will be just a few days away. I hope Santa brings you those model railroading items you've been longing for, and that you will be truly blessed with family and friends celebrating this special time of the year. Perhaps your New Year's resolution will be to start or continue to work towards your Master Model Railroader; I'm going to try to do this myself, so I can practice what I preach. My prayer for each and every one in Division 8 is that 2017 will bring you and your families joy and happiness throughout the coming year, and will bring peace and understanding to all who live in this great country, and peace on earth and good will towards men.

May God richly bless you.
Joe Fields, AP Chairman

TRACKSIDE WITH BOB DAWSON



Above: Southern Indiana Railway #103 at Watson Jct. November 22, 2016. #103 is one of SIR's S-1's, rebuilt by GE in 1988 and re-engined with a Cummins prime mover.

Right top: Southern Indiana Baldwin electric locomotive at Watson circa 1947. In 1947 the railroad converted from "trolley wire" to these GE "industrial" diesels.

Right bottom: GE 65-ton #101 at Watson Jct., November 4, 1999.

Color photos by Bob Dawson

MORE PICTURES FROM NOVEMBER MEETING AND FALL TRAIN SHOW



NOVEMBER MEETING Above: Jim Kuzirian and Bob Kuchler. Above right: Patrick Hardesty and Bob Johnson.
Photos by Fred Soward



TRAIN SHOW

Left: Mark Hedge, working on the table assignment list.

Clockwise: Bob Frankrone and Steve Taylor, John Bowman, Jeff McMahan and Don Fowler.

Photos by Bob Dawson



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSES



Harry Munzer and Bob Irmscher will be hosting their annual Christmas Open Houses on Saturday December 17, 2016.

Bob will be open 10 AM to 1 PM, at 5541 Buck Creek Rd., Floyds Knobs, IN. Harry will be open 1 PM to 5 PM at 6265 Buttontown Rd., Greenville, IN. Bob and Harry live within a few minutes of each other. For information call Harry at 812-923-1537.

Left: Bob Irmscher's O-gauge layout.

Also, Kentucky and Indiana Model Railroad Club will have their travelling layout set up at the Southwest Regional Library at 9725 Dixie Hwy. in Valley Station. The dates are December 17 thru December 30th.

HOBBY TIP FOR MY FELLOW MODELERS

By Mark Norman

Pictured on the right are bottle caps from water bottles. They are real handy for holding a bit of CA or other glue, paint from Vallejo bottles, etc. My mother-in-law gives me a bag full for Christmas. When finished, put them in a used bottle that seals. The noxious fumes are contained, and the workshop smells far better. When the bottle is full, toss it into recycling.

The bottle caps are also quite handy for holding small parts for a few moments.



LAYOUT CONTRUCTION MATERIALS AVAILABLE

Owen Miller is selling the frame work from an approximate 177" x 177"- 80" wide layout. It was all L-girder construction, was free standing walk around construction, and was supported from ceiling. This bench work can be reconfigured it to many uses. i.e.- modular layout, around the walls, or free standing. I have misplaced my list of materials. I hope pictures do it justice. Homemade Homasote road bed included that is for S scale but could be re-ripped to HO width. I will take reasonable offer, just want it out of garage. Disassembled and ready to go. If interested you can contact Owen at: Owen Miller <knowinowen1@gmail.com>



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