



# The Pie Card



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## From the Superintendent's Desk



People enter contests every day to win a cash prize and/or to be recognized as the best for their work.

So why enter the monthly Division 8 contest? The cash prize is not big; however, if you rack up enough points during the year you'll win a \$100 gift certificate!

What about the recognition part of making a great model?

When you think back many years ago when kits dominated the market, modelers had to chisel off grabs and ladders to their "blue box" cars and add the real ones along with Kadee trucks and couplers. Add some weathering and you had a pretty nice looking car.

Fast forward to today and it's hard to find kits since many manufacturers have already added all those features we previously had to add. I think our contests have reflected this change over the years and we can bring in a well detailed model right out of the box. So maybe the contest should be which manufacturer has the better model.

To get us to back to using our modeling abilities, Fred and I decided to make a couple of changes starting with our August meeting.

Each member entering a model for the contest will fill out a short questionnaire as to what he or she has done to improve the model if it is a R-T-R model. If the model was kit bashed, or scratch built you can briefly say what materials were used and so on.

Then during our refreshment break you can read what was done to the model, and vote for the model of your choice. During the program portion of our meeting the votes will be counted and announced after the program.

Like other divisions, our contest is solely awarded by the majority votes of the attending members. However, if you have a model that you think is worthy to be judged for part of an AP certificate, then let one of the AP judges know and they will judge your model that day. Who knows, you will get AP points for your model AND you may win the monthly meeting contest!

We hope this will encourage all of us to use those modeling skills we maybe haven't used in a while and show off some top-notch models.

*Russ Weis*

## AT THE JUNE MEETING

*Bob Dawson, Clerk*

The June meeting was held on Saturday June 20 and the South Louisville Antique and Toy Mall. Bobbi Hedge reported that 24 tables have been sold for the Fall Train Show in November to date. Mike Berry reported that we have 44 reservations for the July outing to Entertainment Junction. Joe Fields presented Bill Lynch with his Golden Spike award. Bob Johnson provided refreshments. After a visit with the layouts at the Toy Mall, Bob and Ramona Johnson hosted an open house featuring a visit to Bob's "Railroad World" at their home. In the absence of the Clerk, the minutes of the meeting were taken by Mike Berry. The minutes are posted on the Division Website.

## TIME TABLE

**July 18**, Div. 8 Picnic, EnterTrainment Jct., West Chester, OH.

**Aug 15**, Sat, 2 PM, Div. 8 Mtg. Iroquois Post.

**Sept 19**, Sat, 2 PM, Div. Mtg. Iroquois Post

**Oct 17**, Sat, 2 PM, Div. Mtg. Iroquois Post

**Nov 19**, Thur, 7:30 PM, Sou. Ind. Club.

**Dec**, Holiday Party, TBA

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

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

There were ten "open load" entries in the June contest. A misinterpretation of the contest rules at the meeting indicated there would be two first place winners because there were ten entries. However, the rule only applies when there are more than ten entries. While there is a slight change to the overall standings, it does not affect the top three overall for end-of-year. The winner this month was Bill Lynch with his HO scale "High and Wides" equipment load. Rick Maloney came in second with his G scale LH&SR flat car load.

The year ended with Bob Kuchler in first place with 24 points, Nat King in second place with 18 points, and Bill Lynch in third place with 13 points. The next four stood alone at each level with Bob Johnson at 12 points, Fred Soward at 11 points, Patrick Hardesty at 10 points, and John Kelly at 9 points. Bob Frankrone and Joe Fields finished the year with 7 points. Russ Weiss ended with 6 points, followed by Craig Hatter, Ed Brennan, Jack Diehl, and Rick Maloney at 5 points. John Bowman and Mike Shane had 4 points, John Czerwinski was alone at 3 points, Barry Christensen was also alone at 2 points, while Mark Norman and Tom Lindquist each brought home 1 point apiece. While the total number of people participating remained the same from last year at 20, there were four new names this year, and the number of entries for the year increased from 56 to 85.

Next month, there is NO CONTEST because of the picnic. In August, bring your favorite "MOW" (Maintenance of Way) entry. As mentioned at the June meeting, the contest will change a bit for the next year. The changes are being made in an effort to enhance the contest, to have people get more involved with their models in preparation for the contest, and to provide a catalyst to begin documenting modeling work. The categories will remain the same, but we will ask that each entry be accompanied by a brief description of the work completed by the participant. A checkbox and open text form will be provided. We will also announce the winner at the end of the presentation instead of at the end of the refreshment break which will give everyone much more time to review each entry and description during the break. As always, the judging will remain 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.

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

Ruth Lynch won the gift card drawing.

**NO MEETING IN JULY-PICNIC JULY 18**

**Our next meeting will be August 15, 2 PM, Iroquois Post American Legion.**

**MAINTENANCE TIES FUND 2015**

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. Fred and Barbara Soward, \$100, \$60 Bob Johnson; \$ 50 John Ottman, \$40 John Czerwinski; \$25 Ed Brennan; \$20 each John Bowman, Bob Lawson, Bob Kuchler; \$22, Jim Kuzirian.

**DIVISION PICNIC JULY 18**

A reminder, our Picnic will be July 18 at EnterTrainment Junction in West Chester, Ohio. We have chartered a 55 passenger bus. We will depart from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church at 9 AM. A pizza lunch will included along with a VIP Back Stage Tour. We will stop for a visit to Bob Lawson's CNO&TP "Rat Hole" Division on the way home. We will return to St. Matthew's Church at approximately 6 to 6:30 PM. The cost is \$25/person and includes bus ride, meal, admission and VIP tour at EnterTrainment Junction. There are still some seats available. If you haven't made a reservation, but want to join us, call Mike Berry at 502-245-1337.

**ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM***Joe Fields, AP Chairman*

Hi, everyone, it was great to see all who were able to attend the June Division 8 meeting at which it was my pleasure to award Bill Lynch his Golden Spike Award. Great job Bill!

I also talked with several other members about progress on their layouts. At the June meeting Superintendent Russ Weis pointed out that anyone wanting to take the popular vote contest a step further could have their contest entry judged for a merit award. I pointed out it would be a segue into getting used to doing the required paper work.

I know there are a lot of you building layouts in various scales. You may think it's not good enough or you don't have enough done to even qualify for a Golden Spike Award, but believe me you may be pleasantly surprised and then I can be presenting you with your Golden Spike Award at a Division meeting. Give me a call; I look forward to hearing from you.



**AT THE JUNE MEETING**

Left. HO Open loads. Bill Lynch's winning entry in the June Contest.

*Photo by Fred Soward*

Right: AP Chairman Joe Fields presenting Bill Lynch with his Golden Spike Award.

Below: Doc Shane checks out the G-Gauge at the Toy Mall.

Below Right: John Kelly running on the O-6-O layout.  
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*Photos by Fred Soward*





**TRACKSIDE WITH ED BRENNAN**

N&W's famed J class 4-8-4 #611 returned to Roanoke, VA, under steam on May 30, 2015. Hundreds were there to welcome her arrival, and thousands more witnessed her journey. The 611 pulled a long consist of streamlined passenger cars, including a Wabash dome, and coaches from the Southern, Pennsylvania, and Norfolk Southern. Also in Roanoke at the Virginia Museum of Transportation were N&W A class #1218 (2-6-6-4) and Y6a #2156(2-8-8-2).

Photo: Ed Brennan, MMR

**MORE PICTURES FROM 2015 MCR CONVENTION**



Above left and right: KATO Unitram portable N-scale layout. Power came from the rails. The overhead wire was for show. This was set up as a display in the contest room.

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Above: Eric Waggoner took this photo while on the Norfolk Southern-Toyota tour at Georgetown, KY. We're standing at the north end of the yard and this train is headed for Cincinnati.

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### SWIFT CREEK RAILROAD ON TV

Harry Munzer's Swift Creek Railroad is featured on a Kentucky Channel Children's program "Bucks Big World". During the show Harry Munzer and Bob Irmscher explain the different model train scales and how a steam locomotive works. It was taped showing Harry's indoor HO and O-gauge layouts, and his outdoor G-Gauge layout.

The program will air on the Kentucky Channel (KET), Time Warner Cable channel 192: July 31, 7:00 AM and August 1 at 5:00 AM. Set your DVR and enjoy the show.

Swift Creek Railroad will be open to the public in September. Date and time will be in the August Pie Card.  
*Photo by Bob Dawson*

### JUNE MEETING (continued)

*Photos by Fred Soward*

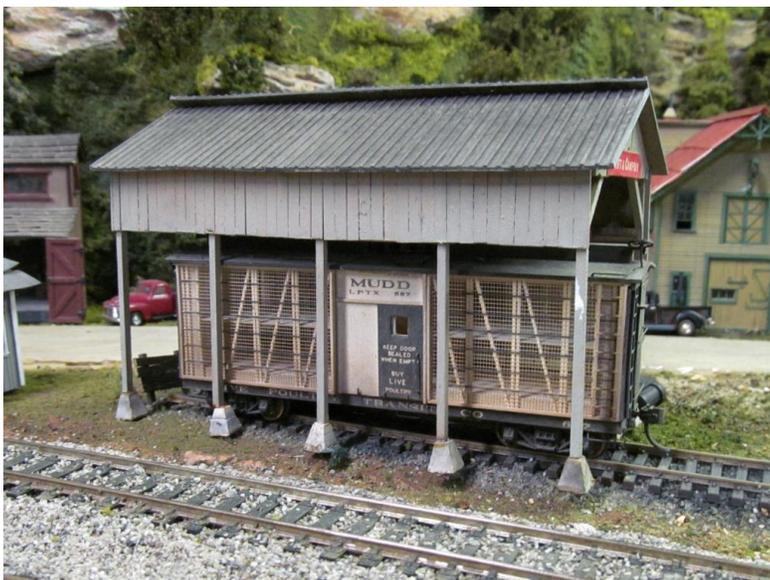
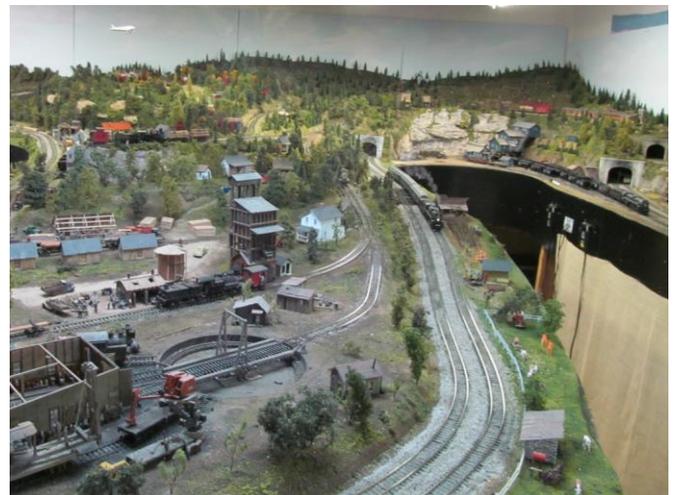
Right: Joe Vetter with the G-gaugers, and Live Steamers Club at the Toy Mall.



Left: Bob Johnson's "attic" railroad. O-gauge trains from several manufacturers are represented including vintage Marx and Lionel. This was among the layouts being shown at Bob's open house.

**LAYOUTS OF DIVISION 10, visited during the 2015 MCR Convention in Lexington KY**

Fred Plymale's HO C&O Railroad



Fred models typical C & O scenes from the Virginia Tidewater to the West Virginia Mountains.

Left is Fred's model of a poultry car.

*Photos by Bob Dawson*

**LAYOUTS OF DIVISION 10 (continued)**

Master Model Railroader Larry Smith's (below left in blue shirt) CSX Railroad.



Larry lives in Lawrenceburg, KY.

Right: Larry's scratch built model of the Southern Railway Lawrenceburg freight depot. In the era that Larry models, the depot is now owned by Lex Exporters.



Left: While Larry primarily models CSX and Norfolk Southern, equipment from R. J. Corman Railroad also makes an appearance at East End Yard.

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More Division 10 layouts will be shown in future issues.

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