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From the Superintendent's Desk



In roughly three weeks this year's MCR convention will start in Columbus, Ohio, and I hope many of you will get to attend. If you can attend, please take notes on what you liked and didn't like in the way of clinic rooms, time tables, and instructions on how to get to the different layouts. Then give your thoughts to Eric Waggoner, Bob Frankrone, or myself.

Also take note on how many people it takes to make a good convention. For the last year plus there have been over a dozen Division 8 members who have been working hard on getting the basic areas of our convention in place.

Rail and non-rail tours have been established. Advertising and registration forms are ready to take to Columbus and Indy. Layout ops sessions and layout tours are falling into place. Clinicians have been signed up, and the lists go on.

As the months go on we will need every one of you to help in some capacity with next year's convention. There are well over 100 Division 8 members, and the vast majority live in the greater Louisville area. I do know that many of our members have reduced mobility and many are still very active in the work force.

Some jobs will only require sitting and giving out attendees' convention packets. After the first day you would be a valuable help to answer attendees questions and direct them to where they need to go. Other jobs would require a fair amount of moving around, so see, there is something for everyone!

You may be wondering why we are hosting a MCR convention? There are eleven divisions in the MCR and every year a division is expected to host the convention. The late Jerry Ashley discussed the idea with the acting board at the time and it was decided that 2017 would be our year. I'm sure Jerry thought he would be around to help with another convention, of course it wasn't to be.

Jerry was very excited about hosting another convention and I hope you will remember his enthusiasm and volunteer for a part in our, YOUR, convention now.

AT THE MARCH MEETING

The Division 8 meeting was held Thursday evening, March 17, 7:30PM at Iroquois Post American Legion. The meeting was moved to Thursday night because the Train Show was schedule for our regular Saturday. The ballots were counted by Joe Fields and Charlie Fackler, and the results announced by Joe Fields. See page two, this issue for election results. Fred Soward said the Convention Shirts are in for those who ordered them. There will be a Convention Planning Meeting Tuesday April 5, 7PM at St. Matthews Episcopal Church. If you wish to attend contact a board member for details. Mark Hedge reported that there were 70 tables sold for the Train Show. Bob Dawson asked for volunteers Friday afternoon to help set up the tables. He also said help is need Saturday morning for dealer check in, and Saturday afternoon at the end of the show to take the tables down. See page 3 for the Model Contest report. The minutes for the March meeting are posted on the Division Website.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: David Burris and Mike Snyder.

TIME TABLE

Apr 16, Sat, 2PM, Div. Mtg., Iroquois Post.

Apr 16-17, K&I Club Open House, 10AM-4PM, Buckner, KY

Apr 28-May 1, MCR Convention, Dublin, O.

May 21, Sat, 2 PM, Div. Mtg. K&I MRR Club, Buckner, KY.

Jun 18, Sat, 2 PM, Div. Mtg., Antique & Toy Mall.

Jul, NO MEETING, Div. 8 Picnic TBA

Aug 20, Sat, 2PM, Div.Mtg. Iroquois Post.

Sep 17, Sat, 2PM, Div.Mtg. Iroquois Post.

CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST

Fred Soward, Contest Chairman

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

Rick Maloney pulled off a first place win this month with his scratch built N scale warehouse building. Cecil Stewart was second with his HO scale freight station. Details on how Rick and Cecil built their models are on page 3.

We had 6 entries submitted by 5 individuals this month. It was great to see the high level of detail and workmanship in every submission this month, and even a little bit of whimsy with John Kelly's monkey on the roof of his HO scale cannning company building.

The top two standings remain the same: Bob Kuchler is in first place with 17 points; Barry Christensen is second with 10 points; Bill Lynch is joined in third place by Rick Maloney with 7 points after Rick's first place win this month; Cecil Stewart joins Craig Hatter in fourth place with 5 points; Bob Johnson, Ed Brennan, John Czerwinski, and Tom Lindquist are tied with 3 points; Joe Fields, John Kelly, and Patrick Hardesty are next with 2 points; at 1 point apiece are Bob Frankrone, Jack Diehl, Robin White, and Steve Oswald.

Next month is passenger cars. The judging is strictly people's choice. I'll 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.

Barbara Soward won the gift card drawing.



APRIL MEETING INFORMATION:

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2 PM AT IROQUOIS POST AMERICAN LEGION, 800 W. WOODLAWN AVE., 40215.

Mark Norman is giving a clinic on "Printing on Fabric - Flags, banners & more.." Rick Maloney is providing the refreshments.

DIVISION 8 ELECTION RESULTS

The ballots were counted at the March meeting by Joe Fields and Charlie Fackler. Joe Fields announced the results. Superintendent, Russ Weis; Assistant Superintendent, Eric Waggoner; Clerk, Bob Dawson; Treasurer, Mike Berry; Trustee, Fred Soward. The election report and ballots were given to the Clerk to be filed for audit.

Their terms will begin at the May meeting.

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; \$25 Ed Brennan; \$ 11 Jim Kuzirian.

SPRING TRAIN SHOW

The numbers are still being crunched, but it looks like we had a great show. A report will be given at the April meeting. Thanks to all who came Friday afternoon to set up. We were able to set it up in an hours' time. Things went smoothly at the dealer check in, again thanks to the volunteers who came to help. The take down took a little longer than the set due to getting the Moose Lodge tables back in place. Again, this show could not have taken place without the many willing hands who volunteered their time. A special thanks to the local hobby shops who provided our door prizes.

- Hobby town USA
- Roundhouse Electric Trains
- Scale Reproductions Hobby Shop

Two members also donated door prizes. Thanks to Ron Ellison and Bob Kuchler.

Bob Dawson, Show Chairman



APRIL CONTEST WINNERS

Left: Taking first place was Rick Maloney's N scale warehouse building.

Rick's winning entry was based entirely on a photo. The building was created from styrene and included Tichy windows and doors. He finished it with acrylic paint and signs from a sheet he purchased at a train show.

Right: Coming in second was Cecil Stewart's HO scale freight station. Cecil's model built from a Fine Scale Miniatures kit with a few modifications.

He weathered it to simulate being in the Texas sun for many years and also scratch built the metal roof ridge.

Photos and captions by Fred Soward.



Left; Jack Diehl and Ron Ellison take a close look at Cecil Stewarts contest entry.

Photo by Fred Soward



PIKE SHOWCASE

Wes Gardner's, BC Rail locomotive at Buck Run on the K & I club layout.

Photo by Ron Ellison.

See this and other fine models at the K & I club open house on April 16-17.

The K & I club is located in the old Fire House on Ky. Hwy. 146 in Buckner Kentucky, 10 AM to 4 PM both days.

Directions:

Exit 18, I-71, north on Ky. Hwy. 393 to Lagrange Road (Ky. 146). Turn right the fire house is on the left.



Right: Hogan's Welding on the K & I Layout.

Photo by Ron Ellison.



TRACKSIDE WITH ED BRENNAN

It's a beautiful Spring day in Kentucky as R. J. Corman FP-7 #1940 and mate lead the lunchtime version of My Old Kentucky Dinner Train near Deatsville, KY. The former Southern Railway units are blowing a crossing, hence the activation of the ditch lights. Today, March 26, 2016, the sun does, indeed, shine bright on My Old Kentucky Home! (For you history buffs: This train crosses the only remaining Antebellum wood trestle not destroyed during the Civil War.)

Photo and caption by Ed Brennan

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

By Bob Dawson

**CONVENTIONS**

Just three years after Division 8 began, the members opted to host a Mid-Central Region Convention in 1969. The region had both a spring and fall convention at that time. Because of conflict with the

Kentucky Derby (always a concern) Division 8 decided to host a Fall Convention. Named the "Derby City Convention", it was held at Executive Inn on Phillips Lane, the dates: October 3-4. Johnnie Reid was the Superintendent at the time, and the chairman was Bill Ataras.

The Convention opened on Friday but no clinics were given, instead there was an early bird tour of the "Old Yellowstone Distillery". Clinics were limited to Saturday morning and that afternoon the attendees took a tour of the L & N Shops. The convention closed at the hotel with the Banquet followed by Sunday self-guided layout tours.

In 1973 we hosted another Fall Convention, "River City Convention" October 5 thru 7. It was held at the Ramada Inn Hurstbourne Lane. Joe O'Gara was the Chairman. Saturday featured an excursion on the Belle of Louisville with a box lunch.

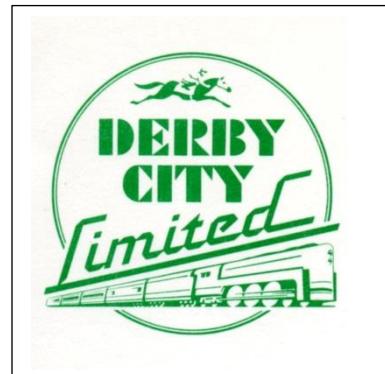
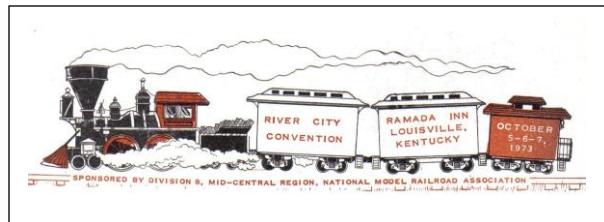
The last Fall Convention was in 1979, "Derby City Limited". The Convention Chairman was Charlie Buccola. The Convention Hotel was Stouffers at Second and Broadway (now the Louisville Inn run by Wayside Christian Mission). The convention featured the usual activities: contests, silent auction, raffles, clinics and tours, and for the first time layouts at the hotel. Like the previous convention, on Saturday afternoon the convention was pretty much shut down, with everyone taking a cruise on the Belle of Louisville with a box lunch of Kentucky Fried Chicken.

It would be 2001 before the Division would host another convention. One reason for the long hiatus was that fall conventions had been done away with, and the usual dates preferred by MCR were around Derby Time. The "Thoroughbred Express '01" was held at the Galt House May 17 thru the 20th after the Derby. Bob Frankrone was the chairman. A new program for the convention was "Dinner with the Masters" on Thursday evening. Miles and Fran Hale were living in Louisville at this time, and they were able to recruit several nationally known modelers both for this event and as clinicians.



In 2007 the Division again took on the project to host another convention "The South Wind". The dates were April 12 thru 15 at the Ramada Inn on Hurstbourne Ln. Tony Koester was invited to be our featured clinician. Miles Hale began as Chairman but resigned when his wife Fran took a job in Kansas City. Bob Dawson and Eric Waggoner stepped up as Co-Chairmen. Bob was the general chairman. Eric handled hotel negotiations and coordinated travel and lodging for out of region clinicians including Tony Koester. Our marquee tour was a train ride and lunch at the Kentucky Railway Museum, and tour of distilleries in the Bardstown area.

The convention was not without drama. The hotel changed hands between the time we signed the contract and the convention began. We found out almost at the last minute that our banquet room had been taken away. Eric through some pretty tough negotiation managed to save the day. In the middle of all this Eric's dad passed away. Maybe too much drama-- perhaps this is the reason why we have waited 10 years to host another convention. The Division is hosting the "Pan American" MCR Convention in 2017.





TRAIN SHOWS

Left: Tom Guenthner, Fred Soward, and Cecil Stewart at the Division 8 information table at the Great Train Show in February.

Photo by Bob Dawson

Below: Division 8 Trains Show and Sale at the Moose Lodge March 19.

Photo by Fred Soward



Above left: Bob Johnson in his element, running trains.

Above right: Tim Yurt's son, Tim is one of our regular vendors at the show, set up a battery powered roller coaster and carnival.

Photos by Tom Guenthner

BOB KUCHLER'S METHOD FOR MAKING "BOTTLE BRUSH" TREES**Bob Dawson***Photos by Bob Dawson and Bob Kuchler*

At the March meeting Bob Kuchler demonstrated how he uses wire and rope fibers to make pine trees. They are called bottle brush due to their appearance before trimmed, flocked and painted.



Right: For the branches of the trees, Bob purchased a length of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch hemp rope. He said a smaller roper or twine could be used if you wanted finer fibers. He unraveled the rope and then inserted the separated fibers between the wires strung in the jig. He clamped on a pair of vise grips to pinch the wires together at the desired length of the tree. He then inserted the wires extending from the end of the jig into the drill and used the drill to twist the wire around the fibers.

Bob said he discovered this process in a video posted on U-tube. First he made a jig 30 inches long from a 6 inch oak board (see photo left). Holes were drilled in the vertical parts to insert the wire. Bob said he bought a fine wire at a hardware store, but you could use florist wire. He suggested if you wanted to make larger trees, 20 inches or so, you may want to use larger diameter wire.



Above: Completed trees.

Bob said he would be happy to lend his jig to anyone who is interested. He will include the wire and rope. If they run out, he said he bought everything at Home Depot.

Bob then cut the "tree" from the jig, and shaped the fibers using a scissors. Once trimmed, he sprayed the tree with Aleene's tacky spray and inserted into a container of Woodland Scenics ground foam. He finished the tree by spraying it with Rust-Oleum Green paint.

Tools and materials required:

- Jig
- Electric Drill (with 0 chuck)
- Vise grips
- Wire Cutters
- Fine or florists wire
- Hemp rope
- Aleene's Tacky Spray
- Green Spray Paint
- Woodland Scenics ground foam

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