



The Pie Card



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From the Superintendent's Desk



Now that you have picked up the train from under the Christmas tree, packed up the ornaments, and put the tree away for another year, it's time to start planning your railroad projects for the year. Sure, why not plan out the whole year? Okay, maybe that's a little too much planning.

However, it seems we were just talking about this twelve months ago. Yes, the year went fast for me, too, which is why it might not be too much of a stretch to set some railroad goals for the whole year.

When you think back, what did you want to accomplish on your layout last year? And how many of those goals did you finish? Yes, I thought so.

Well you have plenty of company and I am right there with you. I did get that mountain area finished that I wrote about in September; however, I had hoped that it would have been completed way before then.

I bring this up for again I would ask that you consider having your layout on the layout tour and/or ops session for our 2017 convention. Why am I asking you now, it's a year and a half away? Very true, but we were just talking about how fast the year went.

Remember that this May, we will have to make a sales pitch at the Dayton MCR convention for members to get excited about coming to Louisville in 2017. And for us railroaders that picture worth a thousand words goes a long way.

So we need pictures of your layout. Now when I say layout, I mean selected scenes on your layout. If you look at any model railroad publication they seldom show the whole layout, just certain scenes that will attract readers. And that's what we want to do, attract.

Later this month we will start arranging times to take some shots that we feel will be attention getters. So you don't need to have the whole layout finished.

Many of you have seen my layout and know that only a few areas have finished scenery, but you would never know from these pictures below.

So put this Pie Card down and get to work! The Division 8 needs your layout pictures!



The visiting NS-NYC Heritage Unit belongs to Jon Vincent.

Photos by Russ Weis and Jon Vincent

TIME TABLE

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

Feb 20, Sat, 2 PM, Div. Mtg, Location TBA

Mar 17, Thur, 7:30 PM, Mtg., Iroquois Post.

Mar 19, Div 8 Train Show, Moose Lodge.

Apr 16, Sat, 2PM, Div Mtg., Location TBA.

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

CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST

Fred Soward, Contest Chairman

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
December	NO CONTEST

Because of our annual Christmas party and dinner, there was no contest in December. We resume contests in January. Bring your favorite freight car to share at the meeting.

Standings to date: Bob Kuchler is way out in first with 13 points; Barry Christensen and Bill Lynch are tied for second place with 5 points; John Czerwinski, Rick Maloney, and Tom Lindquist are tied in third place with 3 points; Patrick Hardesty is in fourth place with 2 points; tied for sixth place with 1 point are Bob Johnson, Cecil Stewart, Joe Fields, and Robin White. After a little data analysis, I found it interesting to discover that of the 14 people who participated by this time in the 2014-2015 contest cycle, 8 have not yet entered a model in the current cycle. However, 5 people who did not enter anything at all in 2014-2015 have entered a model this cycle.

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.



JANUARY MEETING INFORMATION:

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

Bob Kuchler is presenting a clinic on using Microscale Krystal Klear. Krystal Klear is a liquid that can be used to form very real looking small windows up to about 1/4" in size. It is also an adhesive for mounting clear plastic parts, windows, etc. on your models. Bob used this product to make some of the windows in the structures and vehicles on his diorama that took first place the November contest.

Bob will demonstrate how to use Krystal Klear, and give members an opportunity to try it on models they bring. **So bring a vehicle or structure with small windows.**

The clinic will be held at the beginning of the meeting to give the models a chance to dry.

DIVISION 8 ELECTIONS 2016

The offices of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Clerk, Treasurer, and one trustee position are up for election. Officers serve two year terms, trustee six years. Regular members as defined by NMRA are eligible to serve. The report of the nominating committee will be announced at this month's meeting. Nominations will then be received from the floor. A member nominated must except the nomination.

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.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY 2015

Photos by Bob Dawson

Our party was held on Saturday December 12.

As was last year's party, we met at Rails Restaurant in LaGrange. CSX honored us with one train passing on the tracks in the street outside.

Right: Brian Bungler (left) and Martin Schwenday with Scale Reproductions.



Left: Jim Kuzirian (left), and Mark Hedge.

HOLIDAY SEASON LAYOUT PHOTOS

Photos by Bob Dawson



Left: "O-Gauge through small town America." Bob Irmischer hosted an open house in December at his O-Scale Layout in Floyds Knobs, Indiana.

Right: Harry Munzer, of Greenville, IN, hosted an open house on the indoor division of his O-Gauge "Swift Creek Railroad". Harry was open in conjunction with Bob Irmischer.



Left: The K & I Club was set up at the Louisville Southwest Regional Library from December 19 through January 8th.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

By Bob Dawson



This year, Division 8 is celebrating 50 years of Model Railroading. Each month the Pie Card will feature an article remembering the history of the Division, activities, and members over the years. Using Volume numbers listed on some Pie Cards it could be believed that Division had its beginning as early as 1962. In 1975 editor Art Goreham reset the Pie Card Volume number to XXV, making 1966 the first issue. The numbers then crept up again. Seeing this discrepancy, I decided to go to the horse's mouth, Colonel Johnnie Reid. That's Kentucky Colonel Reid y'all. Johnnie passed away in 2014, but not before I could interview him over the phone. Here is what Johnnie told me.

Division 8 had its origin at a Mid Central Region Convention in 1966. While attending the convention, Johnnie said he was asked to organize a Division in the Louisville area. It was noted there were enough NMRA members to warrant one.

Johnnie met with friends and fellow model railroaders Charley Williams, Dwight Swayze and Chet Miles to hammer out a plan. A mailing list was supplied by the Region and post cards were mailed to all NMRA members in the area announcing a meeting location and a time to discuss the forming of a Division. The meeting was held at the home of Chet Miles. Johnnie said he was amazed at the number of people who showed up.

The Division soon became a fact, and Johnnie Reid was elected its first superintendent in June of 1966.

TRACKSIDE WITH CHARLIE KEELING



Charlie took this picture of Seaboard System MP15AC 4227 coming up from Water Street (River Road) to East Louisville Yard on September 25, 1985. 4227 was seven years old, having been ordered by Seaboard Coastline in 1978. It was delivered in L & N Family Lines lettering, and began work in Louisville. It kept the same number when it was re-lettered for Seaboard System.

When Seaboard was rolled into CSX, 4227 was renumbered 1132 and was sent to Charleston, WV where it worked for many years.

1132 is now based in Niagara Falls, NY where photographer Paul Tippy, Jr. found it in the company of another MP15 on May 11, 2015, 30 years after Charlie first saw it in Louisville.



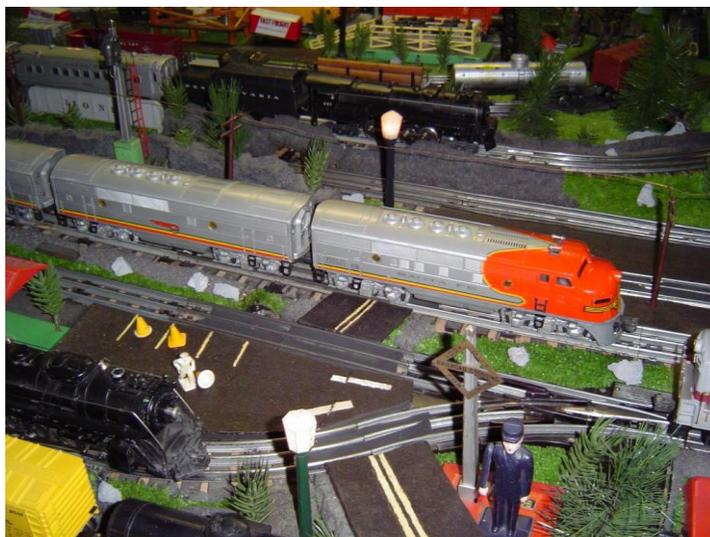
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MORE HOLIDAY LAYOUT PHOTOS



Who can forget the wonder we had as children watching a train around the Christmas tree?

Right: Another scene from Bob Irmischer's O-Scale layout.



Classic Lionel Santa Fe F3 set on Harry Munzer's O-Gauge Layout.

Photos by Bob Dawson

HOLIDAY LAYOUTS (continued)

Photos by Bob Dawson

Right: Don't have space for a layout? Do what Bob Irmcher did, put it in a suitcase.

Yes, it's N-Scale.



Left: Barmore Manufacturing Company on K & I club's travelling layout.

Right: This photo and the one above were taken while they were set up at the Southwest Regional Library.



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