



The Pie Card



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From the Superintendent's Desk



As you read this our Christmas party will be less than a month away and I'm pleased to announce that this year's party will be held at J. Harrod's in Prospect.

Some of you asked why not go back to Rails? First, your board thought it was time for a change, but more important, the Rails we have gone to has closed. We think you'll be pleased with J. Harrod's.

Other members have asked why on the east end again? We looked for something close to, or in downtown Louisville, but they either couldn't accommodate us, or they were too expensive.

Something else we are going to do differently this year is there will be no drawings of certificates, or table decorations. However, there will be a nice small gift for you to take home, plus the division is picking up a small portion of the cost of your meal.

This change results from over the years your board trying different combinations of amounts and number of certificates and favors. Each year someone is upset and tells the board they feel there should have been more of this or less of that. So this year there will be none.

I'm sure that some of you are disappointed in this change, and others are applauding it. No matter what your holiday practices are, I think we can all agree during that special time of year it's all about coming together and enjoying each other's company.

Our annual picnic and Christmas party are two events where we have a number of members attend whom we don't usually see other times of the year, so why should we get bogged down with who got what and why.

I would like you to join me in thanking Bobbi Hedge for the many Christmas parties when she has gone shopping to buy the decorations for our tables and favors for the ladies. Bobbi had a certain budget and she did a great job of maximizing the many items she bought within that budget. So, thank you Bobbi for your time and effort!

I hope all of you will have a great holiday season and Santa brings you your favorite train.

Russ Weis

OCTOBER MEETING REPORT

Meeting was held at 2PM on Saturday October 15, at Iroquois Post American Legion on St. Andrews Church Road. Attendance was 16. Bob Frankrone reported that 16 registration plus 7 family members have been received to date. Barbara Soward reported that a source has been found for larger sized convention shirts. Information for ordering will be emailed to members. Bob Dawson reported on the November 19 Train Show. 60 tables have been sold so far. Bob said help is needed for set up on Friday, assist dealers Saturday morning and take down after the show is over at 3 PM on Saturday.(continued on page 2)

TIME TABLE

Nov 17, Thur, 7:30PM Div. 8 Mtg, Sou.Ind Club, Jeffersonville.

Nov 19, Sat, 10-3, Div8 Train Show and Sale, Moose Lodge.

Dec 3 Sat 5 PM. Holiday Party J. Harrods, Prospect, KY

Jan 21. Sat, 2PM Div.8 Mtg., Iroquois Post.

Feb 19. Sat, 2 PM, TBA

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CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST*Fred Soward, Contest Chairman*

November	Displays/Dioramas
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

We had three steam locomotives submitted as entries in this month's contest. Steve Lasher won with his HO scale Illinois Central 2-8-2 #1518. Bob Kuchler came in second with his N scale model of a Milwaukee Road 2-8-0. Bob Johnson's O scale Pennsylvania Railroad 0-4-0 was third. Check out my Facebook page for photos of all the entries.

Steve Lasher provided two pages of description for his entry which started out as an early Korean brass Alco model from Rok-am. Beyond detailing concerns, there were several other issues with the model that included poor solder joints and a die-cast gearbox that crumbled upon touch! Some of the major fixes included a dome-ectomy to lower the height of the steam dome by cutting a section out of the middle and then re-soldering to the bottom that remained on the locomotive. Photos and more details on how Steve modified this model are on page two of this issue. Bob Kuchler's entry started as a Bachmann 0-8-0. The tender came from an Atlas engine so that he would have the narrow coal bunker to match the prototype. That's real coal in there! He painted, added decals, weathered, and added figures to the engine. Bob told me that the hardest part of the job was the bell rope.

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

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.

**NOVEMBER MEETING INFORMATION:**

This month's meeting will be THURSDAY evening, November 19, 7:30 PM at the Southern Indiana Model Railroad Club in Jeffersonville, IN.

They are located in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church, Walnut and Chestnut Streets, Jeffersonville. Take exit 0 from I-65 to Court Avenue. Continue on Court Avenue ½ miles to Walnut Street. Turn right on Walnut and go two blocks to Chestnut. Turn left on Chestnut, the church is on the southeast corner, park in the lot on the east side of the church. Enter from the parking lot. The club is in the basement (there is an elevator).

DIVISION 8 CHRISTMAS PARTY**Saturday December 3, 2016****J. Harrod's Restaurant & Bar****7507 Upper River Road****Prospect, KY 40059****We gather at 5 PM****Dinner at 6 PM**

We will enjoy a buffet dinner. Cost is \$25/Person

PLEASE SEND YOUR RESERVATION WITH PAYMENT BY NOVEMBER 26 TO:

Mike Berry**14404 Forest Glenn Ct.****Louisville, KY 40245****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; \$33 Jim Kuzirian; \$50 Ed Brennan; \$20 Charles Brohm.

OCTOBER MEETING (continued from page 1)

Bob said contracts for the 2017 train shows have been signed with the Moose Lodge. Dates are April 1 (Spring) and November 18 (Fall). As reported, Steve Lasher won the Model Contest. Carolyn King won the drawing. The meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM. Following the meeting Russ Weis discussed the effects of a lighting strike at his house had on his model railroad. Russ also discussed comparisons between NCE and Digitrax systems.



FIRST PLACE OCTOBER CONTEST WINNER-STEVE LASHER.

Photos and captions by Fred Soward

Steve scratchbuilt a new whistle and whistle shield, added and/or revised piping, plumbing, and conduits, replaced the pilot truck, and did a whole lot of soldering. After replacing the “self-destructed” gearbox with a ball-bearing solution from NWSL, he re-quartered the drivers to eliminate binds and reworked the frame itself (more soldering) to ensure it was straight and true. After all that work was completed, he used three coats of Scalecoat black and Champ decals with washes and powered chalks for weathering. Steve said the Champ decals were the closest possible to prototype at the time he did the work,

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Bob Kuchler’s second place entry started as a Bachmann N-Scale 0-8-0. The tender came from an Atlas engine so that he would have the narrow coal bunker to match the prototype. That’s real coal in there! He painted, added decals, weathered, and added figures to the engine. Bob told me that the hardest part of the job was the bell rope.

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Third Place, Bob Johnson’s O-Scale Pennsylvania 0-4-0. Note the oil headlight, standard when this class A4 locomotive was built by PRR’s Juniata Shops at Altoona, Pennsylvania.

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PIKE SHOWCASE



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Photos by Bob Dawson

Russ Weis's HO New York Central-Eastern Division. Russ models Buffalo to Albany, NY in 1950. Control is NCE DCC.

At right, Russ is pictured standing in front of the Albany freight yard. The yard job works the station, industries here, and an NH (New York New Haven & Hartford) interchange job that comes in from staging.



NOT GETTING THE PIE CARD ON EMAIL?

If you have email you should be receiving the E-Pie Card each month on your computer. If you are not, contact Tom Guentner: tom@aye.net.

LOVE THOSE LOADS

By Bob Frankrone



I've been at it again...I just can't help myself...I love building open loads. My latest effort is a large wind turbine blade load. I have been fascinated with these behemoths since I first saw one being transported over an interstate highway via a semi-tractor truck. I had never seen anything quite like it, and at first, I didn't realize what it was. But by the time the second and third semi passed by, it dawned on me that these were wind turbine blades.

That was several years ago, but I knew then that I would eventually have to model one of those giants being transported by rail. As fate would have it, American Model Builders recently released a new kit for a wind turbine blade load. Now that there was no reason for me to procrastinate any longer, I had to build the load.

The kit was quite simple to build, as the blade was a one-piece resin casting, and the blade supports were fairly simple to construct. A little bit of light sanding, some painting, and the model was ready to mount to a flat car

Not even an 89' flat car is long enough to contain this massive turbine blade which measures a scale 103' in length. It's June 2013, and the huge blade is momentarily spotted on a siding at Fargo Feeds awaiting pickup by a local switcher. Its ultimate destination is a wind turbine farm located just five miles down the line. Idler flats have been added to each end of the car because of its oversized load. The car is a BLMA JTTX 89' flat and the load is an American Model Builders kit.



TRACKSIDE WITH BOB DAWSON

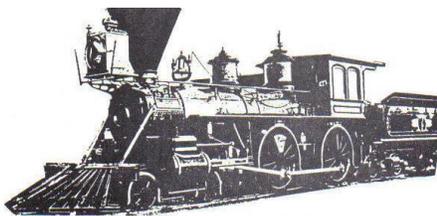
Your editor had an opportunity to stop by Corbin, KY in October.

← L & N class C-1 0-8-0 No. 2132 arrived in Corbin this past spring after being on display for many years in Georgia.

This is only saved example of a locomotive built in L & N Shops.

The city of Corbin plans to cosmetically restore #2131 along with caboose #30.

The Fall Train Show is fast upon us.



November 19 will be here before we know it. Mark Hedge is busy signing up dealers, but it's not too late for you take a table if you have items to sell.

Mark your calendar to set up on Friday Afternoon. We will meet at 3 PM to reset the room for the show. Layouts will set up Friday evening. Help is also needed at 7:30 AM Saturday morning to help dealers move in to their tables. Help is also needed at 3 PM after the show closes to takedown our tables at reset the room. It took about 1 ½ hours to set up on Friday and takedown Saturday.



L & N Historical Society held its convention in Shepherdsville, KY this year. Friday's event was lunch on the R. J. Corman Dinner Train. Saturday we were at the Kentucky Railway Museum for a train ride. Prior to the ride speeder rides were offered (above).

Below, between the rides and the excursion, there was an opportunity to view the progress on #152. Due to a bridge problem the excursion shopped short of Boston at the Bluegrass Parkway. #411 brought us back to New Haven. Division 8 member Charlie Fackler won one of the cab ride prizes, and rode on #411.

Above and below: Photos by Bob Dawson



<< Saturday evening the banquet was held in Shepherdsville at the Paroquet Springs Conference Centre.

The speaker was Craig King former President of the R. J. Corman Railroad. Here Mr. King is seen conversing with Charlie Castner (on left) while Mrs. King looks on.

Rick Tipton Photo.



CONVENTION NEWS – REGISTRATION IS OPEN

You can now register for the Pan American Convention. Go to the Division 8 Website and click on “2017 Convention”. You will find the most current information about the Convention, and a copy of the registration form for downloading.

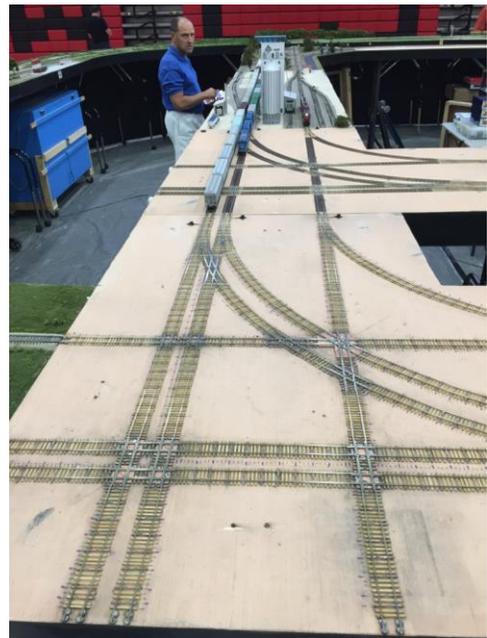
Layouts needed. If you would like to show off your layout to our guests, see Bob Dawson at a meeting or call him at 502-368-2607 or email him at: dawsobl@aol.com.

DIVISION 7 TRAIN SHOW AT LOKATOIA WEST LAST MONTH

By Fred Soward

Right: The Ohio Valley Sipping and Switching Society (OVSSS) had a large HO scale layout that was running multiple long trains (80+ cars) around the perimeter, shorter local freights on the inside ovals, and performing switching operations on some of the crossovers/islands. New trackwork on the OVSSS is being constructed with Fasttrack assembly fixtures. This entirely new switching district has more than 25 crossovers and at least as many turnouts.

Below: I was intrigued by this module on one of the large N scale layouts. It has three levels. The top level is above grade, with a rounded triangular double track around the surface “skyscrapers” running a couple streetcars. The next level is the base level of the rest of the layout. There’s a passenger station/platform providing service to passenger trains that run across the entire layout with a train board that changes every 60 seconds. The bottom level has another passenger station/platform that has an automated subway that stops every 60 seconds for about 10 seconds.



Above:
Detail of Train Board

THE LEGEND IS TRUE

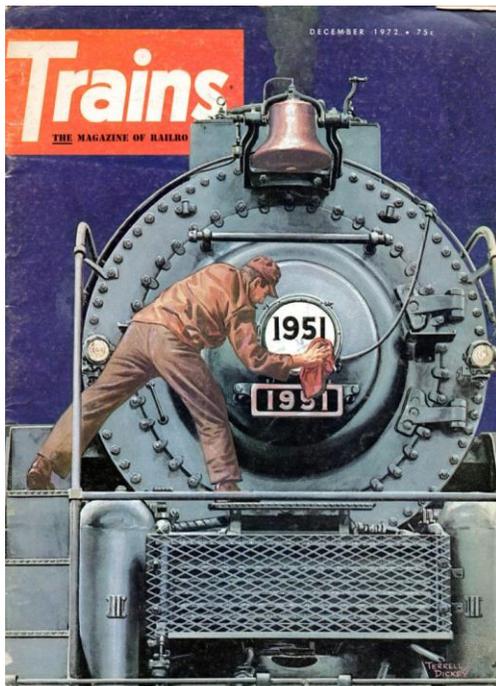
By Bob Dawson

There was an L & N Big Emma (M-1) hidden in a tunnel on an obscure branch line in Eastern Kentucky. Somehow this specter was found and by a route and method unknown delivered to the Kentucky Railway Museum in New Haven Kentucky. The proof is in the photo below:



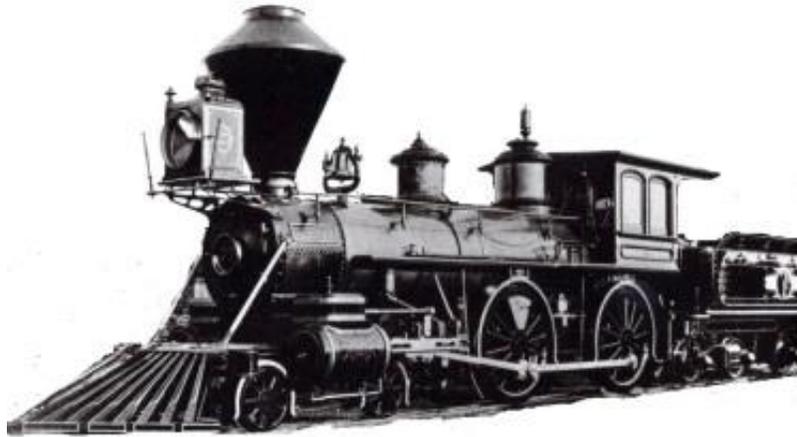
As we can see it remained hidden by cleverly covering it over with a shed. Note the security vehicle to keep nosy railfans from getting too close.

As you may have guessed by now, it is C & O 2716 cleverly made-up to stand-in for an M-1. Note the last M-1 built carried the number 1991, thus the use of 1992. With the addition of a Pyle Headlight and some judicious use of plastic, pipe, styro-foam and paint the M-1 was reborn, as least during the L & N Historical Society Convention held in September. An attempt was also made to recreate the Famous Trains Magazine Cover of December 1972



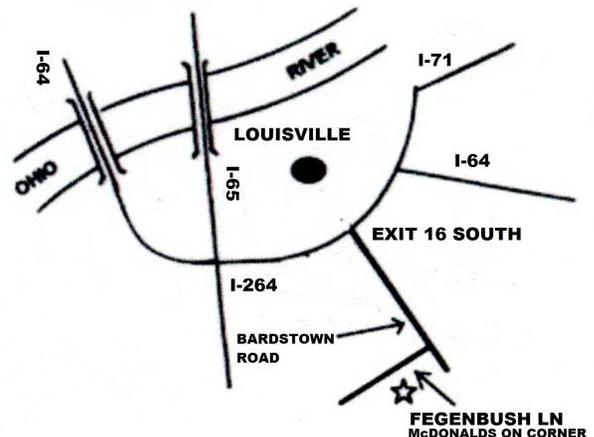
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