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From the Superintendent's Desk



We live in a make believe world with our hobby. From the time we received our first train set and watched it run around in circles we imagined our train traveling vast distances.

Later, the train needed to come off the floor and was put on the old Ping-Pong table, or a 4 X 8 sheet of plywood. Maybe we talked our dad into a little more track and if we were lucky, a tunnel or a station. Now we were in tall cotton as our train had to stop at the station, or traverse that mile long tunnel and exit into another city.

Fast forward forty years, we have expanded our layouts many times over from what we started with and our imaginations have grown, too.

But have our imaginations outgrown our railroads?

We all want to get as much railroad in whatever space we have available to us. But sometimes I think we overdo it.

If our layout is based on present day, however, we really like that steam engine we saw at our local hobby shop. Yeah, I got it, we can make an excursion train! Okay, that does happen, but how about putting that farm house right next to a city skyscraper because we liked the look of both.

Many of you have seen my layout and as big as it is, there were a few scenes that I had to leave out. I wanted to have track pans as the NYC did take "water on the fly," or scooped it. To make the scene believable, it would take a fair amount of real estate and that would mean a few less industries. Since I built the layout with operations in mind, the industries won out and I was glad I made that choice.

My point is we want to use our imaginations to make our layouts look believable no matter what size of layout we have. And to make our layouts believable, we need to make choices.

Can't make those tough decisions? A number of modelers do both transition and modern era by substituting buildings, rolling stock, and engines on their layouts. When they have had enough of steam engines, they go along with the rolling stock and some buildings into storage. Out come the six axle diesels and the auto racks. As in many cities, the buildings that were built in the forties still stand today. So put in a couple of all glass sky scrapers and we've made a believable modern scene.

Okay, now go put those imaginations to good use!

Russ Weis

TIME TABLE

Sep 17, Sat, 2PM, Div.8 Mtg. Iroquois Post.

Oct 15, Sat, 2PM Div.8 Mtg., Iroquois Post.

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

Nov 19, Sat, 10-3, Div. 8 Train Show and Sale, Moose Lodge.

Dec, no meeting, Holiday Party, to be announced.

INSIDE: September meeting information * August Contest Winner * Trackside with Charlie Keeling * 50 Years of Division 8-Mall Shows * Convention News * Rick Maloney's layout * Operation at the Southern Indiana Club* Russ Weis layout webcast.

CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST

Fred Soward, Contest Chairman

September	Photos
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
July	NO CONTEST
August	MOW Equipment

We had 2 people submit four Maintenance of Way (MOW) entries this month. Bill Lynch came in first with his HO scale Norfolk Southern Jordan spreader. He started off with an old Athearn blue box kit many years ago. It sat half or less finished for many years until he finally found the time and motivation to finish the model. He said there were a lot of extra parts in the kit when he finished and he's used those extra bits and pieces on several other models. He weathered it using both paint and powders. Craig Hatter came in second with his HO scale Penn Central Crane/Derrick.

This is the beginning of a new contest year so the standings reset. Bill Lynch is in first place with 4 points and Craig Hatter is in second place with 3 points.

Next month is photographs. Bring your favorite photograph to share with the group. Mike Berry is managing next month's contest as I will not be able to attend the meeting. I've already passed along all the contest gear and we've talked about the process. Please be gentle on him & don't overload him with too many photos at once.

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.

Mark Norman won the gift card drawing.



SEPTEMBER MEETING INFORMATION:

**SATURDAY 17, 2 PM AT IROQUOIS POST
AMERICAN LEGION, 7323 ST. ANDREWS CHURCH
RD, 40214. Note the new address.**

From New Cut Road, turn west on Palatka Road to St. Andrew's Church Rd. (second traffic light). Turn left, the new location is on the left. Go through the driveway to the left of the building, there is parking in the rear. Enter at the back door.

Mike Berry will be presenting a program on prototype railroad operations. Refreshments: Bob Kuchler

SILVER SPIKE NOMINATIONS

You should have received the Official Nomination Form for the Silver Spike Award in the mail.

If you choose to nominate someone, read the criteria carefully. A nominee should stand "head and shoulders" above others by his/her exemplary service to the NMRA at National, Regional or Division level. The nominee must be a member of NMRA.

The person submitting the nomination must be a member in good standing. Nominations must be made in writing on the form provided. Nominations will be mailed to Jack Diehl, and must be postmarked no later than **September 15, 2016** to be accepted.

You must state clearly your reasons for nominating this person and his/her qualifications. Nominations without written qualifications will be rejected. The Silver Spike is presented at the Holiday Party 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; \$33 Jim Kuzirian. \$25 Ed Brennan; \$20 Charles Brohm.



AUGUST CONTEST WINNER

Left. Bill Lynch came in first with his HO scale Norfolk Southern Jordan spreader. He started off with an old Athearn blue box kit many years ago. It sat half or less finished for many years until he finally found the time and motivation to finish the model. He said there were a lot of extra parts in the kit when he finished and he's used those extra bits and pieces on several other models. He weathered it using both paint and powders.

Photo by Fred Soward

Right: Walthers Sperry Rail Car detailed by Mark Norman. Mark disassembled the car and then detailed the interior adding a painted floor, painted the seats. He added and painted electrical cabinets.

On the outside he added air hoses, replaced the horns with more accurate Cal-Scale Horn. On top he added a satellite dish antenna, and a rotary beacon, and additional detail parts.

He finished by weathering with paints and chalks.

Photo by Mark Norman



Left: Tobacco barn on John Campbell's L&N layout. John scratch built the barn.

Photo by Bob Dawson



PIKE SHOWCASE-NIGHT FALLS ON TOM GUENTHNER'S L & N RAILROAD



Tom has added lighting to some of the buildings on his layout. Tom's L & N Railroad will be one of the layouts hosting and operating session for the Pan American Convention in 2017

Above photo by Tom Guenthner.
Other photos by Bob Dawson



TRACKSIDE WITH CHARLIE KEELING

Charlie took this photo of the Shelbyville, KY L & N Depot in 1970. The Louisville section of C&O's George Washington may still be stopping, but L & N has pretty much let the depot go. Fortunately it has since been preserved and moved to another location in Shelbyville.

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 Guenthner: tom@ave.net.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

By Bob Dawson

**MALL SHOWS**

For many years the Division would set up modular layouts at locals Shopping Malls and other venues.

One of the earliest layouts was a combination gauge layout set up at the Kentucky State Fairgrounds for an annual hobby show in the 1970's. The layout featured a loop of O-Scale track visible on one side and HO visible on the other. The trains passed underneath each other in hidden trackage.



This was not exactly a modular layout, but built in portable sections. Very heavy portable sections according to some of the members who had to move and assemble it.

In the photo of the layout (left), Johnnie Reid is inside the layout, and E.G. Baker is talking to a spectator.

At some point the Division decided to divest itself of the layout. This may have been the layout that was sold to the old Lexington Division 10. There was supposed to be some payment received, but it never materialized, most likely because Division 10 dissolved. Many years later a new Division 10 was formed, the one active in Lexington today.

Soon after, the O-6-O club was formed by six members of Division 8, thus the name. The layout was used by the Division to set up at Oxmoor Center during the Christmas season for several years. A large group would meet at Oxmoor on the Wednesday night before Thanksgiving to assemble the layout. Bob Johnson would make up a schedule, and the layout operated during the hours the mall was open until after Christmas. Right is a group photo of one those Thanksgiving Eve set ups. Eventually Oxmoor quit providing a space. At about the same time the O-6-O was no longer available for use.

In 1992 a group of Division 8 members including Jerry Ashely and Ray Rohmann formed the K & I Model Railroad Club with the purpose of providing a layout for Division 8 to exhibit. Layouts were set up couple of times at Mall St. Matthews. One of the last mall shows was at the old Bashford Manor Mall.

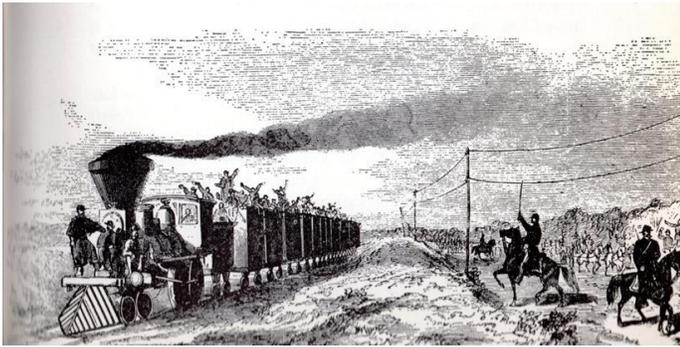


The malls' management had found they could sell space for specialty kiosks, and there was no more room for train layouts. Some of the last public shows the Division sponsored were at Bill Collins Ford. Mr. Collins took a particular interest, and would clear out a section of his show room area for multiple layouts. With the retirement and later passing of Mr. Collins, the Collins Shows ended.

While the Division no longer sets up for shows, the tradition is carried on by the K & I Club. They sponsor open houses for the public at their Buckner Club house from time to time. For the last couple of years, they have set up their portable layout at the Southwest and Fern Creek Branches of the Louisville Free Public Library.

LOUISVILLE'S RAILROADS IN THE CIVIL WAR

By Rick Tipton



Troop Movement on the L & N during the Civil War. This is the movement of General Buell's Army from Nashville to Louisville in 1862.

From City of Conflict Louisville in the Civil War by Robert Emmett McDowell

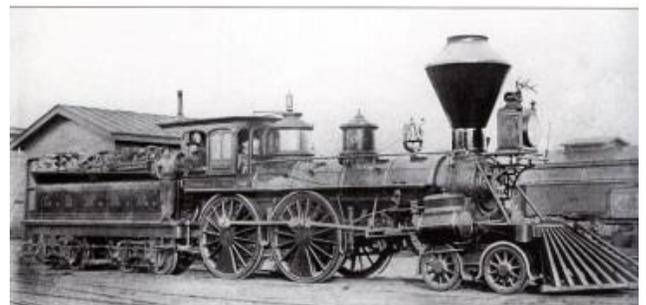
I found some interesting items in Thomas Weber's *The Northern Railroads in the Civil War* (1952, but reprinted in paperback by Indiana University Press 1999):

Early in the war, James Guthrie's L&N had "a profitable trade in provisions with Alabama and Georgia" – competitor Mobile & Ohio was cut off by northern troops around Cairo IL. Abraham Lincoln wisely had a "hands off Kentucky" policy, and waited until Confederate action "finally drove Guthrie, the L&N, and Kentucky into the Union camp".

In October 1862, the first two hospital cars were fitted out, to remove wounded from the Battle of Perryville on L&N's Lebanon Branch, reducing the time to hospital in Louisville by 24 hours. More cars were added, and in 1864 they were loading as far away as Atlanta.

In March 1863, Secretary of War Stanton and Herman Haupt sent one F.H. Forbes to investigate inefficiency in government transportation in "the West". His reports outraged many – in part, Forbes found that in September with the occupation of Chattanooga, the L&N was moving only 16 carloads daily, when 65 were needed. Among the problems identified was that so many L&N cars had been used/co-opted by the Nashville & Chattanooga (much later, the NC&StL). Additional investigators reported that the N&C was badly rundown, having been overworked supplying the Confederates at Murfreesboro.

And soon, to relieve Union armies bottled up at Chattanooga with the defeat of Gen. Rosecrans at Chickamauga, 23,000 troops (2 Corps) were transferred on a 1200 mile movement by rail from Virginia. Starting Sept 29, they came into Jeffersonville on the JM&I (later PRR), were ferried across the Ohio River, and went south on the L&N. The first trains left Louisville at 5:30 am, 7, and 10. L&N rolling stock was supplemented by government cars from Jeffersonville, from Cairo, and from Missouri. The troop movement was completed on October 8. Once in place, the Union forces broke the Confederate lines at Lookout Mountain and at Missionary Ridge, opening the way to north Georgia.



L & N #20, named "Quigley". Built in 1859 it was taken by the Confederate Army sent south. It was returned to the L & N in 1865. Rebuilt in 1870 it was scrapped in 1885.

Photo from L&N Steam Locomotives, R. E. Prince

Editor's Addition: Lessons learned from this operation was the later laying of track on First Street in Louisville to the river front to a connection with the L & N at Oak Street. This short stretch of track was operated by the U.S. Military Railroad. The Louisville & Frankfort/Frankfort & Lexington Railroad was changed from 4 ft. 8.5 inches to 5 ft. to match the Louisville & Nashville, with a connection installed at First and Jefferson Streets. This was done to support General Sherman's advance to Atlanta.

The Pie Card is looking for articles and photos that cover the numerous aspects of model and prototype railroading. Don't be shy. Share your knowledge and interests with others.

Photos: Photos for the Pie Card don't have to meet the high resolution image standards required for commercial publications. Please send photos in the JPEG format as an attachment to an email.

Articles: Please submit in Word or in an email. If it interests you, it most likely will interest others.



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.

Right:

Shark Harbor on Rick Maloney’s Midwest Central & Northwestern N-Scale Railroad.

Rick will be hosting an operating session the opening night of the Pan American Convention. You must be registered for the Convention to participate in the operating session.

Photo by Bob Dawson



Left: Looking toward North Loop.

Photo by Bob Dawson

OPERATING SESSION ON THE SOUTHERN INDIANA RAILROAD



Bob Dawson, Tom Guentner, and Fred Soward had an opportunity to participate in an Operating Session at the Southern Indiana Railroad in August. Operating sessions are open to public, and are normally on the first Thursday of the Month (Second Thursday this month only). The club is located in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church in Jeffersonville, IN. Photo by Fred Soward.

RUSS WEIS'S LAYOUT FEATURED ON YOUTUBE WEBCAST



On August 9, Russ Weis welcomed You Tube Model Builders Tuesday Night Hangout to his layout. The program was produced and hosted by Miles Hale and was streamed live on YouTube. Russ led a tour around the layout answering questions from Miles.

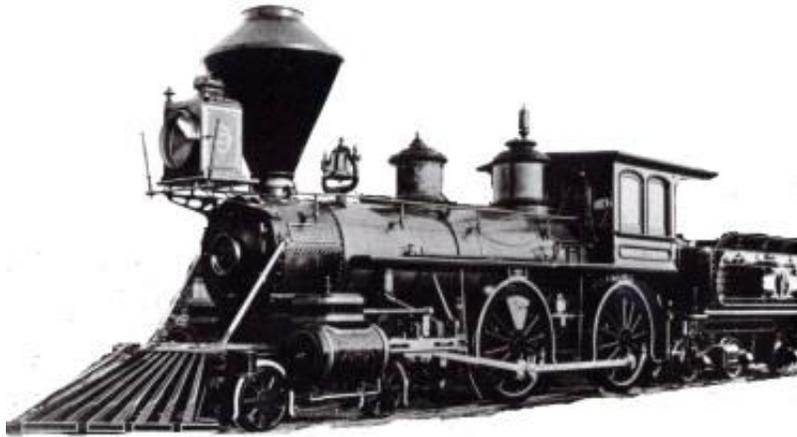
To see a replay of the program go to: <http://youtubemodelbuilders.com> and search for Tuesday Night Hangout.

Several local Division members assisted the YTMB Crew. Operating cameras were Rob Cooper and Barbara and Fred Soward. Right: Barbara Soward is seen behind Russ operating one of the cameras. Below: Miles Hale performing "control room" duties.



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