



The Pie Card



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From the Superintendent's Desk



If you were able to attend one of our general membership meetings in the last few months, you may remember a number of members getting Merit awards, or Achievement Program (AP) certificates.

Joe Fields, our AP chairman, keeps encouraging us to keep working on getting these certificates. Why?

Earning an AP certificate pushes us to learn some new modeling skills, or better our skills, as we work on a particular certificate.

An easy one to start off with is Association Volunteer. I dare say a number of you probably have enough points to qualify for this one as many of you worked from the beginning on our convention planning. Hosting an ops session or open house for a division, regional, or national event counts, too.

Another easy one is Author, and, as expected, the points get higher should your article get published in a national publication such as Model Railroader.

Also under the Author AP is presenting a clinic. Like a written article, the points get greater if you present your clinic at the national level.

So now you have a good start and you have the motivation to try some of the other AP certificates such as scenery, or electrical. What's that you say? -- most of your layout is finished with scenery and the electrical is all in place - - well you just may qualify for two more AP certificates. Now with these two certificates there is some writing to do. But that's okay for you already have your Author certificate, so get started. Unfortunately, that writing stops members from getting some of these certificates. I admit, I'm one of those members. However, now that the convention is well behind us, I'm going to sit down and get the writing finished, maybe right after I get done with this article!

You can find everything about AP certificates by going to the NMRA website, or our Division 8 website and click on links. There you will see NMRA; once you are at the national site, look at the top (in red) and you'll see Achievement Program.

Also, our own Ed Brennan and Charlie Fackler, who are MMR's, will be more than happy to help you achieve your AP certificates.

Okay, get going!

SILVER SPIKE AWARD

Members should have received the information and nomination form in the mail for the 2017 Silver Spike Award. The Silver Spike is awarded to recognize those who are a driving force behind Division 8. The person nominated should stand "head and shoulders" above other by their exemplary service to NMRA at National, Regional, or Division Level. Rules for nominating and list of past recipients are listed in the letter. Nominations must be mailed to Jack Diehl and must be received post marked no later than August 30, 2017 to be considered. Mail Nominations to:

Jack Diehl
Silver Spike Award
8500 Jenny Lind Dr.
Louisville, KY 40219

TIME TABLE

Aug 19, Sat 2 PM, Div.8 Mtg., 600 Room

Sep 16, Sat 2 PM, Div.8 Mtg., 600 Room

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Sep 16, Sat 2 PM, Div.8 Mtg., 600 Room

Oct 21, Sat 2 PM, Div.8 Mtg., 600 Room

Nov 16, Thur, 7:30PM, Div.8 Mtg., Sou. Ind. Club, Jeffersonville.

Nov 18, Sat. 10-3, Div8 Trains Show and Sale, Moose Lodge.

Dec No Meeting-Holiday Party

CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST

By Fred Soward, Contest Chairman

August	MOW Equipment
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

Thanks to everyone for your help and participation during the 2016-2017 contest year. Congratulations to our 2016-2017 contest year winners: First Place, Steve Lasher with 16 points; Second Place, Bob Kuchler with 15 points; Third Place, Bob Frankrone with 10 points. As usual, the contest standings will reset at the August meeting. There were 47 entries submitted by 17 individuals over the entire contest year.

Bring your favorite "MOW" or Maintenance of Way equipment to the August meeting. The judging is 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.

I'll have blank contest entry forms for anyone who needs one at the August meeting. 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.

During our travels promoting The Pan-American convention, we witnessed a lot of different ways contests are held during meetings. In the Nashville Division, there are no contests at the monthly meetings. That group is focused on running their 1:1 railroad. Their general meeting is all about work assignments (engineer, conductor, trainman, maintenance) for upcoming events. A presentation similar to what we do follows the general meeting. The other divisions we visited all have some semblance of an actual contest. Some are very formal while others are strictly show-and-tell. Because of the large number of people who attend their monthly meetings and participate in the contests, some divisions hold multiple contests during the same meeting, with categories of entries ranging from "built from a kit" to kit-bashed to scratchbuilt. I think we're about middle of the road. We have a bit of formality



JUNE MEETING INFORMATION

This month's meeting will be 2 PM Saturday August 19, at 600 Room, first floor of the 600 Building, 600 N. Hurstbourne Pkwy. 40222. Park in the lot on the west side of the building on N. Whittington Pkwy. Use the Whittington Pkwy. entrance. Bob Frankrone is giving the program "Tourist and Scenic Railroads of the Northeast". Bob Dawson is providing refreshments.

Contest (continued)

with the entry forms and, when we have the time, we're a bit of show-and-tell when the winner is asked to talk a minute or so about their entry. If you read the write-ups, you'll learn something each and every time. I read every entry every month so that I can write this column and I always learn something!

If you were at last month's picnic in Salem, you heard me mention that we're not planning on any changes to the contest process this year. I also mentioned maybe it's time to have someone else manage the monthly contest. I am not really tired of the job, and I really do enjoy it, but maybe one of you is anxious to take over the contest. If that's the case, let's talk about it. On a related note, what about the topics we're using each month? Is it time to switch'em up and revise the categories? Maybe drop one and add something else? I'm definitely interested in what you're thinking about our monthly contest. Be sure to share your thoughts with me at a meeting or thru email or Facebook.

MAINTENANCE TIES FUND 2017

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 to date: \$40 John Ottman; \$ 20 John Czerwinski and Mark Hedge; \$11 James Kuzirian.

DIVISION 8 TRAIN SHOW AND SALE
Saturday November 18, 2017
Moose Lodge on Fegenbush Lane.



2017 PICNIC

The 2017 Division 8 picnic was held at the Depot Museum in Salem, IN. Being indoors in the air-conditioning was a plus on a hot and muggy day.

Following a picnic meal of hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and desserts, Superintendent Russ Weis opened the contest award presentations.

Photo by Bob Dawson

Right: CHARLIE KEELING CONTEST WINNERS

Left: Contest Chairman Fred Soward presented Steve Lasher with his first place certificate for 2016-2017 Model Contest.

There were 47 entries submitted by 17 individuals over the entire contest year.

Photo by Bob Dawson



Right:

The 2016-2017 Charlie Keeling Model Contest winners. From left to right: Steve Lasher, first place; Bob Kuchler, second place; and Bob Frankrone, third place.

In addition to certificates, the winners received hobby shop gift cards.

Photo by Barbara Soward



LOVE THOSE LOADS

By Bob Frankrone. Photos by Bob Frankrone



Last month I wrote about the ever-present and versatile gondola car. A single article barely scratches the surface of the wide variety of loads one is likely to find in a gondola. With that thought in mind, I will again this month, and maybe one or two subsequent months, write about some unique gondola loads that you can build.

Left: Prototype photo of a gondola carrying two large steel plates. What cannot be seen is the steel structure inside the gondola supporting the two plates. Notice the fair amount of surface rust that has accumulated on the face of the plates.

Many years ago I read an open loads article that was written by the late Dean Freytag. As many of you may know, Dean was an avid steel mill modeler -- his book on the history, making, and modeling of steel is now in its fourth printing. So it was only natural that the open load he featured in his article was something that would have been seen around a steel mill complex. The load he modeled was a large steel plate being hauled in a gondola, which had been specially equipped with a support structure resting inside the car. It was years later that I decided to model a similar load for my steel mill complex.

I no longer had the original article that Dean had written, but I found a picture on the internet (gotta love the internet) of a gondola carrying a large steel plate load. Now that I had a picture, I could see what the steel plate looked like and how it had accumulated some surface rust. The supporting structure, however, was not visible because it was covered by the steel plate. Being an engineer (not the train driving kind), I figured I could design a reasonable support structure and model it out of styrene structural strips.

Right: Modeled supports.

This was not as difficult a task as I had feared it would be. I used Evergreen H-beam and channel strips to fabricate a simply designed support structure for the steel plate. After painting the structure, I dry-brushed silver paint onto the tops of the five angled H-beams to represent areas where paint had been worn off over time by the steel plate loads. Photo #2 shows the assembled, painted, and slightly weathered structure mounted in the gondola.

The prototype load appears to consist of two steel plates, but I



wanted to model just one, heavier steel plate. I used Evergreen sheet styrene (.040" thick), and cut two pieces 6" long and 1-7/8" wide. I then glued them together to make one plate, which measures a scale 7" thick. After a little sanding to smooth and square everything up, I painted the plate a silver/aluminum color and added touches of surface rust. Once the paint had thoroughly dried, I sprayed the plate with Testor's Dullcoat to eliminate any sheen. Photo #3 shows the completed model. Next month I will take a look at some other unique gondola loads that are interesting to look at and are fun to model.

Left: Finished model complete with surface rust on the face of the steel plate.

I opted not to secure the load with metal banding as shown in the prototype photo, since this car is used exclusively within his steel mill complex.

MEMBER WELFARE

Chairman Rick Wehr reports that a sympathy note was sent to David Cooke and family on the death of David's father in law.

TRACKSIDE WITH BILL LYNCH

Bill and Ruthie Lynch attended Park Railroad Day at Natural Tunnel State Park in Duffield, VA last month.



Left:

Bill and Ruthie took a chairlift down to the Tunnel entrance where Norfolk Southern had an engine on display. This was an Operation Lifesaver SD40-2 with the new Admiral Cab. The Rail Line through the tunnel is an active NS and CSX Main Line for coal trains.

Right:

NS shut the line down from 10:00am to 2:00pm and allowed public to walk through tunnel.



Natural Tunnel State Park is centered on the **Natural Tunnel**, a massive naturally formed cave that is so large it is used as a railroad tunnel. It is located in the Appalachian Mountains near Duffield in Scott County, Virginia. The Natural tunnel is up to 200 feet (61 m) wide and 80 feet high.

The tunnel passes through Purchase Ridge, and began its formation in the Pleistocene period.

A railroad was constructed through the natural tunnel in 1893. The first train, operated by the Virginia & Southwestern Railway Company, passed through the following year. In 1899, the natural tunnel was purchased by the Tennessee & Carolina Iron and Steel Company. The railway originally carried passenger trains; today, the line is still open but now run by Norfolk Southern and CSX and is only used to transport [freight?]

Source: Wikipedia



Left:

A scene on the HO layout at the Depot Museum in Salem, IN.

Pictured is a meet: Monon train 6, the northbound Thoroughbred makes a station stop at Salem, IN as southbound freight 72 passes, bound for Louisville.

Photo by Bob Dawson

Right:

Another scene on the Depot Museum Model Railroad.

Following the engine on a local is a “head-end” caboose or crew car. Sometimes called a rider car, these were required for freights over 70 cars by Indiana’s full crew laws. They were later used on locals to haul head end crew members and less-than-carload freight.

Photo by Bob Dawson



Left:

For a week last month, the K & I Model Railroad Club was set up at the St. Matthews Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library.

Photo by Bob Dawson



HARD TIMES ON THE ARBEGUST STREET BRANCH

Originally built by a predecessor of the Pennsylvania Railroad, the Arbegust Branch is now owned by the Louisville & Indiana Railroad. It once extended from 14th Street in Louisville all the way west to 28th Street.

The branch was later cut back to 21st with one remaining customer, Brown-Forman Distillery; not long ago they received tank cars of Scotch whiskey for bottling here. Apparently they have now quit receiving cars, and the branch is now used to store covered hopper cars.

Photo by Bob Dawson

ON THE ARBEGUST IN BETTER DAYS

A Pennsylvania switch job returning east on Arbegust from switching Sunnybrook Distillery at 28th Street. This SW7, long assigned to PRR's Southwestern Division and a local Louisville fixture, was renumbered from 9367 to 9037 in January 1967. The jobs that worked the Arbegust (liquor and cigarettes) and Kentucky Street Branches were "turns" out of Jeffersonville Yard across the river.

Photo from Rick Tipton collection.



AUGUST PROGRAM

From the Winnepesaukee Railroad in New Hampshire to the West Chester Railroad in Pennsylvania, Bob Frankrone takes you aboard five railroads in four northeastern states. Sit back and enjoy the trains, structures, and scenery as you visit each of these railroads. A word of caution, however, you just may want to go visit these railroads yourself!

Left: A photo Bob took when he was riding the Delaware and Ulster Scenic RR in Roxbury, NY.

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and click on "Company Store".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR SALE: 3 Pan American Convention Shirts (blue)
2 Ladies -- Large
1 Ladies -- XXL
\$20 each
2- 8ft x 8 ft. free standing screens, new except for convention use – original cost \$185 each, sell for \$100 each.
If interested contact Mike Berry Division 8 Treasurer

SOUTHERN INDIANA SELLERSBURG TRAIN SHOW

Saturday 8-26-2017 10 am to 3pm. Free admission .
For dealer tables have to contact Jeff McMahan
502- 415- 2194

MONON HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRAIN SHOW in conjunction with Monon Railroad Historical Society Convention. Railroadiana, Model and Photos. Sunday October 1st 2017, 10 AM to [?]PM.

John Hay Center, 307 E. Market St., Salem, IN 47167
Open To public, Admission \$5. Vendor tables available (6 ft.) \$12/each. Contact John Simunic, Email: simunic22@att.net; phone 812-322-7306

Harry Munzer's G-gauge Swift Creek Railroad open house, Saturday September 2, 5 PM til dark. 6265 Buttontown Rd. Greenville, IN 47124, 812-923-1537