



The Pie Card



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From the Superintendent's Desk



As toddlers we may have had a sand box to play in. As we got older, we might have taken the Tonka Toys to play in the sand lot down the street.

Well today, I'm back playing in sand. No, not with my Tonka Toys, but on the layout.

As many good suggestions are passed down from one modeler to another, the idea for using sand was passed on to me.

I use Structolite, a very hard, slow setting, and inexpensive material over my plaster cloth. I knew I wanted to do a farm scene in one area, so I tried to get the Structolite as smooth as I could. Close, but not quite level, the farm house was tilting where I wanted it to sit.

My friend said, "Got any sand?" I did, and we poured a little where the farm house was going to be placed - pushed the farm house down until it sat level and brushed away the excess sand from around the house. Next, we carefully lifted the house out of the way and proceeded to glue the sand as you would for ballasting. It worked great and now I have a level structure.

Another good use of sand is filling any gaps in your roadbed. If you're like me, when it comes to splicing your roadbed on the converging routes where a turnout is going, I never get it perfect like they show in all the how-to books. There's usually a gap, sometimes more than I'd like, but who cares as your turnout will straddle the gap.

Now we buy that expensive ballast and where does it go; yep, down in that gap. So, to make your dollars go further -- grab that sand and fill that gap before you ballast.

I bought a 50 pound bag of sand for four bucks! A 32 once container of Woodland Scenics ballast is around ten.

I've also used the sand to make an asphalt road, and added a little interest on an industrial siding.

So you say, if you use maybe one pound of sand, what are you going to do with the other 49? Well, bring your zip lock bag over and I'll give you some to try. Or I might throw the rest in the backyard and get out my Tonka toys!

TIME TABLE

July 22, No meeting, Picnic, Depot Salem, IN

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.

DIVISION 8 SUMMER PICNIC 2017-SAVE THE DATE

The Division 8 Picnic will be Saturday July 22 at the Salem Depot Museum in Salem Indiana. This is a change in date from what was listed in the Time Table last month.

The menu will be "picnic fare": Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Bratwurst, Baked Beans, Potato Salad and Cole Slaw. An assortment of desserts will be provided.

Cost will be \$5 per person; see flyer in this issue for reservation details. Right: Model railroad at Salem Depot Museum



CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST

By Fred Soward, Contest Chairman

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

As we've been reporting for several months, the June contest was a double-header (Cabooses and Open Load) because we skipped the May Division 8 meeting and held The Pan American convention instead! We had seven entries in each contest. I found it somewhat amusing that one of the entries in the Caboose contest was a "dead" caboose tied down to a flat car.

For those of you not attending, we used two different colored sets of tickets – blue for the Caboose contest and yellow for the Open Loads contest. Although we held the two contests at the same time, we kept the entries separated by the ticket voting machine (the box we've used forever) and counted the votes separately for each. While it may not seem like a big deal, many thanks to Bill Lynch for counting the Caboose votes as I counted the Open Load votes. That helped us move to the announcement of winners and the always popular gift card drawing. Photos of all the entries for both contests are posted to my Facebook page.

Steve Lasher came in first in the Open Loads contest. His entry was a trio of HO scale flat cars (Proto 2000 and Intermountain) with Kibri M60A1 tanks. Bob Kuchler was a close second with his N scale Trailer Train gondola with a rolled fencing load (bridal veil material). Bob Frankrone was right behind, coming in third with his HO scale 22000-ton depressed center flat car and Precision Design company carload kit.

Steve Lasher also came in first in the Caboose contest with his Rock Island bay window caboose (17163) which started as an HO scale Overland model. Bob Kuchler tied with John Kelley for second place – each just a single vote behind Steve Lasher. Bob's N scale model was a shortened MicroTrains caboose, painted, decaled, and weathered with PanPastels.

Following prototype photographs, John made his HO scale caboose. . . "from a box of junk parts purchased at several train shows," then painting and decaling it.

Photos and descriptions of Steve's prize winning models are on page 3 of this issue.

**NO MEETING IN JULY-PICNIC**

Next month, July 2017, is the Division 8 picnic and we will therefore not have a Division 8 meeting. At the picnic, we will award the first, second, and third place winners for the year. At the August meeting, we reset the scores, the points, and the standings as we begin a new contest year.

Contest (continued)

Gift card winners were John Bowman and John Kelly (one for each of the contests).

Final contest standings for the contest year are an upset! Many of the standings changed with our double-header of the final contests of the year: Steve Lasher moved up to first place with 16 points; Bob Kuchler moved to second place with 15 points; Bob Frankrone finished the year in third place with 10 points; Bob Johnson finished close behind in fourth place with 9 points; we had a three-way finish for fourth place between Barry Christensen, Bill Lynch, and Mark Norman with 8 points; Joe Fields and Don Fowler were next with 7 points; John Bowman and Patrick Hardesty were next with 5 points; Craig Hatter, John Kelly, and Robin White were tied with 3 points; Herman Weir remained at 2 points; and Jack Diehl and Alex Weir finished at 1 point.

Remember that the judging is strictly people's choice, based on what meeting attendees feel they "like" best. I'll always 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.

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.

CHARLIE KEELING CONTEST WINNERS

Captions and photos by Fred Soward



Steve Lasher took first place in both categories in the May/June combined contests. His Rock Island bay window caboose (17163) started as an HO scale Overland model. As we would expect of Steve, he added a lot of details (radio antenna, waste chute, conductor & brakeman figures, scale couplers, and better trucks) and a healthy dose of weathering with washes and chalks. Steve's model, given to him by a friend who is a retired Southern Pacific conductor, is of the caboose he deadheaded in to Des Moines, for his promotion to engineer

Right:

In the open loads contest Steve's entry was a trio of HO scale flat cars (Proto 2000 and Intermountain) with Kibri M60A1 tanks. He used AMP laser cut decks to replace the decks that came with the models, replaced wheels sets, added scale couplers, and weathered with washes and chalks. Steve also consulted photos and US Army loading manuals to ensure he was following DOD standards.



ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Joe Fields presented Mark Norman with his Merit Award from the Pan American Convention Contest for his HO Flat Car entry.

Photo by Bob Dawson

LOVE THOSE LOADS

By Bob Frankrone. Photos by Bob Frankrone



Ever since I was a child, the gondola has been one of my favorite freight cars. I'm not exactly sure why that is...perhaps it's the versatility of the car, or maybe it's my childhood memories of riding nativity figures around the Christmas tree in my Lionel O-27 black gondola. Whatever the reason, I really enjoy the look of a heavily used and weathered gondola carrying a load of just about anything.

In my "Open Loads" clinic I refer to gondolas as the garbage cans of the railroads. You can throw anything into them...and the railroads do...and they will look quite at home in any freight car consist. These cars are versatile, extremely durable, and exist in abundance on most railroads. I have over 50 of them on my home layout (I suppose one can never have too many gondolas).

My favorite gondola load, and perhaps the most common, is the ubiquitous scrap metal load. It seems that railroads are always hauling scrap metal somewhere, usually in the most "beat-up" and

worn out gondolas that haven't seen a fresh coat of paint in years (photo #1). I wonder sometimes if gondola cars were ever factory "fresh".

Scrap metal loads are relatively easy to model. To model the load for gondola 60708 (photo #2), I simply used small pieces of metal objects such as paper clips (cut them up first), small sections of rail, miscellaneous small hardware items, etc. I even cut-up the tiny metal rods with white caution flags that the lawn care companies stick in your lawn after a treatment. I also used metallic shavings from a metal lathing process. Unfortunately, not everyone has access to those, but that particular by-product is tailor made for scrap metal gondola loads.



To achieve a heavily rusted appearance, I soak the assortment of metal items in regular household vinegar. I simply load the metal items into the gondola and then pour the vinegar directly into the car, making sure all of its contents are doused. I let the car sit for a few days and as the vinegar evaporates rust magically appears on the metallic pieces of scrap.



The scrap metal load in gondola 63348 (photo #3) was much easier to model. One day as I was walking to my car across a rather large parking lot, I found a flat piece of rusted metal that must have fallen from a muffler or from a rusted-out side panel. I took it home, and by using two sets of pliers, I broke it up into many smaller pieces...presto, instant load.

Once the loads were complete, they didn't look quite right in gondolas that were sporting out-of-the-box factory paint. But after some heavy weathering and self-inflicted damage to the cars, the rusty scrap metal appeared right at home in the gondolas.

JUNE MEETING REPORT

By Bob Dawson, Clerk

The June meeting was held on Saturday June 17, 2017 at the 600 Building. Attendance was 24. Since there was no meeting in May (due to the Convention), the April minutes were approved as posted on the website. Mike Berry doubled up on the Treasurer's report, combining the May and June reports. Mike also gave the financial report for the Pan American Convention. Fred Soward also "doubled up" for the contest. Contest details and winners are on page 2 of this issue.

Russ Weis thanked everyone for making the convention a great success, and said we have had a lot of positive feed-back from many of our out of town guests.

Plans for our Fall Train Show and Sale are moving along. Russ reminded everyone that Ron Ellison is now the Show chairman. Mark Hedge reported that 20 tables have already been reserved and paid for.

Snacks for the meeting were provided from the "over stock" from the Convention Hospitality Room. Fred Soward gave the program describing how he built the Time-Saver layout he had at the convention.

The official minutes for the June meeting are posted on the Division Website.

MEMBER WELFARE

Our condolences to Tyler Oswald upon the death of his maternal grandfather, Jimmy Ray Jackson. Ken Petit is being treated for cancer.

Member welfare chairman Rick Wehr has sent get well cards and gift cards to Carolyn King, Lisa Helton and "Doc" Shane for time in the hospital for surgery. He also sent a sympathy card to Tyler Oswald and family.

If you know of a member who has been hospitalized, passed away, or has suffered a loss in their family let Rick Wehr know at 502-500-6398.

DARK CLOUD RISING OVER BUCKNER

Right: It would seem the days or even hours are waning for the OLD BUCKNER FIREHOUSE !

Photo and information courtesy of the K&I Model Railroad Club.



TRACKSIDE WITH STEPHEN TAYLOR

WALK ON THE WILD SIDE?

Pedestrians and cars in LaGrange, KY seem to ignore the CSX train sharing the street.

Photo by Stephen Taylor. Stephen took this photo while on the Pan American Convention Saturday tour.



Left:

Chris Broughton's NYC "Dreyfuss"-
styled Hudson in N-Scale.

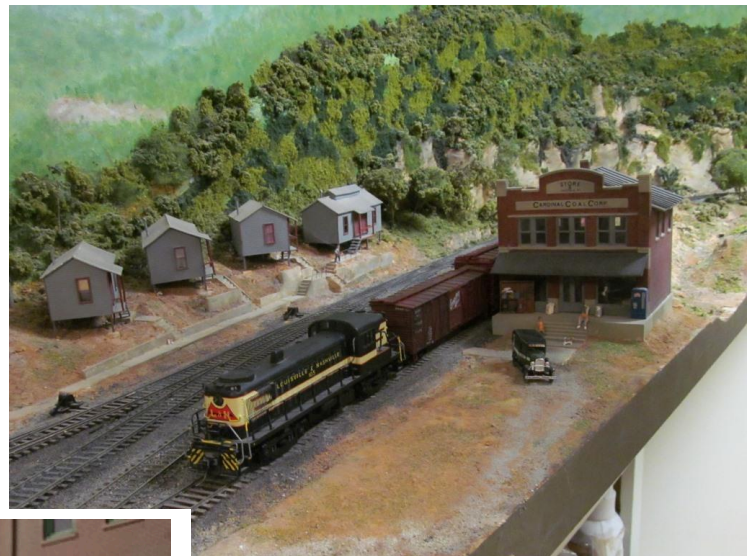
Chris' model took 2nd Place in the
steam locomotive model contest at
the Pan American Convention.

Photo by Chris Broughton

Right:

Switching at the Cardinal Mine Company Store
on John Campbell's HO L&N layout.

Photo by Bob Dawson



Left:

Tom Guenther's HO L&N layout.

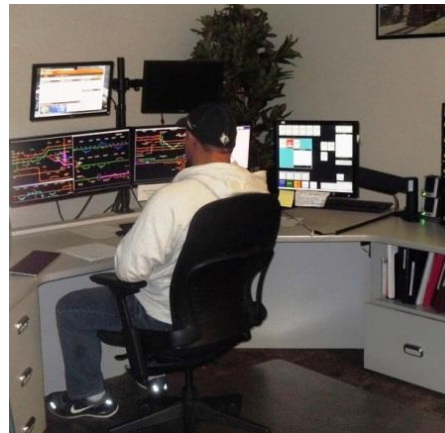
Photo by Fred Soward



LOUISVILLE & INDIANA RAILROAD (LIRC). The LIRC, based in Jeffersonville IN, is one of the railroads owned by the Anacostia Rail Holding Company.



The LIRC main line extends from Jeffersonville to Indianapolis, IN using a former Conrail line purchased in 1994. In Louisville the LIRC operates the Kentucky Street and Arbegust Street branches. In Jeffersonville it has its headquarters building, Jeff and Dutch Rd yards as well as a branch to Watson and Port of Jeffersonville.



Left:
Dispatcher's office,
Jeffersonville.

Photo by Stephen Taylor

Far right:
Ohio Falls
Bridge.

Photo by Bob Dawson

Right:
Engine Service
area,
Jeffersonville.

Photo by Stephen Taylor



Right: Switching Consolidated Grain Elevator at the south end of the Kentucky Street Branch.

Photo by Bob Dawson



DIVISION 8 PICNIC SATURDAY JULY 22, 2017

**DEPOT MUSEUM
206 South College Avenue
Salem, IN 47167-1304
(812) 883-1884**

COME JOIN US AT THE ANNUAL DIVISION 8 PICNIC

WE WILL GATHER BETWEEN 11:30 AM and NOON, EAT AT 12:30

(WE WILL BE INSIDE IN AIR CONDITIONING)

AWARDS FOR THE MODEL CONTEST WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE PICNIC

There will be plenty of time to visit the train layout and check out new additions to the museum collections.

\$ 5.00/PERSON, PAYABLE AT THE PICNIC

MENU WILL INCLUDE: BURGERS, BRATWURST, HOT DOGS, BAKED BEANS, POTATO SALAD, COLE SLAW.

BEVERAGES: ICED TEA (SWEET AND UN-SWEETENED), LEMONADE.

DESSERTS: SELECTION OF PIES INCLUDING STRAWBERRY, AND A NO SUGAR ADDED DESERT.

COME AND ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP, GOOD FOOD; TOUR THE MUSEUM AND THE MONON MODEL TRAIN LAYOUT AND DISPLAYS.

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