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From the Superintendent's Desk



I'm sure all of you have been to many layouts over time and have been either impressed or disappointed with what you saw.

Of course when we first walk into someone's layout room our eyes start taking in the whole layout. Then we start focusing in on certain eye-catching areas. Finally, we see all the well placed details such as old, broken pallets, or beat-up 55 gallon oil drums.

TIME TABLE

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 2, Sat. 5 PM, Christmas Party

So what makes one layout stand out over another? I think one very important part is the backdrops. Backdrops extend our railroad scenes to infinity, or make a city look much larger. There are many ways to make an effective backdrop; paint, photos, or flats; the key is to blend your backdrop effectively with your 3-D scene. Our own Bob Kuchler has showed us his method for painting great backdrops. Another friend could afford a professional to paint his backdrop, but painting backdrops yourself is inexpensive and works great to do landscape scenes. If you're very artistic, you can paint houses, or small buildings that fit right in.



The first photo is of my old layout. You can see it's very simple, but it gives a little depth by diluting your base color with white and applying that first.

The second photo is what a professional can do. If you look closely beyond the trees, it is all painted. (Photo is a shot from a computer screen).



Although I have seen great photo landscape backdrops on layouts, I think most work better with some sort of city scene. The problem with photo backdrops is they usually have a nice blue sky; unfortunately, it's not the same shade of blue you've painted your backdrop walls. It takes time, but if you'll cut out the sky part, you'll probably have a great looking scene.

Flats are another way to hide our backdrop walls and there are many manufacturers making them. Flats can be made out of card stock or heavy paper. They can also be made of styrene or wood.

Whichever material you use, the key is to blend your 3-D buildings with your building flats.

Going back to last month's message about the National Narrow Gauge convention, here is one of the best photo backdrops to 3-D I have seen. See if you can find the transition.

Okay now, go cover up those bare walls.



CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST

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

There were two steam locomotives entered in the monthly meeting contest this month. John Stoltz came in first with his South African Railways 4-8-2 and Bill Lynch's Southern 2-8-2 Mikado came in second.

John's model started out as a DJH brass-and-white-metal locomotive kit. Along with a lot of sanding, filing, and soldering, there was significant hand-forming of piping with various diameters of brass wire. In all, 156 individual parts went into the assembly. For painting, John started with automotive primer and finished with Tamiya acrylic and flat overspray. He has it prepped with front and rear LED lighting for a WOW 101 steam decoder installation in the near future. Although lettered for John's railroad, the final model represents a 1940-era South African Railways Class 9D manufactured in England and other countries for export to South Africa.

Current standings: Bill Lynch leads with 8 points; Bob Frankrone is second with 5 points; Ed Brennan and John Stoltz are tied for third with 4 points; Barry Christensen and Joe Fields are tied for fourth with 3 points; Patrick Hardesty and Ron Ellison are next with 2 points; and Robin White is at 1 point.

Next month (November) is Displays/Dioramas. Bring your favorite display/diorama to share with the group. We'll be at the Southern Indiana club which is downstairs in their building, so keep that in mind when you're deciding what to bring.

**NOVEMBER MEETING INFORMATION**

This month's meeting will be THURSDAY evening, November 16, 2017, 7:30 PM at the Southern Indiana Model Railroad Club in Jeffersonville, IN. They are located in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church, 222 Walnut Street, Jeffersonville IN 47130 (Walnut and Chestnut Streets). Take exit 0 from I-65 to Court Avenue. Continue right on Court Avenue ½ mile 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; take the steps or elevator to the basement.

Contest (continued)

Save 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.

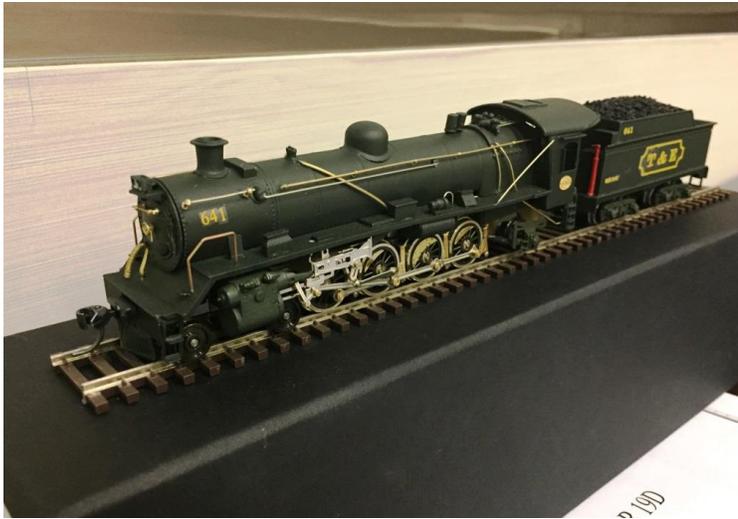
The judging is strictly people's choice. If you would also like your model to be judged for the Achievement program, contact Joe Fields and he will arrange to have AP judges present.

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: \$100 Fred and Barbara Soward; \$40 John Ottman, Steve Taylor and John Czwerninski; \$33 James Kuzirian; \$25 Ed Brennan; \$ 20 Mark Hedge.

OCTOBER MEETING REPORT

Meeting was held Saturday October 17, 2017 at the 600 Room. Meeting began at 2:00PM, Attendance was 20. It was announced that Bruce Goreham had passed away. Bob Dawson announced that Steve Taylor was having an open house in Madison IN, on Saturday October 28. Maps were available. Mark Hedge said that 57 tables have been sold to date for the Train Show. Train Show Chairman said he had a signup sheet in back of the room for help at the show. It was announced that volunteers are needed to take over the contest. Old Business: Contact Bob Frankrone or Joe Fields if you are interested in running for office for Division 8. All 2018 officers' positions and one trustee are open. The minutes for the October meeting are posted on the website. Ruth Lynch won the gift card drawing.



OCTOBER CONTEST WINNER

Photo by Fred Soward

John Stoltz came in first with his South African Railways 4-8-2.

Details on page 2 of this issue.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Chairman Joe Fields presented AP Certificates to three members at the meeting.

Right: Mark Norman received his award for Model Railroad Author. *Photo by Eric Waggoner*

Below left, Rick Maloney received Association Volunteer.

Below Right, Bob Kuchler also received Association Volunteer.

Photos by Bob Dawson



LOVE THOSE LOADS

By Bob Frankrone



what I was looking for to model that load.

I found three empty tape dispenser spools that I carefully glued together to make the largest segment of the load. I also found two Tyco plastic sewer pipe pieces that I used for the two mid-sized segments of the load, and for the two end segments I used 1/2" diameter copper tubing roughly 3/4" in length. I used .010" styrene to cover the visible ends of each cylinder, with the exception of the two end segments that I would later cover with scale lumber. I glued all the cylinder segments together being very careful to align their centers. After all the cylinders had been assembled, I spray painted the entire load with Testors French Blue. I found that color to be very close to the blue paint on the prototype load.

After the paint had thoroughly dried, I used scale lumber (2"x 8") to cover the four cylinders stemming from the center section of the load. I used my "chopper" tool to quickly and accurately cut the many pieces of lumber that were needed. White glue is what I used to attach the lumber to the cylinders, and I then banded them using 1/32" striping tape. I find that the striping tape does an excellent job of representing prototype steel banding.

To mount the load onto the flat car I again used scale lumber to create a simple frame for the load to sit upon.

I used triangular chocks, also made from scale lumber, which I attached to the frame to further secure the load. I created the two steel end stops from structural styrene pieces that I assembled and painted a primer red. I secured the load to the flat car by using 1/16" ribbon to simulate heavy canvas tie-down straps. Photo #2 is the completed model.



Left: Materials used to build the load.

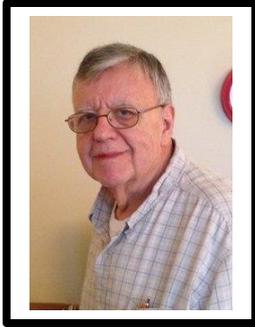
Like many model railroaders, I occasionally browse the internet in search of prototype railroad photographs. There is certainly no shortage of rail fanning sites on the internet, but I generally just type what I'm looking for into the search window of my browser and see what pops up. One such trek into cyberspace led me to discover the open flat car load pictured in photo #1. I had no idea what the load was, but I liked its bright blue color and that much of it was protected by a blanket of wooden boards.

I studied the picture for several minutes, wondering how I could re-create that load in HO scale. It is really nothing more than a series of cylinders, each with decreasing diameters. I rummaged through my supply of miscellaneous items that I keep on hand for potential modeling projects, and as luck would have it, I found just



I still don't know what this load is, but I had a lot of fun building it and I really do like its unique and interesting look.

IN MEMORIAM



Longtime member Bruce Goreham passed away October 9, 2017 in Carmel, IN. Bruce was 75 years old. Bruce modeled in N Scale and was a life member of NMRA and became active in Division 8 upon leaving the Navy. Over the years he served the Division as Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Clerk, Trustee, served on many committees, and in particular was the treasurer for the 2001 and 2007 Regional Convention Committees. Bruce also was a member of the Ksons Model Railroad Club.

Bruce suffered ill health in the last few years, and with his wife Marty moved to Carmel Indiana to be near his son and family. Bruce is survived by his wife Marty, son Keith and Keith's wife Rachel, and three grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother Barry

Goreham. Our condolences are offered to his family.

Our condolences to Bob Frankrone upon the death of his sister, Kathy Lebangood Frankrone. She passed away on October 21, 2017.

2018 DIVISION 8 ELECTIONS

Nominations are open for all officers and one trustee position. Nominations close in December, with election taking place in March 2018. If you are interested in serving in any of these offices, contact a member of the nominating committee, Bob Frankrone or Joe Fields. Eligibility and details were published in the October Pie Card. Bob Frankrone can be contacted at 502-491-9920, email: bfrankrone@yahoo.com; Joe Fields, 502-396-3503, email: joeflds3@aol.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NOVEMBER TRAIN SHOW AND SALE.

We need volunteers to help setup, take down and assist our dealers on arrival. The times respectively are:

- 3:00 PM Friday November 17 - Setup
- 7:15 AM Saturday November 18 - Dealer Assistance
- 3:00 PM Saturday November 18 - Take Down
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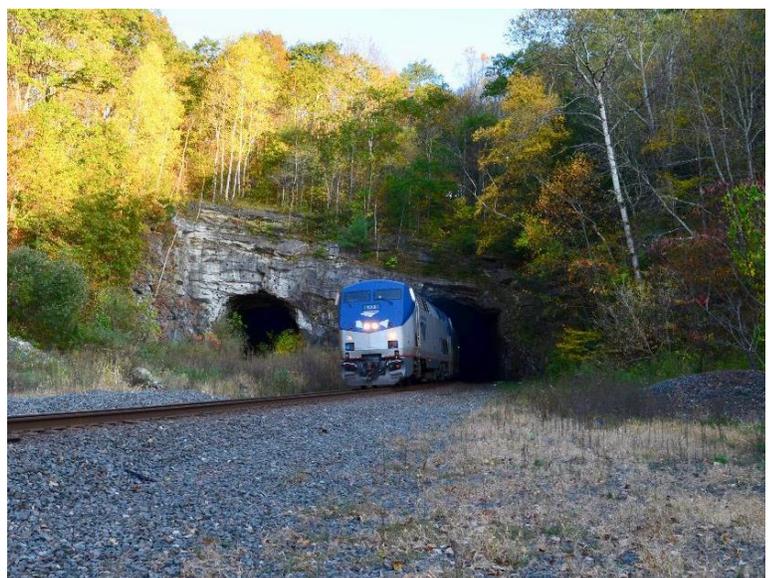
Thanks to those who already signed up at the September Division 8 meeting. If you weren't able to attend and would like to sign up, please email, text or phone me. We will get you on the list, lickety-split!

Ron Ellison, Train Show & Sale Chairman, (502) 807-7683, email: ronald.ellison@outlook.com

TRACKSIDE WITH RUSS WEIS



Then and now at "State Line" tunnels near the New York/ Massachusetts border on the old Boston and Albany Railroad (NYC) route. Above is a photo circa 1963 that Russ scanned from a book in his collection.



Russ took the photo to the right on a recent trip to the Berkshires in Massachusetts. As you can see from his photo, the line is now down to a single track. The remaining bore can handle "double stacks". Russ said he found in his book that NYC used the right portal for high loads.

Ferdinand Railroad, a classic short line

By Rick Tipton



Out west of Louisville in Indiana, and near St. Meinrad's Abbey, is the town of Ferdinand. In 1952 Ferdinand was a village of about 1000 souls, mostly of German heritage. From there to Southern Railway at Huntingburg Indiana, the Ferdinand Railroad had seven miles "of light, worn track". Ferdinand's #3 was made famous in Lucius Beebe's *Mixed Train Daily*, but as mentioned in *Trackside Around Louisville with Jack Fravert (West)*, #3 went to a Louisville scrapyards along the Kentucky & Indiana Terminal early enough for a juvenile Bob Dawson and his buddies to play on its hulk.

Left: #3 awaiting the cutting torch at Nussbaum's Scrap Yard in Louisville, KY. Jack Fravert Photo

At the time the Ferdinand was owned by the same family that had the Corydon Railroad (Louisville, New Albany & Corydon), and as reported in *Trains & Travel* magazine for September 1952, #3 was replaced on the Ferdinand by LNAC's longtime 4-4-0 #9 (Porter 1910). A letter in that 1952 *Trains* issue reports that three times a week, #9 was hauling boxcars from Ferdinand Furniture (the town's

sole industry) to the Southern at Huntingburg – the engineer proudly said he had gotten seven cars over the line that morning.

Of course, we all know that #9 was replaced on the LNAC by a green GE 44-tonner named Betty Sue, followed much later by some larger diesel electric power when new industry came to the Corydon area.

The Corydon operated tourist trains (Seventies to the Nineties?) from its Corydon headquarters up to the Southern/Norfolk Southern line (Louisville to St. Louis). LNAC was sold in 2006 to Lucas Oil, its then-biggest customer. Apropos of nothing, one of the chairs in my living room was built by Ferdinand Furniture – we don't remember how long we've had it.



Left: #3's replacement #9 acquired from the LN&C Railroad.

Right: Ferdinand #9 at Huntingburg, IN Depot with its only passenger car, a combine converted from an interurban car.

Passenger service ended in 1953 when the Southern Rwy. discontinued its connection at Huntingburg. The line was abandoned in 1991



OPERATIONS

Division members operated on various layouts in October.

Rob Cooper, Ron Ellison, Russ Weis and Fred Soward attended a “Mini-swoops” on layouts outside Cincinnati.

Clockwise: Ron Ellison at Harrisburg on Ed Swain’s PRR Middle Division layout, Russ Weis working the Denver passenger terminal on Jim Rollwage’s UP layout, and Rob Cooper on Curt LaRue’s PRR Panhandle Division layout.

Photos by Fred Soward



MORE OPERATIONS: Above left, Barry Christensen on Rob Coopers L & N railroad in Elizabethtown, KY. Above right: Bob Dawson and Andrew Long switch Bridgeville on MCR President Bob Weinheimer’s layout in Charleston, WV.

Photos by Fred Soward.

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DIVISION 8 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday December 2, 2017
J. Harrod's Restaurant & Bar
7507 River Road,
Prospect, KY 40059



We gather at 5 PM, Dine at 6:00 PM
We will enjoy a buffet dinner. Cost is \$25/Person

PLEASE SEND YOUR RESERVATION WITH PAYMENT TO:
Mike Berry by November 25.
14404 Forest Glenn Ct.
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TRAIN SHOW AND SALE



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
MOOSE LODGE 5
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- Model Trains in All Scales
- Operating Layouts and Displays
- Retail Sales
- Hourly Door Prizes!



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\$6.00 Per Person – Children 12 and under free with an adult

Dealer Tables available - \$30 per table
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