



The Pie Card



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From the Superintendent's Desk

One of our fellow divisions has been using the phrase, "Don't Just Belong, Participate."

How true that is with any organization: churches, school PTA's, and yes, model railroad groups, where roughly 20% of the members do 90% of the work.



A few weeks ago you received a nominating form for the Silver Spike Award. On the back it listed all the previous recipients. No surprise to see that these members are a good representation of the 20% I just spoke about.

Soon your nominating committee will be announced, and they will start looking for my replacement. No doubt my replacement is already an officer, or a committee chair. With that, that position will also need to be filled.

There are a number of members who have been doing certain jobs in the Division for many years and want to pass their part to another member.

After our spring train show, Bob Dawson passed on his job to Ron Ellison. Ron has some good ideas on how to grow our train show, and Bob will still be assisting Ron on mailings and such. Mark Hedge will still be taking dealer's requests for tables and working with Cecil Stewart to get as many tables on the floor as possible.

As our train show grows we will need more of you to help. And remember, the bigger our train show becomes, the more dealers we will have -- which means more choices of train goodies to choose from.

Another way to participate is to attend our monthly meetings. I certainly understand if you can only make a few meetings, as many of you are still in the work force. And who wants to go to a business meeting?

It is true we do have to have a "business" part to the meeting, however, that part is normally under an hour. Within that time we hear what other clubs are doing, who is having an open house, and so on. In my four years plus as your superintendent I have never had anyone ask to hear the minutes from the last meeting, so that part goes quickly. After the business portion, there is a program that may include a clinic, demo, or a DVD on the 1-to-1 scale and how we could operate our layouts to mimic the real railroads.

Think of our monthly meetings as an informational meeting, not a business meeting. So come on, **don't just belong -- participate!**

AUGUST MEETING REPORT (August Minutes are posted on the Division Website.)

The meeting was held Saturday August 19, 2017, 2 PM, 600 Building. Attendance was 20. Ed Brennan reported that there were a limited number of car kits still available in the Company Store. Kits are \$15 each. Nat King received his Golden Spike award from AP Chairman Joe Fields.

Ron Ellison and Mark Hedge reported on the Train Show and Sale. Ron reminded everyone that November 18 is coming up fast. Ron requested that members purchase a Division 8 shirt to wear at the show. Mark Hedge said 35 tables are sold to date. Mark said table applications are not being mailed to Division Members, but members wanting a table can download from the website or call Mark (a copy of the table form is also included in this September's Pie Card.)

Bob Frankone presented an entertaining and informative program "Tourist Railroads of the Northeast". Bob Dawson provided refreshments. See pages 2 and 3 for contest results.

TIME TABLE

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

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 three Maintenance of Way (MOW) entries submitted by three people this month. Bob Frankrone came in first with his Louisville & Nashville crane and work caboose. Bill Lynch came in second with his HO scale Norfolk Southern Jordan spreader. Barry Christensen came in third with his Louisville & Nashville bulkhead flatcar with untreated ties.

Bob's entry started as two old Athearn blue box kits. As he built the cars, he painted, decaled, and weathered them, finally adding a few railroad maintenance items to the bed of the work caboose. For reference, he included a prototype photograph with his contest entry. Interestingly, Bill's entry also started as an old Athearn blue box kit that he assembled, painted, decaled, and weathered with paint and powders. Barry's path was a little different. He started with an Atlas bulkhead car, removed the pulpwood load, and added a load of untreated tie bundles from Moon Dog Rail Cars following a prototype photo. Be sure to check my Facebook post of August 19, 2017 for photos of all three entries. (*contest entry photos shown on page 3*)

Because this is the beginning of a new contest year, the standings are reset. Bob Frankrone is in first place with 4 points, Bill Lynch is in second place with 3 points, and Barry Christensen is third with 2 points.

Next month is photographs. Bring your favorite photograph to share with the group. Barbara is managing next month's contest as I will not be able to attend the meeting. She's helped out the past several years so all should be good to go, but please be gentle on her & don't overload her with too many photos at once. I think I heard her say that Bill Lynch, who most of you know managed the monthly contest before me, has offered to assist.



SEPTEMBER MEETING INFORMATION

This month's meeting will be 2 PM Saturday September 16 in the 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, and use the Whittington Pkwy. entrance. Program subject: a surprise. Russ Weis will provide refreshments.

Contest (continued)

There will be 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.

Keep in mind that 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.

Ruth Lynch won the gift card drawing.

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 and Steve Taylor; \$33 James Kuzirian; \$25 Ed Brennan; \$ 20 John Czerwinski and Mark Hedge.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Joe Fields presented Nat King with his Golden Spike award at the August meeting. There is no photo of the event due to an embarrassing technical glitch. The photographer forgot to reinsert the SD card after downloading pictures.

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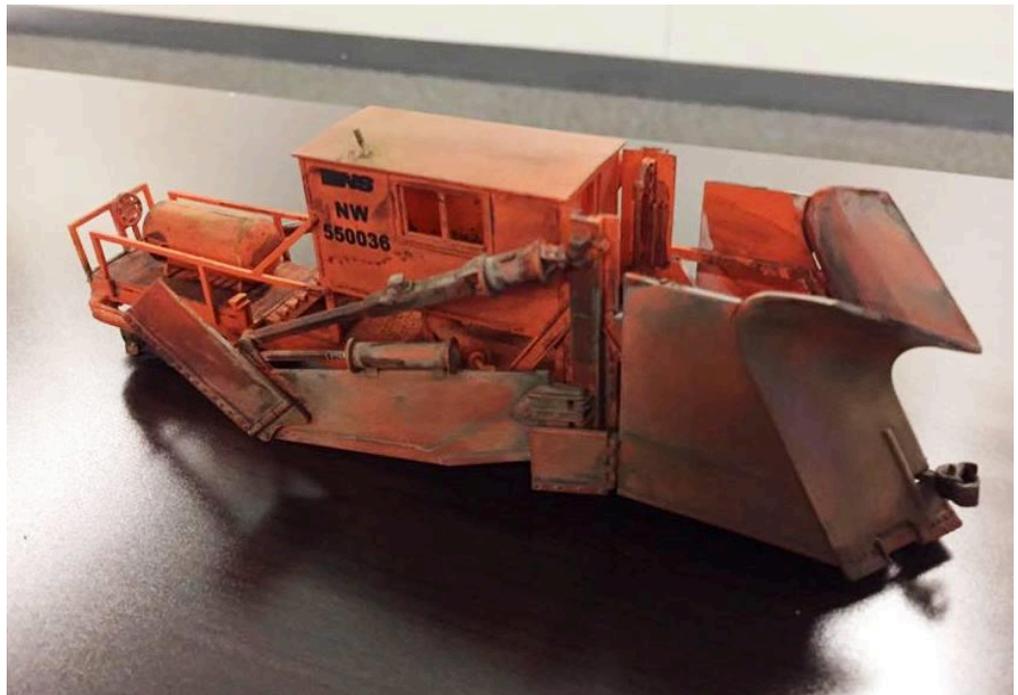


AUGUST CONTEST

Photos by Fred Soward

Above. Bob Frankrone's first place entry. It started as two old Athearn blue box kits.

Right: Bill Lynch's entry also started as an old Athearn blue box.



Left: Barry Christensen's third place winner. He started with an Atlas bulkhead car with a load of untreated ties.

LOVE THOSE LOADS

By Bob Frankrone. Photos by Bob Frankrone



For the past two months I have been writing about open gondola loads. I will continue that theme again this month by featuring two gondola loads that can be easily modeled using household items. The first of the two loads is one that I free-lanced and I do not have a prototype photo to support it. Having said that, I believe similar loads could, and do exist in the real world, it's just that I have not been fortunate enough to photograph one.

My model load is nothing more than two plastic spools from an empty Scotch tape dispenser. I painted the spools a primer gray color, and using scale lumber that I had on hand, I built crate-like structures to secure the spools in the gondola. I can offer no magic formula for creating these crate-like structures, I simply try to envision something that looks plausible and is pleasing to the eye. Photo #1 shows the finished model, and one can use their

imagination as to what these spools represent in the prototype world.

The second load I'll discuss this month is loosely based on a prototype load. It is a load of crushed scrap metal that is produced in scrap yards by huge hydraulic presses. The compressed items come out in neat, compact bales of scrap metal that fit nicely into a gondola. Walther's even makes an HO scale "crusher" as part of their scrap yard series of items. Photo #2 shows a prototype gondola hauling a load of crushed-metal bales. Notice how the bales are very neatly stacked in the gondola.

To make my model load, I used plain aluminum foil that I stole from the kitchen pantry. A two inch strip torn from the roll was sufficient to make one crushed-metal bale.

I wadded the strip into a tight little ball, and then I used a regular pair of pliers to compress the ball and mold it into a cube. It was important to keep rotating the cube as I was forming it with the pliers in an attempt to keep the six sides flat and opposite sides parallel. I tried to make each cube (bale) approximately 3/8", which is the right size to fit three abreast in a gondola. Don't worry if the bales are not perfectly formed or don't match each other precisely, as the finished product *en mass* will look just fine. I needed a total of 48 bales to completely fill a 50' gondola, and once I got the hang of making them, the production process went fairly quick.

After all 48 bales were formed, I began the painting and weathering process. I used a combination of acrylic paints (black, brown, and dark rust) and weathering chalks (various shades of rust) to give the aluminum foil bales the

appropriate appearance. Because I had a large number of rather small items to paint, I put them in a plastic sandwich bag and added the paint (a wash of slightly diluted black acrylic paint) directly into the bag, then mixed everything around. Using a pair of tweezers, I pulled the bales from the sandwich bag and let them dry on a paper towel. It is desirable to have some of the aluminum foil show through the paint to give the bales a metallic look. When the paint had dried, I dry-brushed the bales with brown and dark rust paint, being careful to leave some of the foil slightly exposed.

Once I was satisfied with the base color, I loaded the 48 bales into the gondola in rows of three. I then used several shades of rust colored weathering chalks to highlight each of the bales.



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MEMBER WELFARE

Chairman Rick Wehr reports that Get Well cards and Hobby Shop Gift cards were sent to Bob Johnson and John Fort upon their recent hospitalizations. A Sympathy card went to Lisa Helton, wife of John Helton, upon the death of her father. Our condolences to Liza and her family.

Contact Rick Wehr or a Division Officer if you know of a member (including yourself) who has been hospitalized, or if you know of the death of a member, a member's spouse, or their close family.

TRACKSIDE WITH BOB DAWSON



NEW SIGNALS AT FOURTH STREET

In September of 2016 the signal bridge was still standing guard at the end of double track at Fourth Street in Louisville. Fast-forward to summer of 2017 and the bridge has been replaced with signals on each side of the tracks. Unlike the old arrangement, there is no signal facing east.



PIKE SHOWCASE

Photo by Bob Dawson

Model of a Louisville Railway Company Peter Witt Car #778 on Cliff Burnstein's HO Traction Layout. Cliff purchased this car several years ago, but had it put away.

It is actually a model of a Toronto car that was repainted in Louisville Railway colors. Cliff doesn't know who painted it.

This was the last paint scheme used on these cars before their retirement in 1948



Prototype car #774 northbound on a fan trip at Kenwood Way and Third Street. *Photo from Charlie Arrington collection.*

Cars 770 thru 784 were built new for the Louisville Railway Company in 1924 by the Kuhlman Car Company of Cleveland Ohio.

A letter to Mom and Dad about our summer adventure in Orlando
Hi, Mom & Dad!

Just a quick note before we board our flight home after a great time in Orlando at this year's NMRA National Convention and the National Train Show. Hope you're doing well. We really didn't care that it was either unbearably hot or raining outside the



entire trip because we were inside most of the time. It was good to catch up with friends from across the world who we've seen at previous National Conventions. We swapped stories and shared a few meals with other model railroaders from Mid-Central Region and made a few new friends, too.



There were not as many clinics as we expected, but that gave us time to catch our breath and not get overloaded with learning too many new things all at once this year. Some clinicians gave their clinics twice during the week so that made it easier to avoid the scheduling conflicts we usually see. There were several really good clinics about scratch building and some new ones about using Arduinos and LCC to control the layout. The hospitality suite was pretty sparse! They needed to visit our 2017 MCR Convention and see what a REAL hospitality suite looks like.

We took Mark Norman's Solid Rocket Booster Car to the contest and he won an award! Barbara entered two photos and I entered five photos in the photography contest. Between the two of us we walked away with five awards. More about that when we see you at home.



The Layout Design Special Interest Group (LDSIG) Tour was the highlight of the week, just as it was last year. It is so much more enjoyable for us to travel with a small group and not be rushed from layout to layout like we would on a big bus tour. We visited six home and club layouts. They were all unique and interesting in their own way. I'll tell you more about them and show you pictures of all of them when we see you. There was no way to see them all in a single day – too bad the LDSIG Tour isn't two days long. One thing for sure – if Indianapolis is the land of helixes last year, then Orlando is the land of multiple deck layouts this year!



The National Train Show was pretty much as expected – lots of local, regional, and national vendors and a lot of modular layouts in just about every scale from Z to G. Although the TT scale folks didn't make it to Orlando, there was plenty of everything else to see. I spent quite a bit of time with four national vendors, trying to convince them to "up their game" with one of the railroads I model. We expect we might have some success on two fronts already. More on that as well when we can sit down and share.

We won't see you as planned in September because we've had a change of plans. But that just means we will have even more to share with you, including a bunch more photos than the few we included in this letter, when I see you in October!



With lots-o-love, Fred and Barbara (Soward)!

Looking for Track, Trucks and Trains

By Richard Wehr



On August 11, 2017, I went looking for track, trucks and trains. In the spring I found out the Wiseman Modeling Services was located north of Lexington. They make many different HO scale model trucks and road equipment from the teens and 1920's. In locating them I found out about TransKentucky Transportation Inc. (TTI) railroad. This is a former L&N line from Paris to Maysville KY (about 50 miles) that moves mostly coal up to the Ohio River.

Left: Photo from Wiseman Modeling Services Website.

At the beginning of August at the business meeting of the K&I Model Railroad Club, Al Oswald talked about the washout on the TTI tracks and how the line was going to be shut down; I decided it was time to make the trip.

In a little over an hour I was at Wiseman's near Millersburg. I went up the drive and parked the car. No one seemed to be around so I guessed that I wasn't going to see the model trucks that day. I got in the car and was going to leave when a car pulled up. It turned out to be Keith Wiseman, his wife Pam and some friends back from the post office and lunch (I guess my timing wasn't so bad after all).

I spoke with Pam Wiseman for a few minutes, explaining that part of my trip was to see the TTI which I understood was to be closed. She said that they know a number of people who work for the TTI and they said that the line was to be reopened. One of their friends is checking out all the rail crossing signals from Paris north to the site of the washout. Once that is done they can load up a crew to clear the trees and do earth moving to repair the washout; apparently the only way to get into the work site is by rail. She also said that an older employee recently retired; in the spring the dispatcher for the TTI passed away and his friend of some 30 years decided he could not keep working without the dispatcher there.

I then went into the model shop and saw a case with most of the models built up and painted. This was interesting as it gave me a better idea what the finished models would look like. Keith then showed me how he makes the resin parts and the "white metal" castings. The metal castings are made in a mold that looks like a thick movie film canister. Over the years, he has bought the rights to the products of a number of companies that are no longer in business. His company continues to make model parts in much the same way they were made years ago.

We went back into the shop and he told me some of the history of TTI and what he knows about where it is going. The Family Lines System sold the former L&N line from Paris to Maysville to the TTI in 1979 for about \$1.5M. In the beginning there was a 5 mph speed limit on the line and it took all day to go the length of the line. Gradual improvements were made and the TTI was then able to move 100 car trains at 25 mph. In 1993 CSX, now owner of the lines at both ends of the TTI, bought the line back for about \$19M but kept the TTI name. One of the TTI's power plant customers on the Ohio River has closed and so the barge terminal on the river is for sale but apparently not sold yet. Some of TTI locomotives are also for sale because of a drop in projected traffic. Keith also said



Right: A GE unit on TTI's turntable Photo by Bob Dawson

that his sources say the round house will not be torn down. TTI is currently operating a couple semi-trucks moving scrap material from the automotive wheel plant here to the smelter, and performing some other LCL [LTL?] services. They seem to keep the employees busy with other ventures even if it does not involve running trains.

I followed the TTI to Maysville and then worked my way home and saw my only train of the day -- on the NS going toward Louisville from the east. It was a mixed freight with three engines on the head end.

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- Model Trains in All Scales
- Operating Layouts and Displays
- Retail Sales
- Hourly Door Prizes!



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Dealer Tables available - \$30 per table
For information or to reserve dealer tables contact:
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TRAIN SHOW & SALE
Division 8 Mid-Central Region NMRA
Saturday November 18, 2017 Louisville
Seller Table Reservation Form
No Table Reservation is accepted without payment.

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

Your Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

What are you selling: _____

Are you a new dealer to the show **YES** or **NO**

Are you a NMRA member **YES** or **NO**

Need Electric? **YES** or **NO** Number of 8 ft. tables needed _____ x \$ 30.00 per table = \$ _____

Note: Shelving or display stands must occupy your table. Additional floor space can be purchased for display racks on a square footage basis. Please contact Mark Hedge for pricing!

Make checks or money orders payable to: Div 8, MCR, NMRA **Total enclosed:** \$ _____

Mail this form with payment to: Mark Hedge
Div 8 Train Show
1501 Cameron Dr
Jeffersonville, IN 47130-6609

Note: Show hours are **10AM** to **3PM** . Set up from **8AM** to **10AM** .

We ask that you keep your table(s) or display fully set up during the public hours of the show!!

**Location: Moose Lodge 5
4615 Fegenbush Lane
Louisville, KY 40228**

The Moose Lodge is on Fegenbush Lane off Bardstown Road. Take I-264 Exit 16 South to Bardstown Road. Continue South 2.5 Miles to Fegenbush Lane. Turn right at McDonald's to Fegenbush Lane and continue 0.4 miles. The Lodge is on your left.

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We look forward to having you join us!
Division 8, Mark Hedge