



# The Pie Card



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## From the Superintendent's Desk

By Fred Soward

How do YOU promote the hobby? Perhaps, the better question would be, what does promoting the hobby mean to you? Then there's the follow-up question – why do you promote the hobby?

If you're promoting the hobby, you're probably sharing something about it with others because you enjoy the hobby and know that by sharing your knowledge you might be introducing someone else to it. That could be in person, in print, or electronically. It could be as simple and as basic as wearing a t-shirt that proclaims, "Still Plays With Trains." It might be as involved as being a leader of an international organization that promotes one or more specific aspects of the hobby such as the NMRA's S Scale SIG that is, "dedicated to the promotion of 1:64 scale model railroading." You might hold an open an afternoon/evening open house or a 1-hour layout visit after a Division 8 meeting. Many of us participate in local clubs that promote the hobby with shows at libraries, businesses, and the Division 8 Train Shows and Sales. Helping at Division 8 public events promotes the hobby as well, either as supporting cast in the background or with direct interaction with attendees. Several members of Division 8 are active with social media, primarily Facebook and, to a lesser degree, Twitter.

## TIME TABLE

**Aug 4**, Sat, Picnic, Ray and Renee Grosser's in Eubank, KY.

**Sep 15**, Sat 2 PM, Div.8 Mtg. 600 Room.

**Sep 22**, Sat 10 AM-3PM, STM\* gym, Div 8 Louisville Train Day.

**Oct 20**, Sat 2 PM, Div. 8 Mtg. 600 Room.

**Nov 15**, Thur 7:30 PM, Div 8 Mtg. Southern Ind. Club, Jeffersonville.

**Nov 17**, Sat, 10AM to 3 PM, Div 8 Trains show and sale.

**Dec 1**, Sat, 5 PM, Christmas Party, J. Harrods on River Road.

\*STM=Saint Thomas More Parish, 6015 S. Third, Louisville, 40214

The Louisville Train Day, an event specifically designed to promote the hobby and in memory of Ivan Baugh's efforts to promote the hobby with young people, is coming up soon - September 22. If you were at the July Division 8 meeting, you already know the marketing machine is in full swing and that the local model railroad clubs and several individuals are bringing portable layouts. They'll all be busy running trains. Wouldn't it be great to share the "how to" aspect of the hobby as well? Could YOU become more involved in the Louisville Train Day event? Could you conduct a mini-clinic, informally speaking with a small group of people for 15 minutes about how to begin building a model railroad, or the difference between the major model railroad scales (Z,N,HO,S,O,G), or about the primary differences between DC and DCC, or the basics of creating scenery, or laying sectional vs flex track, or something else that would be of interest to beginners? The target audience is not people already in the hobby – it's young families – so it needs to be basic and not overly complicated.

I know almost ALL of us can talk for 15 minutes about the hobby – how about signing up to do that at the Louisville Train Day event on September 22? Contact Tom Guenther ([tom@aye.net](mailto:tom@aye.net)) and share your thoughts about what YOU can do to promote the hobby that day.

Fred Soward

## JULY MEETING REPORT

The July meeting was held Saturday 21, at the 600 Room at 600 Hurstbourne Parkway. Superintendent Fred Soward called the meeting to order at 2 PM. Attendance was 24.

Visitors attending were Bob Weinheimer, Mid-Central Region President, and Bruce DeMaeyer, Division 10. Bob discussed the NMRA Partner Ship Program. Accessible through the Member's Only page of the NMRA Website, it offers members discounts from supporting vendors. After the business meeting Bruce presented the clinic, an introduction to "T-Track" (see page). New members Joe Martin and Nick Coates were welcomed. (continued on page 2)

**CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST**

Barry Christensen and Bob Kuchler Contest Co-Chairmen

<b>August</b>	<b>NO CONTEST</b>
September	Photos
October	Steam Locomotives
November	Displays/Dioramas
December	NO CONTEST
January	Freight Cars
February	Diesel Locomotives
March	Structures
April	Passenger Cars
May	Cabooses
June	Open Loads
July	MOW Equipment

There were just 3 maintenance of way entries, from HO scale to G scale, in the July 2018 Charlie Keeling Model Contest, starting off our new contest year. For additional photos of the entries, take a look at the Division 8 Facebook page. Rick Maloney came in first with his G scale Kershaw crane; Bill Lynch's HO scale Sperry rail car and Bob Johnson's HO Scale Jordan S spreader tied for second.

Rick Maloney's winning entry, a Kershaw crane still under construction, is scratch-built from styrene, with just the wheels and one vent from his spare parts box. Bob Johnson's Jordan Spreader entry was constructed, detailed and weathered from a Walthers kit. Bill Lynch completed the Sperry rail car from a partially built kit, added lights, and installed a DCC decoder.

The contest standings were reset at the July meeting. Initial standings for this contest year: Rick Maloney in first with 4 points. Bill Lynch and Bob Johnson are tied for second with 3 points.

There will be blank contest entry forms for anyone who needs one at the 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.

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.

Many thanks to Fred and Barbara Soward for their leadership of the Charlie Keeling Model Contest for the past few years and for helping new co-leaders Bob Kuchler and Barry Christensen get started with the new contest year.

**NO MEETING IN AUGUST-SUMMER OUTING.**

Our next meeting will be 2 PM Saturday September 15, at the 600 Room, first floor of the 600 Building, 600 N. Hurstbourne Pkwy. 40222. Use the Whittington Pkwy. entrance.

**(Meeting Report from Page 1)**

Mike Berry reported on the August Outing to the Grosser's in conjunction with Division 10. Mike said 41 reservations have been paid, there are 15 seats remaining on the bus. Date Saturday August 4 with departure from St. Matthews Episcopal Church at 9:30 AM SHARP.

Fred Soward said volunteers are needed to help with the Division-sponsored Louisville Train Day in September. Refreshments were provided by Ruth and Bill Lynch.

**KEEP THE DATE-DIVISION 8 CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Saturday December 1, 2018

J. Harrod's Restaurant

7507 River Rd.

Prospect, KY 40059

Gather at 5 PM, Dinner at 6 PM.

Cost and Menu will be in the September Pie Card.

**SILVER SPIKE NOMINATIONS**

You should have received a Nomination Form in the mail. Read the form, the nomination criteria has changed from last year. Mail nominations to Rick Maloney at the address given on the form. Nominations must be postmarked no later than August 30, 2018.

**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, Rob Cooper and Shanna Berry; \$59 Ron Ellison; \$70, Ed Brennan, \$50 Steve Taylor (in memory of John Bowman); \$40, John Ottman, John Czerwinski; \$22 Jim Kuzirian.



### JULY CHARLIE KEELING MODEL FIRST PLACE CONTEST WINNER

Photo by Fred Soward

Rick Maloney's winning entry, a G-Scale Kershaw crane is still under construction. See a more detailed description on page 2 of this issue.

Photos of all of the contest entries are on the Division 8 Facebook Page.



### ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM AWARDS

Photos by Bob Dawson

Left: Joe Fields presents Mark Norman with his certificate for Master Builder Cars.

Right:

Joe presented Cecil Stewart with Five Master Builder Structure Merit Awards earned for his contest entries at the 2018 MCR Convention.

Joe also invited everyone to check out the revised Achievement Program section of the Division 8 website.



## PIKE SHOW CASE



Russ Weis sent these before and after pictures of the Buffalo yard office on his HO Scale layout. It started off as DPM's Cutting's Scissor building. Russ didn't need the loading dock on the one side, so he kit bashed another wall section. Steve Lasher took it from there. The short awning around the building is a NYC practice which Steve scratch built. Here is the new yard office (right) that Steve finished and highly detailed for Russ.

**TRACKSIDE WITH CHARLIE KEELING**

Charlie took this photo, along with many others, on a Division 8 "field trip" to the Kentucky & Indiana Terminal Railroad yards in 1970. Charlie took the photo from the yard tower looking east.

The photo is a study in "Fallen Flags". Of all of the cars pictured, the yellow Union Pacific box car represents the only railroad still in existence 48 years later. Some of the box cars still sport roof walks. Several of the Southern Railway extra-long hogs head tobacco cars are present. That's a Fairbanks-Morse switcher on that cut of cars. How about the weathering job on that ACY (Akron Canton & Youngstown) box car?

JULY MEETING CLINIC

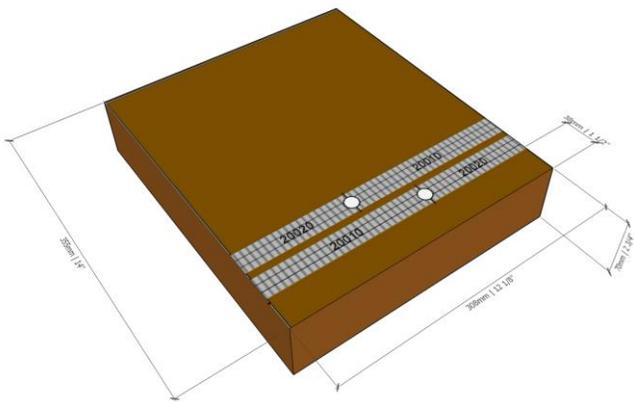


**INTRODUCING T-TRACK**

Brue DeMaeyer, Division 10 (Lexington) presented a clinic on T-Track in N-Scale at the July meeting. From the T-Trak Website:

*T-TRAK is a modular model railroad system based on a few standards for module size, track placement, track interface, and electrical connections. The minimal standards allow for a wide range of flexibility in design yet still maintain interoperability with all modules built per the standards. The popularity of T-TRAK is worldwide allowing for modules from all over the world to connect together.*

Below right is a standard module from T-Track.org. The photo below right shows two completed modules connected side to side on a standard 6 ft. cafeteria style table.



Right: A module under construction by Bob Weinheimer, MCR President. The key requirement is the use of KATO Unitrack components to connect the modules.

Some modelers use KATO Unitrack for the entire module, Bob used the KATO components at the ends using N-Scale flex track between them. For T-Track requirement go to: <http://www.t-trak.org/>

Division 10 is sponsoring a T-Trak SIG (Special Interest Group). Locally Div. 8 member Joe Martin with fellow modelers has been showing and operating T-track modules at shows for several years. Joe is investigating forming a SIG affiliated with Division 8.

Photos by Bob Dawson





## GUESS WHO IS 25?

By Richard Wehr

The K&I Model Railroad Club is in its 25<sup>th</sup> year. Having reached this point in our history the club officers decided that it is time to formally record where we have been and how we got here. I have accepted the job of club historian, a new position in the club.

Over the years a relationship developed and continues to grow between Div. 8, MCR, NMRA and the K & I Model Railroad Club which is a NMRA 100% Club. I am writing to invite Div. 8 members who are former K&I members to let me know ([rickwehr7@aol.com](mailto:rickwehr7@aol.com)) so I can collect your stories. Also even if you were never a member but have stories or written material that includes the K&I that you are willing to share, please send them to me also.

I look forward to learning more about both the K&I and Div 8 as I begin the process of gathering the club's history. Having this position will allow me to expand my interest in history to include more people and organizations as well as the physical area in which we all live. Thank you for any information you are willing to share.

## 2017-18 CONTEST AWARDS

Outgoing Chairman Fred Soward said there was a three way tie. The tie breaker was how many entries each had during the contest year. The winners were:

- First Place – Bill Lynch-9 entries
- Second Place –Joe Fields – 8 entries
- Third Place – John Stoltz – 5 entries.

Scale reproduction gift cards were presented at the meeting for each first and second place winners. Bill Lynch, First Place \$100; Joe Fields, second place, \$75. John Stoltz wasn't present at the meeting; he will be given his \$50 gift card for third place at a later date.

## MEMBER WELFARE

Member Welfare Chairman Rick Wehr

Hospitalized since the last meeting were Greg Gephart, and Ruth Lindquist (wife of Tom Lindquist).

## SWAP MEET

The annual Southern Indiana Swap Meet is Saturday, August 25. 10:00 - 3:00. Admission is free, table rentals are \$10 per table. For a table contact Jeff McMahan at: [trainnutt56@yahoo.com](mailto:trainnutt56@yahoo.com). The show is located at the Moose Lodge 1040 South Indiana Ave (US 31), Sellersburg, IN. Food is available for purchase at the Moose Lodge. From Louisville take I-65 N to Exit 7, right on State Rd 60, then left (North) on US 31. The Moose Lodge will be on your left.

## LOUISVILLE TRAIN DAY

Mark your calendar for September 22. That is the day Division 8 is hosting Louisville Train Day, an expo of layouts open free to the public. Show time will be 10 AM to 3 PM, Saint Thomas More Parish Life Center, 6105 South Third Street 40214. Look for more information in the Pie Card leading up to the event.

## K & I AT BON AIR LIBRARY



In June the K & I Model Railroad Club set up their travelling layout at Louisville Free Public Library's Bon Air Branch

Photos by Bob Dawson

## HOW TO START A MODEL RAILROAD-PART 1

By Eric Waggoner



How many of you have been to a model railroader's house and marveled at their basement or extra room and the work they have done? How many of you have seen the wonderful work performed by artists on modular layouts at a show someplace and wondered if you could do that? Well, how do you even start a model railroad? For me, it was a matter of when the dream would be rekindled. I had Lionel O-27 trains as a kid and had a nice layout in a spare basement room when we lived in Muncie, Indiana. Then I dabbled in HO scale stuff because at that time, there was not a lot of O-scale activity in my local area plus the availability of Athearn HO scale kits and models was tremendous. I moved to Kentucky as a senior in high school and went to college in Louisville and all of this model railroading suddenly seemed less important. It was only after I moved into a house with a basement and my parents decided to purge their basement of old childhood belongings that the fire

was rekindled. The Lionel trains were found and I set about to bring them to as near perfect working condition as I could and set them up around the Christmas tree during the holidays. This brought me a lot of satisfaction and turned out to be pretty fun in itself. The next step was a former employee of one of the CSX subsidiary companies getting me a HO scale Life-Like promotional CSX train set. If the fire was not burning, gasoline just got thrown on it.

So, after twenty years, I was building kits again plus experimenting with Woodland Scenics products. I built a diorama about 10-inches by 36-inches using all Atlas and Woodland Scenics products and impressed myself with my abilities. I rejoined the NMRA and subscribed to Model Railroader magazine. Then I started to work on some model railroads in the Louisville area. The next step is to do what comes naturally, plan a model railroad of my own.

The first thing I had to decide is what to model and in what scale. Well, I always wanted to do a high rail layout using all the O-27 size Lionel stuff that I had quite an investment in. Quite honestly, some of the new track that is available from Atlas, MTH and even Gargraves looks pretty impressive compared to the old and corroded tube track that I had around the Christmas tree. And the locomotives that Lionel, Williams and MTH-Rail King manufacture today are tremendous. The only drawback with O-scale railroading is that it takes a lot more space to have a layout, plus a few more dollars. After all, to get all new O-scale locomotives is an expensive undertaking. While some prices have come down considerably, many of the nicer O-scale locomotives were approaching \$850 to \$1,000. HO was the answer and the gift of the CSX train set was a starting point. Alright, the first major decision was made; HO scale.

The next question is what to model? Well, I have a few starting points. I guess the more specific question to this is when, what and where. Let's start with when.

For one, my CSX gift set is really too new; I prefer a slightly older time period when there was more variety in what you saw on the rails. The time period that immediately comes to mind is the early 1980's. My grandfather worked for the L&N during the depression era and since I have lived in the Louisville area since 1976, the L&N certainly is a big factor. The diversity of the L&N heritage is interesting and can include the NC&St.L, the Clinchfield, the Monon and CE&I. The L&N in itself was owned by Atlantic Coast Line and it was not unheard of to see ACL power once in a great while. In the late 1970's the consolidation of the Seaboard System (ACL and SAL) with the L&N formed the Family Lines System so the shade of gray changed and a new logo appeared on the L&N locomotives. This didn't last too long as the Chessie system finally completed the merger with the Seaboard a few years later and CSX was formed. Other modern railroads in the area during this time period include Conrail, Illinois Central, Southern and Norfolk Western (alright, Norfolk Southern). So, as you can see, there is diversity in the Ohio Valley during this time period so I chose it to model. I have no rolling stock newer than 1982 and no CSX locomotives. Since I have a love of passenger trains, I had a problem. There was only brief Amtrak service in Louisville since the early 1970's and again in the early 2000's. No problem, I guess I will have a Railway Museum somewhere in the layout. Hey, you have to have some latitude to have some fun.

**Next Month Eric looks at including a railroad museum in his plans.**

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