



# The Pie Card



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## From the Superintendent's Desk

By Fred Soward

T-Trak is coming! If all goes as planned, Bruce DeMaeyer from Division 10 will be at our July meeting to talk about T-Trak. If you've been to any of our Division 8 train shows, you've already seen T-Trak. But, do you know what T-Trak is really all

about?

It is modular, built to standards so that it can be interoperable with other T-Trak modules, flexible to meet an individual model railroader's needs, interests, abilities, and resources, lightweight, and it is (mostly) scale-independent. That's right – there are T-Trak standards from Z scale to O scale. One of the big advantages T-Trak proponents advertise is that it is usually and preferably built in small modules which make them very easy to transport. The original spec called for a 12.2" square. Why? Because that's 310mm of N scale Kato sectional track; the originators of T-Trak decided to require Kato track at the end of each module for ease of connections. There are standard sectional tracks for the other scales as well. Modelers can create double (620 mm) or even triple (930 mm) modules, but that takes away one of the primary reasons for going with T-Trak – lightweight and flexible.

For those of us with established layouts and stuck in a scale (aka in a rut), do you think you might want to venture outside of your comfort zone and try something new? This could be your chance to do just that without a lot of time or money invested! Bob Weinheimer, our current Mid-Central Region President, is working on an N scale T-Trak module! Why? Why not! It'll be something different than working on his well-established HO scale Pennsylvania Southern layout and will give him the opportunity to interact with people more closely.

I know of at least one person in Louisville who is talking about a Z scale T-Trak layout to satisfy the requirements for multiple AP certificates (scenery, civil, and electrical). Why Z scale? Those smaller, lightweight, standardized modules will be easy to store away and it'll be quick & easy to setup by following the T-Trak standard. It may also attract additional people to Z scale and the hobby because of its uniqueness.

Is T-Trak for you? Maybe -- it's definitely a way for people with limited resources (time, money, space) to enjoy our hobby. And maybe it's a way for people with those resources to connect with others and to enjoy another aspect of the hobby.

## JUNE MEETING REPORT

The June meeting was held Saturday June 16, at the 600 Room at 600 Hurstbourne Parkway. Superintendent Fred Soward called the meeting to order at 2 PM. Attendance was 24. Russ Weis reported on the changes to the Silver Spike Award (these are summarized in another part of this issue).

Fred reported that nominations are open for Mid-Central Region 2019 Elections. See page 2 for details.

Mike Berry reported that the bus for the August Outing to the Grossers was already half full. He suggested that you make your reservation before it sells out.

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## TIME TABLE

**Jul 21**, Sat 2 PM, Div 8 Mtg., 600 Room

**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 Train 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

**CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST***Fred Soward, Contest Chairman*

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

There were just 5 open-load entries, from N scale to G scale, in the June 2018 monthly meeting contest, but they were all great looking! Bob Kuchler came in first with his N scale US Steel flat car with coil load. Bob Frankrone's HO scale "extreme load" was second. Rick Maloney's G scale flat car with truck & crate was third.

A photo and description of Bob Kuchler's winning entry in on page 3 of this issue. For additional photos of the entries, take a look at the Division 8 Facebook page (June 16). Bob Frankrone's entry was built from a Walthers kit. The load is a Precision Design Company kit. He also painted and weathered the model. From what I overheard at the meeting, you should be able to read even more details about the model in an upcoming issue of the NMRA magazine.

Current standings: Bill Lynch, Joe Fields, and John Stoltz are in the lead with a three-way tie at 18 points; Bob Kuchler is next with 17 points followed by Bob Frankrone with 14 points; Rick Maloney kept his position with 9 points; Barry Christensen and Cecil Stewart are next with 6 points; Bob Johnson stands alone with 5 points as does Ed Brennan with 4 points and Philip Johnson with 3 points; Patrick Hardesty, Robert Johnson, and Ron Ellison are next with 2 points; Robin White and Stan White are at 1 point.

The current contest year ended with the June contest. Unlike previous years, we'll award the year's winners and also begin anew at the July meeting so that we can have our annual picnic in August. Barry Christensen and Bob Kuchler take over as co-contest chairs beginning with the July contest -- MOW Equipment.

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.

Rick Maloney won the gift card drawing.

**JULY MEETING INFORMATION**

This month's meeting will be 2 PM Saturday July 21, in the 600 Room, first floor of the 600 Building, 600 N. Hurstbourne Pkwy. 40222. Use the Whittington Pkwy. entrance. Bruce DeMaeyer will be presenting the program introducing T-Track. Ruth and Bill Lynch are providing refreshments. .

**(Meeting Report from Page 1)**

Fred Soward said that Tom Guenther has reported that four layouts have agreed to set up at our Louisville Train Day in September. Tom is waiting from confirmations for others invited.

Stan White presented the program (see page 5). Shirley and Jack Diehl provided refreshments

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

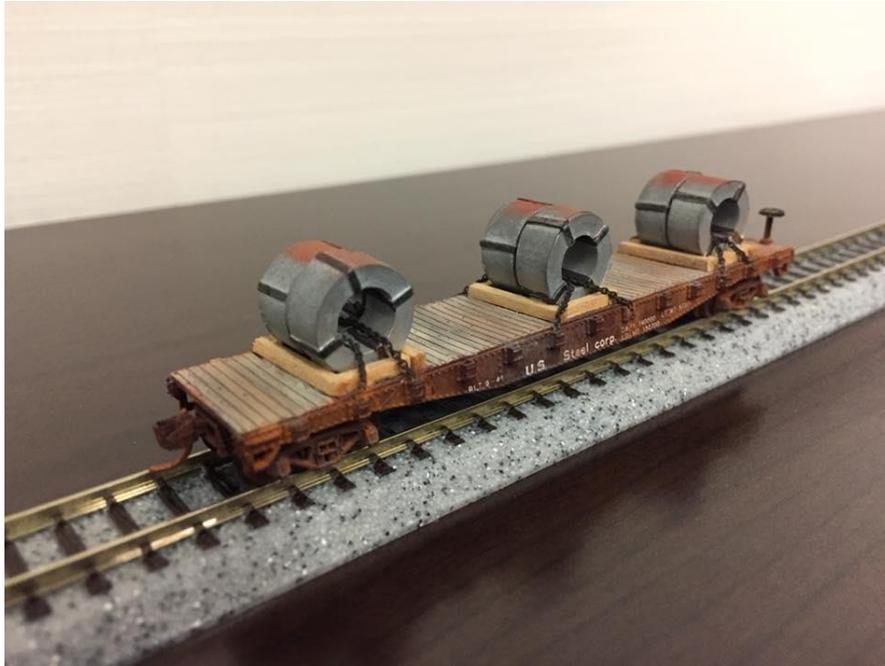
**MID-CENTRAL REGION 2019 ELECTIONS**

The current Vice President is term-limited and thus is ineligible to be a candidate for that position in the 2019 election. The current President, Secretary, and Treasurer are eligible to be candidates for their current positions in the 2019 election. Any MCR member in good standing who wishes to be considered for candidacy for one of these positions should send a notice of their interest to [nominations@midcentral-region-nmra.org](mailto:nominations@midcentral-region-nmra.org) Members of the MCR 2019 election Nominating Committee are Bob Shreve, Bob Belt, and Jim DiPaola.

**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.



**CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST -- JUNE FIRST PLACE CONTEST WINNER**

*Photo and description by Fred Soward*

Bob Kuchler's winning entry started life as a Con-Cor model, outfitted with MicroTrains trucks and couplers. He used a cast coil load with custom blocking and chains. The deck of the flat car was painted to look like weathered wood. He weathered the model with paints, chalks, and pastels.



**ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM AWARDS**

*Photos by Bob Dawson*

Achievement program chairman Joe Fields presented achievement awards at the June meeting.

Left: Joe presents Kevin Jones with a Merit Certificate for Master Builder-Cars. Kevin earned this award by a vote of the judges for his entry in the 2018 MCR Convention contest.



Above left: Mark Norman being presented with two Merit Certificates for Master Builder-cars. Above right: Rick Maloney is being presented with a Merit Certificate for Master Builder-Structures.

**A TRIBUTE TO IVAN BAUGH***By Bob Dawson*

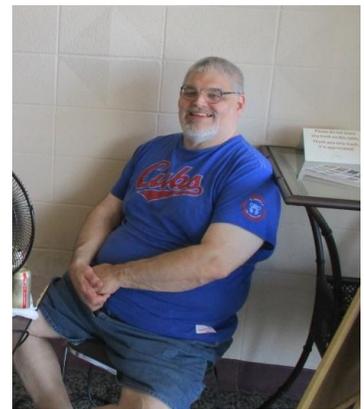
The Division 8 Big Brothers/Big Sisters event on Sunday June 3 was a great success. Fred Soward (our man on the ground at the event) said all of them ran trains on both the Pikeville switching layout and the Roundhouse Electric Trains HO layout. Each of them also completed an Athearn “blue box” kit as a souvenir to take home. Pizza was provided and Fred said it was consumed completely with zero left overs.

Left: Superintendent Fred Soward on WDRB-TV.

Planning for this event was spearheaded by Russ Weis and Fred. The funds came from the sale by the Division of the late Ivan Baugh’s train collection. Ivan passed away September 1, 2017, and his son David offered Ivan’s collection to the Division. Mark Norman helped the family sort through the material, and then took the lead with the sales effort. Ivan had been very active in the Big Brother/Big Sisters organization so it was only natural to use the proceeds to help them in his memory. The event was covered by both WDRB-TV and WLKY-TV. Our thanks to them for showcasing the event and the hobby.

Roundhouse Electric Trains provided the Arcade at Brownsboro Center, and coordinated with several local modular clubs to set up and be open on Friday and Saturday to the public. The permanent layouts at the Roundhouse were also open. Our thanks to the Central Kentucky T-Track, Louisville Connecting Lines, Pikeville Switching layout, and the K & I club (who brought their new diorama), for setting up at the show.

Right: Joe Martin, Central Kentucky T-Track.



Thanks to the following Division 8 members, who helped at various times Thursday thru Sunday: Barbara Soward, Bill Lynch, Bob Dawson, Bob Kuchler, Cecil Stewart, Eric Waggoner, Fred Soward, Kent Westphal, Mark Norman, Mike Berry, Ron Ellison, Ruth Lynch, Stan White.

**REVISION TO SILVER SPIKE PROCEDURES.**

Earlier this year Russ Weis formed a committee to review and recommend changes to the Silver Spike Award to make it more meaningful. The committee made up of Bob Frankrone (Chairman), Mike Berry and Bob Dawson, submitted their recommendations to the Division Board of Directors, who approved them at their May meeting. Russ presented the changes at the June membership meeting. The primary changes are to eligibility and balloting. In addition the award will be limited to one person each year.

ELIGIBILITY, minimum service criteria for eligibility is established.

The person nominated must have:

- Served as a Division 8 officer or trustee for at least one full term, or
- Served on Division 8 committee(s) such as train show, membership, picnic, etc., for at least four years, or
- Volunteers on a regular basis to work at Division 8 functions such as train shows, swap meets, conventions, etc. for at least four years.

**BALLOTING**

- Members can only vote for one candidate. Ballots received with votes for more than one candidate will be discarded and not counted as a ballot cast.
- The Silver Spike Committee is to count and verify all the ballots.
- The candidate receiving the most votes will receive the award. In the event of a tie, the Officers of the Division will cast the deciding vote.

**JUNE MEETING CLINIC**

At the June meeting Stan White presented an entertaining and informative clinic, "Backdrops Made Simple".

Stan demonstrated how to paint realistic backdrops quickly using a limited selection of paints and brushes.

Materials:

A plastic pallet to hold and mix the paints.

Paints: Flat light blue interior wall paint (for the background); High Viscosity Acrylic Paints in White, Mars Black, Yellow, and Burnt Umber.

Brushes: #12 Stiff Round, 1" Flat, 3" Regular Flat, and a Fan Brush.

Using white paint, Stan established a horizon line, then added clouds in the sky. Mixing the colors on his pallet he added the hills, then daubed on the trees.

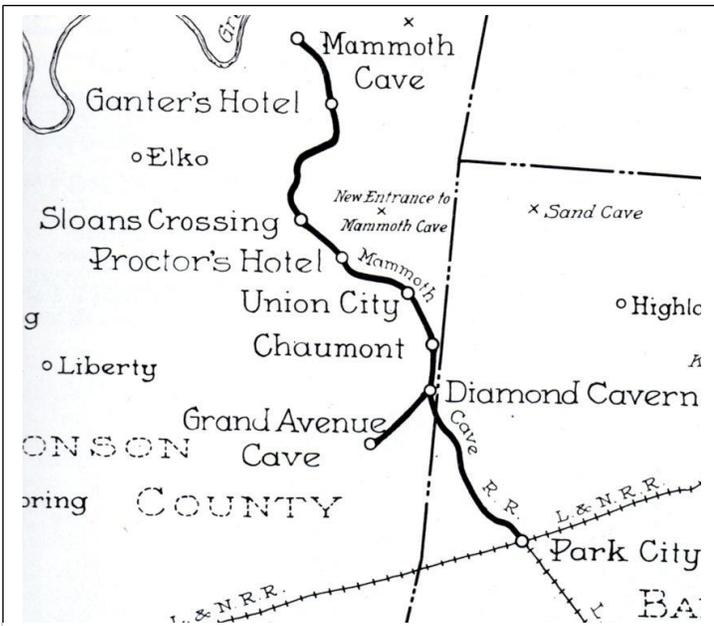


**PIKE SHOWCASE**

Right: Lots of activity in a small trackside business in Bison Springs, on Ed Brennan's L&N Blackberry Branch. Though the branch is fictional, it manages to provide the "feel" of the L&N. The structure is cardstock, but you'd never know it thanks to the many details in and around it.

Photo by Ed Brennan, MMR





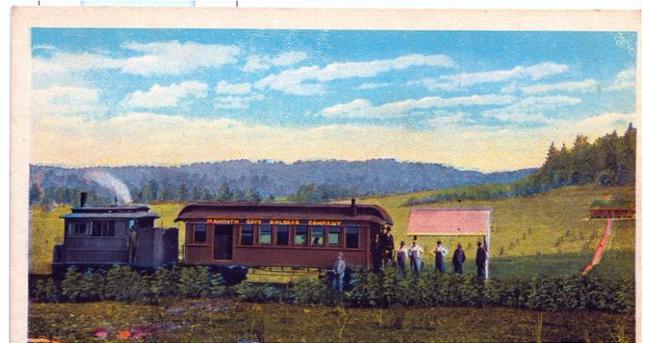
**MAMMOTH CAVE RAILROAD**

The Mammoth Cave Railroad was incorporated in 1874, but was not constructed by the L & N until 1886 and then leased by the Mammoth Cave Railroad.

The L & N originally provided the equipment and stop-over privileges at Glasgow Jct., now Park City. Eventually the little railroad acquired four 0-4-0T Steam Dummies. The MCR owned two combines, two short combines, and two coaches. Later they purchased a small rail bus.

Below left: The most famous MCR locomotive No. 3 "Hercules", perhaps because of its name.

Below right: Train at Diamond Caverns Depot.



Kentucky Historical Society

Mammoth Cave National Park had been in the making for several years. Since no railroad is allowed to operate in a National Park, the Mammoth Cave National Park Associations purchased the MCR in 1931. The final run (made by a small rail bus) was made on August 1, 1931.

Today, MCR No.4 is on display at the Park. For many years it was mislabeled as the Hercules.

See *Ghost Railroads of Kentucky* by Elmer G. Sulzer for a more detailed history of the MCR.



**TRACKSIDE WITH CRAIG HATTER**

In May Craig was on vacation to Teton, Yellowstone, and Glacier National parks. Leaving Glacier National Park, he came down the west side of the Rockies and stayed at the Isaak Walton Inn on Maria's Pass. Craig reported there were 20-30 trains per 24 hours plus the 2 each day passenger trains. He also stopped at Promontory Point Utah to see the National Park Service's replica locomotives.



Left: GN 441

Craig stayed at the Inn, but located on the grounds was "Luxury Locomotive GN 441. A deluxe suite converted from a former ATSF F45. For the complete history of this locomotive and its conversion go to: [www.gn441.com](http://www.gn441.com).

**AUGUST 4 DIVISION OUTING/PICNIC**

This year's picnic is an outing to visit to Ray and Renee Grosser in Eubank, Kentucky. In addition to visiting their spectacular O-Scale Layout, we will also have an opportunity to ride on Ray's outdoor 7 1/2 gauge railroad. Several other enthusiasts will be there with trains also.

The Division has chartered a bus for this trip. We will meet with members of Division 10 at the Kentucky Depot Restaurant in Stanford, KY for lunch and then proceed to the Grosser's.

**Details:**

**Date:** Saturday August 4, 2018

**Cost per person:** \$12.50 each.

**Meeting time and location:** 9:30 AM, St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 330 N. Hubbards Lane, Louisville KY, 40207.

**Lunch:** Order from the Menu, pay on your own.

**Reservations:** Send check (\$12.50/person) made out to Division 8 MCR NMRA with your reservation to:

Mike Berry  
14404 Forest Glenn Ct.  
Louisville KY, 40245

Make your reservations early, seating is limited.

**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 Stage Rd 60, then left (North) on US 31. The Moose Lodge will be on your left.

**LOUISVILLE TRAIN DAYS**

Mark your calendar for September 22. That is the day Division 8 is hosting Louisville Train Day, an expo of layouts open for 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.

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