



The Pie Card



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From the Superintendent's Desk

By Fred Soward



Many heartfelt thanks to Russ Weis as our outgoing Superintendent. During his tenure, the Division maintained a healthy financial position, completed nine successful Division 8 Train Shows & Sales, summer picnics, end-of-year gatherings, monthly meetings, the 2017 Mid-Central Region Pan-American Convention, and much more. He's pretty much kept his sanity through it all while keeping us moving forward with a spirit of cooperation toward the goal of promoting our hobby. While Russ would be the first to say it wasn't all him, that it was instead "youse guys and gals," his leadership and calming demeanor made it a good ride over the last 4 plus years. Please join me in thanking Russ for all he's helped the Division accomplish during his time as Superintendent.

I've asked Russ to stay on the BoD, filling my vacated Trustee position for at least a year. In a moment of weakness, and without being put under any form of duress, he actually agreed to do it!

Don't expect to see a lot of change to all the great things we already do as a Division. However, I have asked the BoD to tackle a few new things that will promote the hobby to the public, seek new members, and retain current members. I've asked Eric Waggoner to work with Cecil Stewart to develop and implement a mentor/onboarding program for new members by the end of this year -- next year their focus will be on retention initiatives. Ron Ellison, Tom Guenther, and I will be working on a communication plan for internal communication and external awareness and outreach. I've also asked Russ Weis to contact layout owners to schedule a layout visit after each of our monthly meetings. I've seen plenty of "Plywood Central" layouts and learned something from every single one so don't worry if everything isn't completed and in perfect working order. New for this year is the Big Brothers/Big Sisters event in early June and also an open <<FREE ADMISSION>> train show in September, separate from our November Train Show and Sale.

What's in it for you? I'll be sharing more over the next few months about how you can get even more value out of your NMRA membership. There's already a lot of learning, fun, and camaraderie available – for much of it, you just have to show up and take advantage of it. Jerry Ashley's incoming Superintendent message in June 2012 closed out with advice that still rings true today, "Remember, as before, this is your division, support it and volunteer to do things...."

MAY MEETING REPORT



The May meeting was held Saturday May 26, at the 600 Room at 600 Hurstbourne Parkway. Following the call to order, outgoing Superintendent Russ Weis transferred the "figurative" gavel to our new Superintendent, Fred Soward. Fred then presented Russ with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Division for his service as Superintendent (see photo at left). Russ first completed the late Jerry Ashley's term when Jerry had to resign due to illness. Russ went on to serve two elective terms. Under his direction, the Division hosted a very successful Regional Convention.

Other changes: Ron Ellison took office as Trustee succeeding Ed Brennan. Fred reported that Russ Weis was elected by the Board of Directors to fill the
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TIME TABLE

Jun 16, Sat 2 PM, Div.8 Mtg. 600 Room

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 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

CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST*Fred Soward, Contest Chairman*

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

There were 11 caboose entries, from N scale to G scale, submitted by 9 individuals in the May 2018 monthly meeting contest. For additional photos of the entries, take a look at the Division 8 Facebook page (May 26). Cecil Stewart came in first with his HO scale T&NO #425 caboose. *(photo on Page 3)* There was a four-way tie for second: Joe Fields HO scale Eastern Kentucky and Cumberland Gap, Rick Maloney G scale LH&SR (Lynn Hauler & Stephie Run), Bill Lynch HO scale Norfolk Southern research, and John Stoltz HO scale T&E Caboose. Remarkably, we had a four-way tie for third as well: Bob Kuchler N scale Gorre & Daphetid, Bob Frankrone HO scale Soo line, Philip Johnson Southern Pacific C-40-3 steel, and Jack Diehl HO scale Christmas caboose. Many thanks to Barry Christensen and Bob Kuchler for doing most of the work running the contest this month. They're taking over with the July contest, which will be the first contest of the 2018-2019 contest year.

Current standings: John Stoltz leads with 18 points; Bill Lynch and Joe Fields are tied in second place with 17 points; Bob Kuchler is next with 13 points followed by Bob Frankrone with 11 points; with 7 points, Rick Maloney moved up three positions; 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 June contest is open loads. It is the last contest of the current contest year. We will award the annual contest year awards for the 2017-2018 contest year at the July meeting this year. I'll take care of that as my last act as the Contest Chairman and Barry Christensen and Bob Kuchler will conduct the first contest of the 2018-2019 contest year at that same meeting with 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.

**JUNE MEETING INFORMATION**

This month's meeting will be 2 PM Saturday June 16, at the 600 Room, first floor of the 600 Building, 600 N. Hurstbourne Pkwy. 40222. Use the Whittington Pkwy. entrance. Stan White is presenting a program about painting backgrounds on a Model Railroad. Jack Diehl is providing refreshments. .

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Trustee vacancy created when Fred Soward was elected Superintendent.

Mike Berry is now serving as Division Librarian. The library consists of a DVD collection that came from the Ivan Baugh estate and from Joe O'Gara, and "Fast Track" turnout building jigs. A list of items and check-out procedures are posted on the Division Web site in the "Members Only" section. If you are a member and don't have a password for the Members Only section contact our Webmaster, Tom Guenther.

Reservations for the August 4 trip the Grossers were announced (see page 4 of this issue for details).

Program Chairman Russ Weis said clinicians are needed for the July, September, and October meetings. Hosts for refreshments are needed for the September and October Meetings.

Thanks to Ron Ellison for providing refreshments. Bob Frankrone gave Part 2, Tourist Railroads of the North East.

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

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.



MAY CHARLIE KEELING MODEL FIRST PLACE CONTEST WINNER

Photo and description by Fred Soward

Cecil Stewart's HO scale T&NO #425 class C-40-3 caboose closely follows the prototype drawing in Southern Pacific Review 1981. His model started out as an Athearn blue box kit but, it took two of those kits to get all the parts he needed for the kit-bash! He cut side panels from the donor kit just to get a window with an adjacent riveted panel that he needed. Besides adding a framed window to each end panel, he also scratchbuilt the flat panel peaked roof, thinned the roofwalks and scratchbuilt supports for them, scratchbuilt the porch handrails and brake support, and modified the underframe and toolbox. Brake detail was added and included both Cal-Scale and scratchbuilt parts. Finally, Cecil painted the completed model with Floquil, used Microscale decals, and weathered it with Bragdon chalks.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM AWARDS

Achievement Program chairman Joe Fields presented achievement awards at the May meeting.

Left: Joe presents Mark Norman with three Merit Certificates for Master Builder-Cars.

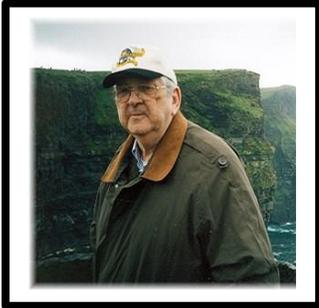


Right:

Joe presents Rick Maloney with two Merit Certificates for Master Builder-Structures.

Photos by Bob Dawson



IN MEMORIAM-FALLEN FLAGS

Joe O'Gara passed away on May 12, 2018 at the age of 87. Joe was a life member of NMRA and one of the founding members of the K & I Model Railroad Club. He served as Division Superintendent from 1972 to 1973. At the same time he was chairman of the Mid-Central Region Convention held in Louisville in 1973. In 1997 Joe was awarded with the Division's Silver Spike award in recognition of his service to the Division.

Joe will also be remembered as a passionate Pennsylvania Railroad fan.

Joe is survived by his wife Anita; children, Joey, Kathryn Sturgill, Maureen Rhodes, seven grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.



Former member Charlie Hansen passed away May 3, 2018 at the age of 95. Charlie was the first Division member to achieve the award of Master Model Railroader. Charlie was a commercial artist and lent his talents in the service of Division 8 for several projects. He designed the logos for the 1979 and 2007 Conventions. He produced the art work for the Division Box Car Project and the later hopper car project.

Charlie is survived by his wife Yvonne; children, Kathryn, Christine, Eric, Laura, Ingrid, Charles, 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

AUGUST 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 ½ gauge layout. 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.

DIVISION 8 TO HOST A FREE MODEL TRAIN EXHIBIT

As announced at the May meeting, plans are in the works for the Division to host a FREE-TO-THE-PUBLIC model train layout show.

WHAT: "Louisville Train Days", a display of model railroad layouts

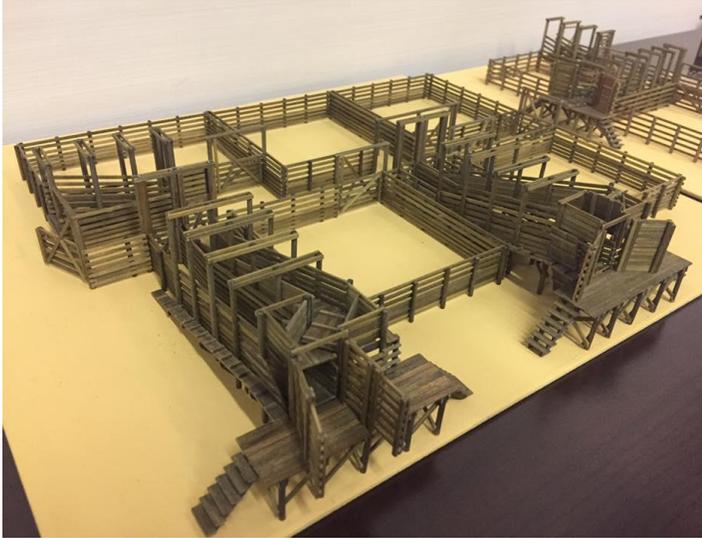
WHERE: St. Thomas More Parish Life Center, 6105 South Third Street, Louisville, KY 40214

WHEN: Saturday, September 22, 10 AM to 3 PM.

Local and regional modular train layouts and clubs will be invited to set up.

Questions: Contact Tom Guenther, email: Tom@aye.net or Bob Dawson email: DAWSOBL@aol.com.

LOCAL MODELERS AT CINCINNATI (MCR Regional Convention)



REGIONAL MODEL CONTEST

Above left: Cecil Stewart entered the components of his stock pen complex as separate entries and took first, second, and third place in structures.

Above right: Bob Frankrone took third place in non-revenue rolling stock.

Left: Tom Guenther received a Merit Award for his Fall of Rough Diorama.

CONVENTION BANQUET

From left to right: Bob Dawson, Stan White, Mike Berry, Tom Guenther, Bob Frankrone, Fred Soward, and Barbara Soward.



LOVE THOSE LOADS

By Bob Frankrone.



I spent my entire 38 year career working for the United States Department of Defense, so it only makes sense that I would have a few military loads on my home layout. This month I want to feature three military flat car loads that I built several years ago. Well, I didn't so much build them as I did purchase them, nonetheless, they were fun projects and I really like the look of the finished models.

The Herpa/Roco Company manufactures a wide variety of 1/87-scale military vehicles under their Minitanks line. The Minitanks kits come mostly assembled with the exception of a few detail parts that need to be added by the modeler. I purchased two M60 tanks, one M109 howitzer, and an armored personnel carrier to make the three flat car loads highlighted in this article.

Each Minitanks kit came molded in dark green plastic and was nicely detailed. I completed each kit by adding the few detail parts that came with it. I didn't like the look of the unpainted plastic, so I spray painted each model with an Army green paint that I had on hand. Now all I had to do was to mount the models onto flat cars.

Many years ago in the era of 35mm slides, I purchased a slide photo at a train show of two U.S. Army tanks mounted atop a flat car. I used that photo as a mounting guide, as it pictured how two prototype tanks were secured to a flat car. To mount my two tanks, I first made eight triangular-shaped wooden chocks from scale lumber. I then glued the two tanks to the deck of a flat car



and I wedged the chocks under the front and rear of each tread. I used scale chain to secure the front and rear ends of each tank to the flat car. Since the howitzer and armored personnel carrier are also tracked vehicles, I mounted and secured them to their flat cars in the same manner.



Whenever I look at my completed model of the two tanks atop a flat car, it bothers me that I didn't use a DODX flat car as in my prototype photo. I corrected that problem when I selected flat cars to transport the other two military vehicles. I mounted the howitzer on an Athearn DODX heavy-duty flat car that was painted green with DODX reporting marks. For the armored personnel carrier, I custom painted and applied DODX decals (available from

Walthers) to an Athearn undecorated 50-foot flat car. It's amazing how the DODX flat cars improve the overall appearance of these two military loads.

K & I CLUB TRAVELING LAYOUT

The K & I Model Railroad Club traveling layout will be at two events this summer:

Friday and Saturday June 15-16, Lyndon Summer Train Festival, at Robsion Park between Lake Avenue and LaGrange Road in Lyndon, Friday 4-9 PM, Saturday Noon to 9 PM. Parking and Admission are Free/

Monday June 25 to Sunday July 1 the travelling layout will be at Bon Air Library, 2816 Del Rio Place, Louisville, 40220
Hours: Monday to Thursday 9 AM to 9 PM. Friday and Saturday 9 AM to 5 PM, Sunday 1 PM to 5 PM.

OPERATING SESSION ON JERRY ALBERS' VIRGINIAN RAILWAY AT THE 2018 CINCINNATI MID-CENTRAL REGION CONVENTION

Five Division 8 members were fortunate to get slots on Gerry Albers' great model railroad.

Left: From left to right, Rick Tipton, Bob Dawson, Fred Soward, Tom Guenthner, and Mike Berry.

Below: Mike Berry with a "Black Shirt" switching Deepwater. Each guest operator was paired with a "Black Shirt", one of Jerry's regular operators.

Below right: Rick Tipton switches at Alloy. Fred Soward can be seen in the distance.

Photos (other than group) By Bob Dawson



TRACKSIDE WITH FRED SOWARD

Fred took this shot of W&S locomotive 4183 heading a trains west of Madison, WI.

The **Wisconsin and Southern Railroad** (reporting mark **WSOR**) is a Class II regional railroad in southern Wisconsin and northeastern Illinois currently operated by Watco Companies. It operates former Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad (Milwaukee Road) and Chicago and North Western Transportation Company (C&NW) trackage, mostly acquired by the state of Wisconsin in the 1980s.



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