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## **From the Superintendent's Desk**

*By Fred Soward*

As summer comes to a close, it's time to start thinking about indoor projects, including working on our model railroads. What better way to get motivated than to take a layout tour (or two)?!?

On September 14, Division 8 hosts an all-day self-driving layout tour/road trip of five model railroads in the central Kentucky area. Also, after the September 21 Division 8 meeting, we'll have the opportunity to visit two local layouts. That's seven layouts to get you excited about working on your own model railroad empire. Both tours are open to all current NMRA members, even if an individual is not in Division 8.

The first trip, on September 14, begins at our house. Barbara will be greeting everyone upon arrival, while I'll be busy showing off the work to date and talking about next steps/layout vision. Next stop is Larry Smith's layout near Lawrenceburg. Larry's layout has been visited by several Division 8 members for ops sessions over the past few years. It's a fairly modern era layout, but Larry does take some liberties with the term "modern era." Next stop is John Bowling in Danville. John's previous layout was published in the model railroad press. This new layout is just as detailed as the previous one and is definitely worth the road trip just for this one layout alone. Cecil and Brenda Stewart's layout in Bardstown is next. We'll finally get a chance to see all those wonderful award-winning buildings and bridges in one place! The last stop on the trip is with John Czerwinski, also in Bardstown. John actually has two layouts, one of which is an interurban, for us to enjoy.

On this road trip, you'll find the layouts in various stages of "completion." You'll be able to peek under some of them without having to get on your hands and knees to look underneath. In fact, as I write this, the Homabed for our layout is still two days away from shipping from Puyallup, WA. You'll also get to talk about concept and vision on these layouts. We all appreciate questions about our work and about our vision as well as constructive thoughts on how best to meet our vision. It'll be interesting to revisit the under-construction model railroad empires over the next few years as they steadily move toward a completed state.

We had detailed information packets for the September 14 Division 8 Layout Tour/Road trip available at the August 2019 Division 8 meeting. If you were unable to attend that meeting and want to take the trip, you can still attend! Just send an email to the Division 8 email address (Division8.MCR.NMRA@gmail.com) and we will forward the information to you. Keep in mind that the Layout Tour/Road Trip information packet, just like the layout tour/road trip itself, is available to current NMRA members and their family members only.

## **AUGUST MEETING REPORT**

*By Bob Dawson, Clerk*

The August meeting was held Saturday August 17, 2019 in the 600 Room, 600 N. Hurstbourne Parkway. Thanks to Ruth Lynch for providing refreshments.

Nominating committee member Stan White announced that nominations are open for 2020 Division Elections (see nomination details on page 6 of this issue.) Stan said all of the incumbents have agreed to run for another term.

Silver Spike Chairman reported he has received four nominations to date.

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## **TIME TABLE**

**Sep 14, Sat 8 AM to 4:30 PM, Self-Driving Layout Tour**

**Sep 21, Sat 2 PM, Div 8 Mtg. 600 Room. Layout Tour follows**

**Oct 12-13, Cincinnati Train Show**

**Oct 17, Thur 7 PM, Div 8 Mtg. 600 Room.**

**Oct 19, Sat 10AM-3PM, Southern Indiana Club Train Show, First Presbyterian Church, Jeffersonville.**

**Nov 14, Thur 7 PM, Div 8 Mtg. Southern Indiana Club**

**Nov 16, Sat 10 to 3, Div 8 Train Show**

**Dec 7, Crown Plaza, Holiday Party**

**CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST***Barry Christensen Contest Chairmen*

<b>September</b>	<b>Photos</b>
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	NO CONTEST
August	MOW Equipment

There were six outstanding maintenance of way models entered into the first monthly round of the Charlie Keeling Model Contest for the 2019-2020 year. Rick Geerts took first place with his HO scale hi-rail crane truck. There was a tie for second place between Joe Fields for his scratch-built HO L&N "Big Emma" tender conversion and Kevin Jones for his freelanced On30 track speeder built from a 3D printed body. Third place went to John Stoltz for his HO Brownhoist crane and boom car built from a Tichy kit.

Rick kit-bashed three Scene-master trucks utilizing body and frame, bed box, and crane on a scratch-built mount. He added numerous detail parts from many sources, including flashing and steady colored lights, then painted and weathered his excellent model.

Our initial standings for the new contest year are: Rick Geerts in first with 4 points, Joe Fields and Kevin Jones tied for second with 3; John Stoltz in third with 2; and Bob Johnson and Bill Lynch with 1. Mike Berry won the Scale Reproductions gift card.

The contest at the September meeting will be for your rail photos, whether from film or electronic files, black and white or color, prototype or model, contemporary or historical. 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 and completing it prior to arriving at the meeting. The judging is strictly people's choice.



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**SEPTEMBER INFORMATION**

The September meeting is 2 PM Saturday September at the 600 Room, first floor of the 600 Building, 600 N. Hurstbourne Pkwy. 40222. Use the Whittington Pkwy. entrance. Program: Russ Weis "Enhancing Operations", John and Regina Czerwinski are providing refreshments. Bob Irmischer and Harry Munzer will be hosting after-meeting layout tours.

**MAINTENANCE TIES FUND 2019**

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: \$50, Ed Brennan; \$40, Stephen Taylor; \$33, Jim Kuzirian; \$30, John Czerwinski; \$10 Don Fowler.

**MEMBER WELFARE AND BREAVEMENT**

Mike Berry has recovered from outpatient surgery he had last month. .

**MEETING REPORT** *(continued from page 1)*

Ron Ellison reported on the November 16 Division Train Show. There is early bird entry at 9:00 AM for Division members. Members must show their current NMRA membership card when they pay their admission to qualify. Life members without cards can produce their Division Membership Badge noting "Life Member". Ron said there will be a signup sheet for volunteers at the September meeting.

Ron Ellison said Division caps will be available soon in the company store.

Following the meeting Kevin Jones presented the clinic "Modeling with Cricut Explore; how to make modeling parts on a machine designed for fabric cutting." . Ron Steilberg's layout was open following the meeting. The minutes for the August meeting are posted on the Division Web Site.



**AUGUST CONTEST WINNERS**

Above clockwise to right:

First place-Rick Geerts' HO Scale hi-rail crane truck.  
Tied for second place-Joe Fields' HO L&N "Big Emma" tender conversion  
to a pollution control car, and Kevin Jones' freelanced On30 track  
speeder.

*Photos by Fred Soward*



Left:

Contest Chairman Barry Christensen holds the contest ballot box while first place contest winner Rick Geerts draws the winning door prize ticket.

Below: Kevin Jones presenting his clinic "Modeling with Cricut Explore". Kevin explained how you can use the machine and accessories to make model railroad parts from card stock, wood, and plastic. Kevin's clinic can be viewed on YouTube. Go to YouTube and search "Division 8 Clinic".

*Photos by Bob Dawson*



Left: Thanks to Ron Steilberg for hosting the after meeting layout tour. *Photo by Fred Soward*

## SOME THOUGHTS ON 2716

By Steve Lasher



Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> I spent with Fred Soward and Bob Dawson chasing 2716 as she left KRM at New Haven to go to her new home with Kentucky Steam Heritage Co. at Ravenna. The hope is to bring her back to operational condition (perhaps as soon as next year). I'm glad to report, after spending the morning with Fred and Bob, that no investigation of Division 8's leadership's collusion with Russia for conspiring to rig the elections will be necessary.

Left: A grungy #800 leads a Clinchfield Freight Train through Fordtown, TN March 3, 1965. Steve Patterson, Railpictures.Net.

On the other hand, I have to admit to being extremely partial to C&O steam power in general and K4 Kanawha's in particular. Hours spent "running" sister

2707 in Brookside Park when I was a kid put me solidly in the C&O camp. Personally, I don't think there's a better-looking engine out there. But, that's just me. What follows are few observations I made Friday.

First, Clinchfield 800. It was hard to tell whether she had been rebuilt from an F3 at some point with low fans and now looks like an F7 or if she was a late model F3 and had the low fans from the get go but, in any case, it was so good to hear a normally aspirated 567 (probably upgraded with 645 cylinder assemblies) at idle. The characteristic EMD whine of her generator when she was notched up was music worthy of Bach and Beethoven. A friend whom I texted pictures to asked if I had noticed her Nathan M5 horns. Hell, all of north central Kentucky noticed her M5 horns. I've heard them described as "mellow" but these were mainly "LOUD".

2716, the "star of the show", was certainly pretty in her fresh paint except for that whatever the thing was painted on her tender. Historically speaking I don't know why she had to have anything other than her "Chesapeake & Ohio" on her tender, but I can't gripe too much, as CSX seems to have had a change of heart regarding heritage operations and certainly were gracious hosts this day.

A few notes mechanically. Her right side air compressor and both pistons (and rods) were missing and may have beaten her to Ravenna. A reliable source with KSHC said that the biggest jobs left were to do her boiler survey (FRA 15yr certificate requirement) and re-tube/flue her and complete a firebox patch. Other than that, mechanically she was in great shape. Also, her original Buckeye tender trucks will be rebuilt with cartridge type roller bearings and replaced under her tender.



Speaking of her tender, some videos from her test runs on July 22<sup>nd</sup> show her with her tender yet un-repainted. Sometime before Friday they must have gone through a couple of cases of Rustoleum "Gloss Black". Ok, no, it definitely wasn't a rattle can paint job but literally a "big" job all by itself in such short time

To suit the Pie Card Editors space requirements, I'll end here. Now, let me see here, on Google Maps – how long is it going to take to get from Jeffersonville to Ravenna?

**SOUTHERN INDIANA TRAIN SHOW**  
 Saturday October 19, 2019, 10AM to 3PM,  
 First Presbyterian Church, Jeffersonville, IN  
**Admission: 1 can good for the Food Pantry**

**PIKE SHOWCASE**

Left: The K&I portable layout was set up and running at the St. Matthew’s Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library. A Broadway Limited Pennsy Class M1b passing under a highway bridge and a billboard sign advertising the services of Stan White a premier real estate agent in the K&I area.



The model, formerly belonged to the late Joe O’Gara, and is now owned by Ed Brennan.

**TRACKSIDE WITH RUSS WEIS**

Monon #80005 Bucyrus-Erie self –propelled steam crane on display at the Monon Connection Museum/Whistle Stop Restaurant in Monon, IN.

Russ took this photo while on a recent vacation.



**ENHANCING OPERATIONS**

*By Russ Weis, photos by Russ*



Whether you have designed your layout to do operations, or are thinking of incorporating ops in your existing layout, I encourage you to think beyond the typical building/boxcar scenario.

It certainly helps with your thinking if you have a guy who has been in the railroad business, like our own Steve Lasher. Steve gave me many suggestions to increase the places where a certain type of car might be spotted. All of these suggestions will work whether you model steam, transition, or modern eras.

Most of us have some type of servicing facility and those locomotives need lube, oil, and parts. So you need a car to deliver those items. How about sand? All locomotives need sand, so do you have a covered hopper to deliver that item to the sand house?

Here’s a nice ops move - to spot that hopper on my layout you have to use the roundhouse turntable as the sand house track is only accessible via the turntable. Since this move is not common, it’s been missed the last couple of ops, so a report will follow. *(Continued on page 6)*

**ENHANCED OPERATIONS** (continued from page 5)

I don't have an ash pit, but I do have a boiler house that burns coal and Steve pointed out that there certainly would be ashes left and they would need to be picked up. Okay, now we need an empty gon to be spotted at the boiler house.

There is a Sherwin-Williams paint manufacturing building on the layout and I'm thinking they need some kind of chemicals to make the paint, so a chemical tank car gets spotted there periodically.

Our good friend Jim Petro has a meat packing facility and he added a wash-out track. Wash-out you say? After the livestock is off loaded they had to clean out the cars. The wash-out track had one rail raised so the car had a tilt to let the debris run out of the car during cleaning.



There are many more ideas you can take from the real railroads to increase your diversity during your ops sessions, you just have to think outside the box, or should I say outside the boxcar. Or ask Steve for some advice, but a warning if you do, be ready to do some work!

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE AS AN OFFICER OR TRUSTEE FOR DIVISION 8?**

*By Bob Dawson, Clerk*

Nominations are now open for Division 2020 elections. What do you need to do? You must send a petition to the nominating committee signed by five members in good standing. You have until the end of the year to submit your petition. The nominating committee will make its report to the clerk in time for it to be read at the January meeting. After the report is made, nominations may be made from the floor by any regular (voting) member, no second is required. Who is on the nominating committee? Bob Frankrone is chairman with Bill Lynch and Stan White as members.

Up for election: Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Clerk, Treasurer, and one Trustee position. Officers serve for a two year term; Trustees serve a six year term. Officers and trustees should be prepared to attend scheduled and special Division Board of Directors meetings.

Below is a list of officers with some of their duties. A complete listing of duties are in the Division By-Laws, available for reading in the Members Only section of the Division Website.

**Superintendent:** Performs the duties generally associated with the office of President. The Division Superintendent is a member of the Mid Central Region Board of Directors and is expected to attend MCR Board meetings, usually two a year (one usually in conjunction with the MCR Convention).

**Assistant Superintendent:** Duties conform generally with those usually assigned to the office of Vice President.

**Clerk:** Duties confirm in general to those usually assigned to the office of Secretary.

**Treasurer:** Manages all disbursements of Div. 8 funds. The treasurer receives and deposit all funds. Keep accurate books showing all receipts and disbursements of Div. 8 moneys; and shall have such books balanced at the end of each calendar month. He shall retain all records and documents in support of receipts and disbursements and shall report to the Superintendent all past or overdue receivables for action thereupon. The Treasurer shall present a current financial report at each meeting of the general membership and at the close of the fiscal year.

**Trustee:** Trustees shall have legal title to all property, records, and moneys of Div. 8 to hold in trust for the membership. In the event of the dissolution of Div. 8, either by amendment of its Bylaws or by action of the governing bodies of MCR or NMRA, after determining that all debts, liabilities and responsibilities of Div. 8 have been met and properly disposed of, the Trustees shall transfer all such records and remaining assets to the Board of Trustees of NMRA.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE DAYTON TRAIN SHOW-Hello MCR Division Members!**

We need your help with a situation. Another train show (for-profit) has moved into our venue two weeks before our show on Oct 19-20 and has also used “Dayton Train Show” in its advertising. This can be confusing to attendees, vendors and exhibitors.

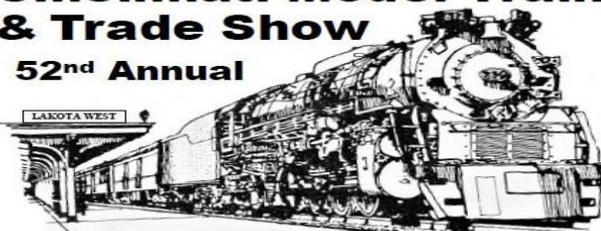
Our show is, as always, the first full weekend in November, on Saturday Nov 2 at 11am-5pm and Sunday Nov 3 at 11am-4pm. Our venue is the New Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 645 Infirmiry Rd, Dayton, OH.

Gail Yarnall, Chair, Dayton Train Show

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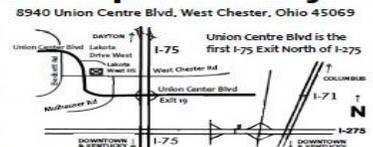
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Above: John Bowling’s former layout in Danville, KY. John’s new layout will be one of the five layouts that will be open for the Division 8 Self Driving Layout Tour, Saturday September 14, 2019. Layouts on the tour: Fred & Barbara Soward, Larry Smith, John Bowling, Cecil Stewart, John Czwierwinski. Maps, directions, and open times were handed out at the August meeting. If you did not receive a copy at the meeting, go to: [Division8.MCR.NMRA@gmail.com](mailto:Division8.MCR.NMRA@gmail.com)



**SEPTEMBER MEETING LAYOUT TOUR**

Harry Munzer’s and Bob Irscher’s layouts will be open after the September meeting. Directions will be available at the meeting.

Above: Harry Munzer’s garden layout. Right: Bob Irscher’s O-Scale layout.

Photos by Bob Dawson



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