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# The Pie Card

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

*By Fred Soward*

This month marks two years since I retired from a full-time paying job with a salary. My grandfather warned me that I'd be busier than ever as soon as I retired. He was absolutely correct! But, it's a different kind of busy.

When Tom Guenther, Bob Dawson, and I do the setup for Tom's twice-monthly ops sessions on his L&N model railroad, we meet for an early lunch/late breakfast. When I was working, we'd meet for dinner then do the setup and I'd get home just in time to brush my teeth and go to bed. Now, I'm getting home in time to meet Barbara as she returns from work. My day is busy with model railroading and visiting and I have the evening to do "whatever."

When I work on Division 8 business, including writing this column, I generally do it during the day when it's just me and Mr Boo, our ferocious black long-hair cat, at home. Before retirement, the writing was usually Sunday afternoons after church. Now, I get to have a leisurely Sunday afternoon and after-church lunch with Barbara.

During these past two years, I've learned to do the laundry without supervision, become a qualified vac-oom operator, and I do most of the grocery shopping. My days are busy with those activities so that WE have more time to do things together.

Before my retirement, nothing much happened in the basement. Now, in my "spare time" during the day, I actually do get to spend some time building the model railroad empire down there. I'm wondering, though, how all this busy time will change when Barbara retires next January and starts helping me with building that layout. . .

## **JANUARY MEETING REPORT**

*By Bob Dawson, Clerk*

Nominating Committee Chairman Bob Frankrone gave his report for Division 2020 elections. Candidates are: Superintendent, Fred Soward; Asst. Superintendent, Eric Waggoner; Treasurer, Mike Berry; Clerk, Bob Dawson; Trustee, Tom Guenther. There were no nominations from the floor. Division bylaws require that an opportunity must be provided on the ballots for write-in candidates. The Clerk, Bob Dawson, said ballots will be mailed to all voting members. Instructions will be on the ballots. Mark Norman will act as Election Teller and will receive the ballots. Stan White will be the Election Judge. Ballots will be counted at the March meeting.

The election winners will take office at the June Meeting.

Ron Ellison reported that set up for the Spring Train Show will be Friday March 20 at 7:30 PM. Doors will open at 7:00 AM Saturday for dealer check in. NMRA members with paid admission and their valid NMRA memberships card can enter at 9:00 AM before the general public. Mark Hedge reported that 68 tables of 92 have been reserved, with 60 paid to date.

The minutes for the January meeting are posted on the Division Web Site.

## **TIME TABLE**

**Feb 15**, Sat 2 PM, Antique & Toy Mall

**Mar 19**, Thu 7 PM, Div 8 Mtg. 600 Room.

**Mar 21**, Sat 10 to 3 Div 8 Train Show

**Apr 18**, Sat 2 PM, Div 8 Mtg. 600 Room.

**May 16**, Sat 2 PM, Div 8 Mtg. 600 Room.

**May 28-31** MCR Convention, Pittsburgh, PA

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

**Jul 12-18** NMRA Convention, St. Louis, MO

**July 25**, Sat Noon, Div 8 Picnic, Indiana Live Steamers, Edinburgh, IN.

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

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

There were eight freight cars in four scales entered into the January 2020 edition of the Charlie Keeling Model Contest. Chris Broughton received first place with his N-scale Pennsylvania Railroad X-28 boxcar, Kevin Jones received second place with his On30-scale disconnect log trucks, and Bob Frankrone received third place with his HO-scale gondolas with scrap loads.

Chris scratch-built his boxcar from many types of Evergreen styrene materials and added various wire and etched brass details such as grab irons, stirrup steps, ladders and brake wheel. Archer rivet decals were applied, and the car was airbrushed with Tru-Color PRR freight car brown paint. Decals were custom ordered from Mount Vernon Shops. The car was weathered and sealed with Testors Dullcote. Micro-Trains couplers, Atlas trucks and Fox Valley wheelsets were used.

So we begin a new decade with these contest standings: Joe Fields is first with 14 points; Rick Geerts is second with 11; Bill Lynch is third with 9; Kevin Jones with 6; Steve Lasher with 5; Chris Broughton and Bob Johnson with 4; Daryl Arend and Bob Frankrone with 3; Edward Brennan, John Stoltz and Russ Weis with 2; and Bob Kuchler, Mark Norman, Ron Stigler and Stan White with 1.

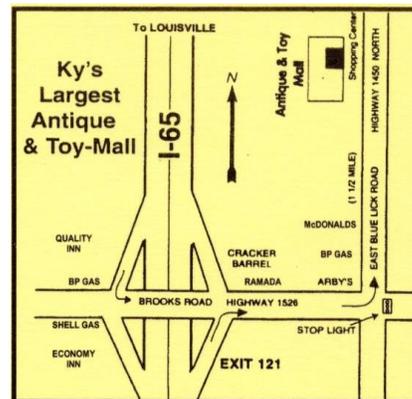
Chris Broughton also won the Scale Reproductions gift card.

The contest at the February 2020 meeting will be for diesel locomotives and will be held at the South Louisville Antique and Toy Mall on Blue Lick Rd in Hillview. 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. 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. (*Photos on page 2*)

**FEBRUARY MEETING INFORMATION**

The February meeting is Saturday, February 15, 2 PM, at the South Louisville Antique & Toy Mall, 4150-8 Blue Lick Road, Louisville, KY 40229. Host is Bob Johnson. The various layouts in HO, N, G, and O-gauge are the program. The model contest will be held at the Toy Mall. **PLEASE PARK AT THE CHURCH ACROSS BLUE LICK ROAD FROM THE TOY MALL AND BRING A CHAIR.**

**DIVISION 8 ELECTIONS**

Ballots have been mailed for the 2020 Division Elections and ballots are to be returned to Mark Norman. The ballots will be counted and the results announced at the March meeting

**MAINTENANCE TIES FUND 2020**

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: \$25, Stephen Taylor

**MARTY GOREHAM**

Bob Johnson informed us that Marty Goreham, widow of Bruce Goreham, passed away last month in Carmel, IN. Bruce was a Division member for many years, and had served as Superintendent, Trustee and Treasurer.

**MEETING PROGRAMS**

Do you have a modeling technique you would like to share with your fellow members? Have you visited an interesting layout, taken a railfan trip, or a rail or model railroad convention and have pictures? Program Chairman Russ Weis needs you. See Russ at a meeting to sign up.

**PHOTOS FROM THE JANUARY MEETING**



Left: Congratulations to Chris Broughton for earning three additional Merit Awards for Structures. Division 8 Achievement Chairman Joe Fields presented Chris with the awards at the January meeting. Chris' last structure needed for the "Master Builder" Structures AP Award was judged during the meeting. That was his last requirement for Master Model Railroader (MMR) which should be awarded in the next few months.

Below: It was a good meeting for Chris Broughton. He took first place in the Charlie Keeling Model Contest with his N Scale Pennsylvania Railroad X-28 boxcar (below). Chris also won the hobby shop gift card drawing.

*Photos by Fred Soward*



Above: Following the business meeting Bob Frankrone presented "Promontory: Past and Present". Bob provided a unique perspective to this well-known subject. He used historical photos as well as photos from his on-site visit last year to show us how much Promontory has changed in 150 years and how much it has not changed in that time.

*Photo by Fred Soward*

Right: Rick Maloney's N Scale Midwest Central & Northwestern railroad was open for members to visit after the meeting.

*Photo by Bob Dawson*



**SPRING TRAIN SHOW AND SALE***By Ron Ellison, Train Show and Sale Chairman*

If you missed the volunteer signup sheet at the Division 8 meeting just email [division8.mcr.nmra@gmail.com](mailto:division8.mcr.nmra@gmail.com) . We'll acknowledge your commitment by return email. We need volunteers:

Friday March 20th @ 7:30 PM to setup

Saturday March 21 @7:00 AM to assist our dealers

Saturday March 21 @ 3:00 PM to take down the tables & chairs

Division 8 Sales Table at the Fall Train Show & Sale

You can sell 1 to 3 items - more if your items sell or there is room on the table

There is a \$5.00 fee to sell at the table

You keep all the proceeds

We are asking Division 8 members to donate Door Prizes for the Spring Train Show & Sale. We are looking for new or gently used railroad items that our attendees might want to win! Please bring your items to the February 15th Division 8 meeting. Your donation will be acknowledged during the Show.

NMRA members can enter the Train Show & Sale at 9:00 AM with your current NMRA membership card in hand. The Show opens to the public at 10:00 AM. Take advantage of this benefit of membership!

**HAVE CLINIC WILL TRAVEL***By Ron Ellison*

Do you have a clinic? Would you like to share your clinic with another division or another region?

Dave Neff, Mid Central Region Vice President is re-developing the **Clinic Database**. A database of available clinics for regional clinic chairs and also Division clinic/program chairs to be able to expand their possible meeting programs by tapping into resources from nearby Divisions. Compensation for travel would be at the discretion of the inviter.

Keep in mind with Indy Junction coming in May of 2022, the regional convention of the Mid Central, Mid Western and North Central Divisions, it would be a great time to polish up your existing clinic or develop a new one or more to share with your fellow modelers.

The form is available to copy into an email or print and scan and email to Dave - [theneffers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:theneffers@sbcglobal.net) in the Members Pages of the Division 8 website. It's uploaded as both a Word and PDF document. The link is on the members-only page - <http://div8-mcr-nmra.org/site/html/membership.html>, [Clinic Data Base Form](#).

**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7 IS PLANNING A DAY OF CLINICS AND LAYOUT TOURS**

Cincinnati Division 7 is planning a day of clinics and layout tours this coming August and is inviting other regional Division members to come and join them. This is still in the planning stage, but here is what they can share so far.

Date: Sunday August 9, 2020

Hours: 1:00pm - 4:00pm 3 clinics by Rich Mahaney from Gobles, MI  
4:00pm - 6:00pm layouts open (2-3 in northern Cincinnati)

Location: Cincinnati Marriott North (same hotel as the 2018 regional convention)  
6189 Muhlhauser Road  
West Chester, Ohio 45069

They hope to have detailed information available in May.

**Gateway 2020**

The 2020 NMRA National Convention will be held July 12-18 in St. Louis, Missouri

### 2020 GREAT TRAIN SHOW

By Fred Soward, Photos by Fred Soward

Division 8 had a strong presence at the January 11-12, 2020 Great Train Show at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville. Many thanks to the eleven Division 8 members who helped staff the booth during the show. A special thank you to Bob Kuchler and Rick Maloney for bringing their two amazingly detailed N scale Free-moN modules to entertain and entice the crowd. At one point, when they needed a break, they even let me run my N scale RDC for a while! The attendees had many questions about scenery, running trains, building the modules, and model railroading in general. Ron Ellison brought out the new Division 8 banners for this show as well. They could be seen from the far side of the venue and were a definite hit. Rest assured that we've not retired the Division 8 stand-up display we've used for many years nor have we retired the small Division 8 switching module. We'll use them at other events in the future. Now we have more options. We are not sure how many people we talked to but having brought 500 flyers for our March Train Show & Sale event; we left with only 5 flyers remaining to be handed out to visitors.



**A TALE OF TWO CITIES**

By Steve Lasher

There are curiosities in the railroad world from time to time. One of these would be that a company’s brand loyalties fell to two different brands of equipment depending on the ownership of both the railroad and the equipment manufacturer.

A case in point would be with air brake equipment. There were two suppliers of air brake equipment from the early twentieth century on. Of course, the oldest and original was Westinghouse Air Brake Company of Wilmerding, Pennsylvania. The other was New York Air Brake Company of Watertown, New York, which was the successor to Eames Vacuum Brake Company and dated to 1890. Now, there were two major customers, NYC and PRR and, I bet you can’t imagine how these brand loyalties ran what with Wilmerding being on PRR’s mainline and Watertown on NYC’s.



What slips by most of us though, is the company trademarks (and casting marks) quickly identify which manufacturer made the equipment but most of us don’t take note because we don’t know the difference.

Left: WABCO Casting Mark Drawing by Steve Lasher

For instance, most modelers assume that a steam locomotive, if it has what Cal-Scale identifies as an 8 ½” cross-compound air compressor has Westinghouse air brake equipment. But, no, the catch is that NYAB manufactured an 8 ½” compressor that was identical to WABCO’s down to interchangeable parts. The only way to tell the difference was by the casting marks. In the photo below from the excellent photo coverage in “Allegheny, Lima’s Finest” (Hundman) you can plainly see the NYAB casting mark on the front mounted compressors on C&O 1625. .

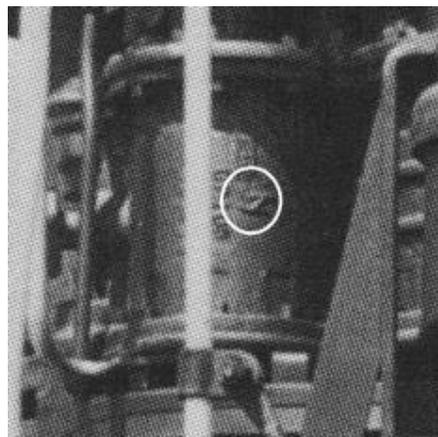
Just to make the cheese a little more binding, NYAB produced its own line of air brake equipment and offered a compressor that had compound cylinders on top with two high pressure steam cylinders below. Illinois Central and Great Northern were two major users. I don’t know why they had this preference, but they obviously did.

The other case would be signal systems. Here again there were two major suppliers, Union Switch & Signal Company of Wilmerding (Swissvale), Pennsylvania (yes, a Westinghouse owned company) and General Railway Signal Company of Rochester, New York. Here again, guess how the PRR vs. NYC loyalties played out. It’s why PRR used continuous coded cab signals (a US&S/PRR development) and NYC used GRS’s intermittent train stop equipment.

In many cases, as in the above examples, ultimately you can trace a company’s brand loyalty back to who had the controlling financial interest. The railroad world fell into three major camps roughly along the lines of PRR and NYC’s controlling owners with some independents thrown in. Read J. P. Morgan and the biggest names in the financial world here. Just saying...curious, isn’t it.

Below is the New York Air Brake Company casting mark. Right circled area on the photo shows the casting mark location on C&O 1625.

Drawing by Steve Lasher



Editor’s note: The New York Air Brake Company is now working on Autonomous Train Control and has operated its system on Transportation Technology’s test track in Pueblo, CO.



Left: The tried and true Atlas switch tower watches over the movements in Albany, New York on Russ Weis's HO New York Central.

Upgrades and details courtesy of Steve Lasher.

Photo by Russ Weis

**SOUTH LOUISVILLE ANTIQUE & TOY MALL**

Right:

G-Gauge layout at the South Louisville Antique & Toy Mall, the location for our February meeting.

This is one of the many layouts in several scales that will be up and running for our meeting.

After the meeting take time to browse the show cases of collectible toys.

See page 2 for meeting details and driving directions.

Photo by Fred Soward



**TRACKSIDE WITH BILL LYNCH**

Norfolk Southern east bound at Princeton, IN, January 2020. The preserved depot now houses the Gibson County Visitors & Tourism Bureau.



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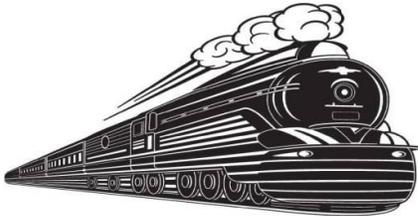
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## TRAIN SHOW & SALE

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