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Raider's no less. For someone over one hundred and fifty years old, he sure looked good! We also got a tour of the Kentucky Railway Museum Shops, cars and locomotives. That is one first rate operation. In addition to the tours, there was the opportunity to check out the model railroad, the museum, and numerous historical artifacts.

Lunch was a catered affair this time around. We dined on either turkey or ham sandwiches on white bread along with chips and fruit. It was simple, pleasant fare. What the meal lacked in elegance was more than exceeded by the fine company present. It was good to see everyone enjoying one another's company and swapping tales. Over lunch, we got to celebrate the winners of the Contest Program. Bob Sobotka took the honors with 3rd place, Charlie Keeling 2nd place, and Bob Kuchler 1st place. Congratulations to the winners and all participants! There is some fine modeling taking place in the division.

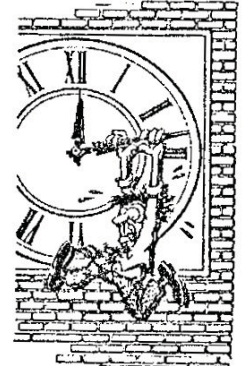
Special thanks go out to Brian Bunger at Scale Reproductions for providing gift certificates for the top three winners. Be sure to say something to him while you are out shopping. A heartfelt thank you and pat on the back goes to Eric Waggoner for coordinating the picnic.

For those who missed out, you missed a fine time. We hope to see you at next year's event. We are now looking at where to go and what to do for the 2010 picnic. If you have an idea, send an email. Some of the things we are looking for include – nearby, reasonably priced, lots of fun.

Let's get back to fine modeling. The monthly contest is just plain fun. The gift certificates are just an incentive to inspire everyone to join in the fun. So, if you aren't participating, now's the time. Enter, and have fun. Similarly, there is the Achievement Program or AP for short. While just as much fun, it does have a few more requirements. After all, the only requirements for the contest are to be a member and to enter a model. The AP program does entail a bit more. What though?

Quality modeling and documentation, that's what! On 20-Sep, Bob Weinheimer will be joining us to give a clinic on AP judging. Even if you don't become a judge, you are encouraged to participate and learn about the process. This is your opportunity to learn what the judges look for and what is involved in the process. Moreover, you will learn to be a better modeler in the process. Another thing you will learn about is the AP process. After local judging, your AP paperwork gets sent off for final approval. The easiest way of thinking of this is

TIMETABLE



Sep 19, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM, The Taylor's, Madison, IN

Sep 20, AP Judge Training, Sunday 2:00 PM, Meadowview Church

Oct 17, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Meadowview Church

Oct 24-25, Div 7 Train Show, West Chester, OH, Sat noon to 7 PM, Sun 11AM-5PM

Nov 8, Div 8 Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 PM, Southern Indiana Club, Jeffersonville, IN

Nov 21, Div 8 Train Show & Sale, Saturday 10:00 AM, Amer. Legion

to say you have a story to tell. Your documentation has to "tell a story" that can be understood by someone who is not there at the time of judging. The better and more complete the story, the better off you will be. We should have written examples of what is being sought by the time this is published. So, stay tuned. As

with so many things in life, the job isn't complete until the paperwork is done!

Mark



Model Contest**SEPTEMBER**

October	Steam Locomotives
November	Displays/Dioramas
December	No Contest
January	Freight Cars
February	Diesels
March	Commercial Structures
April	Passenger Cars
May	Cabooses
June	Open Loads
July	No Contest
August	MOW Equipment

PHOTOS**AUGUST CONTEST WINNERS**

The August contest resulted in a three way tie. Taking the honors were Bob Frankrone with his hi-rail truck, Jim Harrington's snow plow outfit, and Rick Maloney's water car. Pictures are in this month's color pages. The September contest is rail photos. Contest point standing to date: Jim Harrington, Bob Frankrone, and Rick Mahoney all received 4 points each; Bill Lynch, Bob Johnson, Charlie Keeling, and Bob Kuchler one point each. Bill Lynch is looking forward to your entries.

AT THE AUGUST MEETING

Bob and Laura Frankrone opened up their home for our August meeting. Approximate 35 members and friends were present. Following a short business meeting we adjourned to the basement to enjoy each others company, refreshments and Bob's layout. See this month's color pages for pictures from the meeting. The meeting minutes will be posted on the Division website.

NMRA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED TO ENTER THE DIVISION 8 MODEL CONTEST

While the monthly model contest is still a popular vote contest, you must be an NMRA member to enter. Beginning with the September Contest, entrants must provide their NMRA membership number on the contest log. This is in part to the cash prizes that will be awarded at the annual summer picnic. You may enter a model you built, or a favorite model. The same with photos. If you are bringing a model that you want judged in the Achievement Program, let Jerry Ashley know in advance to arrange for judging.

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OCTOBER RAIL EXCURSIONS PLANNED IN MADISON

The Madison (Indiana) Railroad is planning three excursion trips October 17-18. The excursions are part of Madison's Bi-Centennial Celebration. Trip schedules are: Saturday October 17, 9 AM to 4 PM; and 2 PM to 4 PM. Sunday October 18, 1 PM to 3 PM. Trips will be limited to fifty passengers each trip and will depart North Madison for Dupont, IN and return. There will be Civil War re-enactors and other adventures along the way. The train rides are being sponsored by the Jefferson County Historical Society. Tickets may be purchased for \$20 at the Heritage Center, 615 W. First St. Information: Contact Joe Carr at (812) 265-2335 or jchs@seidata.com. For information on other Bi-Centennial events contact: <http://madisonbicentennial.com/site/event-schedule.php>

DIVISION 8 TRAIN SHOW AND SALE IN NOVEMBER

The annual Division 8 Fall Train show will be Saturday November 21 at Highland Post American Legion. It's not too early to reserve a table. Tables are \$ 15 each for NMRA members, \$ 20 for non members. Call Steve Taylor 812-265-6155.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A MODEL JUDGE?

Come to Meadowview Presbyterian Church, 2944 Breckenridge Lane, 2 PM Sunday September 20 and find out. Bob Weinheimer MMR and Mid-Central Region Contest Chairman will be the instructor. Do you want to know what the judges are looking for when examining a model? In September you can have an opportunity to find answers to these and any other questions you may have concerning the material covered in this program will help you improve

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At the August Meeting



Above contest winners from left to right: Bob Frankrone, Jim Harrington, Rick Maloney.
Below, more meeting pictures\.



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your modeling skills. If you are on the fence about whether you should attend or not, read the article “Think You Can’t Win A Model Contest? Think Again” in the September issue of *Scale Rails*.

You must be an NMRA member to attend. If you have any questions, or interested in attending call Jerry Ashley at 502-893-0801 or email him at: jerryashley@insightbb.com.

Pike Show Case

Something a little different. Many of you have seen the “Miniatur Wunderland” model railroad in Hamburg, Germany on the web. Our clerk, Eric Waggoner, took these photos while on a business trip to Germany. It is billed as the largest model railroad in the world. Eric said he spent four and one-half hours there and still didn’t see everything. If you want to see more check out their website: <http://www.miniatur-wunderland.com/>.



Crowds abound and nothing (above right) is omitted.

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The year is 1981, Illinois Central “Jeeps” wait at Oak Street Yard.

Photo by Charlie Keeling.

The September contest is Photos. Bring your favorite photo to the meeting and enter.



2010 MID CENTRAL REGION CONVENTION

The 2010 Mid Central Region Convention, **THE COAL-FIELD EXPRESS**, will be held May 13-16, 2010 in Charleston, West Virginia. At the convention hotel (the Embassy Suites) you will find the usual sorts of activities including the model contest, raffle, silent auction, company store, clinics, hospitality suite, and banquet. Thursday evening you will have the opportunity to operate one of three area layouts. Prototype and industrial tours available as extra fare events on Friday and Saturday. Sunday will find a number of layouts in the immediate Charleston area open for visits, plus others that you will be able to visit on your way home from the convention. For information you can go to the Division 8 Web Site and follow the links or go to http://www.coaldivision.org/coalfield_express.html. You can also contact the convention registrar: registrar@coaldivision.org

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Bob Sobotka, Division 8 Membership Chairman

Our Super and I were exchanging emails yesterday regarding the demographics of our membership and its median age. As you would expect by looking around at any Division event we are 61% over age 60. We do have some very young members such as my own five-year-old son, Mark Norman's daughter, and Jerry Ashley's grandson, but we have even less members in their 20s and just a few more in their 30s. To me it is no surprise that we have so few members in this age band. With work obligations, relationships and new families, it is no wonder that young people have other things going on and model railroading takes a back seat or is forgotten altogether.

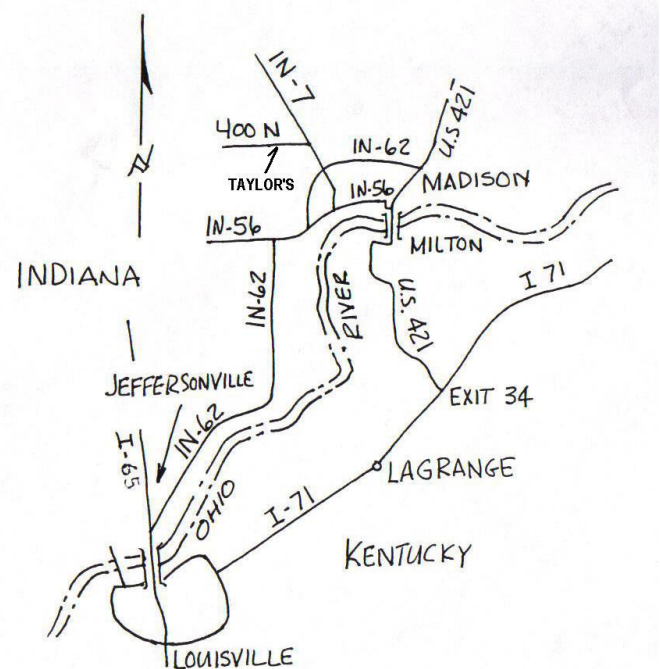
From conversations I have had with many of our own members I see a similar pattern in the evolution of their model railroading interest. Using myself as an example I played with trains as a kid and loved riding behind old Consolidation Number 60 at the Black River and Western Railroad in Flemington, NJ. I was fascinated by the 30-40 trains a day that blew their horns at the grade crossing a block from my house on the CNJ and Lehigh Valley. I dreamed of the evolution of my 4X8 layout and drew track, electrical, and building diagrams. And I built lots of plastic models, mostly cars, planes, and ships, however. Then I discovered sports, girls, and cars (and airplanes too) and model railroading was forgotten. Well not totally forgotten as the HO tracks and the Tycos came out at Christmas and for a few weeks I thought about building it all again someday. Then in my 40s, with a house, a wife, and a son, model railroading started to gain appeal as a simple hobby (I thought it would be simple!) that I could enjoy with my son. That was about 4 years ago and today it is my number one hobby.

Does any of this sound familiar? Did you rediscover model railroading in your 40s? Chances are our future membership is out there waiting to be discovered. People just

like me who had never heard about the NMRA until someone told them (thank you Ed Brennan) and then eased them into an introduction to the organization and what it can do for the hobby. While I do not intend to give up on recruiting young people into the hobby I do believe the reality for many people is that this hobby gains appeal as you get older and it would seem the interest gets going in the 40s. So again I call upon YOU, the membership, to be on the lookout for people you know or meet, perhaps people visiting your layout who get that "wow, cool" look on their face, and take the opportunity to tell them about the greater community of model railroaders and our organization, the NMRA. From these people will come our future membership and the continued success of our Division.

SEPTEMBER MEETING AT THE HOME OF STEPHEN AND KAREN TAYLOR, MADISON, IN

This month's meeting will be Saturday September 19, 2009 of **Stephen and Karen Taylor** in Madison, Indiana. We will meet at 2:00 PM EDT Time. The Taylors' address is 4283 County Road 400N. Note that the Taylors' have moved into the new house they built a couple of years ago. See the map in this issue for directions to Madison. From Indiana Hwy 62 turn north on to St. Rd. 7. Go approximately 2 miles to 400N, turn left and go approximately 1.5 miles. Steve's driveway will be on your left, look for the Eight Ball Sign. His address is on the mail box. If you get lost call Steve at 812-265-6155. As usual we will have a light meal after the meeting. Steve and Karen will provide the sandwiches and soft drinks. Each family or member attending is asked to bring a covered dish or desert.



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