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From the Superintendent's Desk

What is Achievement? At the Mid-Central Region Superintendents Breakfast, the NMRA Achievement Program was discussed at some length. At our Division meeting, the subject was explored further. Joe Fields, our AP Chairman did a wonderful job explaining and encouraging the group.

Back to the question posed at the beginning. In an effort to answer this, a good start is the dictionary. The three definitions found there are: 1. the act of achieving, accomplishment, 2. a result gained by effort, 3. the quality and quantity of a member's work. These simple definitions do a fine job of defining achievement. The NMRA Achievement Program details how to be recognized for your efforts. It's worth a few minutes of your time to go to www.nmra.org and read the materials found in the A.P. area. What I took away from all of this is that it is entirely within the grasp of our members. It does take effort. There must be quality and quantity. To help you with this, Joe is recruiting A.P. Coaches in each of the categories. These coaches are fellow division members who have a particular interest and skill in a particular area – structures, electrical, author, etc. As soon as practical, there names will be listed on the division web page. These folks are there to coach and mentor you. You still have to do the work and develop your skills, but they will help you get there. [Coaches – track your hours for Volunteer Achievement credit!]

Alas it also takes documentation.

Do not fear. Joe and his team will help guide you through this too. Think of documentation in terms of telling a story. What did you set out to do? How did you go about doing it? What materials, parts, techniques, and so forth did you use? What prototype and era are you modeling? If you are freelancing, you will want to place your railroad in a historical context so that it makes sense. Assume nothing. Remember, the documentation is being read by someone who very well might not know you, know of your project, or have even seen it. Finally, pictures tell a thousand words. Be sure to include before, during, and after photos of your project. Joe and the A.P. judges will look over your work and point out and areas needing improvement. Your skills will improve, you will be recognized, and we will all have more fun.

Mark

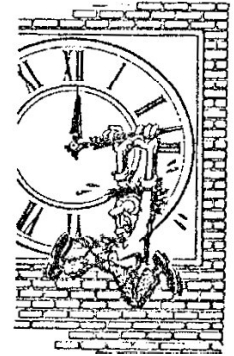
JUNE MEETING AT THE JOHNSON'S

The June meeting is Thursday June 17 at 7:30 PM. We will meet at the home of Bob and Ramona Johnson, 7703 Tip Top Lane. From I-65 South, take Okolona exit to the Outer Loop. Go 5.4 miles to Smyrna Rd., turn right onto Smyrna Road. Go 0.2 miles to Apex, turn right on Apex, turn right onto Tip Top Ln.

Joe Fields, AP Chairman

On behalf of the AP committee, I would like to thank those who were in attendance at Div. 8's May meeting. I passed out a sign up sheet and it was returned with a good response for folks signing up to be coach's for their favorite thing they liked to do in Model Railroading. With this list, when someone needs help say for instance in bench work, I can give them a name and a phone number of who to call that can help them. At the meeting several folks were recognized for their work in model railroading. The following have received certificates: Tom Guenther, Golden Spike, Ed Brennan, Master Builder certificates in scenery and electrical, Steve Pharris, Master Builder certificates in electrical and scenery, Steve and Marissa Pharris, Golden Spike. Congratulations to these folks. Remember if you have something that needs to be judged or you need some help with some aspect of model railroading please call me, at (502)964-2679 or email at joedfields@bellsouth.net

TIMETABLE



Jun 17, Div 8 Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 PM, Bob and Ramona Johnson, 7703 Tip Top Ln.

July 11-17, NMRA National Convention, Milwaukee, WI.

July 31, Div 8 Picnic, Depot, Salem, IN

Aug 21, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Home of Russ Weis

Sep 18, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM, TBA

Oct 15, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM, TBA

Nov 18, Div 8 Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 PM, TBA

Nov 20, Div 8 Train Show, Highland Post, 10 AM to 3 PM

Dec, No Meeting, Christmas Party. TBA

Hosts are needed for September, October, and November meetings.

DIVISION 8 ACHIEVES

Model Contest**JUNE**

July	OPEN LOADS
August	No Contest
September	MOW Equipment
October	Photos
November	Steam Locomotives
December	Displays/Dioramas
January	No Contest
February	Freight
March	Diesels
April	Commercial Structures
May	Passenger Cars
	Cabooses

ATTENTION "O" AND "N" SCALERS

If you in either O scale or N scale, take notice of the **special Heritage and Living Legend Car sale** going on right now at NMRA headquarters. In an effort to reduce inventory, all O-scale cars are being sold for just \$10 each, and N-scale cars are going for \$5 each. *Note that these prices are cheaper than the retail price of the trucks on the cars!* A complete list of available cars and order form is on page 45 of June Scale Rails. You can also go to the NMRA Website at NMRA.org. Click on "On-line Store", members section, search for "Heritage Cars". There deals on HO cars also.

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The winner of the May Contest was Bill Lynch with his HO Norfolk Southern Lynch Yard Caboose. Second place was a tie between Jim Harrington's logging caboose and Joe Fields' L & N O Scale Caboose.

Point Standings:

Rick Maloney is still in the lead with 24 points. Others' point standings below:

- 20 Bob Frankrone
- 16 Bill Lynch and Jim Harrington
- 12 Tom Lindquist
- 10 Charlie Keeling
- 9 Bob Johnson
- 8 Bob Kuchler
- 7 John Kelly
- 4 Bob Johnson and Jack Diehl
- 3 Ed Brennan, Jerry Ashley, Joe Fields
- 2 Bob Sobotka
- 1 Rob Johnson, Eric Waggoner, Chris Broughton, Cecil Stewart, John Bowman

GREAT TIME AT MCR CONVENTION

Fourteen Division 8 members and family members made the trek to Charleston, West Virginia for the 2010 Mid Region Central Convention. The gang at Division 9 did a great job hosting the convention. There was a variety of tours. Some of us went on the Walker Equipment and Four Mile Coal Mine Tour. At the mine they even stopped one of their huge dump trucks so we could take group photos. Other tours included trips to Hawks Nest State Park, a demonstration coal mine in Beckley to name a few. Two of our members took honors in the contests. Bob Frankrone in photo and model categories, and Bobbi Hedge in crafts. There was a wide variety of clinics offered, and we "fanned out" to attend as many as we could. Sunday was layout tours. There is some fantastic modeling in the area. Some pictures will be published in the Pie Card, but you can check out our website for more.

NMRA PHOTO CONTEST EXTENDED

The deadline has now been extended to August 31! In addition, the cab ride will now take place from Kansas City, MO, to Jefferson City, MO. To be eligible, your photo must be postmarked by August 31, 2010 (or originated in transit by a third party service such as FedEx or UPS), and received no later than April 20. Only one photograph may be submitted per envelope, but there's no limit to the number of photos you can submit. All photos become the property of the NMRA, which may use the photo in any manner it chooses. In addition, participants agree to provide the NMRA with the original medium of the photo (negative, transparency, or digital file) if requested. Send your entries to: Robert J. Amsler, Jr., 514 Dover Place, St. Louis, MO 63111. If you send a print, be sure to protect it from bending! For complete information go to the NMRA website: <http://www.nmra.org/>. Under "What's New", click on 75th Anniversary Photo Contest

**NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION****JULY 11 – JULY 17, 2010 MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN**

MAY CONTEST



Above left: May model contest winner by Bill Lynch. Tied for second place, Jim Harrington's Ho Scale logger caboose and Joe Fields O Scale L & N "Little Woody".

GLASGOW "JIM CROW" COMBINE TO BE RESTORED



Friends of the L & N Depot (Bowling Green) are planning on restoring the former L & N Jim Crow Combine that has been on a siding in Glasgow, KY since 1955. It will be taken to Bowling Green for restoration. When completed it will go on display at the Historic Rail Park and Museum in Bowling Green, KY.

CONVENTION PICTURES



Above left: Stan and Mary Margaret Perry on the Hawk's Nest State Park Tour, *photo by Eric Waggoner*. Above right, part of the group on the Four Mile Service Mine Tour.

CONVENTION (continued)



John Harris' HO Allegany and New River (above left) was on the layout tour as well as hosted an operating session. Above right, HO Kanawha Valley Model Railroad Club.



Above left: Bob Frankrone on the Walker Equipment Tour. Above right, Bob Frankrone and Mark Norman in front of the former C & O Depot at St. Albans. This is the home of the O-scale hi-rail St. Alban's C & O Modelers.

ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY--open loads.

The June Model Contest is Open Loads. Here are two prototype examples. Double stacks at Queensgate Yard in Cincinnati and logs at Osborne Yard, Louisville.



K & I CLUB HOSTS CUB SCOUT OUTING

By Bob Sobotka

The K&I Model Railroad Club hosted a special tour for Okolona-based Cub Scout Pack 717 on Saturday, May 15. K&I members Nat King, Ed Brennan, Bruce Goreham, Bob Sobotka and Connor Sobotka greeted the scouts and their Cubmaster. Several consists representing different eras of passenger and freight railroading were on display. The scouts were shown how the layout was constructed and operated as well as how cars can be modeled from kits or built up from scratch. For all it was the first time they had seen a large layout. The K&I hopes to conduct more of these special tours for scouts in the future.

SUMMER TRAIN EVENTS AND SWAP MEETS

August 14, Summerail, Cincinnati Union Terminal, Cincinnati, Ohio. Enjoy a day of *high quality railroad photography*. There will be twelve multimedia digital and dual-projector slide presentations, all set to music. The programs will run from 1:00 - 10:00 pm, with a break for dinner (on your own) approximately from 4:30 - 7:00 pm. **Admission is \$15.** Railroad Show and Sale in the Rotunda 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. **Telephone: 513-561-1670, srolih@cinci.rr.com**

August 14, Trains, Planes, Automobiles & Tractors Show, Woodford County Fairgrounds, Versailles, Kentucky. They are looking for model Train vendors. Call Rick Able, Falls City Live Steamers, 502-419-9321.

August 27-28, Southern Indiana Club Train Show and Swap Meet. Sellersburg Moose Lodge Family Center 1757, 1040 S. Indiana Ave. (US 31), Sellersburg, Indiana. Train Show both days, Swap meet on Saturday August 28th only. Free admission, \$ 10 per table to reserve a table. Contact Craig Hatter, 502-767-3398 or email: ns4610@bluegrass.net.

August 29, General Butler State Park, Model Train & Railroadiana Show. 11:00 AM TO 4 PM. Highway 227, I-71 Exit 44. For info call Chis Pape: 502-743-5414 or kyfr@att.net.

WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS

Division 8 is in the process of assembling photos of division activities, layouts, meetings, clinics, picnics, anything related to our wonderful hobby. Please send your digital photos to: kingpin@insightbb.com

The photos you share will become part of our Christmas entertainment and even on the division web site. Keep those photos coming in! This will go a long way in sharing with people just how much fun we are having.

NMRA membership right now remains very steady

As of April 30, we had 19,309 members, which is a decrease of 131 members from April, 2009, but an increase of 206 from April 2008.

TRACKING VOLUNTEER HOURS

Bob Sobotka

To help track the Division's contribution to the community by promoting model railroading, I have been asked by our Super to track volunteer hours. Please, whenever you perform volunteer work for the NMRA, including club open houses or shows and Railroading Merit Badge counseling, please send your hours to me at rsobotka@ipapilot.org. If you have tracked any hours already worked this year please send those as well. I encourage all members to keep a log of your volunteer hours as they can be used toward your Association Volunteer AP award.

AT THE MAY MEETING

Revised Division Logo Accepted

Twenty five members met at the home of Brenda and Cecil Stewart in Bardstown, Kentucky. Members were shown the proposed revised logo. While retaining the "Eight-Ball" it features lettering in a simpler font and a revised steam locomotive representation. Mark Norman explained that the purpose for revising the logo was to present a better format for transferring to embroidered items, as well as having it print better in both enlargements and reductions. After a brief discussion, the members voted to accept the new logo. This is the first official revision to our logo since it was introduced some 40 years ago.

Jack Diehl reported the tally for the "Silver Spike" award. Bob Sobotka was named the recipient for his exemplary service to the Division. Congratulations Bob.

Mike Berry took office as Treasurer replacing Jim Ward. Thanks to Jim for his service. Continuing in office is Mark Norman, Superintendent; Bruce Goreham, Assistant Super; Eric Waggoner, Clerk, and Don Fowler Trustee. The other two trustee positions were not up for election this term.

Our host, Cecil Stewart, presented a program on the 1/8 scale live steam railroad he recently operated on in Texas. Built to operate, it uses track warrants to dispatch trains and car cards to route cars. Cecil said the railroad hosts one large operating meet per year lasting over several days. Locomotive and rolling stock owners from all over the South and Southwest bring their equipment.

During the break the Stewart's provided a variety of snacks for those attending.

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

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