



# The Pie Card



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## From the Superintendent's Desk

Last month's column was devoted to the Achievement Program. Let's continue to explore this a bit more. In an effort to facilitate members earning their Achievement Certificates Joe Fields, our AP Chairman, is in the process of recruiting coaches for the different disciplines. About half the positions are filled. Incidentally, if a position is already "filled" you can still step up and add your name as well. There can be more than one coach for a given area. As the division covers a fair amount of territory, it helps to have multiple people involved. In addition, there is always another way of doing things. It never ceases to amaze me the different ideas, techniques, and thought processes among the membership. Don't be bashful, if you have particular knowledge about something, please share! Remember, our purpose for being is education. Let's start by educating one another.

On the flip side of coaching is being coached. Unlike a ball game where the coach is likely to be calling out to you, this is different. In model railroading, you have to call the coach. You have to recognize you are facing a particular challenge and call the coach for help. That last sentence shows my age I suppose. Maybe the correct thing to say is that you have to send an email. Whatever works for you, just take the initiative!

Permit me to segue from initiative to the contest and back to the achievement program. The contest table is getting a bit more crowded. That's a good thing! Keep those cars, engines, structures, and so forth coming! Not only is it fun, you earn points toward a gift certificate at the picnic. The contest is a popularity vote, plain and simple. That said, you might ask the AP Chairman or one of the coaches to look at your entry for achievement potential. They would be happy to give you a quick review and likely a few pointers. If you take this insight and add documentation, you will be on your way to earning your certificates.

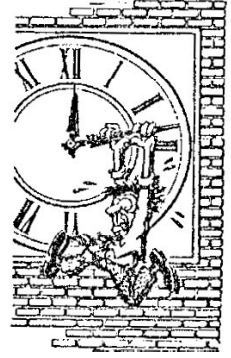
If it seems there is some emphasis on the achievement program of late, you are correct. There is incredible talent in the division. We just need to get the word out. Call a coach, be a coach, but by all means, just do it and let your light shine!

Mark

## AT THE JUNE MEETING

Division 8 members gathered at the home of Bob and Ramona Johnson, on Thursday 17 June 2010. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. The minutes for the May meeting were accepted as published on the Division Web Site. There was no treasurer's report, and the no new or old business was brought before the members. The minutes for the June meeting are posted on the Division website.

## TIMETABLE



### TIME TABLE

- 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

### AUGUST MEETING

July is picnic time, so no meeting. Our August meeting will be at the home of Russ Weis. Russ is building an even larger layout in his new home than he had in the old. Come out and check his progress. Details will be in the August issue of *The Pie Card*.



## Model Contest

### JULY

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

## MAINTENANCE TIES FUND

Do you enjoy the color pages in each issue of the Pie Card? It costs \$ 44 a month to bring them to you. The maintenance tie fund helps defray the cost of the color printing. To support this fund please give your contribution of \$ 5.00 or more to the Pie Card editor, Bob Dawson. Donors for 2010 to date are:

**\$ 50 or more:** Ralph Bracewell

**\$ 25 to \$ 45:** Charles Fackler, Bob Kuchler, Bob Johnson, Ivan Baugh

**\$ 5 to \$ 20:** Eric Waggoner, Mike Berry, Mark Norman, Bill Poteet, Charlie Keeling, Stephen Taylor, Jim Harrington, Jim Kuzirian, Russ Weis, Herman Weir, Ronald Rauchmiller, John Ottman, Ed Brennan, Frank Becker, Tom Smart.



The 2011 NMRA Convention in Sacramento is being billed as the “Unconventional Convention,” and one of the reasons is that the registration fee is only \$99! But, that low \$99 rate will be available only until September 1, 2010, at which time it will definitely increase. Register now to take advantage of this low rate at the Convention’s website - [www.x2011west.org](http://www.x2011west.org)

### 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 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photo Contest

## CONTEST REPORT

*Bill Lynch, Contest Chairman*

The winner of the June Contest was Jim Harrington

Point Standings:

25 Rick Maloney

20 Jim Harrington, Bob Frankrone

17 Bill Lynch

12 Tom Lindquist

11 Charlie Keeling

10 Bob Johnson, John Kelly

9 Bob Kuchler

4 Herman Weir, Jack Diehl

3 Ed Brennan, Jerry Ashley, Joe Fields

2 Bob Sobotka, John Bowman

1 Rob Johnson, Eric Waggoner, Chris Broughton, Cecil Stewart, Ed Atkins.

Awards will be made at the July Picnic. There is no contest in July, but Bill is looking forward to you entries in the August Contest. The category is Maintenance of Way (MOW) Equipment.



## EXTRA 2011 WEST NMRA CONVENTION



## June Contest

Right: Jim Harrington took the honors for the June Model Contest.



## Visitors

Left: Sue and Joe Paff and their nephew Zorin Wojcik at Tom Guenther's Layout June 24, 2010.

Below: More pictures from the 2010 Coalfield Express Convention



Below: Elk and Little Kanawha--Steve Meyers, St. Albans, WV. Steve's On30 layout captures logging operations in central West Virginia in the early part of the 20th Century.



## ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

The following Mid Central Region Certifications were reported in the July issue of *Scale Rails*.

**Master Builder-Structures:** Pete Birdsong, Lexington; Georgia Dahlberg, Williamstown, KY.

**Model Railroad Engineer-Civil:** Georgia Dahlberg, Williamstown.

**Association Volunteer:** Norman Courtney, Dayton, OH; John Gafney, Dublin, OH.

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**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 28<sup>th</sup> only. Free admission, \$ 10 per table to reserve a table. Contact Craig Hatter, 502-767-3398 or email: [ns4610@bluegrass.net](mailto: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](mailto:kyfr@att.net).

**VISITORS FROM PACIFIC COAST REGION VISIT LOCAL LAYOUTS.**

*Jerry Ashley MMR*

I was contacted by Sue and Joe Paff to see if I could set up some layout visits for them. Sue is chief clerk and paymaster for the Daylight Division, PCR, NMRA. They were in Louisville with Sue's sister and nephew attending the National Dairy Goat Show at the Kentucky Expo Center.

I would like to thank Ralph Bracewell, Tom Guenther, Tom Lindquist and Jim Harrington for opening up their home layouts on short notice for our visitors from California. Thanks a bunch, and the Paff's really enjoyed their visit (*one of the benefits of NMRA membership is that you are part of network of model railroaders across the country and the world. See a picture of the Paff's in this month's color pages, Ed.*).

**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](mailto: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.

**DIVISION 8 PICNIC, JULY 31, 2010**

This year the 2010 NMRA Division Eight Picnic will be at the Salem Monon Railroad Depot Railroad Museum, 206 South College Ave., Salem, IN. The date is 31 July 2010. We will gather at about noon. We will have a box lunch with a choice of a turkey, ham or roast beef sandwich, bag of chips and a cookie. Call Bobbi Hedge at (812) 288-8037 to make your reservation and make your sandwich selection. You can also email her at: [bhedge59@yahoo.com](mailto:bhedge59@yahoo.com). The cost for lunch will be \$5.00 and we'll have some cokes available. Pay at the picnic.

**Directions**

- Take I-65 North towards Indianapolis approximately 7.8 miles.
- Exit at Exit 7 for IN-60 West toward Salem (left at the top of the ramp).
- Travel on IN-60 West approximately 27 miles into Salem.
- Turn right onto South Main Street.
- Turn Right on E. Poplar Street.
- Turn right on College Avenue (one way street). You'll see the depot on your left.

**HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR PIKE?**

*Gerry Leone, MMR (reprinted from MCR Div 2, The Keystone Flyer)*

The Pike Registry, part of the NMRA's Membership Services and Promotion Department, is one of the lesser known services of the NMRA, yet it's been around almost as long as the organization itself. By sending in an application to program manager Ron Fredericks, along with a \$10 donation, NMRA members can register the name and reporting marks of their model railroad in the Official Register of Model Railroads (ORMRR) for two years. In return they receive an official registration certificate along with a CD of the current ORMRR. (Printed versions are also available to those without computers.)

The ORMRR is a tremendous resource for those who travel and would like to visit model railroads during their trip. The Register lists names, addresses and phone numbers of registrants, along with visitation preferences.

Studying the ORMRR is fun in and of itself. Currently it contains well over 500 pikes, some of which are as yet unbuilt. Among those appearing are prototypical names such as Union Pacific and Burlington Northern. But others have registered more whimsical names, such as the Kneedy & Lackamoney and the Downe & Owlte. It makes for great reading.

For details on how to get your pike registered, visit the NMRA website at: [Http://www.nmra.org/pikes/index.html](http://www.nmra.org/pikes/index.html).

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**NEXT MEETING:****AUGUST 21, 2010****PICNIC: JULY 31****Details inside**