



# The Pie Card

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## *From the Superintendent's Desk*



I pray this column finds you and yours well. As I write this column, I'm fortunate to be wearing loose clothing. That's important because we are still enjoying the leftovers from the Thanksgiving feast. The regular clothing might be a bit snug! Christmas and all of its joys are just around the corner. It is truly a wonderful time of the year. To be sure, the joys of the season bring their own stresses. We can't help but think of those with whom we have shared holidays past. Still, we can rejoice in the wonderful times we have shared.

Sharing joy is a large part of what we do. Without a doubt, our hobby brings incredible satisfaction and fun to each of us. We get to grow our skills and our layouts. Yet, it is only through sharing that we truly can find joy. Often, we share with our fellow model railroad enthusiasts. Only they can truly appreciate the depth and breadth of our hobby. Doesn't it feel good to hear a fellow enthusiast first compliment you and then seek your advice? You bet! Now, how do you feel when a child looks, with a gleam in their eyes, at your train rolling down the tracks? How about seeing the smile on mom and dad's faces? What about the grandfather who "remembers when" and shares with you? Is that not joy?

This Christmas season, share the Joy!

Mark

## **TWO MODEL RAILROADS TO BE OPEN DECEMBER 18**

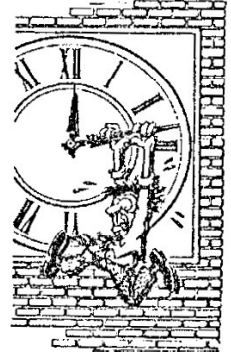
Bob Irmscher and Harry Munzer will be hosting open houses for the holidays featuring their indoor train layouts on Saturday December 18. Bob features a fully sceniced O-gauge layout with an On30 branchline. Bob's address is 5541 Buck Creek Rd., Floyds Knobs, Indiana just off Hwy 150. From I-64 take US 150 West. Buck Creek Rd is on the right immediately after the four lane divided highway goes to two lanes. The layout is on the second floor of his garage. Bob will be open from 11:00 AM to 1 PM. Harry will be running his HO Division of the Swift Creek Railroad, as well as having Lionel running. Harry lives at 6265 Buttonwood Rd. off US 150 in Greenville, IN. Harry's layout will be open from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

## **NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK-HOW OLD IS THE PIE CARD?**

*Pie Card Editor Bob Dawson*

Just a reminder, the Pie Card is going electronic beginning with the January 2011 issue. Since we are turning over a new leaf I took a look backward. The masthead of a current issue says we are in Volume 49. This would lead you to believe that we are moving into our 50th year of publication in 2011. This ain't necessarily so! According to Col. Johnnie Reid, our first superintendent, the Division was not formed until 1966. So Volume 49 looks like a bogus number. OK, what is correct? Thanks to Charlie Keeling your editor has been able to pull together some past issues. Unless some of you have some squirrelled away, most seem to be missing. For the first several years no volume number was given. Alan Bates was the editor. Alan resigned with the September 1973 issue as the re-  
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## *TIMETABLE*



**Dec 16**, Christmas Party. Thursday, KYANA Car Club

**Dec 18**, Saturday, Open Houses, Bob Irmscher and Harry Munzer

**Jan 15**, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Conference Center

**Feb 19**, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM, TBA

**Mar 17**, Div 8 Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 PM, TBA

**Mar 19**, Division 8 Train Show and Sale, 10-3, Highland Post

## **JANUARY MEETING INFORMATION**

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER. The January meeting will be Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at the Airport Industrial Park Conference Center. Look for details in the January issue of the *Pie Card*.

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY REMINDER**

Thursday, December 16, 2010 at KYANA Car Club 3821 Hunsinger Lane. Doors will open at 6:00 PM, buffet line open from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Reservations are required.



## Model Contest

### DECEMBER


January  
February  
March  
April  
May  
June  
July  
August  
September  
October  
November

### NO CONTEST

Freight Cars  
Diesels  
Commercial Structures  
Passenger Cars  
Cabooses  
Open Loads  
No Contest  
MOW Equipment  
Photos  
Steam Locomotives  
Displays/Dioramas


Enter your favorite model in the contest. The judging is strictly "peoples' 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.

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sult of a feud with our printer, Bob Brown. This is also was the first issue I have seen with a volume number—Volume XI. This number would put the first issue of the Pie Card as 1962, four years before the Division was founded. Building on this series the numbers progressed for the next several years. In 1991 Art Goreham took over as editor. Art must have realized the error; he reset the 1991 volume as "XXV". This put us to 1966 for the first issue. This made sense, but by 2002 the volume number had been reset again. This time, 2002 was volume 41. What??? Now we moved the first issue date back to 1961. This is the date that has been perpetuated to this day. Unless I hear some proof to the contrary, beginning with the January 2011 issue I am "resetting" the volume number back to 45.

## CONTEST REPORT

Bill Lynch, Contest Chairman

Bob Frankrone took first place in the November contest with his Diorama. Chralie Keeling took second. Point standings to date: Charlie Keeling (11), Jim Harrington (9); Bill Lynch, Tom Lindquist and Bob Johnson(5); Eric Waggoner and Bob Frankrone (4); John Bowman, Steve Summers, Ramona Johnson, Patrick Hardesty, Bob Kuchler. And Rick Maloney (1). See photos of Bob and Charlie's entries in this month's color section.

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**JEAN BAUGH**

Jean Baugh, wife of Ivan Baugh, passed away November 8<sup>th</sup> after a short illness. Jean retired as a teacher from Jefferson County Public Schools, and later worked part-time at Bellarmine University's School of Education. Our sympathies to Ivan and his family.

**2011 Mid Central Region Convention**

# Rails Of Ages

**1961 to 2011**



**Check Div. 8 Website, click on links, and go to Division 5, MCR and follow links to "convention".**

**MID CENTRAL REGION CONVENTION**  
Apr 28 – May 1, 2011  
Geneva-on-the-Lake, Ohio  
Hosted by Division 5  
"The Western Reserve Division"

## November Meeting



The November contest subject was dioramas and scenes. Above left is Bob Frankrone's entry that took first place. Above right is Charlie Keeling's entry that took second place.



Southern Indiana Club in Jeffersonville, Indiana was our host for the November Meeting. Above, some pictures from the evening.

# NOVEMBER LAYOUT TOUR



Above left, John Bowling's, Danville, KY. Above right, lunch at the Kentucky Depot Restaurant in Stanford Kentucky. Below pictures from Ray and Renee Grossers, and group in front of our bus. See the January issue for more photos from the tour.



## THANKS FOR ANOTHER GREAT TRAIN SHOW AND SALE

Thanks to all who came and supported our Fall Show. It's always dangerous to name names. Someone is always left out. Saying that thanks to Mark and Bobbi Hedge for taking care of the hard job of taking table reservations and trying to keep our dealers satisfied. Also to Bruce Goerham who took charge of the show in my absence (I had a family commitment in Illinois). Thanks also to those who helped getting the dealers to their tables; to Barry Barmore and Cecil and Brenda Stewart for holding down the admissions tables. Layouts make it a show and not just a swap meet. Thanks to Bob Johnson, Joe Martin, Radcliffe Model Railroad Club, and Falls City Live Steamers. A full report will be given at the January Division Meeting.

Our next show will be March 19, 2011, Highland Post.

## NOVEMBER LAYOUT TOUR

*By Bob Dawson*

On November 6, twenty-eight Division 8 members, family members and friends boarded a bus for a tour of layouts in Danville and Eubank, Kentucky. We boarded at Scale Reproductions Hobby Shop and departed at 9:30 AM. The first stop was in Danville at John Bowling's spectacular HO Louisville & Nashville. John models the steam/diesel transition era on the L & N. With thousands of figures and hundreds of highly detailed structures, John has created a vision of Kentucky based on his memories and interests. One can spend hours observing the mini-scenes all over the layout, but we only had an hour. After thanking John and his crew, we loaded up and headed for Stanford, Kentucky where we ate lunch. We enjoyed at the Kentucky Depot Restaurant and then we were on our way to Ray and Renee Grosser's layout in Eubank, Kentucky. Ray, Renee, and their friends were waiting for us. For most of us this was our first view of Ray's new O-scale layout. The larger scale has enabled Ray and Renee to add some features that were almost impossible to do in HO. Many of the structures on the layout feature detailed interiors. In one you find a model train club layout on the second floor, in another a produce market on the first floor. The town scene from the previous HO layout has been preserved and is displayed separately. It features many of the buildings that Renee remembered from her childhood. As usual Renee had a selection of goodies and refreshments waiting for us. Ray also had some model supplies and books he was selling for friend who was down-sizing. Most boarded the bus for home clutching a bag containing "treasures" they couldn't do without. Before boarding for our return

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

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

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

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trip, we posed for a group picture and then thanked Ray and Renee for their hospitality. On the way back we paused at Danville to watch a southbound NS train being refueled just north of the yard. We arrived back at Scale Reproductions at about 5:30 pm. The tour was a real team project. Jerry Ashley coordinated the date and scheduled our visit with John Bowling and Ray and Renee Grosser. Bobbi Hedge handled the reservations, and Mike Berry arranged the lunch stop with the Kentucky Depot Restaurant. I made the charter with Toby Tours for the bus. Thanks to John Bowling, Robin Grider, Ray and Renee Grosser for hosting our group. Thanks also to Brian Bunker at Scale Reproductions for the use of his parking lot.



## HOSPITALIZED

Ray Rohmann recently had a knee replacement. He is home now and will be undergoing therapy.

Tom Guenther's wife, Betty was back in the hospital. She had to return to the hospital due to complications resulting from the surgery. She is now undergoing re-hab at Park Terrace Nursing Facility.

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**SATURDAY, January 15, 2011**  
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