



# The Pie Card

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## *From the Superintendent's Desk*

10,000.

Where did that number come from? It came up no less than three times today! The first time was at Sophia's school where the Head of School brought it up to the student body. Over lunch, one of my strategic partners and I were discussing the very same thing and how it applied to our businesses. Two hours later, it came up yet again. Whether this was providence or coincidence, I'll leave for you to determine.

The rule of 10,000 is supported from in-depth research and our own experiences. It applies to the hobby of model railroading as well. So what is the mysterious rule? Ten thousand what? Quite simply, ten thousand hours. We all know from our own life's experiences, that people have natural tendencies and skills. Certain physiques are better suited to one sport or another. This is clear. More important than native ability and physique though is hard work and practice. Lots of practice is needed; ten thousand hours' worth to be precise. There is no substitute for hard work and practice.

We have all known or read about people with phenomenal native ability. Beethoven comes to mind in the arena of music. Even he practiced. Tiger Woods is a phenomenal golfer. If you read a bit about him, you find he logged incredible hours from childhood to the present. So, how do you become a Master Model Railroader? Well, I'm not there yet, but my best guess is 10,000 hours of practice. It's not a destination; it's a journey and a fun one at that. If you commit yourself to a career, you can expect it takes ten to fourteen years to achieve this level of mastery. [Coffee breaks and vacation don't count!] Since most of us cannot devote ourselves full-time to our hobby, it takes a bit longer on the calendar to log these hours. Still, steady progress toward the goal of improvement is what it takes. It is said that the longest journey begins with a single step. With that in mind, allow me to suggest taking a few steps away from the easy chair and toward the modeling desk to log a few hours of fun.

Mark

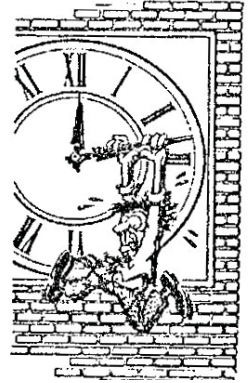
## **THANKS FROM RAY ROHMANN**

A Note of Thanks to all the Members of Division Eight. I would like to thank you for the gift certificate. It will be put to good use. Ray P Rohmann

## **MAINTENANCE TIES FUND**

It was approved by the members at the January meeting that we do away with the Activity Fee. At the same time it was agreed to retain the ----->

## **TIMETABLE**



- Mar 17**, Div 8 Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 PM, Conference Center
- Mar 19**, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 10AM-3PM, Div 8 Train Show and Sale, Legion Post
- Apr 21**, Div 8 Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 PM Conference Center
- May 21**, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM, home of Mark & Bobbi Hedge
- Jun 16**, Div 8 Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 PM, home of Bob & Ramona Johnson
- Jul**, Summer Picnic, TBA

### *Maintenance Ties Fund continued*

Maintenance Ties Fund. In the past this fund has been used to underwrite the cost of printing of the Pie Card color pages. The fund will now be used to help 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 is used to provide a gift certificate to a member who has been hospitalized. It is also used for an expression of sympathy upon the death of a member or a member's spouse. Donors of \$ 5.00 or more to the maintenance ties fund will continue to be recognized in the Pie Card. Donors for 2010 to date are: \$ 5 to \$ 20: Roundhouse Trains, Jim Harrington, Ed Atkins, John Ottman, John Manning, Jim Kuzirian, Eric Waggoner. \$ 25 to \$ 45: Ed Brennan,

## Model Contest

MARCH	COMMERCIAL 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
February	Diesels

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.

## MARCH MEETING INFORMATION

**Due to the scheduling of our Spring Train Show, our March meeting will be held on Thursday evening, March 17 at 7:30 PM at the AIR PORT INDUSTRIAL CENTER** (former Naval Ordnance Plant). We will meet in Building 91; the Conference Center on Rochester Ave. Rochester Ave. can be accessed from either Southside Drive or Strawberry Lane. The program will be presented by Bob Dawson, "Louisville Trolleys and Buses"; Bob Kuchler will provide refreshments,

## MEMBER WELFARE

As this issue is being written, Jerry Ashley is in the hospital and has undergone surgery on his foot. Jerry expected to go to a physical therapy facility..

Please contact Jack Diehl, if you, a family member, or you know of a member, who is ill or hospitalized. Let Jack know also, if you have suffered a death in the family, or if you know of a member, past or present, who has passed away.

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## CONTEST REPORT

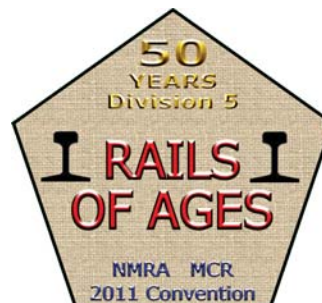
### Bill Lynch, Contest Chairman

There were nine entries in the February Contest, Diesels. Taking first place was Tom Lindquist with his pair of HO L & N "U-boats". Second place honors were taken by Charlie



Keeling with his quartet of HO "Paducah Rebuilds." Bob Dawson won the voting raffle, a ten dollar gift card for Scale Reproductions Hobby Shop. This was the second month for the voting raffle. Its purpose is to encourage voting in the model contest. It must work, there were 36 votes counted.

Point Standings to date: 15 points, Charlie Keeling; 13 points, Jim Harrington and Tom Lindquist. 7 points: Bill Lynch and Bob Johnson; 5 points, Bob Frankrone; 4 points, Eric Waggoner; 3 points, John Bowman; 2 points, Steve Summers; with 1 point each: Ramona Johnson, Patrick Hardesty, Tom Guenther, Bob Kuchler, Rick Maloney, Ed Atkins, Jack Diehl and Fred Soward.



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"

## February Meeting

More pictures from the meeting at the South Louisville Antique and Toy Mall



### BOB SOBOTKA PRESENTED WITH AP AWARD

Achievement Program Chairman Joe Fields presenting Bob with his Association Volunteer Certificate. With Bob is his son, Conner. Charlie Fackler was also presented with his structures certificates. Charlie should be receiving his Master Model Builder-Structures award soon.



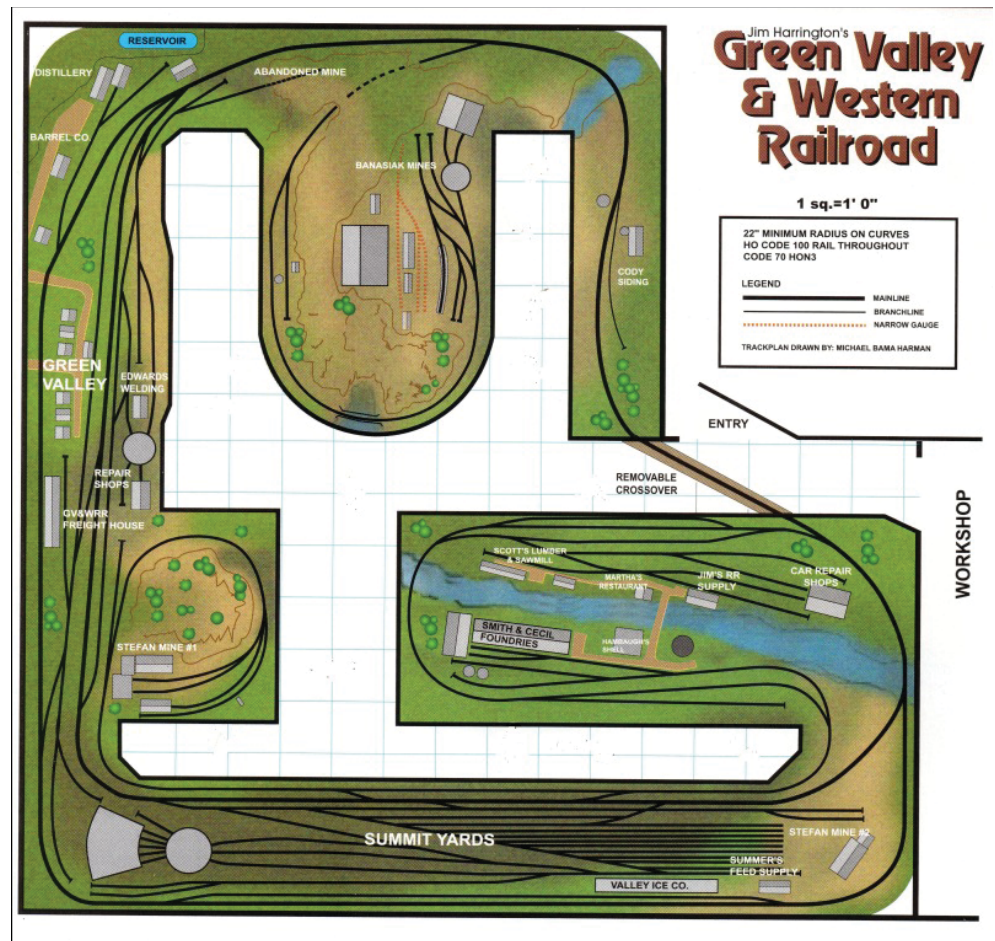
Above Left: Charlie Keeling's kit bashed Paducah Rebuilds. Charlie's models took second place in the February's Contest. See Tom Lindquist's first place winners, in this month's contest report. Above right: Bob Johnson was among the operators running trains after the meeting.

PIKE SHOW CASE-JIM HARRINGTON'S GREEN VALLEY & WESTERN



The Green Valley & Western is a free lanced railroad modeled in HO. Motive power is a collection of custom painted geared and rod locomotives. While the layout is predominately standard gauge, Jim said his inspiration was Colorado narrow gauge. There is, however, some narrow gauge serving the stamping mill. The business of the railroad is hauling silver ore from the two deep shaft mines such as Stefan Mine #2 (left).

To the right is a map of the GV&W. This map was drawn by Bama Harman as part of an article he wrote about the GV&W that appeared in the December 2002 issue of Model Railroading Magazine. Publisher, Randy Lee, had visited Jim's layout during the 2001 Mid Central Region Convention, hosted here in Louisville by Division 8. Unfortunately Model Railroading Magazine is no longer published.



## Pike showcase continued

The massive Banasiak Mining Company Stamping Mill looms over the ore transfer tracks. Raw ore is delivered to the mine on the Standard Gauge GV&W. It is transferred to the narrow gauge mill railroad where it is fed to the Mill. The crushed ore is then reloaded into GV&W and cars to be shipped to a smelter. The mill was named of Jim's wife Jenine's family.



There are many highly detailed scenes on the layout. An example is the Keeling Blacksmith and Welding shop in Green Valley.

## GREEN VALLEY &amp; WESTERN CONTINUED



A loaded ore train crosses the trestle at Big Chad. Jim used plaster to form the cliffs and canyon. No rock castings were used. All of the mountains and cliffs were hand sculpted into the wet plaster before it set. The water on the layout was built with epoxy resins. The layout is remarkably dust free. Jim credited this partially to having a hot water heating system. There is less air movement around the layout. More pictures of Jim's layout will appear in future issues of *The Pie Card*.

## MARCH QUESTION

Pictured shortly after World War II, this Louisville Railway street car is travelling north in downtown Louisville. Can you identify the street? You can email your answer to the Pie Card editor at dawsonrobert1@bellsouth.net, or tell him at the meeting. The names of those with the correct answer will be announced at the March meeting and published in the April *Pie Card*. Charlie Keeling had the correct answer to the February Question. The switcher was parked behind the Big Four Roundhouse at Preston Street. Today this is a parking lot across the Preston Street from Slugger Field just north of Main Street. Photo: Charles Arrington Collection.



## FEBRUARY MEETING REPORT



The February meeting was held at the South Louisville Antique and Toy Mall on Blue Lick Road, in Brooks, KY. Approximately 40 members with friends and family members attended. Mark Hedge reported that 72 tables were sold to date. He suggested if you want a table you better purchase it now. Mark Hedge also reported that it looks like there is some action regarding the future of the old NYC Freight Depot in Jeffersonville. He said it is on the schedule for the next Jeffersonville Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting. AP certificates were presented to Bob Sobotka and Charlie Fackler. See detail in the AP column. Under club information it was reported that the K & I Club is working on modules. The Southern Indiana Club will be set up at our Spring Train Show. Rick Able reported that the Falls City Live Steamers will be set up at Strathmoor Presbyterian Church parking lot providing rides in conjunction with the show. Rick Able and the Falls City Live Steamers were our hosts and supplied a tasty menu consisting of chili, hot dogs, chips, and cookies. All of the layouts were up and running and many took the opportunity to visit the toy displays.

## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

*Pie Card Editor Bob Dawson*

There are many challenges to putting together a monthly newsletter. Obviously making deadlines is one of them. But the major challenge is to find interesting material to publish. Articles are always accepted. Try to keep it to 400 words or so. If longer to cover the subject, parts may appear in more than one issue. Remember, one of the categories in the Achievement Program is Model Railroad Author. The Pie Card is always in need of layout pictures. Last month Tom Guenther, Charlie Keeling and I had the opportunity to visit Jim and Janine Harrington and shoot pictures of Jim's Green Valley and Western Railroad. Some of these pictures appear in this month's issue; more will be published over the next few months. I don't claim to be a photographer of the likes of Lou Sassi with Model Railroader but I try. I don't need MR quality pictures. If you have a layout, send me some pictures. You can email them to me, or give me a CD or prints at a meeting. If you want, I can come to you and take pictures.

## RAILFAN CORNER- HOT SPOT CENTRAL AVENUE

*By Bob Dawson*



In rail fan talk, a hot spot is a location where train frequency is guaranteed. While it doesn't match Winton Place in Cincinnati, I believe Central Avenue in Louisville can be described as a "hot spot". Here the CSX mainline from Cincinnati joins with the old L & N Main Line toward Union Station where it connects with the Norfolk Southern and Paducah & Louisville railroad as well as the L & I bridge crossing the Ohio River. A good vantage point to the Central Avenue Junction is from the Central Avenue (Denny Crum Way) overpass. The viaduct has sidewalks, and the temptation is to cross back and forth to each side of the roadway as the train pass underneath. Cross with care, vehicle traffic can be heavy. Parking is available in the shopping center on the southwest side of the overpass. What is the best time? My favorite time is in the morning from about nine to around noon, but trains can appear at any time of the day. Do you have a favorite railfan site or pictures that you would like to share? If you do contact me at: [dawsonrobertl@bellsouth.net](mailto:dawsonrobertl@bellsouth.net).

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