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From the Superintendent's Desk

Summer is here and for many of that means a bit less time at the modeling desk or layout. At least in my case, the modeling activities slow just a bit. Still, they are a joy. As this is written, I'm looking forward to the division picnic, the fellowship, and our ride on L&N #152. While always exciting, this trip has special significance as the steamer will be undergoing heavy maintenance for quite some time. Now is a good time to offer suggestions as to where we might

gather for our 2012 picnic. Just email your thoughts when you have them.

While on the subject of planning for the future, the Nominating Committee will soon be seeking candidates for office. This is a great opportunity to enjoy model railroading from another perspective. Here is your opportunity to be part of improving the hobby both locally and beyond. Along the way, you will meet many talented modelers that you might not otherwise have met. Something can be learned from all of them. Curious? Frightened? Excited? Ask around. It is truly worth your consideration. The hobby will benefit from new blood and new ideas.

In the shorter term, the fall swap meet will soon be upon us. Our new venue affords us a greater opportunity to meet the public and grow the hobby. There will be room to host guests and let them share in the world's greatest hobby. Your participation is needed. We need people to conduct simple clinics of short time duration. The idea is to demonstrate to the general public how easy and fun the hobby is. This is not the venue for building craftsman kits and programming decoders. This is where we help people get into the hobby. Remember, many parents will be thinking about what to get for Christmas. This is our opportunity to shine. Incidentally, you can earn Author and/or Volunteer points for this.

Mark

DIVISION 8 FALL TRAIN SHOW AND SALE

The date for the Division 8 Train Show and sale is Saturday, November 19, 2011. Hours are the same; 10 AM to 3 PM. Our show is moving. The new location is the Ramada Plaza Convention Center, 9700 Bluegrass Parkway, Louisville, 40299. This is the same location where we hosted the MCR Convention in 2007. This change will provide us with more parking, and a larger space for more dealer tables and layouts. Prices remain the same: \$ 5.00 admission, dealer table rental \$ 20, \$15 for NMRA members. To reserve a table contact Mark or Bobbi Hedge, (812) 288-8037 or email, div8trainshow@gmail.com.

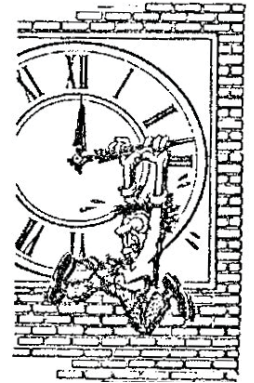
CONTEST REPORT

Bill Lynch, Contest Chairman

For June the results are:

- 1st Place Charlie Keeling with Lumber and Poles Loads 7 votes
- 2nd Place Ed Atkins with O Scale Flat with Half Track 6 votes
- 3rd Place Tied Tom Lindquist, and Jim Harrington 3 votes each

TIMETABLE



Aug 20, Sat 2 PM, Div Mtg, OH-VRRHS, L & N Depot Lagrange, KY

Sep 10, Swift Creek RR Open House, 5 PM-Dark

Sep 17, Sat 2 PM, Div Mtg, K & I Club, Buckner, KY

Oct 15, Sat 2 PM, Div Mtg, Conference Center

Nov 17, Thur 7:30 PM, Div Mtg, Southern Indiana Club

Nov 19, Sat 10AM-3PM, Div 8 Train Show, Ramada Plaza

Dec 16, Fri, 6:30 PM, Div 8 Christmas Party, KYANA Car Club.

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For The Year: 1st Place Charlie Keeling with 25 points; 2nd Place Jim Harrington with 19 points; and 3rd Place Tom Lindquist with 17 points. Other point standings at the finish: Bob Johnson, 13 points; Bill Lynch, 11 points; Bob Frankrone, Rick Maloney with 5 points each; Eric Waggoner, 4 points; John Bowman, John Kelly with 3 points each; Ramona Johnson, Patrick Hardesty, Tom Guenther, Bob Kuchler, Jack Diehl, Fred Soward, Charlie Fackler, Phillip Johnson, with one point each. Thanks to All.

Model Contest

JULY	NO CONTEST
August	MOW Equipment
September	Photos
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

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

JUNE MEETING REPORT

The June meeting was held on Thursday June 16, 2011 at the home of Bob and Ramona Johnson. Attendance was approximately 24. No new members or guests were recognized. There was no old or new business to discuss. Bob Dawson, Rick Waggoner, and Bobbi Hedge reported that everything was on track for our Fall Show. We will be adding sales tables, but you need to reserve your table soon. The date is Saturday, November 19. The show will be at a new location; Ramada Plaza. 9700 Bluegrass Parkway.

Rick Able reported that Falls City Live Steamers was in the process of installing track for a riding train on the Toy and Antique Mall Property. Plans are start with an 80 ft. by 100 ft. oval. They hope to expand to 300 ft. in the future.

After the meeting we enjoyed the delicious snacks and refreshments provided by Ramona. Bob showed us the new layout he was planning in the basement. This will be a quarter inch scale railroad with a West Virginia Theme. A photo mural of the Elkins WV area dominates three sides of the room, while a large mirror on one wall gives the illusion of a much larger space. Bob son, Rob was operating Bob's late father's layout in another room. Also on display was Ramona's Lionel layout.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK-TRACTION MODELING

By Bob Dawson, Pie Card Editor

Pages 5 and 6 of this month's issue features photos some of the models of Art Robb, a local traction modeler. I asked Art about his models and he shared the following with me.



The Shenandoah Traction car - yellow interurban - is completely "scratch built." The body is built from 22 gauge tinplate, all soldered together with individual window posts, ends, etc. The body is basically patterned after the Indiana RR "lightweight high-speeds." I, however, lettered it for my own line. It carries a tail sign, lighted, with the name "Cavalier" which is the ST's signature train! I originally powered it with a Walther's truck w/chain drive and a #2 K&D motor. Later, about 20 years ago, I re-powered it with a Wagner truck which allows for far better operation. The car was begun in 1952, but not completed until 1959 or '60. The paint, as with all of my models, is applied by brush, and then covered, again with a brush, with one, or two, coats of Dul-Cote. Acrylic, water base, craft paint, is what I use exclusively. I buy it at Michael's, or Hobby Lobby -- not in a model shop!! I do keep colors like rust, grime, dirt, etc. from Floquil, but that's just for detail touches.

All of my cars - 60+ - *except two "boxed models"* - have been built, or rebuilt, by me. My earliest models were built of balsa wood sheet, glued together with "airplane glue," and painted with "airplane dope!" Some of my later cars are from kits. My first powered model is still in operation, but re-powered. It was originally built in 1953. It was powered(?) with a Japanese motor - 95 cents at Fischer's Hobby Shop - mounted on the floor and driving one axle by means of a rubber band!! It barely had the traction to pull itself around Jim Calvert's trolley line on Kingston Avenue. The fire was kindled with that model, and I have been a "juice fan" ever since.

July Meeting is the Picnic.

June Contest Winners



Left: Charlie Keeling again took the top honors in the June contest. Charlie's entry is shown above left. With this win, Charlie finished with first place in this year's contest. He will be presented with his award at our picnic at KRM. Ed Adkins took second place in the June Contest with this 1/4" scale model of a half-track load. Congratulations to both for their wins. The contest begins anew in August with Maintenance of Way (MOW) equipment.

Pike Showcase



Bob Johnson has always been known for his layouts in many scales. Here are two scenes from his back yard garden layout.



Pike Showcase (continued)

Bob is in the process of building a new 1/4 inch scale alyout in the basement. Bob is using several hollow core doors as the base for the the layout. A mirror mounted on the wall (behind him to the elft) gives the illusion of a much larger room. Bob points out one of the features, the lighting control that can bring it from day to night.



Bob had the corners “coved” and then mounted a photo mural of the WV area. The tunnel shows the location where the layout will penetrate the wall into an adjacent room.

A marketing debacle in the late 1950s, the Lionel Grils’ Model Train Set is a sought-after collector’s item today. Bob wife, Ramona, runs this replica on her Lionel layout. Bob stripped and repainted a standard locomotive to resemble the 1957 offering.

Ramona has decorated the layout in a Christmas motif. The structures on the layout are christmas village buildings.



Pike Showcase (continued)

Bob and his son Rob have maintained Bob's dad's layout Wilbur Johnson was a founding member of division 8. He built several layouts during his lifetime. Two were featured in *Model Railroader*. He planned for his last layout to have a western theme. Bob and Rob have taken a somewhat different turn with it as evidenced by the Family Lines MP15 pulling a cut of cars.



Some of the scenery may not have stood up to the test of time, but Wilbur's track work has. Note the curved crossing on a curve.

Something Different - Traction



You don't need a large area to model O-scale if you are a traction modeler. Art Robb is a local traction modeler. His four by eight layout is located in a corner of his patio-home garage. See this month's "From the Editor's Desk" feature for Art's comments about his models.

Traction (continued)



Art describes the construction of the Shenandoah Traction Car in the background elsewhere in this issue.

The red Chicago Surface Lines Birney "Safety Car" model in the foreground is owned by Phil Randle and is pictured on its inaugural run. It was originally an unpowered Corgi model. Phil powered it with a "QCar" power truck.

Here are some of the 60 plus cars in Arts collection. Some of these are scratchbuilt, while others have been modified from Kits. Over the years Art has assembled cars from kits by Labelle, Clouser, Pittman, Bower, and other manufacturers.



July Question

Charlie Keeling took this photo on a 1966 fan trip. Can you identify the location and the locomotive type?

The answer to the June question was Jeffersonville Yard, now owned by the L & I Railroad. John Bowman and Bob Sobotka submitted correct answers. John commented that the "9037" used to switch the Colgate Plant.

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In order to protect the privacy rights and concerns of our members, the National Model Railroad Association, Inc. is forwarding this statement to all Region and Division personnel. All such personnel are expected to understand and abide by this policy.

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Mike Brestel, NMRA President
June 12, 2011

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The Maintenance Ties Fund is 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

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The July meeting is our picnic.

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EXTRA 2011 WEST NMRA CONVENTION

The 2011 NMRA Convention will be held in Sacramento, CA. Register now to take advantage of the pre-convention rate at the Convention's website http://www.x2011west.org/cart/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=1. Many interesting activities are planned for the week. You will want to participate in as many of them as you can. Check out their web site: <http://www.x2011west.org>. The National S Gauge convention will be held at the same time.

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