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From the Superintendent's Desk



Our annual picnic was a great success. We had the opportunity to be in an air conditioned car on a hot summer day while riding past the beautiful countryside. The weather was even two or three degrees cooler than last year. The biggest challenge was just getting there. There was a wreck on I-65 that had backed traffic up for miles. Cell phones helped immensely as members called one another and suggested alternate routings. Thank you! The conductor kindly held the

train allowing more of our members to get there. Ironically, the conductor was also caught in the mess.

Next year, a different venue will be needed. Your suggestions are encouraged. Just email your thoughts.

While coming up with good ideas, keep the swap meet in mind. Our new venue provides us with a wonderful opportunity to fulfill our obligation for public outreach. We have space to set up several simple clinics. This will allow us to grow interest in the hobby and grow the division as well. Consider sharing your passion for this great hobby with others. More hobbyists help everyone.

Many of you may know that Bob Frankrone's career has taken him to New Jersey for a couple of years. While there, he is checking out what model railroad opportunities exist. In point of fact, New Jersey is a hotbed of modeling activity. When not working, he will have many opportunities for fun. This temporary move means that Bob was no longer able to fulfill his obligations as a trustee. He graciously agreed to step down. Per the division bye-laws, the Throttle Committee elected a member to fill the remainder of Bob's term. Tom Guenther's name was placed in nomination and unanimously approved. Thank you and best wishes Tom!

I hope this finds everyone surviving the summer heat and enjoying our hobby.

Mark

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

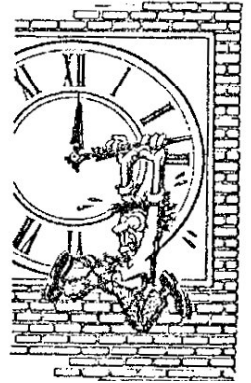
Joe Fields, Div. 8 Achievement Program Chairman

Hi all, I hope everyone's summer is going well, and you have been able to stay in out of the heat as much as possible.

It seems like June 21 which is supposed to be the first official day of summer just happened yesterday, and now before we know it school will be starting up again. So with that said and fall and winter just around the corner it's time to start thinking about those projects you've been holding off on because of all the things you have been doing for summer, you know things like cut grass, bar-b-que on the grill, ball games, vacations, etc. and since we are going to be doing projects for the layout anyway why not apply some of them to the NMRA achievement program and earn certificates towards your Master Model Railroader just as Ed Brennan

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TIMETABLE



Aug 20, Sat 2 PM, Div Mtg, OH-VRRHS, L & N Depot La Grange, 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.



April 26-29, 2012

and Charlie Fackler are doing. Ed earned his Chief Dispatcher Certificate and Charlie earned two certificates at the 2011 spring MCR convention for his Pickledilly Station and his Jim continued on page 8, column 1

Model Contest

AUGUST

- September
- October
- November
- December
- January
- February
- March
- April
- May
- June
- July

MOW EQUIPMENT

- Photos
- Steam Locomotives
- Displays/Dioramas
- No Contest
- Freight Cars
- Diesels
- Commercial Structures
- Passenger Cars
- Cabooses
- Open Loads
- NO CONTEST

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.

CONTEST REPORT

Bill Lynch, Contest Chairman

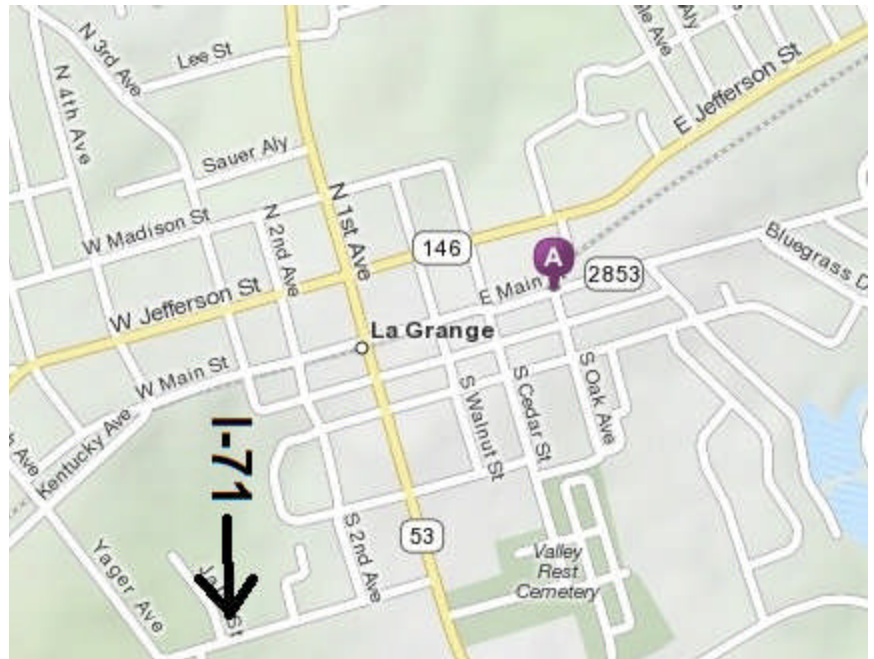
There was no contest for July.

SWIFT CREEK RAILROAD OPEN HOUSE SEPTEMBER 10

Harry Munzer will host his last open house of the season for his Swift Creek Railroad. The date is Saturday September 10, 5 PM to dark. The Swift Creek is an G-gauge garden layout located at 6265 Buttontown Rd. in Greenville, Indiana. From Louisville take Interstate 64 West to exit 119 (Greenville-US 150). Follow US 150 7.5 miles, turn left on Buttonwood Rd. Travel 0.4 miles, turn right into 6265. Harry invites you to come on out, and relax in the garden, watch some trains, and visit with friends.

AUGUST MEETING INFO

Our August meeting will be Saturday August 20, 2 PM in La Grange, Ky. We will meet at the former L & N Depot, 412 E. Main Street. The meeting will be hosted by the Ohio Valley Railroad Historical Association. From Louisville, take I-71 north to Exit 22, KY Hwy 53. Turn left (north) toward La Grange. You can continue to Main Street and turn right. Be on the lookout for trains in the middle of the street. Continue on Main Street to the depot. We will meet in the basement. If you want to miss the traffic congestion on Main Street, burn right onto E. Washington Street (one block before you get to Main), continue to South Cedar Street. Turn left, continue to Main, and turn right



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July picnic



The Division picnic was July 2, 2011, at the Kentucky Railway Museum in New Haven, Kentucky. Fifty-one members and their families and friends enjoyed a box lunch swerved in the dining car. Our train was pulled by historic L & N steam locomotive #152. Due to an overturned truck on I-65, some of us had an adventure getting to New Haven. Fortunately the crew was late getting the train ready, and then they held it for those of us who were still on the way. Finally we were all aboard and our train was on its way

Right: Charlie Keeling with Ramona Johnson.

Prior to boarding the train, Charlie was presented with a hobby shop gift certificate in recognition of his coming in first in the 2010-11 model contest



Left. Mike and Theresa Berry

PICNIC (continued)



Left. Enjoying our lunch in the dining car.
Photo by Bob Dawson

Right. What is there about a full stomach and a rocking train?
Actually we are sure Cecil Stewart was just resting his eyes!



Left. Bob and Ramona Johnson.



Hey Eric, what's cook 'in?

Eric Waggoner took some time out in the kitchen of the dining car. Too bad he didn't have anything to fix.

Actually more tickets had been sold than seats were available in the dining room area of the dining car. A few opted to eat their lunch in the kitchen.

Photo by Bob Dawson

Karen and Don Fowler enjoying their lunch. Behind them you can see Bill Lynch and Cecil Stewart.

Photo by Bob Dawson



Our train soon arrived in Boston and many of us got off to check out the locomotive and take pictures.

After a brief stop, the train crossed the highway to the run-a-round track. The run-a-round move completed the locomotive then coupled on to the east end of the train for the return trip running tender first to New Haven.

Photo by Bob Dawson

PIKE SHOWCASE



This month we are featuring two pictures of Skip Gliessner's N-scale layout. He was well known for his award winning miniature paintings, and it was only natural that he would model in N-Scale.

Skip passed away several years ago, and his family donated his layout to the Kentucky Railway Museum in New Haven. Unfortunately it was damaged in the flooding that occurred earlier this year. Since then the museum has loaned it to the Ohio Valley Railroad Historical Society. They plan on restoring it for display in the La Grange train depot.

Photo by Eric Waggoner

Skip specialized in many small detailed scenes around his layout. One in particular featured a circus being set up for a show. It includes rides, a midway, and the big top.

He also depicted typical operations such as this equipment car being unload from a flat car.

Photo by Bob Dawson



TRACKSIDE WITH CHARLIE KEELING



Louisville section of C & O's George Washington preparing to depart Union Station for Lexington and points east, 1967.

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.

HISTORY OF THE SILVER SPIKE AWARD

By Charlie Keeling

Greg Matthews was superintendent when the Silver Spike Award was about 1991 or 92. Greg formed a committee to work on it. The committee consisted of: Charles Keeling, Joe O'Gara, and Bob Frankrone. Greg Matthews was an ex-officio member. The committee developed the guidelines and criteria for the award.

The first award was presented to Art Goreham in 1992. There was none awarded in 1993. Bob Johnson was elected to receive the second award, in 1994.

Each year a secret ballot is mailed to the members in good standing. The ballots are counted and the Silver Spike is awarded at the Division Christmas party. For many years I ordered the plaque with the award on it and mounted the chromed railroad spike. I did this until last year when Jack Diehl took it over. I enjoyed doing this for the time that I did it.



Greg Matthews presenting the first Silver Spike Award to Art Goreham.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Bob Dawson, Pie Card Editor

Charlie Keeling has been letting me scan his photo and slide collection. Many of these pictures have appeared in the Pie Card as a "Question" feature in the monthly photo section. Only a few readers have responded with answers. To date I have received two replies to the July question. The photo, by Charlie Keeling, was taken at Union Station. The locomotives are FP7's. Beginning this month and for the next several months I will be running some of Charlie's pictures in same spot, but under a new name. With apologies to Morning Sun Books (or maybe not), I am calling it Trackside with Charlie Keeling. Most of these will feature sites in the Louisville area. Others will be photos across the country that Charlie has taken on various travels he and Ruth took over the years.

MAINTENANCE TIES FUND

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 the maintenance ties fund will continue to be recognized in the Pie Card. Donors for 2011 to date are:

\$ 5 to \$ 20: Roundhouse Trains, Ed Atkins, John Manning, Eric Waggoner, Rick Able, Bill Poteet

\$ 25 to \$45: Ed Brennan, Stephen Taylor, John Ottman, Jim Kuzirian, Jim Harrington

\$ 45 +: Don Fowler, Larry Hujo

SOUTHERN INDIANA CLUB SHOW AND SWAP MEET

The Southern Indiana Railroad Club is hosting a model railroad show and Swap Meet at the Sellersburg Moose Lodge Family Center 1757, 1040 S. Indiana Ave. (US 31), Sellersburg, Indiana. The show will run two days on Friday and Saturday August 26 and 27. The Swap meet is Saturday only. Admission is free.

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Beam Warehouse. Congratulations to both of them, I will award them their certificates at the August meeting. That's about it for this time, but please remember if you need something judged or have a question please give me a call.

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NOMINATIONS FOR SILVER SPIKE AWARD

Nomination forms for the Silver Spike Award nominations were mailed to Division 8 members last month. Nominations will be accepted until Aug 15, 2011. Criteria for the award are contained in the announcement letter. Nominations should be mailed to Jack Diehl. A member may only receive the award once. The following is a list of recipients to date: Art Goreham, Bob Johnson, Bob Brown, Charlie Keeling, Bruce Goreham, Joe O'Gara, Jerry Ashley, Charles Hansen, Greg Matthews, Bob Dawson, Bob Frankrone, Ray Rohmann, Fran Hale, Miles Hale, Ivan Baugh, Stephen Taylor, Mike Berry, Kevin Jones, Charles Buschman, Eric Waggoner, Jim Ward, Don Fowler, Bob Sobotka.

Jack will be mailing the ballots September 1. You will have until November 15th to return your ballot. Remember this is not a competition. It takes 51% yes votes for the candidate to be selected. If there are several people on the ballot who you believe are equally deserving of the award, you can select all of them.