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From the Superintendent's Desk



What is a train? Out of curiosity, I did a search on the internet and came up with this definition: "A railway or railroad train is a connected series of vehicles for rail transport that move along a track (permanent way) to transport cargo or passengers from one place to another place." My train of thought, no pun intended, was to compare a train to a division. The sole purpose of Division 8 is to serve one another and to fulfill our

mission of education, outreach, and further the art and science of model railroading.

Searching "what is a division" resulted in two answers: a) sharing of something: the separation of something into parts to be shared among people or groups; b) disagreement: a disagreement or strong difference of opinion, especially when this leads to a split in a group. I find these alternate definitions fascinating. It seems it is up to us to determine which to use.

Division 8 has a number of fascinating divisions – scale, era, prototype, locale, age, experience, kit, scratch built, steam diesel, etc. There are a seemingly endless number of ways to separate the division into its component parts. Equally important is the richness each of these parts brings to the mix. We are rich in our depth and breadth. Together, we are greater than the sum of our parts. Allow me to humbly suggest as we move forward that we embrace this richness.

The other part of the train definition that strikes me is that a train has a purpose – to go *from* one place *to* another place. So it is with the division. Our purpose is not to go backward, other than to reflect and learn. Our purpose is not to remain idle, for that is a waste of time, talent, and resources. Our purpose is to go forward, forever expanding and growing this wonderful hobby.

By a happy coincidence my forty-seventh column reaches you as we enter our forty-seventh year as a division. This is my last column as Superintendent. I owe each of you a debt of gratitude for entrusting the care and leadership of the division to me these last four years. Thank you sincerely for the opportunity to serve you. Let's all go play with trains!

Mark

DIVISION 8 PICNIC

Tentative plans are to have the Division 8 Picnic, at the Depot, Salem, Indiana. More details will be available at the May meeting.

TIMETABLE



May 19, Sat, 2 PM, Conference Center

May 26, Sat, Ohio Layout Tour

Jun 21, Thur, 7:30 PM, Antique & Toy Mall

July, NO MEETING, Summer Picnic TBA

July 29-Aug 4, NMRA National Convention, Grand Rapids, MI

MAY MEETING CHANGE

This month's meeting is Saturday May 17, 2 PM, at the AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL CENTER (former Naval Ordnance Plant), rather than at Mark and Bobbi Hedge's as originally planned. We will meet in Building 91, the Conference Center on Rochester Ave. This location can be accessed from Southside Drive at Rochester Ave. Turn south on Technology Drive. The Conference Center is on the right and clearly marked. If you are using a GPS system, enter 119 Rochester Ave, 40214. Eric Waggoner will present a clinic on "Model Railroad Photography."

MEMBER WELFARE

Gary Metcalf's wife Linda underwent surgery last month and is recovering at home. She sent us a thank you note for the gift certificate we sent. Nat King was hospitalized in April for pneumonia. Hopefully he will be recovering at home by the time this is published.

MODEL CONTEST

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
March	Commercial Structures.
April	Passenger Cars.

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.

APRIL MEETING REPORT

The Division met on the evening of April 19 at the K & I Model Railroad's Club House in Buckner, KY. All officers with exception of the treasurer were present. Twenty-nine members attended. One new member, Shannon Loose, was welcomed. Jack Diehl, Member Welfare Chairman, reported that he received a thank you note from Linda Metcalf. Bob Dawson reported on the May Layout tour plans, and gave the Train Show report. Bob outlined plans for the May 26 layout tours to Cincinnati. Bob Lawson and Jim Rollwage are working with him in setting up the tour. The plan is to have at least four layouts. Bob reported that train show attendance was slightly up. He said we made less money, but this was expected due to cost of paid advertising. He reported that we cannot get a commitment from the Ramada Inn for a date and cost for the Fall Show. Bob said he hopes to have this resolved in May. K & I president, Nat King, welcomed everyone to the club house invited everyone to attend the clubs monthly operating sessions. Refreshments were provided by John Kelly.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

In March Don Fowler resigned as a Division 8 Trustee. Our Division By-Laws require that should a vacancy occur a successor must be promptly appointed by the Board of Director to fill the unexpired term. To comply with this requirement, the Board of Directors met by telephone conference call on April 4, 2012.

CONTEST REPORT

Bill Lynch, Contest Chairman

Here are the results of the April Contest and drawing. First Place was John Kelly with his Pennsylvania Passenger Cars. Second place was taken by Charlie Keeling. Don Fowler won the Door Prize drawing.

Point Standings: This year's contest concludes with the June meeting. The prize will be presented at the picnic in July.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Joe Fields, Div. 8 Achievement Program Chairman

It seems like we're going to bypass spring and go directly to summer this year. Thus, our thoughts turn to those things that summer keeps us busy at: grass cutting, painting outside, washing the car, family outings, vacations, etc. Still, remember to try some model railroading. Perhaps that next project will be inspired by a visit to a prototype somewhere. There are lots of railroad museums and rail fanning out there to whet your appetite and perhaps inspire you to build that dream layout.

As far as the Achievement Program goes, I'm still waiting on Chris Broughton to finish his paperwork, I've sent Charlie Fackler's paperwork in for Association Volunteer, and Ed Brennan hopes to have all requirements done for his MMR towards the end of the year. As always, if you have something to be judged, give me a call or email me.

LAYOUT TOURS MAY 26

Bob Dawson is coordinating a layout tour in the Cincinnati area with Bob Lawson and Jim Rollwage for Saturday May 26 (note this is Memorial Day Weekend). All NMRA members and their families and friends are invited. **Current plans are to meet at 8 AM at Scale Reproductions with an 8:15 AM departure.** Maps and directions to the layouts will be provided. Car-pooling is recommended. Layouts confirmed now are Bob Lawson's Southern and NC&StL layout and Jim Rollwage's Union Pacific layout. Bob's layout was spectacular when we visited in 2009, and Bob has been adding to it. Many of you may remember Jim's layout when he lived in Crestwood. He has made it bigger and better at his home in Wilmington, Ohio. Other layouts include Ed Swain and Curt Larue., for a total of four layouts. We should be back in Louisville around 6:30 PM.

Let Bob Dawson know by the May meeting if you are going and how many will be with you so our hosts know how many to prepare for.

April Contest



John Kelly took the honors for the May Contest with his Pennsylvania Passenger Car Consist. Left is a photo of the observation car with a detailed interior

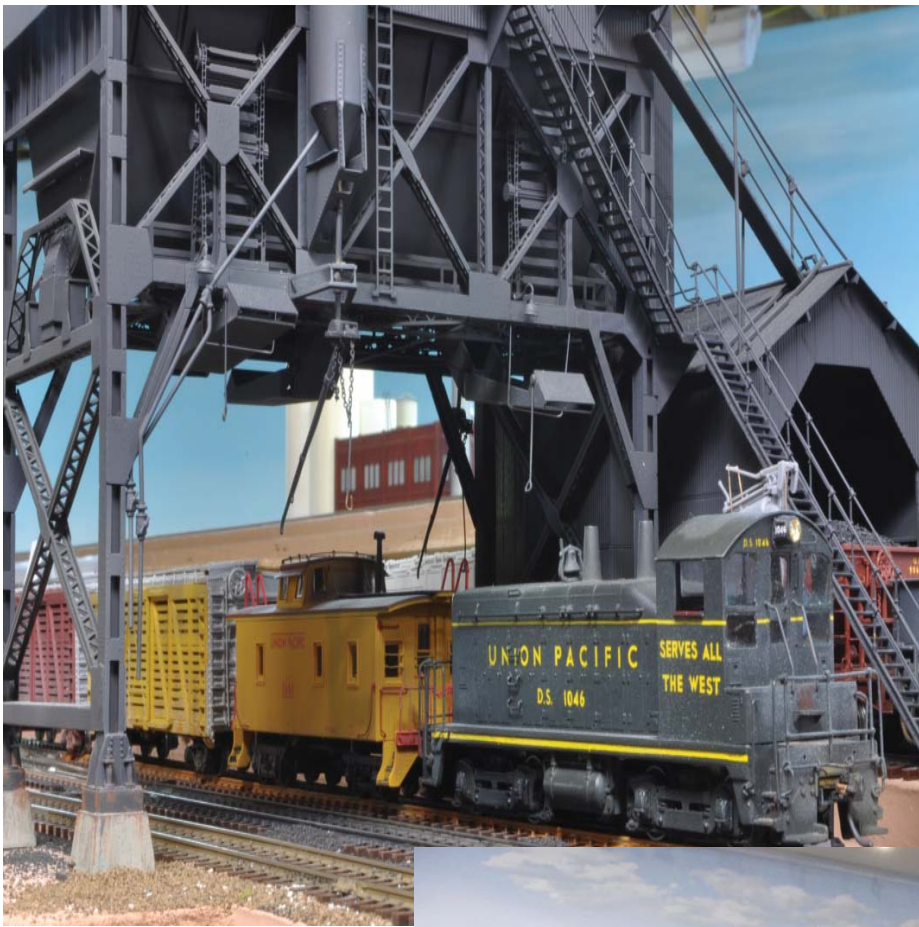
VISITOR FROM SCOTLAND

Andrew Lothian (center in picture) from Lenzie, Glasgow, Scotland visited several local layouts. A friend of Division 8 member Stephen Taylor, Andrew checked out Jerry Ashley, Tom Guentner, Tom Lindquist and K & I Club's layouts. He was also able to tour Norfolk Southern Engine facilities at Youngtown Yard. Andrew belongs to a modular group in Glasgow. One of their projects is building an American prototype HO layout with a Southwestern U.S. theme. Also in the picture: Stephen Taylor and Tom Guentner.



MAY LAYOUT TOUR

JIM ROLLWAGE: A scene on Jim Rollwage's new Union Pacific layout. Jim's layout will be open for our tour in May. More pictures follow on the next page. Photo by Jim Rollwage.



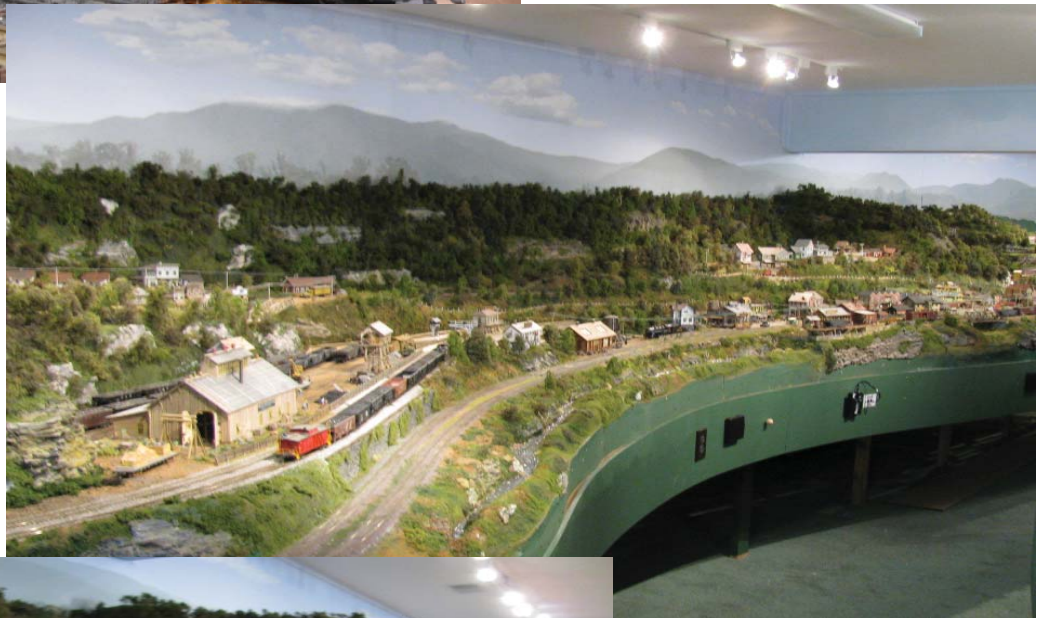
MAY LAYOUT TOUR CONTINUED

Another scene on Jim Rollwage's layout. If you remember Jim's layout from when he lived it Louisville, you will recognize his new one. It is a much expanded version of the same plan. Jim's old layout appeared in Model Railroading Magazine.

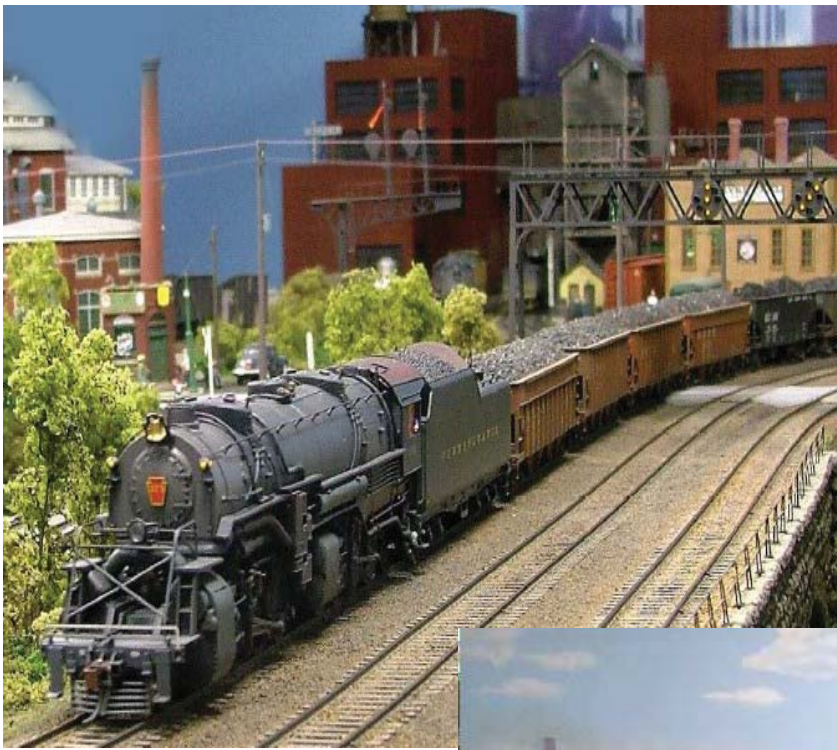
Photo by Jim Rollwage

BOB LAWSON:

Right is a photo of Bob's layout taken at our tour in 2005. Bob has continually improved and added on the layout since then.



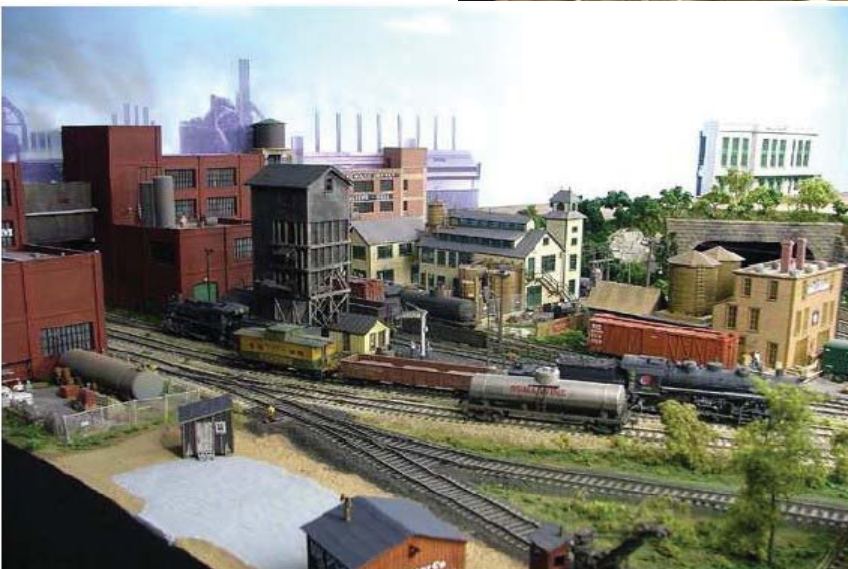
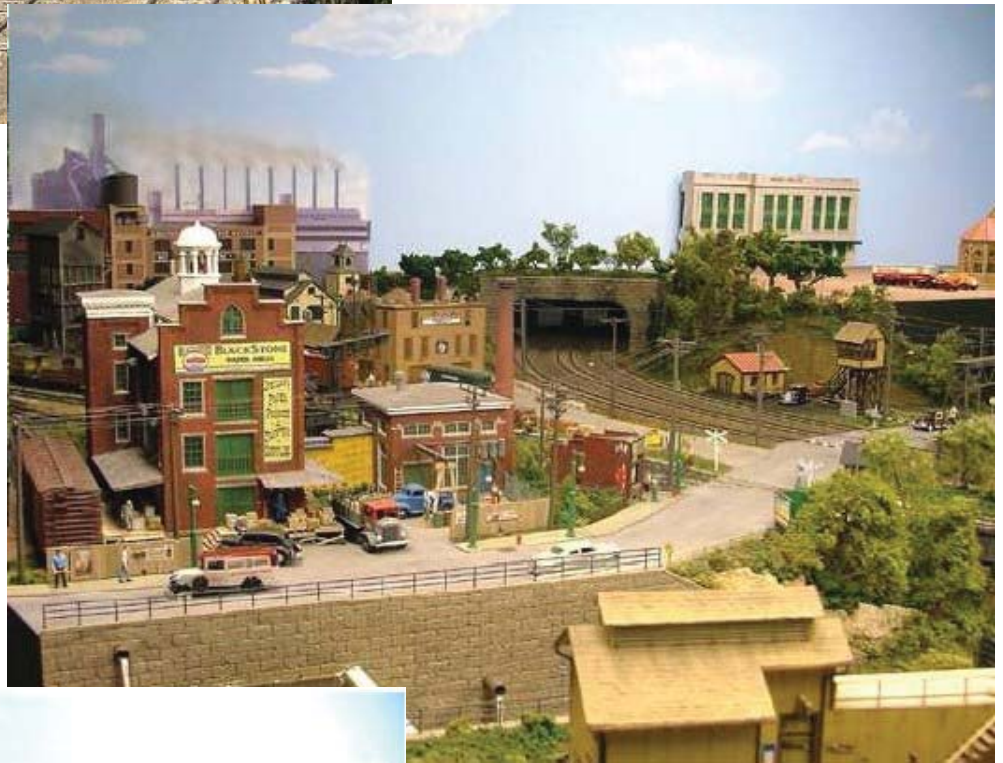
Bob's attention to detail is readily apparent in this close up of one of the scenes on his railroad.



MAY LAYOUT TOURS CONTINUED

ED SWAIN: Ed Swain's HO Pennsylvania layout is another of the layouts that will be visited on our May layout tour. Ed has captured the Pennsylvania Railroad right town to the PRR Standard hand rail seen on the viaduct the train is passing over.

More detail of Ed's layout (right and below). These pictures were taken by Cincinnati Division 7 member Bob Shreve, and appeared in their April 2012 newsletter, The Oil Can.



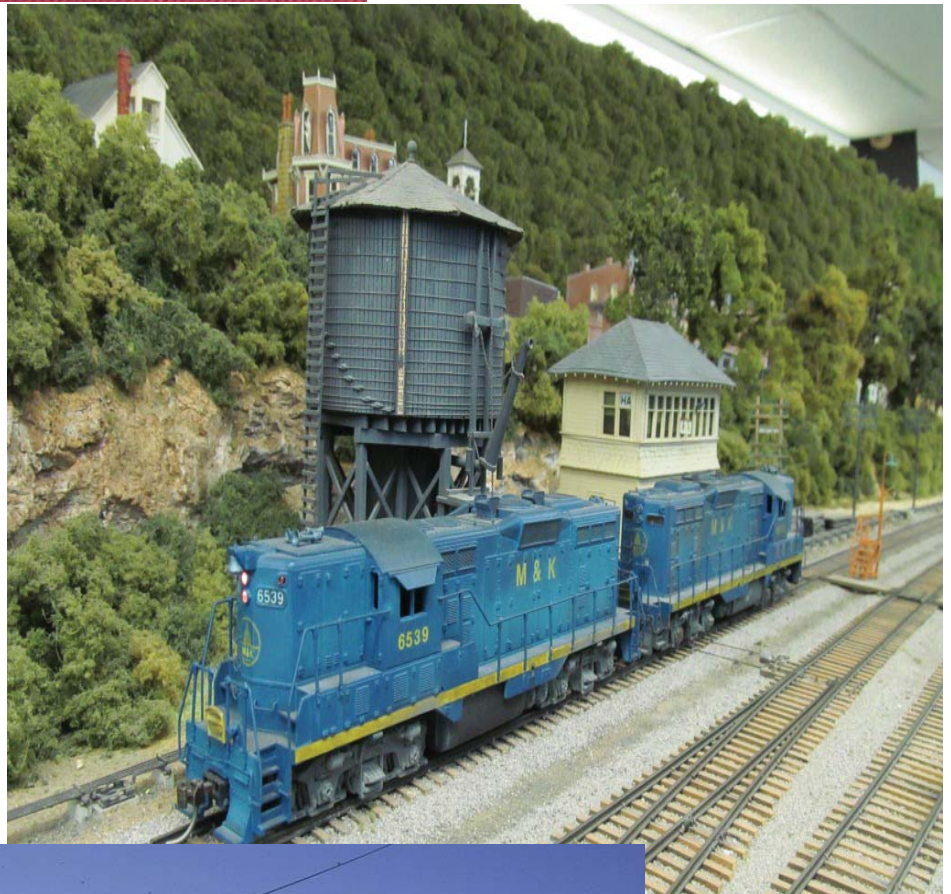
Photos were unavailable for our fourth layout on the tour, Curt Larue. Your editor has been assured by both Jim Rollwage and Bob Lawson, that it is a "must see".



PITTSBURGH CONVENTION

Left. Chris Broughton's prize winning model entered in the Mid Central Region Convention Contest.

Don Cassler's M & K Division of the B & O Railroad. This HO railroad was on the Sunday self-guided layout tour. More pictures from the convention will appear in later issues of the Pie Card.



TRACKSIDE WITH CHARLIE KEELING

Charlie caught this line up of IC power on the Oak Street ready track on a cold March day in 1980.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK-RENEWAL

By Bob Dawson



Spring is usually thought of as a season of renewal. I believe conventions and layout tours can serve that purpose also. Conventions provide an opportunity to rub shoulders with fellow model railroaders and trade ideas. The clinics can give you new ideas and reinforce some old ones. A visit to the contest room will show you what can be done, even if you don't aspire to the same level of excellence. I'm sort of an operations "freak", and the Thursday night operating session showed me a different twist on that. That's me working in the yard on Joel Everly's AREL & JOLENE RR (photo by Eric Waggner). About mid-way through the session, Joel had us switch places so we could try our hand at several different jobs on the layout. Friday morning several of us went on a tour of the Pittsburgh Port Authority Light Rail System. We were given complete access to their control center and shops, followed by a ride to downtown, ending at the Heinz Stadium. Our superintendents (outgoing and incoming), Jerry Ashley and Mark Norman, participated in a "hands on" resin casting clinic. Congratulations to contest winners Chris Broughton, Brenda Stewart, and Bob Johnson. Chris took first place in the diesel locomotive category with his model of an R. J. Corman locomotive. Brenda Stewart took first place in the Arts and Crafts General category. Bob Johnson won second place in the Black and White Model Photo category. A picture of Chris's winning entry is in this month's photo section.

Next month's layout tour will be another opportunity for renewal. Even if they model a different prototype or free-lance, you are sure to learn something new.

MAINTENANCE TIES FUND

The Maintenance Ties Fund helps 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 provides 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. Donations of \$ 5.00 or more to the maintenance ties fund will continue to be recognized in the Pie Card. Donors for 2012 to date are:

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\$25 to \$45: Bob Lawson, John Ottman

\$45 to \$99: Don Fowler, Bob Johnson,

\$100 or more: Tom Lindquist

SWIFT CREEK RAILROAD OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY MAY 26

Harry Munzer will have an open house at his Swift Creek Railroad beginning at 5 PM on Saturday May 26, 2012. The Swift Creek is an O-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. This is the same day as our Cincinnati tour, but Harry is open until just after sundown. You could make a day of it and visit Harry that evening.



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