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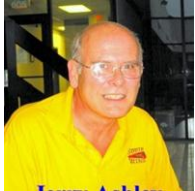
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From the Superintendent's Desk



Let the good times roll, and that is just what we did in Salem at the Depot for our summer outing. Cecil and his group proved again to be fantastic hosts for our "meeting". The food was wonderful and the visitation among members was fantastic. Everyone seemed to have a great time and left with expanded model railroad stomachs. I have often wondered why model railroading and eating are mentioned in the same sentence.....I think I have that one figured out. Thanks again to all who came and let the ones that did not come know about it....

A subject came up while we were going through the budget planning for next year about clinics at our meetings, clinics from people who are not members of our division. We have a bunch of talented model railroaders who reside within the boundaries of Division 8 and we would like for some of them to step forward and say "I can do it!"! If not, you may be entertained by me and my nasty dirty weathering clinics. I only have about 15 of them to do and you might get tired of seeing me. If you would like to do a clinic, please contact Russ Weis, our asst. superintendent and he will schedule you. Please do so, as I am easily winded in my older days.

The judging is all that remains for Mr. Brennan's MMR, it should be done by this weekend. I am looking forward to this moment. Charlie Fackler is right behind him in this race to the finish.....go Charlie go.....!

If you have any ideas or thoughts to add to the Division, do not hesitate.....let us know as this is your organization and you make it happen....

Jerry

AT THE PICNIC

52 members, friends and family, trekked to the Depot Museum for our annual summer outing. As usual, Cecil Smith and his staff were wonderful hosts. The festivities started off with Superintendent Jerry Ashley presenting Cecil with a donation to the Museum. Jerry thanked him for letting us use the Depot. Jerry then presented the winners of the 2011-12 Model Contest with their awards (photos on page 5). Russ Weis provided a short invocation, and then we proceeded to dig in to the tasty food provided by the Salem's Country Cook'n Restaurant. Bobbi Hedge organized and provided prizes for a drawing for the ladies. Jerry Ashley conducted the drawing. Winners were: Beth Ashley, Donna Hulsewede, and Helen Kelly. Afterwards, we enjoyed each other's company, viewed the displays in the Museum, and visited the model railroad downstairs. Photo on page 5.

MEMBER WELFARE

Jack Diehl, Member Welfare Chairman

Shirley Diehl had a hip replacement and has completely recovered. Barry Barmore has been diagnosed with leukemia and is starting treatment. He needs all our support and prayers. Joanne Brennan is recovering from cancer treatments. Kathy Buschman is recovering from breast cancer. Katie Tipton is recovering from a knee replacement.

TIME TABLE

Aug 18, Sat, 2:00 PM, Div 8 Mtg.
Conference Center,
Aug 26, Sun, 11AM-4PM, Train Show,
Gen Butler State Park
Sep 15, Sat, 2:00 PM Div 8 Mtg.,
Conference Center
Oct 20, Sat 2:00 PM, Div 8 Mtg,
Radcliff Club (tentative)
Oct 20-21, Div 7 Train Show, West
Chester, OH
Nov 3-4, Dayton Train Show
Nov 15, Sat, 7:30 PM, Southern Indiana
Club
Nov 17, Sat, Div 8 Train Show & Sale.
Dec, Div 8 Christmas Party, TBA

MODEL 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
July	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.

AUGUST MEETING

This month's meeting is Saturday August 18, 2 PM, at the AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL CENTER (former Naval Ordnance Plant). 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. You can also access Rochester from Strawberry lane. Strawberry Lane is open again. The Conference Center is on the right and clearly marked. If you are using a GPS system, enter 119 Rochester Ave, 40214. Mike Berry will present the program. He will show Norfolk Southern's DVD, "The Heartland Corridor." The Heartland Corridor project, one of the most extensive railroad engineering projects in modern times, was an initiative to raise the vertical clearances of 28 railroad tunnels and remove 24 overhead obstructions in Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio to allow the passage of double-stack container trains. Jerry Ashley will provide refreshments.

SILVER SPIKE AWARD

Jack Diehl, Chairman

It is that time of year again when we honor those who have performed outstanding service for the Div 8 by awarding the Silver Spike award. Remember, anyone who has previously received the award is not eligible to receive it again. So, look around and, if you see someone who stands "head and shoulders" above the others and has performed "exemplary service" to the division, honor them by placing their name on the nomination form. Nominations will be accepted until August 15th.

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:
 \$ 5 to \$ 20: Ray Hager, Charlie Keeling, in memory of Bob Brown, Jack Jackson, Ed Brennan
 \$25 to \$45: Bob Lawson, John Ottman, Jim Kuzirian, Jim Harrington, Bill Poteet
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CONTEST REPORT

The 2011-12 Contest concluded at the Picnic in Salem with the awards presentation. First place was taken by Jim Harrington, Jim received a \$ 100 hobby shop gift certificate. Tom Lindquist took second place. Tom's \$ 75 hobby shop gift certificate will be presented at a later date. Charlie Keeling came in third, and was presented with his \$ 50 hobby shop gift certificate.

SELLERSBURG MODEL TRAIN SHOW AND SWAP MEET

Southern Indiana Model Railroad Club is hosting the Fourth Annual Train Show and Swap Meet August 24 and 25. Train Show only on Friday August 24, 1 to 8 PM. Train Show and Swap meet on Saturday, 10 AM to 4 PM. The Show and Swap Meet will be at the Sellersburg Moose Lodge 1757, 1040 S. Indiana Ave (US 31) in Sellersburg. Admission is free, table reservations are \$ 10 each. For information or to reserve a table, call Jeff McMahan (502) 415-2194.



This month we highlight the model railroad at the Depot Museum in Salem. The railroad recreates in miniature the Monon Railroad through Salem and surrounding towns. Left, Fred and Barbara Soward view the Campbellsburg section of the layout.

Photo: Eric Waggoner

The layout uses DCC for control, and can be programmed to operate the trains automatically. The Monon utilized semaphore signals to the end, and use continued into the CSX era. Right, here a semaphore “drops” as the train passes.

Photo: Fred Soward



Left. The northbound and southbound *Thoroughbreds* meet. One train has automatically taken the siding to stop, allowing the other to pass.



Left. Campbellsburg, IN. One of the towns modeled on the Depot layout.
Photo: Fred Soward

Left. The Southbound Thoroughbred is stopped at the depot at Salem, while a northbound freight passes. *Photo: Fred Soward*



TRACKSIDE WITH ERIC WAGGONER



Left. Gone but not forgotten. You can still make out the L & N logo on this box car set out on a siding at Salem, IN. The car has been sitting there for several years, used for storage. The fate of CSX's old Monon route through Salem is questionable.



Model Contest Winners. Jerry presented Jim Harrington his \$100 gift card for first place (above left), and Charlie Keeling with his \$50 gift card for third place. The contest cycle begins anew with the August meeting.

TRACKSIDE BONUS

Right. An Amish buggy approaches the Main Street grade crossing at Salem.

Photo: Eric Waggoner



Above. Jerry and Cecil Smith. Jerry presented Cecil with the Division's \$ 150 donation to the Depot Museum

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