



# The Pie Card



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## From the Superintendent's Desk



I think I have made this little speech before, Gentlemen and Ladies if you don't want to get on the ride, please stand aside as there are others waiting to take your place. It has been an interesting year of service to the hobby. Another member of Division 8 has completed the requirements for Master Model Railroader, bringing the number to four since I first became super. Three in the first four years and one more this year with another standing in the gate waiting for it to open. This is a great accomplishment in itself, and speaks highly of the Division here in Louisville. So why do you want to moan and groan, "I can't do it" when you look around the guys that have done it are sitting with you at the meetings? Most of the time there is one or more at every meeting and I am working on getting all of them here at one time for some kind of celebration. We have a total of five, two are on the inactive list, and the other three are on the active membership roster. Active MMR's include Gary Metcalf, Ed Brennan, and me. As I said earlier, we have one member "knocking at the door", just lacking one or two certificates to complete his MMR requirements. This is a pretty good average among the Division members. So raise your hand and get involved, several of you have layouts that qualify you for some certificates and others need to write up what they have done.

## TIME TABLE

Feb 16-17, Great Train Expo.  
 Feb 21, Thur 7:30 PM, Div 8 Meeting  
 Mar 16, Sat, Div 8 Train Show, Legion Post.  
 Mar 21, Thur 7:30 PM, Div 8 Meeting,  
 Apr 18, Thur 7:30 PM, Div 8 Meeting,  
 May 15-19, MCR Convention Dayton  
 May 25, Sat 2:00 PM, Div 8 Meeting  
*Note: Jan thru Apr Division 8 meetings will be on Third Thursday at the Conference Center.  
 May meeting will be FOURTH Saturday at the Conference Center.*

*Jerry Ashley MMR #411*

## AT THE JANUARY MEETING

*Bob Dawson, Clerk*

The January meeting was held Thursday evening 17 January, at the Conference Center, Airport Industrial Park. Meeting was called to order at 7:30PM. You can say the Division hit the floor running for 2013, it was a busy meeting. Mark Hedge reported that we had 71 tables sold for the Spring Show. That leaves about 20 to still available. Bruce said the Christmas Party went well. Jerry asked for a show of hands of those who would like to continue having the party at the Car Club. Members were unanimous in wanting to return to the Car Club for the 2013 party. However, this is not to be. Member Bob Johnson, our contact with the club, asked for the floor to read the following letter to the members. He requested it be printed in the Pie Card, so here it is:

*In response to Jerry Ashley's January "PIE CARD" article:*

*Ramona and I feel it just fine for Div-8 to go to other rental halls for Christmas from now on. I'm sure other rental halls will cost less than the \$100 that Div-8 spent on the auto club's rental for the last few years.*

*Also: Ramona and I no longer feel comfortable asking Div-8 to our house for June meetings. There are many good places for Div-8 to meet anytime of the year.*

*January 17, 2013, signed Bob Johnson.*

An invitation to a meeting at Bob's house was already a moot point. Russ Weis, Program and Meeting Chairman reported that the Throttle Committee had reaffirmed a decision made last year to not hold meetings at member's houses in the future. This policy had resulted from cancellations by members who had offered to host a meeting at their house, cancelling at the last minute. Another consideration the Throttle Committee had at the time was holding meetings at locations that are not handicapped accessible. There were three motions introduced that were seconded and carried: It was moved to have the Train Show Committee research moving to a larger venue, even if it meant a short term loss or

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**MODEL CONTEST****FEBRUARY**

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

January

**DIESELS**

Commercial Structures.

Passenger Cars.

Cabooses

Open Loads

NO CONTEST

MOW equipment

Photos

Steam Locomotives

Displays/Dioramas

NO CONTEST

Freight 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.

Contest point standings to date:

14 points, Bob Johnson; 11 points, Jim Harrington; 9, Tom Lindquist; 7, Bill Lynch; 5, Charlie Keeling; 4 points, Ed Brennan and Rick Maloney; 3 points, Patrick Hardesty, Bob Frankrone; 1 point each, Bob Kuckler, John Bowman, Jim Kuzirian.

**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 2013 to date are:

\$5 to \$20: Jim Harrington

\$ 25 to \$45: Charlie Keeling.

**IN MEMORIUM:** Division 8 and K & I Model Railroad Club member Bill Fluke passed away on December 12, 2012 at age 60. He also flew radio controlled model airplanes, was president of the River City Radio Controllers, and had worked at Scale Reproductions Hobby Shop.

Our condolences to his wife Judy and his children. Bill was 60 years old.

**MEETING**

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reduction in revenue due to hall rental or table rental. Committee to report results of their search at the April meeting.

\*Moved to have Superintendent Jerry Ashley to submit a bid to the MCR Board at their next meeting for Division 8 to host a convention in 2017 or next available date.

\*Moved to increase the cost of Division shirts by \$3 to \$33/shirt due to price increase by our supplier.

\*Moved to authorize the expenditure up to \$400 for a membership promotion at the Spring Show. Six months memberships will be offered to those who qualify under NMRA rules and show a real interest in wanting the membership. The effectiveness of the program will be tracked by the membership chairman.

The business meeting concluded at 8:25PM followed by refreshments provided by Russ Weis and a program highlighting the 2012 NMRA National Convention by Eric Waggoner. Jim Harrington won the model contest.

**JANUARY CONTEST WINNERS**

Above: First place, Jim Harrington.

Below: Second place, Bob Johnson. Ivan Baugh won the door prize drawing.





Left. **SOME RAILFANS START EARLY.** That's Master Model Railroader #499, Division 8 member Ed Brennan in the cab window. Ed guesses he was two or so years old when the photo was taken. The location is the former L & N Strawberry Yard; the locomotive is a Baldwin VO 1000. Ed's grandfather was a carman with L & N. Ed said, "he was probably holding me at the time".

Another comment from Ed, "Look at the hair! It's now gone the way of the Baldwin!"

In addition to being a member of Division 8, Ed is a member of the L & N Historical Society, and a long term member of the K & I Model Railroad Club.

*Photo from Ed Brennan*



**PIKE SHOWCASE, ED BRENNANS L & N LAYOUT**

*Photos by Ed Brennan*

Left. Still a work in progress, Ed's layout is a representation of an L&N branch that "might have been".

Setting is the 1952-1953 time frame. Power is steam and first generation diesels. Code 83 track is used.

Right. The track plan is a variation in HO of a plan that a plan that appeared in Model Railroader years ago in S scale Narrow Gauge. Ed changed the locale to represent Eastern KY and TN.

Most of the turnouts are controlled by ground throws. Minimum radius is 22". It serves mining and small town industries.





**PIKE SHOWCASE-ED BRENNAN**  
(continued)

Left: Ed scratch built the Moorman Mining Company coal mine from styrene using the dimensions of the old Suydam kit. It's named in honor of a former model railroader friend in North Dakota. The RS-3 is an Athearn model that he weathered.



**TRACKSIDE WITH CHARLIE KEELING** *(description by Rick Tipton)*

Taken on a tour of K&I Youngtown Yard in 1970, this view contrasts old and new. The two ice reefers (the FGEX car is wood sheathed), the Central of Georgia box (behind the Southern) advertising “Streamliners”, the Pacific Great Eastern box coupled to it won’t be around much longer. Neither will K&IT’s #50, an H-10-44 Fairbanks-Morse Switcher, or for that matter the A-B-A set of B&O F7’s spotted at the fueling stands. On the other hand, Southern’s “Green Light” lettering is only 2 years old, the orange Illinois Central lettering is new, and the B&O’s “Cushion Underframe” plugdoor box is recent. The roundhouse has lost some of its stall tracks, but still retains its turntable and enough tracks to work on K&I’s diesel switcher fleet.

**TABLES SOLD OUT**

If you were planning on renting a table at our Spring Show and haven't already done so, you are too late, WE ARE SOLD OUT! Some of this can be attributed to our offering of an EARLY BIRD rate (pre-price increase) that have expired.

Show date is March 16, admission is \$6.00, children under 12 free with an adult.

**OTHER TRAIN SHOWS AND SWAP MEETS**

Louisville Great Train Expo is February 16-17 at the Kentucky International Convention Center.

Division 7 will be holding its Spring Flea Market and Swap Meet on Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup>, 10AM to 3PM, at the Lakota West Freshman Campus, 5050 Tylersville Rd., West Chester, OH 45069. Admission \$4.00, youth (11-15) \$3.00, under 10 free.

## TRAIN SHOW and SALE

Sponsored by Louisville Division 8 • National Model Railroad Association

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 Dayton  
 2013**



**Mid-Central Region Convention  
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 DAYTON, OHIO**

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**Layout Tours - Model Contest - Railfanning - Train Rides -  
 Door Prizes - Silent Auctions - Tours - Non-Rail Activities**



**PEACHTREE EXPRESS**  
**NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION**  
[nmra2013.org](http://nmra2013.org)

FEBRUARY MEETING, THURSDAY FEBRUARY 21, 7:30PM, BUILDING 91 AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL CENTER (FORMER NAVAL ORDNANCE) 119 ROCHESTER AVE. 40214. Mike Berry will show a Norfolk Southern video on how air brakes work. Bill and Ruth Lynch will provide refreshments.

**2013 NMRA National Convention**

Atlanta's Piedmont Division hosting the 2013 NMRA National Convention. Located in Northwest Atlanta, the *Cobb Galleria Centre* is a beautiful facility to house the convention and the National Train Show. Layout tours will provide access to more than 60 layouts already showing on the annual Piedmont Pilgrimage open house event in each November. Other impressive layouts from around the Southeastern Region will also be on tour.

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