



The Pie Card



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From the Superintendent's Desk



SHARING THE HOBBY

One of the biggest gripes that I have about Model Railroading is that a lot of people seem to want to keep it a secret not sharing things they have learned that may make help others with their modeling. As an example, using automatic transmission fluid to keep your track cleans. Share what knowledge you have and it will be returned tenfold. Answer that phone with a positive attitude to whomever you are talking to. If you don't know the answer I am sure that you know someone that does. Take their phone number and find out the answer and get back with them. It won't take too much time out of your day. About 15 years ago I walked up to the treasurer of Division 8 at the time and asked how I went about joining the NMRA. I was told he didn't have time to mess with me at the moment and to come back later. I stayed gone for three years before I tried again (I know that some wish that I had never returned but I did). How many people did this fellow run off that never did come back? I know of a few and I have worked long and hard to get them to return, but to no avail. While I haven't succeeded in that case, I have in the process moved some of the nonmembers to the member rolls. SHARE is the big word here and it is a very easy thing to do. You can do it by giving clinics, how to sessions, this is the way I would have done it. Sorry, but there is no excuse, if you can go to a MCR Convention and give a clinic you can do one for your local division. Please sign up before I send Mr. Weis (our program chairman) looking for you.

Jerry Ashley MMR #411

AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING

Bob Dawson, Clerk

First, thanks to Mike Berry for taking the minutes for the February Meeting. The meeting was held Thursday evening 21 February at the Air Port Industrial Park Conference Center. Jerry called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and turned it over to Pat Miller from Division 3, Dayton. Pat gave a presentation on the MCR Convention in Dayton, hosted by Division 3. The dates are May 15-18, 2013. Pat said the convention will center on "Operations" -- 62 clinics will be given, most with an Operations theme, and 8 operating sessions will be scheduled during the convention in addition to the usual tours. In order to allow time for both Pat Miller's presentation and the program, an abbreviated business meeting was held. There were no committee or club reports given. The business meeting was followed by refreshments provide by Bill and Ruthie Lynch. Mike Berry showed a Norfolk Southern video titled "ABC's of Air Brakes". Mike answered questions afterward.

MARCH MEETING INFORMATION

The March meeting will be THURSDAY MARCH 21, 7:30PM, BUILDING 91 AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL CENTER (FORMER NAVAL ORDNANCE) 119 ROCHESTER AVE. 40214. Ed Brennan MMR and Joe Fields, AP Chairman, will present a program on the requirements of the NMRA Achievement program. They hope to clear up some misconceptions about the requirements for some categories as well as answer any questions you may have regarding the AP program in general. Bob Dawson will provide the refreshments.

TIME TABLE

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
May meeting will be FOURTH Saturday at the Conference Center.
 Jun 15, Sat, 2:00 PM, Div 8 Meeting
 July, no meeting, Picnic, TBA
 Aug 17, Sat, 2:00 PM, Div 8 Meeting
Note: Meetings will be held at the Conference Center unless announced otherwise.

MODEL CONTEST

MARCH

April
 May
 June
 July
 August
 September
 October
 November
 December
 January
 February

COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES

Passenger Cars
 Cabooses
 Open Loads
 NO CONTEST
 MOW equipment
 Photos
 Steam Locomotives
 Displays/Dioramas
 NO CONTEST
 Freight Cars
 Diesels

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.

FEBRUARY CONTEST WINNERS

The February contest resulted in a tie between Tom Lindquist and Bill Lynch.



Above: Bill Lynch's HO Norfolk Southern SD40-2's. Photo by Bill Lynch

Below: Tom Lindquist's HO Monon C-420/F3 consist.



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.
 \$45 to \$55: John Ottman, Bob Johnson

K & I Model Railroad club's new modular layout has been invited to the Collis P. Huntington Model Train Show at Dunbar, WV. The show will run Friday evening 5 April through Sunday 7 April, 2013.

This layout had its traveling debut at our Fall Show this past November.

DIVISION EIGHT TRAIN SHOW is March 16.

As reported last month, tables for the show are sold out. We will have several layouts. Dennis Sanders will be running his vintage Lionel Layout, Southern Indiana is bringing their HO layout. New at this show, is the Falls City Live Steamers G-gauge Thomas layout.

A reminder, the date is March 16, Highland Post American Legion. Doors open to the public at 10:00 AM.

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Tom Guenther hosted an operating session on his L & N Model Railroad last month. Fred Soward took the following pictures. Left: Dispatcher Bob Dawson is entering a crew assignment on the train sheet. A track diagram is displayed on the computer monitor to his left. From this monitor he can set turnouts and signals. It also displays track occupancy.

Right:

Rick Tipton is showing Charles Weimer the functions on the throttle. They are working an industry job at Appalachia, Va.



Left: Cecil Stewart is studying his next move at Loyall Yard.



Right:

Eric Waggoner is dropping off loaded coal hoppers brought from a mine at Yancey, Ky. He will then pick up empties for delivery to a mine at Lynch, KY.



TRACKSIDE KENTUCKIANA: BIG FOUR BRIDGE RE-OPENS FOR TRAFFIC

Traffic returned to the Big Four Bridge last month, though not in the manner of this "Photo-Shop"-ped picture by Charlie Arrington. The original bridge was completed in 1895 and rebuilt in 1929.

NYC passenger service to Louisville ended by 1942. NYC (Big Four) freight trains terminated in Jeffersonville, but NYC transfers across the river used this bridge until 1968-1969.

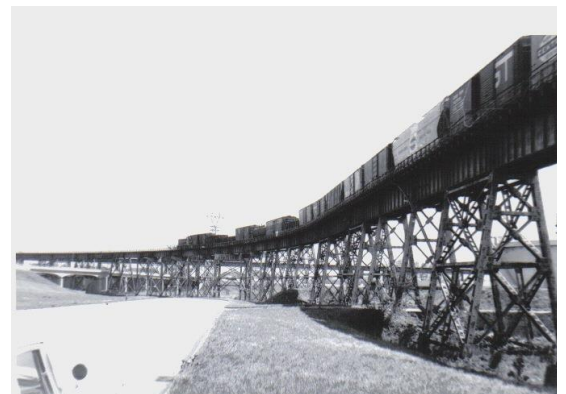


The bridge is now open to pedestrians and bicycles. The Jeffersonville approach ramp will be open this summer. *Photo by Charlie Arrington.*

The railroad bridge approaches on both side of the river were taken down circa 1969. See Kentucky-side picture below from 1967 by Charlie Keeling.



NYC train crossing the bridge in 1907.



Right. Louisville & Jeffersonville Bridge & Railroad Company #15 leaves Preston Street in Louisville to take a cut of cars across the bridge to Jeffersonville. Big Four subsidiary LJ&B&RR, handled cars to and from Louisville for NYC trains terminating in Jeffersonville.





Tom Lindquist is always looking for innovative ways to add to his layout. He recently built this branch line. So what's unusual? See below. Part of it is a removable diorama built on top of the washer and dryer.

TRAIN SHOW and SALE

Sponsored by Louisville Division 8 • National Model Railroad Association

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2013 • 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
LOCATION: HIGHLAND POST, AMERICAN LEGION
2919 BARDSTOWN ROAD, LOUISVILLE



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Operations Dayton 2013

Mid-Central Region Convention
 May 15-18, 2013
 DAYTON, OHIO

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





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Miami Valley Modular Club layout at the Louisville Great Train Expo. last month. Photo by Fred Soward

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