



# The Pie Card



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## From the Superintendent's Desk



Well, after a two month vacation from the division I have decided to step back in and assume the Supers job. Thanks to Russ for a job well done taking my place while the Ashley family was going through some trying times. Someone asked me the other day how long we lived together before we got married....my answer to them was that if we had done that we would have both been shot by our parents as this was not done 46 years ago...Oh well, we did have 46 great years together.....

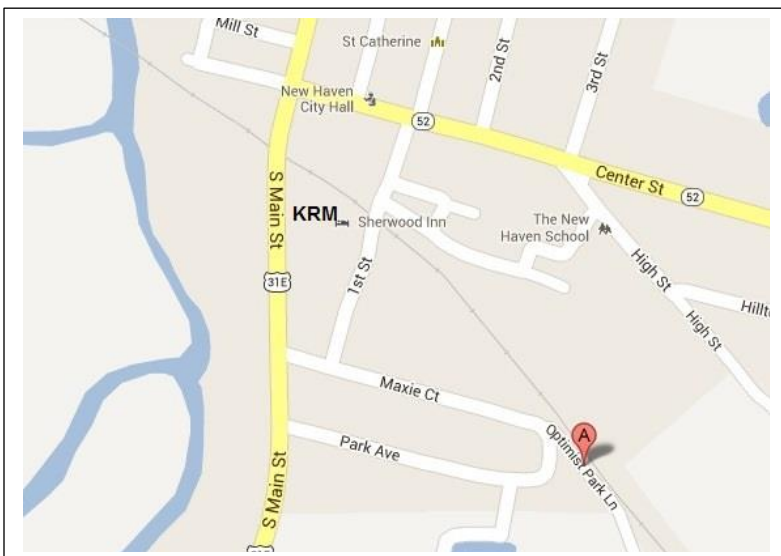
I received a phone call last week from an old school mate wanting to bring her grandsons over to see the train layout. So I said OK, not realizing that it had been almost a year since it had been run any amount of time. Well on the 20th of this month, here they came and guess what.....trains had been shut down by someone who did not know what they were doing and if it had not been for ~~M~~ Ed Brennan we would have still been in the basement pushing the trains around by hand...I called Ed and here he came, and between the two of us we learned how to reboot a train layout...it works and did really well with the ATF [Automatic Transmission Fluid] on the track.....ran the trains for about an hour and the kids including us had a blast.....

Charlie Fackler had a 2nd place winner in the contest in Dayton, congrats Charlie...and I would like to know why the judges do not explain why, who and how they come up with the scores on three already judged cars.. There were NO explanations or any writing on the back of any of the forms.....NONE.....this cannot be allowed to continue; I don't give a hoot who is judging.....

*Jerry Ashley, MMR*

## TIME TABLE

July 27, no meeting, Picnic, KRM  
 Aug 17, Sat, 2:00 PM, Div 8 Meeting  
 Sep 21, Sat, 2:00 PM, Div 8 Meeting  
 Oct 19-20, Div 7 Train Show  
 Oct 19, Sat 2:00 PM, Div 8 Meeting  
 Nov 16, Sat 10-3, Div 8 Train Show  
 Nov, Div 8 Meeting, TBA  
 Dec, no meeting, Christmas Party TBA



## DIVISION PICNIC AND TRAIN RIDE JULY 27, KRM, NEW HAVEN, KY

If you plan on attending the Division 8 Picnic and Train Ride, you need to get your check to Mike Berry as soon as possible so we can give a meal count to the caterer. We will gather for the picnic at Optimist Park in New Haven at 11:30 AM. On the menu: BBQ sandwiches, Cole slaw, potato salad, baked beans, dessert and a soft drink. At 1:30 we will move to the Kentucky Railway Museum for a 2 PM departure in our private car.

Mail checks made out to Div 8 MCR NMRA, \$25/person, to:  
 Mike Berry  
 14404 Forest Glenn Ct.  
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## AT THE JUNE MEETING

The meeting was held Saturday June 15, hosted by the Radcliffe Model Railroad Association. A good time was had by all. After the meeting the club provided refreshments, and the Division members and guests enjoyed the fellowship and the club's various layouts. Thanks to Fred Soward who took the minutes of the meeting in the Clerk's absence. The minutes for the meeting are posted on the Division website. Photos from the meeting are on page three of this issue.

**MODEL CONTEST**

<b>JULY</b>	<b>NO CONTEST</b>
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

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.

**JULY CONTEST RESULTS AND FINAL WINNER**

*Bill Lynch*

The June Contest (Open Loads) had 4 entries. First place was Bill Lynch's, Transformer on a Flatcar (#3) with 17 votes. Second place was Charles Keeling's Lumber Loads (#2) with 9 votes. Third place was a tie with John Bowman's Tractors (#1) and Bob Johnson's On30 Flat.

The year ended with Bob Johnson in First Place with 23 points, Bill Lynch in Second Place with 22 points. Third place goes to Tom Lindquist with 15 points. Charles Keeling and Jim Harrington had 11 points each, and Ed Brennan finished the year with 8 points. John Bowman and John Kelly had 5 points each with Bob Frankrone and Rick Maloney had 4 points each. Patrick Hardesty with 3 points, Joe Fields 2 points, and Bob Kuchler, Jim Kuzirian, Don, Rob Johnson, and Keenan Coleman all had 1 point each. Thanks to all for your help and participation. The contest will begin anew at the August meeting.

**Below: July Contest Winner-Bill Lynch Photo****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 or spouse 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 are recognized in the Pie Card. Donors for 2013 to date are:

\$5 to \$20: Jim Harrington, Jim Kuzirian, Bob Lawson  
\$ 25 to \$45: Charlie Keeling, Stephen Taylor, Bill Poteet.

\$45 to \$55: John Ottman, Bob Johnson, Larry Hujo

**ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM**

*Joe Fields, AP Chairman*

No new news this month.

**OPEN HOUSE PROBLEM SOLVED**

*By Tom Guenther*

During open house events, I have found it almost impossible to control more than one train running the layout and also talk to my guests. Watching one train running around the layout is not as interesting as running two or even three trains at the same time.

The latest project I have undertaken is using the scripting part of JMRI to control two or more trains running the layout and operating like the prototype. If the train sees the block signal ahead as RED it will stop until the block clears. If the second block ahead of it is occupied, it reduces the speed. I have successfully run two trains and a Doodlebug around for hours now and it really is neat. My layout is not large enough to run more but I'm sure it would work.

In order to do this you need to have the track broken into blocks and have each connected to a sensor (BDL168) that reports to JMRI. Then through the script, JMRI controls each train. There is no need to have the signals just the sensors.



AT THE JUNE MEETING-RADCLIFFE MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION CLUB HOUSE



Photos by Charlie Keeling, Bill Lynch , and Russ Weis



PIKE SHOWCASE-LAYOUTS MCR CONVENTION LAYOUT TOURS



**RON PEARSON'S HO<sub>n3</sub> EAST BROADTOP RAILROAD**

The era is 1947 to 1952. The EBT is a 3-foot gauge former coal hauler that still exists, with headquarters at Orbisonia in the middle of Pennsylvania. The bulk of its car fleet were 2-pocket steel hoppers, hauling coal to the PRR main line at Mount Union, Pa.

Ron's layout features historically accurate scenes, structures, rolling stock, mines, and award winning models.



A *Model Railroader* article by Lou Sassi is pending.

The EBT relied on a fleet of fairly modern 2-8-2 Mikados. At right is #18, at speed.





**TRACKSIDE KENTUCKIANA**

Indiana Railroad #65 is preserved at the Illinois Railway Museum in Union, IL.

The destination board lists it as the Seymour Local. Put into service in 1931 between Louisville and Indianapolis and on other routes, these cars were capable of 100 miles an hour in scheduled service.

Left and below-Bob Dawson photos.



Above, #50 between Louisville and Indianapolis in 1931.

*Caulfield & Shook Collection, U of L Photo Archives*



**EAST BROADTOP (continued)**

In the distance can be seen a model of the car hoist at Mount Union that was used to change out trucks so standard gauge cars could run on the EBT. EBT's narrow gauge coal cars dumped their loads at the breaker at left front.

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