



# The Pie Card



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## From the Superintendent's Desk



*Jerry Ashley, MMR*

'By the time you read this in the Pie Card the summer outing will be history. I do hope that a great time was had by all. I have to have a rider to go with me so that I don't go to sleep while driving down there. I've been having a lot of trouble with that lately; sleeping while driving is not a good idea.

Charlie Fackler is working hard on his MMR and is approaching the finishing point...Go Charlie Go!! I would like to THANK everyone again for the cards, flowers, letters and phone calls after my wife lost her 12 year battle with cancer.....Thanks again.....also think about running for office in the division and working towards your volunteer points.....it is not a hard job to do.....Your Super, Jerry

## TIME TABLE

**Aug 17**, Sat, 2:00 PM, Div 8 Meeting  
**Sep 21**, Sat, 2:00 PM, Div 8 Meeting  
**Oct 17**, Thur, 7:30PM Div 3 Meeting, K & I Model RR Club.  
**Oct 19-20**, Div 7 Train Show  
**Nov 16, Sat 10-3, Div 8 Train Show**  
**Nov 23**, Sat, 2:00 PM Div 8 Meeting,  
**Dec**, no meeting, Christmas Party TBA  
**Dec 14**, Sat, Christmas Party

## NOTES FROM THE OBSERVATION CAR (with apologies to NMRA Magazine Editor, Stephen Priest)

*Pie Card Editor Bob Dawson*

What quacks like a duck...looks like a duck....but isn't a duck? It could be a NMRA Division such as Division 8. The Division sometimes functions like a club, and to some looks like a club, but isn't a club. It is a "chapter", a local part of a much larger organization. In our case, Mid-Central Region is itself part of an international organization, the NMRA. If you joined NMRA on a Railpass, or perhaps because you joined a 100% NMRA club, you also are a part of this organization. Any NMRA member is welcome at any Division 8 meeting or activity. For more discussion about what an NMRA Division is, check out NMRA president Charlie Getz's "Presidents Car" article in this month's *NMRA Magazine*.

One of the key ways you can participate in the larger NMRA organization is by attending a national or regional convention. In 2015, we will be hosting the Mid Central Region Convention. While this seems a long way off, planning needs to begin now. We will need everyone's help.

A letter from Eric Waggoner is enclosed with this issue of the Pie Card. Eric has outlined the various subcommittees and chairperson's needed. If you would like to give it try, or if you had helped with previous conventions, let him know. If you are not sure of chairing a committee, your help will still be appreciated. There will be plenty to do.

## AUGUST MEETING INFORMATION

This month's meeting is Saturday August 17, 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. The Conference Center is on the right and clearly marked. If you are using a GPS system, enter 119 Rochester Ave, 40214. **NOTE: Access to Woodlawn and Strawberry Lane from Crittenden Drive is closed while the overpass is being modified for the road relocations for airport expansion.**

Nat King will present the program; he will demonstrate easy ways to make trees. Joe Fields will provide refreshments.

Looking ahead -- the September meeting will be September 21, again at the Conference Center. Russ is still working on getting a presenter. The October meeting will be Thursday evening, October 17, 7:30 PM at the K & I Model Railroad Club clubhouse in Buckner. John Stoltz will discuss building model structures using card stock. November meeting is still in the planning stage.

## MODEL CONTEST

### AUGUST

September  
October  
November  
December  
January  
February  
March  
April  
May  
June  
July

### MOW EQUIPMENT

Photos  
Steam Locomotives  
Displays/Dioramas  
NO CONTEST  
Freight Cars  
Diesels  
Commercial Structures  
Passenger Cars  
Cabooses  
Open Loads  
No Contest

August begins a new "Contest Year"; 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.

## SILVER SPIKE AWARD

*Jack Diehl, Chairman*

It is that time of year again when we honor those who have performed outstanding service for 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 with a short write up of why you think they are deserving. Nominations will be accepted until August 30th.

## PICNIC 2013

Thirty or so NMRA members, friends and family, gathered at New Haven, Kentucky on July 27 for our annual picnic.

First we met at the Optimist Park picnic pavilion and enjoyed a lunch of pork barbeque prepared by the Sherwood Inn in New Haven. The pavilion is located adjacent to the tracks where KRM equipment awaiting restoration is stored.

We then proceeded to the Kentucky Railway Museum to board our car for the trip to Boston. Our train was pulled on the outbound trip by Jeep #203. It runs good but wears a "coat of many colors". The museum also had a "yard sale" of model railroad items, that that were from the old model railroad center.

## 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, Ed Brennan.

\$ 25 to \$45: Charlie Keeling, Stephen Taylor, Bill Poteet.

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

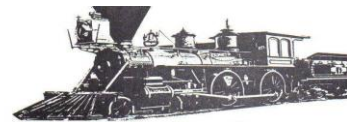
## ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

*Joe Fields, AP Chairman*

Notice of Charlie Fackler's award for Master Builder-Scenery appears in the August issue of the NMRA Magazine.



Above: Enjoying a meal and fellowship at the Picnic.



## DIV 8 TRAIN SHOW AND SALE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2013 10 AM TO 3 PM

Admission: \$ 5.00 (children 12 & under free)

Dealer Tables: \$ 20 each for NMRA members,  
\$25 each for nonmembers.

For information or to reserve a table contact  
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**PIKE SHOWCASE-LAYOUT FROM MCR CONVENTION LAYOUT TOUR**



**BOB FINK MMR**

Bob's HO Dayton Union Railway

His theme is Dayton Union Station with PRR, NYC, B&O and Erie represented.

The era modeled is 1939 (or sometimes 1950's) with steam and some diesels. Thus, Bob is modeling a Dayton Ohio that Rick Tipton is too young to remember <G>.

The layout also includes some interurban and street car lines.



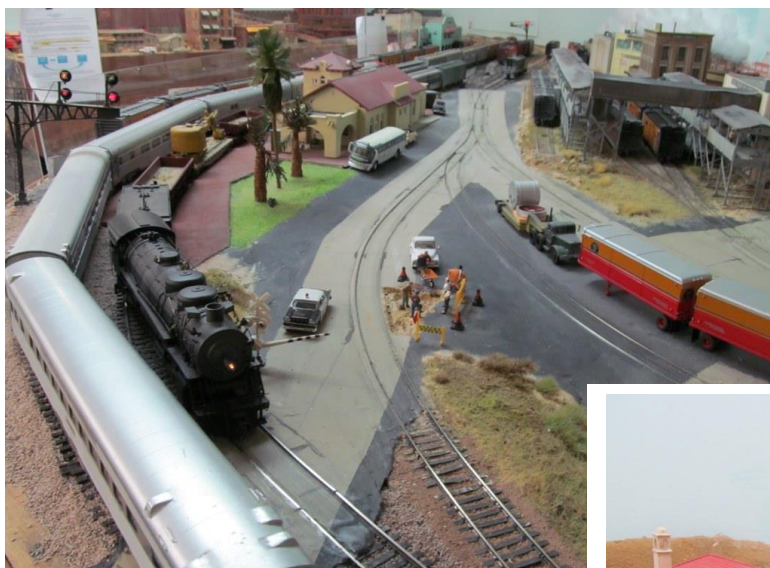
PIKE SHOWCASE-LAYOUTS MCR CONVENTION LAYOUT TOURS (continued)



Rick Stern's HO Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe.

Rick models the Santa Fe of the 1950's in the mountains of Southern California ; Alco PA and PB units in Santa Fe's famous passenger scheme (red/yellow/silver) are leading across the trestle.

Left. A busy railroad requires a lot of motive power. Note the typical Santa Fe turntable with trusses rising above track level.



The layout fills most of Rick's basement, built around the walls with peninsulas. Control is Digitrax DCC. A Lou Sassi photo shoot for Model Railroader magazine is pending.

Santa Fe was an early buyer of GM freight diesels -- here is a quartet of EMD FT's, delivered before or during WWII. Each B unit was semipermanently attached to its A (no coupler), thus the smaller gap.





### TRACKSIDE WITH BILL LYNCH

This month features pictures by Bill Lynch taken on his recent Alaskan vacation. While there he was able to ride the White Pass & Yukon Railway.

Begun in 1898 during the Klondike Gold Rush and completed in 1900, this narrow gauge railroad is an International Historic Civil Engineering Landmark, a designation shared with the Panama Canal, the Eiffel Tower and the Statue of Liberty.

The WP&YR climbs almost 3000 feet in just 20 miles and features steep grades of up to 3.9%, cliff-hanging turns of 16 degrees, two tunnels and numerous bridges and trestles. A steel cantilever bridge was the tallest of its kind in the world when it was constructed in 1901.

The WP&YR suspended operations in 1982 when Yukon's mining industry collapsed due to low mineral prices. The railway was reopened in 1988 as a seasonal tourism operation and served 37,000 passengers. The 1956 Alco/GE diesels shown were recently rebuilt with Cummins prime movers.



Today, the WP&YR is Alaska's most popular shore excursion carrying over 390,000 passengers during the 2012 May to September tourism season operating on the first 67.5 miles (Skagway, Alaska to Carcross, Yukon) of the original 110 mile line.

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