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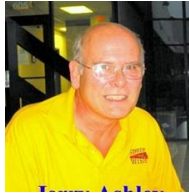
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From the Superintendent's Desk



Jerry is under the weather this month. The following is an article shamelessly lifted from Div 11:

A CROSS EYED LOOK AT FLANGES

By Fr. Bob McKay

Shedding light on eyesight, I am changing out wheelsets on my 1K fleet of N scale cars. All I have to do is decide on what wheels will be used, based on

experience over my own pike and what is the hottest gotta-have from the N crowd; invest in just a few hundred-packs of appropriate wheelsets; and install same according to the Plan, available Product, and Persistence in the face of impending blindness. I chose metal wheels for my passenger fleet. Kato and Panorama already have them, but all else needs 36", except of course head end equipment with 33". Cabins also received 33" with one detector axle per car. Fox Valley gratefully accepted a second mortgage, and I was always a few short: Bucks, Wheels, Sanity.

Then there is my modest freight car fleet. Isn't it fun to model the Pennsy! I had already equipped about half the fleet with Micro-Trains fine wheelsets, but was dissatisfied with their performance. Our great master of Arcane Notions devised a way to deburr the miniscule flanges, and had renovated dozens over many moons. SOB claims "Patience is a Virtue, and ought to be Cultivated", yet a quick calculation of my actuarial life span led me to conclude another solution was in order. So BTF got the crying towel, and I got the shaft from my MT supplier for 3000 wheelsets in the latest, greatest flange size called Stan-dard. How fitting for the PRR !!! And I get to go broke and blind at the same time, all in the silly pursuit of cars that stay on the track! What a fantastic concept. Shame that I'll be too crosseyed by then to notice. FRIAR

TIME TABLE

Dec 14, Sat, 6 PM Christmas Party
Jan 11-12, Great Train Expo
Jan 18, Sat, 2PM, Div 8 Mtg., St. Matthews Episcopal Church.
Feb 18 Sat, 2PM, Div 8 Mtg., Toy Mall
Mar 15 Sat, Div 8 Train Show
Mar Div 8 Meeting TBA

AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING

The meeting was held Thursday November 21 at the Southern Indiana Railroad Club, First Presbyterian Church in Jeffersonville, IN. Theresa Berry provided the refreshments. Thanks to Southern Indiana RR for inviting us. Jerry Ashley reported that Bruce Goreham has resigned as Trustee due to health reasons. Per our by-laws, the Board of Directors has appointed Ed Brennan to serve for the remainder of Bruce's term. Member welfare: Condolences were offered to Ruth Lynch upon the death of her mother. A donation from the Division will be made in her mother's name. It is also reported the Jim Harrington has been hospitalized with a serious illness. Convention: Eric Waggoner reported that the committee visited two hotels, but no decision has been made. Christmas Party, Mike reported that 40 reservations have been received so far. Contest, train show, and achievement news are reported elsewhere in this issue. Following the meeting, the members visited with the Southern Indiana crew and checked out their layout. The minutes for the November meeting are posted on the website. Thanks to Mike Berry for taking the minutes.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Joe Fields, AP Chairman

Merry Christmas everyone, hope all is going well with you. At the November meeting I was pleased to award Bill Lynch his association Volunteer certificate (see photo right). Charlie Fackler's paperwork for Master Builder-Cars has been submitted to Region. Charlie has only has one more to go for his Master Model Railroader Award. Jerry Ashley and I judged Todd Whitehead's structure at the November meeting, and awarded it 105 points (it also won the November contest). Congratulations Todd. Remember, if you need something judged either at your home or at a Division meeting, let me know. If you would like something judged at a meeting, please let me know ahead of time so I can have the forms in hand. Hope to see you at Division 8's Christmas party. That's it for now I wish each and everyone Happy Model Railroading for the upcoming year.



MODEL CONTEST

DECEMBER

January
February
March
April
May
June
July
August
September
October
November

NO CONTEST

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

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.

The November Contest (Diorama’s) results are Todd Whitehead was 1st place with his brewery. (photo of Todd’s model is elsewhere in this issue. Charlie Keeling took second place and Bob Johnson finished third. The door prize drawing winner was won by Patrick Hardesty.

Year to date point standings: Bob Johnson 10 points, Bill Lynch 8 points, Charles Keeling 5 points. Doc Shane and Todd Whitehead each have 4 points, and Jim Harrington has 3 points. Rob Johnson rounds out the entrants with 1 point.

MEMBER WELFARE

Rick Wehr, Chairman

Cards have been sent to Carl Elmer and Jack Diehl for hospital visits, and Ruth Lynch for the death of her mother. Hospitalized as of this issue: Jerry Ashley, Charlie Keeling. Life member Jim Harrington passed away on November 27, see obituary on page 5 of this issue.

If your or your spouse have been hospitalized or has had a death in the family, please let Rick know at 502-500-6398

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, Bob Lawson, Ed Brennan.
\$ 25 to \$45: Charlie Keeling, Stephen Taylor, Bill Potect, Jim Kuzirian. Jack and Jean Jackson
\$45 to \$55: Bob Johnson, Larry Hujo
\$100 or more: Fred and Barbara Soward, John Ottman



NO DIVISION MEETING IN DECEMBER.

Christmas party is December 14, 6 PM at the Captains Quarters. Call Mike Berry at 502-245-1337 to make a reservation.

January meeting will be Saturday January 18 at St. Matthews Episcopal Church.

CONVENTION UPDATE

Eric Waggoner, Chairman

We have narrowed down the search to the following locations, all of which I have visited at least once.

- Holiday Inn Hurstbourne
- Galt House (2001 Convention site)

We are considering the pros and cons of a conveniently located and smaller site like the Holiday Inn Hurstbourne vs. a Downtown Location that has a lot of space to offer, the Galt House. For the attendees, the rooms are cheaper in the East End location but the rates offered by the convention venue are better at the Galt House, plus the downtown location offers some nice views of the river and Fourth Street Live. We hope to make a final decision in the winter of the year. Also, I would like to ask you to start thinking about being a committee chairperson.

Please e-mail me at: eric.waggoner@twc.com if you are interested in serving. These are the volunteers I have so far and we may move around a few people as time goes by and work load fluctuates;

Registrar	Lamont Williams
Financial	Mike Berry
Facilities	Eric Waggoner
Clinics	Russ Weis
Clinics (non-Rail)	NEEDED
Tours – Rail/Industrial	NEEDED
Tours – Non Rail related	NEEDED
Publicity	Fred Soward
Contest Room	Bill Lynch
Layout Tours & Op Sessions	Bob Dawson
Hospitality	Jerry Ashley, Barbara Soward
Raffle and Door Prizes	NEEDED
White Elephant Sale and Company Store	Joe Fields
Hotel Layouts	Bob Dawson

CONVENTION DATES: 18-21 MAY 2017

AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING



Left: Todd Whitehead's first place entry in the December Contest.

Photo Fred Soward

Right: Eric Waggoner checks out the detail on meeting host, Southern Indiana Railroad layout.

Photo: Fred Soward



Above: Two Union Pacific Centennial units pull a train on the layout.

Right: Mike Berry answers some questions.

K & I CLUB OPEN HOUSE

The K&I model railroad club held an open house on November 9th and 10th at their club house in Buckner, KY.



MORE PICTURES FROM THE TRAIN SHOW



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CARD STOCK SUPPLIES

By Doc Shane

John Stoltz gave an excellent clinic at the Division 8 meeting. There was much useful information crammed into his talk. At my urging John has come up with a list of materials that he finds helpful when doing cardstock structures. We compiled this together so all could benefit from his experience. Most of us who have seen his work are impressed.

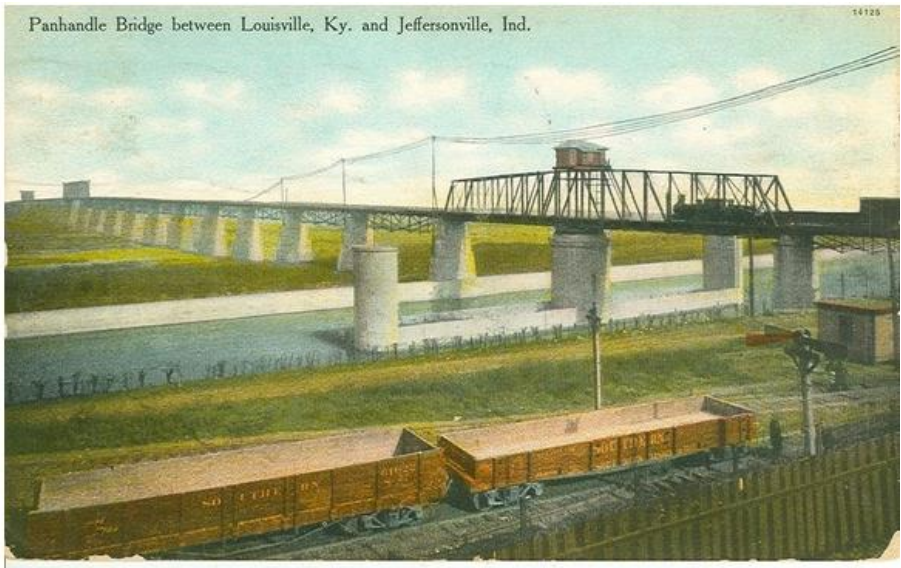
John also said he uses Grant Line windows and doors, though others may fabricate these from cardstock and paper. He prefers acetate (clear wrap on lots of items) for windows, but clear styrene is an option. Windows, as well as most joints between walls and components, are glued using Aleene's glue, as it dries clear, and doesn't craze the windows. He has found white glue (Elmer's) inadequate.

WM = Walmart, HL = Hobby Lobby, HD = Home Depot

Material	Where to find
20 # printer paper	WM, HL, others
110 # cardstock paper	WM, HL
Mat or poster board 1 mm thick	HL
Strips of basswood 1/8" (for reinforcement of joints)	Scale Reproduction, others
Self Healing Cutting Mat (sewing section)	WM, HL, Michaels
12 "thin metal ruler – straight edge	WM, HL
6 "thin metal ruler – straight edge	WM, HL
Olfa Utility Knife, small	Lowe's
Small Thin Square	Micromark
Triangles 45° and 90°, small	many
Coarse Nail File, 80 grit	Scale Reproductions
Scissors	many
Empty Ball Point Pen (for scoring)	Duh!
Tweezers	many
Aleene's Tacky Glue, both 8 oz. and smaller size	WM, HD, HL
3M (super 77) adhesive spray (spray the paper)	WM, HD, Lowe's
Flat clear lacquer (dull)	WM, HD, Lowe's
Prismacolor Markers – lt. gray	HL
Artist matte spray	WM, HL

Photos below are from John's clinic at November 2013 Division 8 meeting.





TRACKSIDE KENTUCKIANA

A 1909 view of the “Panhandle” bridge in replaced 1917 by the PRR Bridge (today operated by the Louisville & Indiana). Shown is the original 1870 bridge with turn span over the canal entrance. Note K & I “Panama Yard” at the bottom of the photo -- today you would have to stand on I-64 to get this shot.

FALL TRAIN SHOW

Our Fall Train Show had the highest paid attendance to date. Thanks to Mark Hedge and Bob Johnson who “plugged” our show on WHAS TV. The K & I Club also promoted our show in a spot on WAVE TV. The show was a work of many hands. Special thanks to: Brenda Stewart and Ruth Lynch at the admissions table. Todd Whitehead who provided security. Bob Kuchler, Herman Weir, Barbara Soward, Patrick Hardesty, Charlie Fackler and the others who helped the dealers find their tables.



Above: Steve Taylor and Charlie Keeling.

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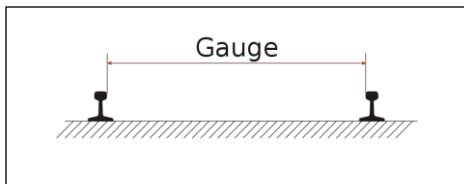
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DID YOU KNOW "STANDARD GAUGE" WAS JUST A NEWSPAPER TERM?

By Rick Tipton



The United States was once a hodgepodge of differing track gauges. Go back far enough, and newspapers used "standard gauge" for anything from 4'8.0" to 4'10" -- a two inch difference. This sloppy practice has confused rail historians and writers of railroad books ever since, and the term "standard gauge" has been misused for years in popular sources.

Here around Louisville, at one time there was 4'8.5" "standard gauge" track on the "LC&L" east to Lexington and on the Monon over in New Albany. For a period of time, the B&O predecessor into Jeffersonville was 6 feet wide (Erie gauge), the L&N mainline and the IC's predecessor were 5' "southern" gauge, and the JM&I (Penny predecessor) had widened the original 4'8.5" gauge of the Madison line to either 4'9" or 4'10" ("Ohio gauge").

This situation began to change when Penny headquarters decided to standardize its Lines East and Lines West (of Pittsburgh) at 4'9" and began moving toward this in small steps. By the time PRR and L&N interests completed "The Louisville Bridge" across the Ohio in 1870, the bridge was built at 4'9", and in about a year the Ohio & Mississippi (B&O) not only changed its Jeffersonville-North Vernon line to 4'9", but the next weekend changed the whole Cincinnati-St. Louis line, bringing their Cincinnati-Louisville passenger trains across the Louisville Bridge and right into a PRR station on Main Street (at 13th). Being a half-inch narrower, the Monon had no problem using PRR's New Albany Branch and the Louisville Bridge to cross the Ohio and into Main Street Station. And by 1883, the Air Line toward St. Louis (built at 4'9") also connected with the PRR New Albany Branch and gained access to Louisville over the Louisville Bridge. In the same period, the Louisville Southern to Danville was built at 4'9"; it and the Air Line later became lines of Southern Railway.

By 1886 the handwriting was on the wall, and the remaining 5' lines in the south knew they had to interchange with the rest of the US lines. So L&N, Sou, etc. narrowed their 5' gauge lines -- to the Penny gauge of 4'9". That other half inch came out somewhat later -- and I'm assured by a retired track supervisor/executive that some PRR sidings around Louisville were still 4'9" when they were torn out not all that long ago.

JIM HARRINGTON passed away November 27. Jim was 86 years old. Jim was a life member of NMRA. His model railroad, Green Valley and Western, is well known and was featured in 2002 in the old *Model Railroading* magazine. Jim came from a railroad family; his dad was an engineer on the MONON. A lifelong resident of New Albany, he served in the US Navy during World War II, and retired from the Louisville Naval Ordnance Station. Jim is survived by his wife Janine, stepdaughters, Linda and Julianna Christiansen; and grandson, Stefan Jensen. His funeral was on Monday December 2. Memorial contributions may be made to the Floyd County Humane Society.

Below right: A scene on Jim's Green Valley and Western.



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