



The Pie Card



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From the Superintendent's Desk



I would like to thank all of the members for their support in electing me your superintendent. With your help, I will try to live up to your expectations. Speaking of help, I want to thank all the members who helped in our spring train show. And there are many who helped, from pairing tables with vendor's right through selling tickets the day of the show.

Even though our two shows a year are pretty routine, there is much prep work that goes into every show. Mark Hedge has already signed up vendors for the Fall Show. Deposits have been made at the Legion Post for future shows.

Fast forward to 2017, the year our Division 8 will host the MCR convention. After months of talking with different hotels, Eric Waggoner has a contract for your board to read and request any corrections.

Even though the convention is three years away, now is the time to think about the part you would like to play in our convention. Help set up layout tours, give a clinic, host an ops session - the list goes on.

We'll talk more, until then happy railroading, *Russ Weis*

TIME TABLE

Apr 24, Thur, 7:30 PM Conference Center.

May 17, Sat, 2 PM

May 17-18, K & Club Open House, 10 am to 4 pm

Jun 21, Sat, 2 PM

Jul 26, Sat, NO MEETING, Picnic TBA

Aug 9, Sat. Summerail Cincinnati

Aug 16, Sat, 2 PM, Southern Indiana

Club Swap Meet, Sellersburg

AT THE MARCH MEETING

Bob Dawson, Clerk

The March Meeting was held March 20, at the Conference Center. The chief item of business was the counting of the ballots for the Division Elections. Lamont Williams reported that the slate put forth by the Nominating Committee was elected without opposition. Your officers are: Superintendent, Russ Weis; Assistant Superintendent, Eric Waggoner; Treasurer, Mike Berry; Clerk, Bob Dawson; Trustee, Tom Guenthner. Their terms of office will officially begin at the May Division Meeting.

April meeting date has changed. As originally scheduled, the April meeting would fall on the Saturday before Easter. Since some members attend church services on the Thursday before Easter, it was voted to reschedule to the following week. Thus, the April meeting will be at the Conference Center, Thursday evening April 24, 7:30 PM.

MEMBER WELFARE

Rich Wehr reports sending a sympathy card to the family of Ray Hager (see page 2), and a get well card to Ed Brennan who was hospitalized with a hip replacement. Did you know that the get-well and sympathy cards that we send are designed and made by Theresa Berry?

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Joe Fields, AP Chairman

Hello everyone. Not a whole lot is going on in the achievement area. At the March Div. 8 meeting I passed along the information I had received from Frank Koch in regards to hopefully speeding up the turnaround time for AP certificates from National Headquarters. To give you an idea of how long it is currently taking, Charlie Fackler's paperwork was approved in November and has already been published in the NMRA magazine, but I still haven't received Charlie's certificate to present to him. Frank says that it's getting ridiculous and from the way Frank talks I think he and the other regions AP chairs are going to try to come up with a better way to have the certificates printed. I know the NMRA is a volunteer organization, but if you accept a job then you need to spend the time to get it done in a timely fashion. Enough about that. I hope as we move into spring the members of Div. 8 will proceed in projects that will need judging whatever the category and give me a call or make arrangements to have them judged. Happy modeling to all.

CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST*Fred Soward, Contest Chairman*

| APRIL | PASSENGER CARS |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| May | Cabooses |
| June | Open Loads |
| July | No Contest |
| August | MOW Equipment |
| September | Photos |
| October | Steam Locomotives |
| November | Displays/Dioramas |
| December | No Contest |
| January | Freight Cars |
| February | Diesels |
| March | Commercial Structures |

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.

We had six commercial structure entries for March. Todd Whitehead took first place with "Brett's Brewery" while second place went to Rick Maloney with "Sterling Creamery." Ed Brennan won the raffle drawing gift card.

For the year, Bill Lynch and Bob Johnson are tied for the lead with 13 points each. Next in line is Todd Whitehead trailing at 8 points for the year and then the late Charlie Keeling at 5 points. Doc Shane, John Kelly, and Rob Johnson remain at 4 points apiece. There's a six-way tie at 3 points each for Barry Christensen, Jim Harrington, Joe Fields, Nat King, Patrick Hardesty, and Rick Maloney. Bob Kuchler, Jack Diehl, and Russ Weis remain at 1 point each for the year.

There are three more contests before we declare this year's winner. That is plenty of time to get things together.

MAINTENANCE TIES FUND 2014

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. \$ 5 to \$25, Jim Kuzirian, Ed Brennan; \$55, Bob Johnson, \$60, Don Fowler; \$100 Fred and Barbara

**APRIL MEETING INFORMATION**

The April meeting will be **THURSDAY, APRIL 24**, 7:30 PM at the Conference Center, Building 91 Airport Industrial Center (former Naval Ordnance Station), 119 Rochester Ave., 40214. **NOTE THIS IS THE FOURTH THURSDAY.** If you have not been there before, it is off Southside Drive. Rochester can also be accessed from South Third Street. Mike Berry will have the program.

RAY HAGER, a life member of NMRA, passed away on February 20, 2014. You may remember Ray's Garden Railway at his home off Taylor Blvd. Ray was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

K&I MODEL RAILROAD CLUB will have its spring open house May 17 & 18, 10 am to 4 pm. The K & I club is located in a former firehouse on Ky. Hwy 146 in Buckner, KY. This is just east of intersection of Hwys 146 and 393.

SOUTHERN INDIANA RAILROAD, LOUISVILLE CONNECTING LINES, AND FALLS CITIES LIVE STEAMERS will be running their layouts On August 22-24, 2014 in conjunction with "Sellersburg Celebrates" at the Sellersburg Moose Lodge, 1040 S. Indiana Ave. (US31). Free Train Show on Saturday, 10am to 4pm.

DERBY CITY RAILERS x 3. This is the new name for the former Louisville O-gaugers. Derby City Railers x 3 run every Sunday at the South Louisville Antique and Toy Mall

THANKS FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TRAIN SHOW

Thanks to the local shops that provided door prizes: Hobbytown, USA, Roundhouse Electric Trains, and Scale Reproductions.

Thanks also to all those who helped with check in and during the show: Brenda Stewart, Ruth and Bill Lynch, Charlie Fackler, Jerry Ashley. Bob Kuchler, Rick Maloney, Herman and Brian Weir, Patrick Hardesty, Fred and Barbara Soward. (see photos and more about show on page 3)



NMRA National Convention, Cleveland, Ohio. July 13-20, 2014
National Train Show July 18-20

Go to: www.nmra.org and click on Convention and Train Show icons for information on registration, hotels, tours, etc. **NO MCR REGIONAL CONVENTION IN 2014**



MODEL CONTEST

Left. Brett's Brewery. Todd Whitehead's winning entry in the March Charlie Keeling Model Contest.
Photo by Fred Soward.

SPRING TRAIN SHOW

Left. Some of the crowd early in the show.



Layouts running were Southern Indiana Railroad (left), Dennis Sanders vintage Lionel, and Joe Martin's N-Scale T-track (below). Thanks for your support.



The Fall Show will be Saturday November 15, same place, Highland Post American Legion.



PIKE SHOWCASE

Left and below. Two scenes from Chris Broughton's N Scale Pennsylvania Railroad. Outside the engine shop, we see Fairbanks-Morse and Baldwin diesel power.

Photos by Russ Weis.

Below: A shunting locomotive with a brake van on Paul Hegele's OO English-inspired layout. In "American", that is a switch engine and a caboose.

An article about Paul's layout is on page 5 of this issue.

Photo by Fred Soward



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UP GRADING A BRITISH PROTOTYPE LAYOUT

By Fred Soward

Tom Guenther and I visited Paul Hegele's layout a few weeks ago. Paul's mid-20th century freelance HO scale layout is set in the English countryside. It is based on scenes from a trip he and his wife took to the UK several years ago. Much of the equipment is ready-to-run OO scale, but runs well on the HO scale standard gauge Atlas track he has installed. "OO" describes models with a scale of 4mm = 1 foot, which is 1:76, running on standard gauge HO scale track. HO scale is, of course, 1:87 or 3.5mm = 1 foot.

We were called in to give an assessment of how much effort might be involved in upgrading benchwork, track, wiring, and scenery in the next couple of years as Paul's retirement approaches. Ever the operators, we also provided suggestions for revising the track plan in a couple areas to provide more interesting (and more challenging) switching operations. Tom also provided insight from his many years of experience in backward planning his layout – also known as, "If I'd've only thought of this before I started building, I'd've done it this way instead."

The layout is mostly a double mainline continuous run, taking up much of the basement. It includes some industrial switching and passenger operations as well as engine servicing facilities. There are villages and a large town scene as well as an abandoned castle on top of a hill. He has used a variety of materials for scenery including many recycled products and dried plants from the yard. Besides the castle, one of the more striking features is the hand painted backdrop created by his wife, an artist and certified interior decorator.

Paul runs several named British passenger trains. The one pictured in this photo is the Royal Scot. It's not the more well-known Flying Scotsman. The passenger cars are well detailed, smooth running, and sharp! One of the things he's looking to do is to move from DC to DCC and to include sound and animation where possible, so there was quite a bit of discussion about converting the current fleet or replacing it, power districts, and rewiring. Although the layout is freelanced there is one absolute rule – no diesels allowed!



Photo by Fred Soward



TRACKSIDE WITH CHARLIE KEELING

A trio of "Paducah Rebuilds" await assignment at ICG's Louisville Oak Street Yard.

The date is September 30, 1979.

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