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From the Superintendent's Desk



If you're a baby boomer, then you probably had a Lionel or American Flyer train set growing up. And more than likely you had one of their animated signals. How neat it was to watch the signal turn from green to red as the train passed by.

On the Lionel system it was just a pressure switch under the track and the weight of the passing train

that made the contacts change the lights. It doesn't get any simpler than that. Of course with simplicity comes flaws, such as a light car may change the signal back to green in the middle of your train.

Fast forward to the age of LED's and printed circuit boards. There are all sorts of ways we now can realistically animate our signals. "Oh no", you say, "too much wiring". Yes it's true if you want to have block signaling on your layout, but we can still have signals without any more wires than you have right now.

TIME TABLE

Aug 9, Sat. Summerail Cincinnati

Aug 16, Sat, 2 PM, Div 8 Mtg, Conference Center

Sep 20, Sat 2 PM, Div 8 Mtg., Conference Center.

Oct 18, Sat 2 PM, Div 8. Mtg., St. Matthews Episcopal Church

Nov 15, Sat, Div 8 Train Show and Sale, Highland Post, 10 AM to 3 PM

Nov 20, Thur, 7:30 PM, Div 8 Mtg., Southern Indiana Club

Dec TBA, Div 8 Christmas Party



Recently at an ops session the owner had installed dwarf signals in the yard. They look great, but more importantly; the train operator could tell if the turnouts were aligned for his route in or out of the yard. And guess what, the LED's are wired in line with the Tortoise power. So no extras to buy, or wire. You can also use the contact points on your Tortoise, or Blue Point to operate your signals.

Railroads use signaling to indicate that a train will be taking the siding. Once again you can set your signal to go from green to amber when the turnout is thrown for your train to enter the siding.

Oregon Rail Supply makes a number of different dwarf, block, and cantilever style signals. They are in kit form, but easy to assemble. The nice thing about having them in kit form is you can easily modify the signal to fit your needs.

NJ International and BLMA make ready to install signals. Unfortunately with both these manufacturers, their availability is very limited.

Alright now, let's get some signals on that layout!

Russ Weis

AT THE PICNIC

Bob Dawson, Clerk

Our annual picnic was Saturday July 26, at the Depot Museum in Salem, Indiana. Fifty members and guests attended and enjoyed a buffet prepared by the Country Cook'n Restaurant in Salem. The Monon Caboose outside was open for tours, and trains were running in the basement. We met in the meeting room in the new addition, real nice! Thanks to Cecil, his staff, and volunteers for their hospitality.

After eating, Superintendent Russ Weis presented Cecil with a \$200 donation to the Depot (see photo to left). Cecil thanked us, and said our gift would be used to purchase an American Flag for the meeting room. Contest Chairman presented certificates and hobby shop gift cards to the winners of the Charlie Keeling Model Contest for the year ending with the June Contest (see contest column on page 2).

Following the presentations, Bobbi Hedge conducted a door prize drawing for the ladies present. The remainder of the time was spent viewing the railroad memorabilia displays and layout.

CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST*Fred Soward, Contest Chairman*

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
July	No 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.



2013-14 contest winners from left to right: first place Bob Johnson, second place Bill Lynch, third place, John Kelly.

MEETING AT SALEM*By Rick Tipton*

Some of you will remember the days when the Division's September meeting was commonly in Salem at Cecil Smith's house (we'd pretty much max out the meeting space in the house). I'm not sure when that started, but would you believe I've been in Division 8 for 42 years as of June? Anyway, his collection of Monon memorabilia and other railroad items was huge and filled the two-story "barn" behind his house. The Salem Depot project has provided museum display space for those items, and many others contributed by folks in Salem and elsewhere. I hadn't been up there for some time, and the recent addition of the meeting/dining hall in back provides even more wall space for display. Cecil Smith and the rest of the Salem crew did a great job hosting us on Saturday...

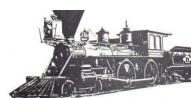
**AUGUST MEETING INFORMATION**

The August meeting will be SATURDAY AUGUST 16, 2:30 PM at the Conference Center, Building 91 Airport Industrial Center (former Naval Ordnance Station), 119 Rochester Ave., 40214. If you have not been there before, it is off Southside Drive. Rochester can also be accessed from South Third Street.

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, Anon; \$20-\$25, John Czerwinski, Jim Kuzirian, Mark Hedge; \$40, Steve Taylor; \$50, Ed Brennan, Bob Johnson; \$60, Don Fowler; \$100 Barbara and Fred Soward.

DIVISION 8 FALL TRAIN SHOW AND SALE*Bob Dawson, Train Show Chairman*

There was a rumor making the rounds that the Legion Post had been sold. No true! An offer was made to them, but the membership rejected it. So our site is safe at least for now.

The date for the Fall Show is November 15. Mark Hedge will be sending out the reservations forms later this month, but you may want to reserve your table now. You can download a copy of the form from the Division Website. Click on "Train Show" and then click on "reservation form". You can call mark at 812-288-8037.

SILVER SPIKE AWARD

It is time to once again recognize those who are a driving force behind Division 8. The Silver Spike is awarded to persons who have given exemplary service to Division 8, Mid Central Region, or the NMRA at national level. Nomination forms were mailed in July. Remember anyone who has previously received the award is no longer eligible to receive the award. Reference the web site for a list of past recipients. Nominations will be accepted until Aug 30, 2014. Nominations received with a postmark later than that date will not be accepted. *Also see recipient list with this issue.*

PIKE SHOW CASE

It's mid-1952 in Eastern Kentucky and coal plays a key role on L&N. A 2-8-4 "Big Emma" #1970 prepares to switch the Moorman Mine while a sleek new A-B-A set of F-7s starts a mixed freight below. The largest steam power on the L&N, the 2-8-4s replaced less powerful heavy Mikados on mine runs. The action can be found on the freelanced Blackberry Branch of the L&N, Ed Brennan's home layout. The steam power is a Westside brass import that Ed painted, lettered, and weathered. He also added a Train Control Systems WOW Sound steam decoder to the unit. The F-units are slightly modified Intermountain Railway Co. units.



Photo by Ed Brennan



Left: A New York Central passenger train races alongside the Hudson River in upstate New York. A scene from Russ Weis' former layout.

Photo by Russ Weis

Right. Another scene from Chris Broughton's N Scale layout (see July issue for another photo). A detail from this photo is on page one of this issue.

Photo by Russ Weis



Railfan & Railroad and **Bluegrass Railroad Museum** are sponsoring a **Trains & Tripod Photo Shoot Day**, Labor Day Sept. 1, at the BGRM site located at US62 and Beasley Road in Versailles, KY. Spend the day learning how to shoot railroad scene Photos. Instructor will be Steve Berry, Editor *Railfan & Railroad* magazine. The cost of the class is \$75 and includes two meals and a train ride. Tickets must be purchased in advance through Bluegrass Railroad Museum website. <http://www.bluegrassrailroad.com> or call 859-873-2476. Seats are limited.



Left: Campbellsburg, IN on the Salem Depot Museum HO Railroad . The layout tries to depict actual scenes along the Monon in and near Salem. Compare this scene with a prototype picture taken in 2002 at the actual location. Unfortunately by that time the passing siding and most of the buildings modeled were gone.
 Photos by Bob Dawson

Right: Salem IN station and industries on the Salem Depot layout.

YOU SAW IT FIRST IN THE PIE CARD...

Below: A scene on Ron Pearson's HO3 East Broad Top layout in Cincinnati Ohio. Other photos of Ron's layout were featured in the July 2013 Pie Card. His layout will be featured in the October issue of *Model Railroader* magazine, and *MR's* August issue has a preview photo.



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MORE PICTURES FROM THE 2014 PICNIC

Bobby Hedge held a raffle at the conclusion of the picnic meal. Winners were Katie Tipton (pictured), Beverly Weis, and Carolyn King.

Photos by Fred Soward

Left: Trains 5 and 6, the north- and southbound editions of the *Thoroughbred*, pass each other at a siding north of Salem on the Salem depot layout.



Above: A Louisville bound freight crosses Quarry/Market Street roads; soon it will be passing the depot in Salem.



TRACKSIDE WITH CHARLIE KEELING

Left: The year is 1978, and a Southern Railway locomotive consist with "high hood" SD40-2 trailing pulls its train across 15th Street at Magnolia Avenue.

The grain elevators are gone, and the locos will be Norfolk Southern, but the locale looks pretty much the same in 2014.

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Silver Spike Award

Division Eight began presenting the Silver Spike Award in 1992. After being nominated by a member, the Silver Spike committee reviews the nomination. After this screening, worthy individuals are presented to the membership who votes on the award. It goes to individuals who have given exemplary service to Division 8. Often times this service is minimally recognized.

Year	Recipients
1992	Art Goreham
1993	No Award
1994	Bob Johnson
1995	Bob Brown Charles G. Keeling
1996	No Award
1997	Bruce Goreham Joe O’Gara
1998	Charles Hansen Jerry Ashley
1999	Greg Mathews
2000	Bob Dawson
2001	Bob Frankrone Ray Rohmann
2002	Fran Hale Miles Hales
2003	Ivan W. Baugh
2004	Mike Berry Steve Taylor
2005	Kevin Jones
2006	Charles Buschman
2007	Eric Waggener Jim Ward
2008	Don Fowler
2009	No Award
2010	Bob Sobotka
2011	Bill Lynch Bobbi Hedge Tom Guenthner
2012	Nat King Joe Fields Mark Norman
2013	Russ weis Cecil Stewart Ed Brennan