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From the Superintendent's Desk



I have some friends who model in "N" scale. They often kid me that HO stands for Horrible Oversized. I sometimes hear HO modelers say the three-rail guy's trains are just toys.

Most of the comments about a particular scale are just in fun; unfortunately a few modelers are serious with their remarks.



anyone would be envious. So the next time you talk about those three rail-guys running "toys", think again.

Happy railroading, Russ Weis

MEMBER WELFARE

Rick Wehr

Get well cards were sent to John Manning and Mark Norman. A card was sent to Jean Jackson in expressing our sympathy upon the passing of Jack.

AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING

Bob Dawson, Clerk

For our February meeting, we trekked down to Bullitt County (really not that far) to the South Louisville Toy and Antique Mall. Our hosts were the Falls City Live Steamers, O-6-O, and Louisville O gaugers.

The only item of business was the approval to purchase a laptop, projector, with software, screen and connections required. This was purchased to meeting programs and eventually to be used for the 2017 convention. Many programs are now on power point or DVD, and this will relieve Tom Guenthner and Eric Waggoner from having to loan their equipment to the Division. Following the meeting we had good time meeting with our hosts and checking out the layouts.

The official minutes are posted on the Division website.

TIME TABLE

Mar 15 Sat, Div 8 Train Show
Mar 20, Thur, 7:30 PM Div 8 Meeting, Conference Center (old Naval Ord)
Apr 15, Sat, 2 PM
May 17, Sat, 2 PM
Jun 21, Sat, 2 PM
Jul, NO MEETING, Picnic TBA



CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST*Fred Soward, Contest Chairman*

MARCH	COMMERICAL STRUCTURES
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

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 diesel entries for February. Bill Lynch took first place with a pair of Norfolk Southern Heritage Units. Second place went to Rob Johnson with a set of F7 Santa Fe Yellow Bonnet units.

For the year, the lead changed this month! Bill Lynch is leading with 13 points followed by Bob Johnson with 12 points, and Charlie Keeling with 5. There's now a four-way tie at 4 points apiece between Doc Shane, John Kelly, Rob Johnson, and Todd Whitehead. We also have a four-way tie at 3 points each for Jim Harrington, Joe Fields, Nat King, and Patrick Hardesty. Barry Christensen has two points while Jack Diehl and Russ Weiss have 1 point each for the year.

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 \$20, Jim Kuzirian; \$55, Bob Johnson, \$60, Don Fowler.

**MARCH MEETING INFORMATION**

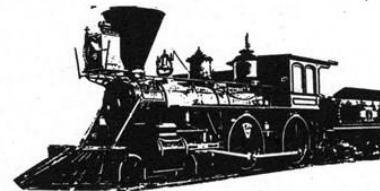
The March meeting will be **THURSDAY**, March 20, 7:30 PM at the Conference Center, Building 91 Airport Industrial Center (former Naval Ordnance Station), 119 Rochester Ave., 40214. If you have not been there before, it is off Southside Drive. Rochester can also be accessed from South Third Street.

Results of our 2014 Elections will be announced at the end of the meeting.

Bob Dawson will present the program, "Louisville's Forgotten Railroad".

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The Spring and Fall Shows are our major sources of income. Committee Members, Mike Berry, Bob Dawson, Tom Guenther, Mark and Bobbi Hedge, Cecil Stewart, and Russ Weis have been working hard to put it together.

There are many others who help with the mailings and advertising, and show up early on Saturday morning to help the dealers get checked in and take admissions during the show. Come out and support your show.



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 Trainshow icons for information on registration, hotels, tours, etc. **NO MID CENTRAL CONVENTION IN 2014**



MODEL CONTEST

Left. Bill Lynch's first place winners in the model contest.

OPERATING SESSION

Tom Guenther hosted an operating session on his L & N layout on Saturday February 1.

Right. Russ Weis and Rob Cooper (nearest to camera) plan their switching moves at Loyall Yard.

All photos by Fred Soward



Left. Host Tom Guentner and Rick Tipton hold the main waiting for clearance to proceed.



OPERATING SESSION (continued)

Action at Barbourville. John Bowman (left) with the Harlan Turn is passing the Barbourville local. Herman Weir (right) is waiting for John to clear so he can begin his switching. Dispatcher Bob Dawson (back to camera) is taking a break from his desk to see what John is up to.

Right. In between the freights, the "Doodlebug" met up with the competition.

Below: The Harlan Turn finally gets on the move at Barbourville.



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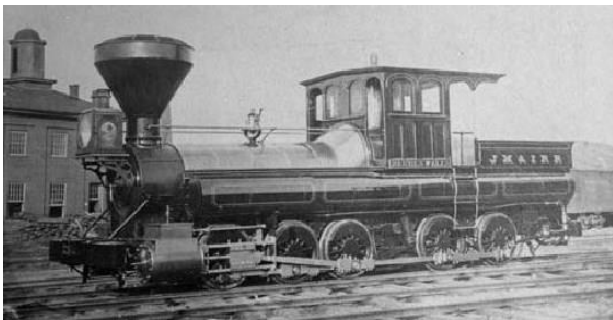
DID YOU KNOW-- M&I tried to bypass Madison Incline

By Rick Tipton

In the 1830's, the Madison railroad was built with a 5.89% grade dropping to the bank of the Ohio River between North Madison, IN and Madison. This hill was operated with horses, and as a rope-tow incline, and as a cog railroad, before an "adhesion" steam engine was built (at Jeffersonville) that could ascend it using only wheel friction.

Still, this was hard railroading. May 4, 1852, the Madison & Indianapolis Railroad began building a 5 mile road to bypass the steep grade of the Madison incline. The project ended three years later with only a partial grade, two tunnels and a \$300,000 drain on the company funds to show for it.

The railroad had to go back to "adhesion running" on the incline, and was disadvantaged both financially and operationally. By 1866 it was taken over by the Jeffersonville Railroad (although the merger name was the Jeffersonville, Madison and Indianapolis Railroad) and the line from Columbus Indiana to Madison began its decline to branch line status.



Left: The "Reuben Wells" built in Jeffersonville Shops of the Jeffersonville, Madison and Indianapolis Railroad. It went into service in 1868 as the first "adhesion" locomotive on the Madison Hill. It is now on display at the Children's Museum in Indianapolis.



**TRACKSIDE
KENTUCKIANA**

Norfolk Southern freight coming south off the K & I bridge into Youngtown Yard.

Photo taken from the floodwall levee at Portland Ave.

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