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From the Superintendent's Desk



We have all enjoyed the different programs after the monthly business meeting. I have heard many positive comments from members and visitors that our programs set us aside from other railroad groups.

With that I have appreciated the suggestions you have made on getting some great speakers and topics. Also appreciated are those who have volunteered to give a talk or demonstration.

However, the suggestions are very slow in coming and I/we need a few more. I mentioned last month that we are in the building stage of our 2017 convention. This would be the perfect opportunity to try out a talk or demonstration you might want to give, then present it at one of our convention's clinics.

A big extra to giving a talk or demonstration is that you earn points for both the monthly meeting and for the convention towards your Volunteer AP certificate.

Think about it and happy railroading.
Russ Weis

TIME TABLE

May 17, Sat, 2 PM, Conference Ctr.
May 17-18, K & Club Open House,
10 am to 4 pm
Jun 21, Sat, 2 PM TBA
Jul 26, Sat, Noon, Picnic, The Depot,
Salem, Indiana
Aug 9, Sat. Summerail Cincinnati
Aug 16, Sat, 2 PM, Southern Indiana
Club Swap Meet, Sellersburg

AT THE APRIL MEETING

Bob Dawson, Clerk

The Division met on Thursday, April 24, 2014 at the Airport Industrial Park Conference Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Attendance was 21, and all officers were present. Eric Waggoner gave an update on the 2017 Convention Plans. He said there are some unanswered questions from the Holiday Inn about the proposed renovations, about how they would impact the space we need, and about whether the new owners will honor what has already been negotiated.

Bob Dawson said the Division 8 Picnic will be Noon, Saturday July 26 at the Depot Museum in Salem, Indiana. Cecil Smith said there is no charge for model railroad groups but "donations are welcome". Upon a motion by Joe Fields, it was approved by the members present to donate \$200 to the Depot Museum. Bob said he had to contact the caterer, but it is hoped to keep the charge per person to around \$5. Reservation information will be in the June Pie Card.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM



Achievement Program Chairman Joe Fields (right) presents Charlie Fackler with the Master Builder-Cars certificate.

With this certificate Charlie is very close to completing the requirements for Master Model Railroader.

CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST*Fred Soward, Contest Chairman*

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
April	Passenger Cars

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 seven passenger car entries for April. Bill Lynch took first place with his Eastern Kentucky & Cumberland Gap Business Car. Second place was a tie between Bob Johnson's G Scale AMTRAK Superliner car and Barry Christensen's Santa Fe Super Chief Pleasure Dome. Barbara Soward won the raffle drawing gift card.

For the year, Bob Johnson is in the lead with 16 points. Bill Lynch is still a close second at 14 points. Next in line is Todd Whitehead at 8 points. Joe Fields' win this month moved him up to the next spot at 7 points, with Barry Christensen close behind at 6 points. Charlie Keeling and John Kelly have 5 points each. Doc Shane and Rob Johnson remain at 4 points apiece. There's a four-way tie at 3 points each for Jim Harrington, Nat King, Patrick Hardesty, and Rick Maloney. Russ Weiss is at 2 points, and bringing up the rear are Bob Kuchler, Jack Diehl, and Tom Lindquist at 1 point each for the year.

Just two more contests before we declare this year's winner. There's still time to get things together and move up in the standings.

**MAY MEETING INFORMATION**

The May meeting will be SATURDAY MAY 17, 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. Bob Dawson will have the program

THE DIVISION 8 SUMMER PICNIC will be Noon, Saturday July 26, at the Depot Museum in Salem, Indiana. We need to meet with the caterer before we can finalize the cost per person. Cost and reservation details will be in the June Pie Card.

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 the intersection of Hwys 146 and 393, uphill from Exit 18 off I-71.

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 Soward.

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



SETTING THE SCENE

By Bob Dawson

One way to make a small or medium size layout look larger is to make a series of “mini” scenes, or little dioramas around the layout. Tom Lindquist is an expert at this. To the left is such a scene on Tom’s layout.

Using separate kits and some imagination, he put together a unique point of interest. While the gas station is the focal point, the gasoline truck or “tank wagon” makes it come to life. The truck began life as Classic Metal Works offering.



After opening the “bubble pack” the imagination took hold.

Tom scored the side doors on the tank body, cutting them out. Then using plastic scraps he made an interior representing the pump handles and gauges. The gasoline fill caps in the pavement are nail heads, the hose a piece of electric wire. Notice the cap lid lying besides the tank opening being filled.

More mini scenes from Tom and other modelers are featured in this month’s Pike Showcase.

PIKE SHOW CASE

To the right: Keeling’s Blacksmith and Welding Shop on the late Jim Harrington’s Green Valley and Western.

This is just one of the many detailed scenes that Jim built on his layout.





**PIKE SHOWCASE
(continued)**

Left. Another scene on Tom Lindquist's layout.

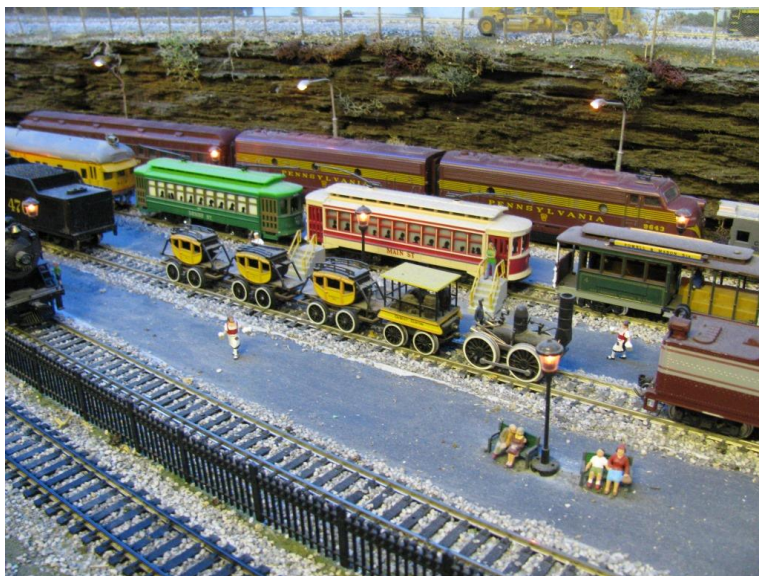
The fire department is busy. If you look closely above the waiting firemen with the net, you can see a man about to jump.

Tom used many animations for this scene, including flashing lights on the emergency vehicles and a burning building kit.

Right: Do you have model's that just don't fit in with your era or locale?

Then do what Ralph Bracewell did, open a railroad museum.

Below: The "Sign Slingers" Crew is busy pasting up a new sign on John Ottman's layout.



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PIKE SHOWCASE(continued)

Bob Irmscher's large O-gauge layout abounds in highly detailed scenes. An example is the steam boat "Chaperon" tied up at the landing. Notice the crewmen repairing the paddle wheel.

Some of us of a certain age may remember the Showboat Chaperon that used to travel up and down the Ohio River in the 1960's.

TRACKSIDE ON PRR'S NEW ALBANY BRANCH

Bill Houghton of Georgetown, IN provided this month's photos. The date is summer 1952, 53, or 54. Westbound Southern RS2 6208 is squeezing by derailed Pennsylvania Railroad B6s 7977. The 7977 based in Louisville, usually did local switching in Jeffersonville, and sometimes was called to the New Albany Branch. The location is at Southern's connection with PRR that was near E. 11th Street. PRR called this point "ADA". Close-up photos below indicated that the cause was a spread rail.

The 7977 had about another year to go in its life. Alco 6208 would serve another 10 or so years, being traded in by the Southern in 1964.



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