



# The Pie Card



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## From the Superintendent's Desk



We have all heard the saying "It all looks good on paper, until it goes bad."

A few months ago we discussed how you might want to design your layout: point to point, or maybe a continuous loop. And how you may want to operate it: switch lists, or perhaps car cards.

After all that planning and building, you find some things are not coming out the way you wanted them to. That passing siding isn't long enough to handle the size of your train, or that hillside that you made is not tall enough, or maybe it needs more trees.

So what's a guy supposed to do? Live with it, or make those changes? You would be surprised how many modelers will just live with it when most problems can be corrected easily. Some changes do take more planning and a fair amount of work.

Ballast can be wetted and removed. Track can be taken up and yes, some materials will be lost, but it's usually a small amount.

If your hills are too small, you can save your trees and some ground foam, then start applying your favorite plaster to build up your hill. If your hills are too tall, go get a trash bag, a hammer, and a box of tissue to wipe your tears as you make your first blow with the hammer!

Don't laugh, I had to do this with my current layout and it was painful! Fortunately I had only gotten to the plaster cloth stage; however, it did mean I had to get out the drywall mud as there were marks that needed filling from taking off the cardboard stripes.

The granddaddy of changes was done by the late David Haines who had a MR featured layout. His N scale Raton Pass really didn't capture the real thing, so he tore the whole layout down and started over. Like I said, some changes take more time.

*Russ Weis*

## SUMMER OUTING

*Bob Dawson, Clerk*

Division 8's summer outing was a trip by chartered bus to EnterTrainment Junction near, Cincinnati on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Following lunch, awards and touring the displays, we continued on for visit with Bob Lawson. See pictures beginning on page 4.

## SWIFT CREEK RAILROAD AUTUMN SPECIAL

Harry Munzer's Swift Creek Garden Railroad will be open to the public on Saturday September 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5 PM. Harry is dedicating this train season to the late Bill Poteet. In case of rain the railroad will be open on Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup>. SCRR is located at 6265 Buttontown Rd., Greenville, IN 47124. Directions from Louisville: I-64 East to exit 119, follow Hwy 150 for 7.5 miles, turn left onto Buttonwood Rd. Travel 0.4 miles, 6265 is on the right.

## TIME TABLE

**Aug 15**, Sat, 2 PM, Div. 8 Mtg. Iroquois Post.

**Sept. 4**, Open House Swift Creek RR

**Sept 19**, Sat, 2 PM, Div. Mtg. Iroquois Post

**Oct 9-11**, Railroad and Blue Grass Festival, LaGrange, KY.

**Oct 10**, Div 7 Train Show West Chester, OH.

**Oct 17**, Sat, 2 PM, Div. Mtg. Iroquois Post

**Nov 19**, Thur, 7:30 PM, Sou. Ind. Club.

**Nov 21**, Sat, 10AM-3PM, Div 8 Train Show, Moose Lodge.

**Dec**, Holiday Party, TBA

**CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST***Fred Soward, Contest Chairman*

<b>August</b>	<b>MOW Equipment</b>
September	Photos
October	Steam Locomotives
November	Displays/Dioramas
December	NO CONTEST
January	Freight Cars
February	Diesel Locomotives
March	Commercial Structures
April	Passenger Cars
May	Cabooses
June	Open Loads
July	No Contest

Bring your favorite “MOW” or Maintenance of Way equipment to the August meeting. 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.

Thanks to everyone for your help and participation during the 2014-2015 contest year. The contest standings will reset at the August meeting.

Keep in mind that the contest changes a bit this year! Starting with the August 2015 meeting, entries must be accompanied by a model contest entry form. The form allows you to tell us what you have done to bring the model to the state in which you are presenting it for the contest. A copy of the form is attached to this Pie Card. Print it, fill it out, and bring it with your MOW equipment to the August meeting. If you don’t bring a completed form, I will have blank copies at the meeting. See me when you arrive at the meeting so that I can verify the entry form is in order and assign a number to your entry. Once that’s done, we’ll fold the entry form in half and place it on the table by your model so that no one will see the names during the contest. They will only be able to see the information you tell us about what you did. Check the contest article and Russ’s comments in the July 2015 Pie Card for additional information about the change.



*Photo  
by  
Charlie  
Keeling*



**DIVISION MEETING SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2PM AT IROQUOIS POST AMERICAN LEGION, 800 W.**

**WOODLAWN AVE., 40215.** Russ Weis will present a clinic on “Enhancing Track”. Patrick and Alicia Hardesty have volunteered to provide refreshments. From Southern Parkway turn west onto Woodlawn. The Legion Post is at the corner of Woodlawn and Bellevue Aves.

**MAINTENANCE TIES FUND 2015**

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. Fred and Barbara Soward, \$100, \$60 Bob Johnson; \$ 50 John Ottman, \$40 John Czerwinski; \$25 Ed Brennan; \$20 each John Bowman, Bob Lawson, Bob Kuchler; \$22, Jim Kuzirian.

**SILVER SPIKE NOMINATIONS**

You should have received the Official Nomination Form for the Silver Spike Award in the mail last month. If you choose to nominate someone, read the criteria carefully. A nominee should stand “head and shoulders” above others by his/her exemplary service to the NMRA at National, Regional or Division level. The nominee must be a member of NMRA. The person submitting the nomination must be a member in good standing. Nominations must be made in writing on the form provided. Nominations will be mailed to Jack Diehl, and must be postmarked no later than August 30, 2015 to be accepted. You must state clearly your reasons for nominating this person and his/her qualifications. Nominations without written qualifications will be rejected. The Silver Spike is presented at the Holiday Party in December.

**DIXE MCCULLOCH WIFE OF JIM MCCULLOCH**

Div 8 and K & I Club member Jim McCulloch's wife passed away Sunday July 19. Dixie June McCulloch, age 84. Our condolences to Jim and his family.

AT THE 2015 SUMMER OUTING



Above: Members, family members and guests.

Photo by Bob Dawson

Above: Contest awards were presented following a pizza lunch. From left to right: Nat King (2<sup>nd</sup> Place) Bob Kuchler (1<sup>st</sup>), Bill Lynch (3<sup>rd</sup>).

Photo by Barbara Soward

Right and bottom: Following lunch and the awards presentation we began self-guided tours of the EnterTrainment Junction 25,000 ft. G-Scale model railroad. 90 trains are operating at one time in various scenes representing the history of American Railroads from the beginning to the present day. The lights go through a cycle from daylight to night. Many of the buildings feature detailed interior, and they are adding more all of the time.

Also included was a “backstage” tour conducted by the owner, Don Oeters. Don showed us the inner working of operations, discussed its history, and plans for the future.

**(more photos on page 5)** Photos by Bob Dawson





**PIKE SHOWCASE**

Rob Cooper's HO Louisville & Nashville Cumberland Valley Division. Rob recently hosted an operating session. Left. A three way meet at Corbin. Host Rob Cooper is in the center keeping an eye on progress. Russ Weis (left) is waiting to add his helper to Barry Christensen's train (black shirt), while Bruce McKeown (back to camera) is getting his train ready to proceed north. To the left, Bob Dawson's train is waiting "in the hole" at Corbin for clearance to proceed



Above left: Barry is being helped up the steep grade to Norton, Va. Russ Weis (out of the picture) is running the helper engine.

Above right: Mo Skeeters bait shop.



Above: Falmouth, Kentucky.  
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### TRACKSIDE WITH BOB DAWSON

Black Hills Central Railroad 2-6-6-2T at Keystone, SD. Bob Dawson took this photo while on a recent trip out west.

A mallet type locomotive it was built by the Baldwin Locomotive Works for the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company in 1928. After going through various owners over the years, it was purchased by the BHC RR in 1999 and restored to operation in 2001.

It is the only 2-6-6-2T Mallet in service anywhere in the world.

*Photo by Bob Dawson*

### JULY OUTING (continued)

After leaving Entertainment Junction we went north a few miles and visited the layout of old friend Bob Lawson.

Bob models the Southern Railway "Rat Hole" during the transition era in HO.

*Photos by Bob Dawson*



**LAYOUTS OF DIVISION 10**

Lou Jaquith's HO Paducah & Louisville Railroad, Lexington Division.



Let's follow Illinois Central's Kentucky Cardinal on part of its trip between Paducah and Louisville. Top left, it is seen passing Green River Collieries at Central City, KY. Next we catch a shot as it crosses Green River on the massive draw bridge at Lockport, KY. Middle left, after a short pause at Beaver Dam, the Ky. Cardinal continues north with another stop at the depot at Horse Branch.

Left. Paducah yard and engine terminal.

Lou's model Paducah and Louisville model railroad provided the inspiration for the name of the actual Paducah and Louisville railroad.

*Photos by Bob Dawson*

LAYOUTS OF DIVISION 10 (continued)



Above and right:

Pat Gerstle's SN3 D&RG Railroad. Pat's layout features hand laid track and highly detailed buildings and bridges.



Left:

Bill Paulsell's HO Lexington Tennessee and Southern.

*Photos by Fred Soward.*

Hey Louisville -- Division Eight is not a "Club"  
A commentary by Rick Tipton

I often read an obituary that says the individual was "a member of Division 8 Model Railroad Club". Frankly, this irritates me -- an NMRA Division is not a club. This area has many clubs (past and present) built around model railroading (for example, the K&I, KSONS, Southern Indiana, and 0-6-0), and some are even 100%-NMRA clubs. However, the NMRA is an "Association", with geographic subdivisions called "Regions" and "Divisions" -- and I learned in Divisions in Dayton and Columbus, before I moved to Louisville, that none of these NMRA bodies should be called "a club".

The term "club" implies a cohesive group, sharing certain characteristics and interests, often owning equipment or properties, AND possibly setting its own standards for accepting new members. However, the NMRA, an "Association", intends to be an umbrella organization furthering the interests of ALL model railroaders, and granting membership to anyone willing to send in the dues.

A little while back when Bob Dawson, Jack Diehl, and I were working on the (now-adopted) changes in our Division bylaws, one of the things we learned while studying the NMRA's new regulations was that each NMRA member is first a member of the Association, and then is automatically assigned to a Region and a Division based on his address in the NMRA's file. I asked national officers how this worked, and found that essentially your assignment is a function of your home's Zip Code.

Thus, when I cork off sometime in the future, I would hope my obit says I was a member of the National Model Railroad Association, and belonged to its Division 8 here in Louisville.

When Division 8 was founded sometime in the Sixties, one of the things it failed to do was impress upon its members that the Division should not be called a club. When I moved here in 1972, some members were referring to it as "the club", and this incorrect practice, unique to this Division as far as I know, has survived to the present. After 40 years in Division 8, this still bugs me. Not a club, guys. Not a club.

Rick Tipton  
Life Member, National Model Railroad Association  
Member of Division 8 (43 years), Mid Central Region (52 years)

**DIVISION 8 FALL TRAIN SHOW**  
*Bob Dawson, Show Chairman*

Just a reminder that the Division 8 Fall Train Show is Saturday November 21. Our show will be a new location: Moose Lodge #5, 4615 Fegenbush Lane. We were decided not to return to Highland Post American Legion due to the uncertainty of their future.

This change in venue brings changes to how we will manage the show. For the first time we will have to rent some of our tables. The Moose lodge doesn't have enough tables that we need on hand.

Some of you remember our shows on Poplar Level Road, where we had to get there early in the morning, take down all of the tables, clean the place up, and then re-set the tables to our plan. Fortunately we won't have to do that again, but we will have to set up the tables the evening before the show, and take them down after the show closes on Saturday.

I will have more details as we get closer to November. In meantime you may want to reserve your tables now.

Entry Number \_\_\_\_\_ (assigned by contest chair)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> This model was scratchbuilt | <input type="checkbox"/> This model was detailed from a kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> This model was kit-bashed   | <input type="checkbox"/> This model was purchased           |

Describe your model  
(what it is, weathering, modifications, materials used, including any commercial kits):

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
I attest that the information on the front of this entry is accurate

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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