



The Pie Card



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From the Superintendent's Desk



It was nice to see so many of you at our Christmas party and it seemed like everyone had a good time. Very nice that CSX accommodated us with four trains.

I trust everyone had a great holiday and you received that car or engine you wanted Santa to bring you.

So what New Year goals have you made? No, no, not the eat less, exercise more that is forgotten come February. I mean real goals, like how much track is going to get ballast, or getting that ground foam down. What about suggestions to attract new members? Better still, how are we going to keep the members we have now?

Early last year in my message I wrote about lending help to fellow railroaders who needed some encouragement and the late Jerry Ashley was at the top of the list.

Whether you admired Jerry, or you were one of his critics, there is no question he did much for the Division 8 and the railroad community.

As I have found out this last year there are some days that being Superintendent isn't a walk in the park. Jerry was on his first term of his second re-election when he turned it over to me. He also encouraged Charley Fackler, Ed Brennan, and Ray Grosser to get their Master Model Railroader certificate. That's right, Ray Grosser, whose railroads we have admired for years.

My suggestion is we all can be more like Jerry in our encouragement to help current members and to attract new members to the hobby.

Another suggestion is when we do receive some **constructive** criticism we don't "hang a lip" for the rest of the year. I can't tell you how many times our old friend Jim Petro has told me "it just doesn't look right". Oh sure it hurts, but after I'm done crying I see he is right and after I make the change I do like the scene far better.

So start the year encouraging those railroaders who need that nudge. And you guys who get that nudge, remember you can take it, or leave it, but no lip hanging!

Russ Weis

THERE WAS NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

There was no meeting in December. Instead we had a Christmas Party. Congratulations to Fred and Barbara Soward who were each presented with Silver Spike Awards at the Party. Photos and more about the party are on page 3 of this issue.

This year we are starting off with a new location for our meetings. This month we are meeting at Iroquois Post American Legion on West Woodlawn Ave. in South Louisville. It is near the Conference Center where we have met several times. Our plan is to have most of meetings there. Directions and a map to the meeting are on page 2.

Of course we will still have some meetings at other locations. For example, the February meetings will be at the South Louisville Antique and Toy Mall in Bullitt County.

TIME TABLE

Jan 17, Sat, 2 PM, Div 8 Mtg., Iroquois Post American Legion

Feb 21, Sat, 2 PM, Div 8 Mtg., Toy Mall

Mar 19, Thur, 7:30PM, Iroquois Post

Mar 21, Sat, 10-3, Div 8 Train Show, Highland Post, American Legion.

CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST

Fred Soward, Contest Chairman

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

There was no contest in December.

Point standings: Bob Kuchler is leading the group at fifteen points; Bob Johnson is next with six points; Fred Soward is in third place with five points; Patrick Hardesty and Ed Brennan are tied for fourth with four points; Russ Weiss and Bob Frankrone are tied at fifth with three points; sixth place has a tie between Barry Christensen and Bill Lynch with two points; and there is a six-way tie at one point apiece for Jack Diehl, Joe Fields, John Kelly, Mark Norman, Nat King, and Rick Maloney.

We are only 50% of the way thru the contest year – you still have plenty of time to show off your favorite models and join in the hunt. In January, bring a freight car to enter in the contest. Everyone has at least one model freight car – you may not think it to be contest-worthy, but as always, the judging is strictly “People’s Choice.” You never know what people might choose. 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.

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.

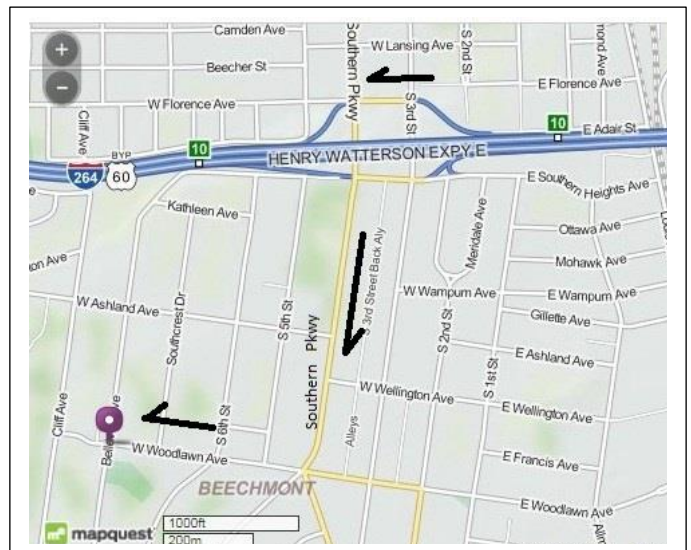
NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Instead, approximately 60 members and guests met at Rails Restaurant on Main Street in Lagrange, KY on Friday evening December 12. You can find photos elsewhere in this issue.



DIVISION MEETING SATURDAY JANUARY 17

The January meeting will be 2 PM at Iroquois Post American Legion, 800 W. Woodlawn Ave. 40215. Charlie Buccola from Kentucky Railway Museum will be there to tell us what the plans are for L&N #152.



Directions:

From westbound Watterson Expressway (I-264) take Exit 10, Third Street /Southern Parkway. Cross Third Street continuing West on Florence Avenue to Southern Parkway. Turn left onto Southern Parkway. Continue south on Southern Parkway to West Woodlawn Ave. Turn right onto Woodlawn Ave. Continue to 800 W. Woodlawn (corner of Bellevue Ave.). Parking is available in front on Woodlawn with additional parking in the rear. Enter from the handicapped ramp at Woodlawn.

MEMBER WELFARE

Jerry Ashley, long time member and twice Superintendent passed away in December. See his obituary in this issue on page 5.



Joe Lowery, owner of the old Lowery Trains in Radcliff, KY passed away November 23, he was 72 years old. Joe was not an NMRA member but was well known in the modeling community

PICTURES FROM CHRISTMAS PARTY



Left: Superintendent Russ Weis opening up the festivities at Rails Restaurant in La Grange, KY.

Photo by Fred Soward.

Right: Russ presented Fred and Barbara Soward each with the Silver Spike Award.

The Silver Spike is awarded by the members of Division 8 to individual(s) in recognition to their exemplary service to the Division.

Photo by Tom Guenthner.



Left: Bob Kuchler (left) and Patrick Hardesty (right) enjoying the moment. Rails restaurant is on Main Street in LaGrange. If you are not familiar with LaGrange, the CSX railroad tracks run down the street, just 15 feet or so from the sidewalk.

See page 6 for additional pictures from the Christmas Party.



TRACKSIDE WITH BOB FRANKRONE

While Bob was away working in New Jersey, he had opportunities to do some railfanning in the North East.

Left: It's a beautiful July morning in Connecticut as the Essex Steam Train gets ready to depart Essex station for its 12 mile round trip scenic excursion. The train is being pulled by steam locomotive #3025. Bob rode the early morning train as he had a couple more places to visit that same day.

Below: #3025 is a Chinese-built SY 2-8-2 type locomotive. The Valley Railroad Company completely rebuilt the locomotive in 2011 to resemble a New Haven Railroad J-1 Mikado. The 3025 is operated by the Valley Railroad Company on a former New Haven Railroad line leased from the State of Connecticut.



ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

At the Christmas party AP Chairman Joe Fields presented Golden Spike awards to John Stoltz (left) and Al Oswald (below left).

The Golden Spike for many people, is the first AP award that they earn. It is designed to demonstrate familiarity with different areas of the hobby, rather than expertise in a particular area. So take a look at the requirements on the NMRA Website or contact Joe Fields. If you have a layout, or have helped to build a layout, you may find that you have met most, or all of them already.

Photos by Fred Soward



CHARLIE FACKLER MMR

Charlie Fackler is featured on page 56 of the January 2015 issue of the NMRA Magazine.

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Jerry Ashley MMR passed away December 7, 2014 at age 66. He entered the hospital for a procedure to clear up an infection in one of his toes due to diabetes. But Jerry passed suddenly from a series of complications following the operation.

Anyone in the Louisville and surrounding areas with even a passing interest in model railroading knew Jerry. He never failed to take time for the beginning modelers, or failed to remember a name. Jerry was always promoting the hobby and NMRA. One his proudest achievements was completing the requirements and being awarded his Master Model Railroader certification. Jerry was MMR #411.

When Division 8 needed a show layout, Jerry and a few others stepped up to build a modular layout. This portable layout later grew into the Kentucky & Indiana Model Railroad Club.

Jerry served Division 8 twice as Superintendent, and was President of the Mid Central Region NMRA. Jerry served as hospitality chairman for our last two conventions. One lesser known service Jerry provided for the Division: he helped the families of deceased members dispose of the member's layout and collection. He worked hard, cataloging and pricing items for sale on EBay to get the best price for the family. What couldn't be sold through Ebay, he would sell on his tables at the Division Swap Meets.

Jerry is survived by his children Reid G. Ashley and Erin Scott, five grandchildren, a brother and two sisters. Jerry will also be long remembered by a cadre of model railroaders and railfans whom he touched with his counsel, knowledge, and humor. We lost him 'way too soon...



**THOROUGHBRED LIMITED
2015 MID-CENTRAL REGION
CONVENTION
May 14-17, 2015
Lexington, Kentucky**

Here is your chance to attend a convention close to home. Join our friends in Lexington. The Convention Hotel is the Crown Plaza (Campbell House) 1375 Broadway, Lexington, KY 40504.

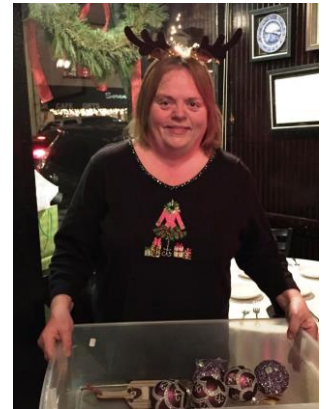
Convention Registration is \$80 (\$70 Early Bird if post marked by January 31). There will be a full schedule of clinics, including a "Building with the Masters" make and take clinic. Guided tours include: TT RR Yard Tour, Bluegrass RR Museum with train ride and lunch, NS/Toyota Intermodal Yard, plus others. For information, registration forms, or to register on line:

<http://thoroughbredlimited2015.yolasite.com/>, or go to Division 8 Website, click on links, go to Division 10 and click on Convention. There is also a link to the hotel on the Convention Site.

MORE PICTURES FROM THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

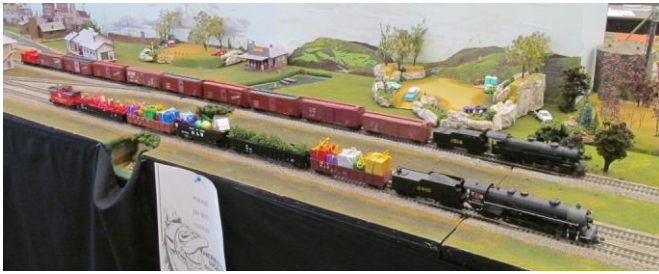


Photos by Bob Dawson and Fred Soward.



Adjacent left: A pause was taken while Mike Berry read a memorial to Jerry Ashley. Jerry was remembered in words both humorous and poignant written by Mike Berry and Doc Shane.





K & I CLUB AT WINTER WONDERLAND TRAIN SHOW

The show was held at the Southwest Regional Library on Dixie Highway in Valley Station.

The club's portable layout was set up and running from December 22 to January 3.

Right: Look close you can see K & I President Nat King sitting at the end of the layout.



Left: Lamont Williams. Lamont was one of the K & I members taking turns running trains.

Below: Derek Watts setting up his N&W passenger train. Derek's train poses for a close up.

Photos by Bob Dawson



2015 Division 8 Schedule

All meetings on Third Saturday of the month unless indicated otherwise.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 17, 2015	2:00 PM	Iroquois Post American Legion
February 21, 2015	2:00 PM	South Louisville Toy & Antique Mall
March 19, 2015	7:30 PM Thursday	Iroquois Post American Legion
March 21, 2015	Saturday-Div 8 Train Show	Highland Post American Legion
April 25, 2015	2:00 PM (4 th Saturday)	K & I Model RR Club, Buckner, KY.
May 23, 2015	2:00 PM (4 th Saturday)	Iroquois Post American Legion
June 20, 2015	2:00 PM	Iroquois Post American Legion
July	No Meeting	Picnic TBA
August 15, 2015	2:00 PM	Iroquois Post American Legion
September 19, 2015	2:00 PM	Iroquois Post American Legion
October 17, 2015	2:00 PM	Iroquois Post American Legion
November 19, 2015	7:30 PM Thursday	Southern Indiana Club, Jeffersonville, IN
November 21, 2015	Saturday-Div 8 Train Show	Location: TBA
December	No Meeting	Christmas Party TBA

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