



The Pie Card



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From the Superintendent's Desk



It was good to see many of our Division 8 members at the MCR convention in Lexington last month. Your convention committee members have a lot to discuss in preparations for our turn to host the 2017 convention.

If you did get the chance to attend the convention, I would like you to take the time and let one of your officers know what you liked, or didn't like, about this year's convention. This is not to beat up on our fellow division, but to possibly improve upon our 2017 convention.

During the convention's banquet our own Charley Fackler was recognized for earning his Master Model Railroader certificate and Chris Broughton received a first place award for his "N" scale steam engine.

Also during the banquet Division 6 gave their presentation on next year's convention, which will be held in Columbus. They have planned a number of rail and non-rail tours, operation sessions, and home tours.

With that, I would like all of you who have layouts either finished, or scheduled to be finished in two years to consider hosting an ops session and/or open house. Please keep in mind that an ops session is routing cars, scheduling certain trains, and so on. If you think you won't be ready to host an ops session, then an open house is a great way for guests to see your trains running on your layout. I ask this now for in a year it will be our turn to make the presentation, or sales pitch if you would like, to come to our convention the following year. To get the attention of our fellow railroaders we need some great shots of your layout that will be available to run, or see.

Also for our convention we will be recruiting many of our Division 8 members to give a clinic. Of course to fill the many clinic time slots, we will ask members of other divisions if they would like to give a presentation.

If you have seen a clinic you enjoyed in the last couple of years, once again please let one of your convention committee members know about it and why you liked it.

Last year I wrote about deadlines, you now have a deadline to get that portion of your layout started, finished, or improved upon. So get going!

Russ Weis

AT THE MAY MEETING

Bob Dawson, Clerk

The monthly meetings was held 2 PM Saturday May 23, 2015 at Iroquois Post American Legion. Mike Berry reported that we have 31 reservations for the EnterTrainment Junction. We are more than half way to our goal of 50 reservations. Mike suggested getting your reservations to him soon. We need to have your reservation by June 30. Mike said fifteen orders for the L & N Tank Car kits have been received since our ad appeared in Model Railroader.

Russ Weis reported that Chris Broughton took First Place, Steam Locomotives, and the MCR Convention in Lexington. He also said Charlie Fackler was recognized as a new MMR. Bob Dawson presented the program, "NYC in the Falls Cities". Bob Kuchler provided refreshments.

TIME TABLE

Jun 20, Sat, 2 PM, Div. 8 Mtg., Antique and Toy Mall/Bob Johnson Open House.

July 18, Div. 8 Picnic, EnterTrainment Jct., West Chester, OH.

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

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

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CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST

Fred Soward, Contest Chairman

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

There were eight caboose entries in the May contest. Nat King came in first place with his HO scale, highly weathered, L&N bay window caboose. Check out those broken windows and the rust on that thing! There was a three-way tie for second place with Craig Hatter's HO scale L&N caboose, Fred Soward's HO scale bay window Southern Pacific C-50-5 caboose, and John Kelly's PRR and L&N caboose set.

Point standings for the year: Bob Kuchler is leading the group at twenty-three points; Nat King is second with seventeen points; Bob Johnson and Fred Soward are tied in third with eleven points; Bill Lynch and Patrick Hardesty are tied at fourth with nine points; John Kelly moves up to fifth place with eight points; Bob Frankrone and Joe Fields are tied at sixth with six points; Craig Hatter, Ed Brennan, Jack Diehl, and Russ Weiss are tied at seventh place with five points; John Bowman moves up and is tied with Mike Shane at four points; John Czerwinski is alone at three points; there is a two-way tie at two points apiece for Barry Christensen and Rick Maloney; rounding out the crew with one point apiece are Mark Norman and Tom Lindquist.

Next month, bring your favorite "open load" freight car. As always, 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.

Bob Kuchler won the gift card drawing.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Joe Fields, AP Chairman

Hi everyone, hope your spring has been great and you've even had a chance to work on your layouts. Bob Johnson and I went to see Bill Lynch's layout last month, I have sent his paperwork for his Golden Spike Award. I hope to have it to present to him soon. Thanks Bill for having us over to see your accomplishments. The only problem I had getting to Bill's house was the traffic on I-65. It took over two hours from the time I picked up Bob Johnson at his house cross over into Indiana due to a couple of accidents on the bridge.

I'm still waiting for Mark Norman to call when he his model in the Prototype category is ready to be judged.

That's about all that's going on in the achievement dept. right now. Please give me a call or email, if you need something judged or have any questions regarding the Achievement Program.



JUNE MEETING INFORMATION

The June meeting is Saturday, June 20, 2 PM, at the South Louisville Antique & Toy Mall, 4150-8 Blue Lick Road, Louisville, KY 40229. The program is a little different. Following the meeting Bob Johnson will be hosting an open house at his home, 7703 Tip Top Lane, Louisville, 40219. If you know Bob, you know he has a house (and yard), full of layouts with multiple scales. Bob will also be unveiling his new O-Scale Trolley layout. As usual, Ramona will have her famous brownies along with other snacks. See maps to the Toy Mall and to Bob's house on page 5.

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.

DIVISION PICNIC JULY 18

The Picnic will be July 18 at EnterTrainment Junction in West Chester, Ohio. We have chartered a 55 passenger bus. We will depart from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church at 9 AM. A pizza lunch will included along with a VIP Back Stage Tour. We will stop for a visit to Bob Lawson's CNO&TP "Rat Hole" Division on the way home. We will return to St. Matthew's Church at approximately 6 to 6:30 PM.

The cost is \$25/person and includes bus ride, meal, admission and VIP tour at EnterTrainment Junction.

Send your reservation with payment to Treasurer Mike Berry, 14404 Forest Glenn Ct., Louisville, KY 40245. Make Check out to: Div. 8 MCR NMRA, write "Picnic" on the check. We are limited to 55 persons, so send in your reservation by June 30th before the trip is sold out.



Left: CSX jet propelled MOW equipment at Osborne Yard. Actually it is a jet snow blower.
Photo by Bob Dawson



MAY CONTEST

Left. HO L&N caboose. Nat King's winning entry in the May Contest.

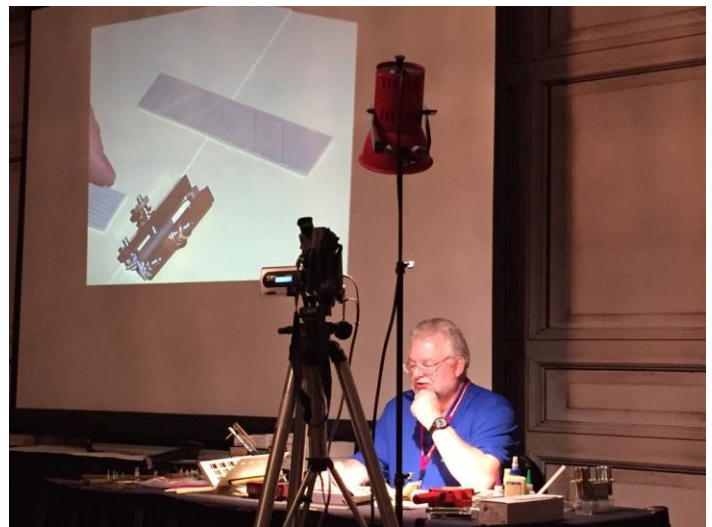
Photo by Fred Soward

SOME ACTIVITES AT THE RECENT MCR CONVENTION

Right; One of the many clinics conducted during the Convention. *Fred Soward Photo.*

Below left: One of the Thursday night operating sessions. Foreground, left to right, Eric Waggoner, Tom Guenther, and Jim Rollwage.

Below right: Tom Guenther and Eric Waggoner on the TTI Railroad Tour. TTI moves coal from CSX at Paris, KY to a barge loader on the Ohio River at Maysville. This line was once L&N's Maysville Branch.





TRACKSIDE – DERBY TRAINS 2015

Left: Lee Gordon shared this photo of the NS Derby Train at Youngtown Yard in West Louisville.

Below shots by Bob Dawson of the R J Corman and CSX Derby Trains crossing Frankfort Avenue, in the Clifton Neighborhood.



The CSX train, originating in Frankfort, was the longest at 17 cars.

The RJ Corman train originated in Lexington and consisted of four car, two from the Lexington Dinner Train and two leased BNSF business cars.

There was no Amtrak Special this year. One story was that with all of the maintenance on the L & I, they couldn't come to a scheduling agreement.

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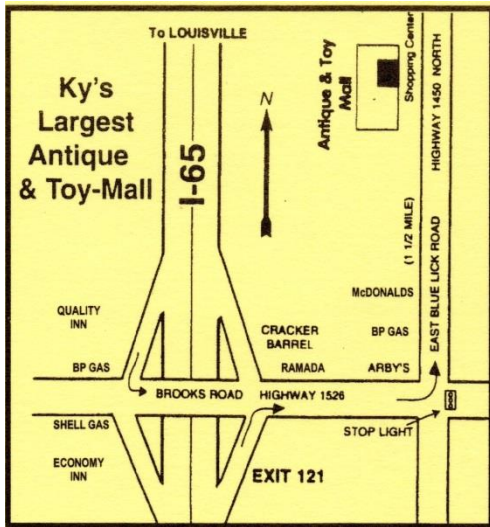
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DIRECTIONS TO JUNE MEETING



TO THE TOY MALL (4150-8 Blue Lick Road, 40229)

- From Louisville take I-65 South to the Brooks Exit (121).
- Turn left (East) on Brooks Road to Blue Lick Road (traffic light).
- Turn left (North) on to Blue Lick Road.
- Continue 1 ½ miles, the Antique and Toy Mall is on the left.

Parking is in front of the building with additional parking at the church across the street.

Walk through the building to the back of the Mall. There are several layouts in various scales up and running.

BE SURE TO BRING A CHAIR

FROM THE TOY MALL TO THE JOHNSON'S (7703 TIP TOP LN. , 40219)

Not necessarily the shortest but maybe the easiest:

- Return to I-65 Brooks Exit (121).
- North on I-65 to Exit 125A
- Take Exit 125A (I-265 East)
- Take Exit 14 toward Smyrna Pkwy (Rd.).
- Left (North) onto Smyrna Pkwy.
- Left (West) onto Apex Dr.
- Right (North) onto Tip Top Ln.

Bob's house is on the right.



PIKE SHOWCASE

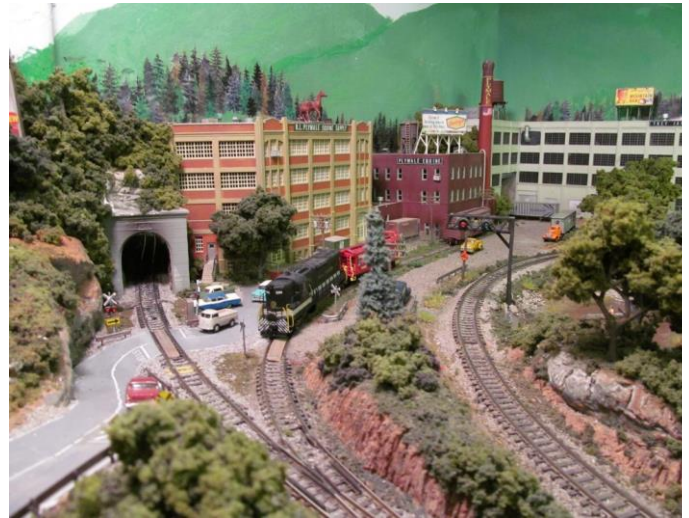
Left: A scene on Bob Johnson's O-scale traction layout. As Bob says, the overhead wire is yet to come.

This is one of the layouts that will be open at Bob's after the June meeting.

Photo by Bob Johnson

LAYOUTS OF DIVISION 10

Bob Ferguson's N-Scale, Gauley & Shavers Fork Railroad.



Left: Since Bob only has so much room in his basement for his layout so he uses scenic "cassettes" to provide interest and give him an opportunity to add new structures and scenes. He can remove one scene and quickly replace it with another.

Bob has plans to host operating sessions in the future.

LAYOUTS OF DIVISION 10 (continued)

Bob Belt's HO Belton & Hurllee Railroad. Bob was clinic chair for the Lexington convention.



Bob Belt's railroad is located in an attached two car garage, which it also shares with his car. Bob accomplishes this storing it in the ceiling when not running.

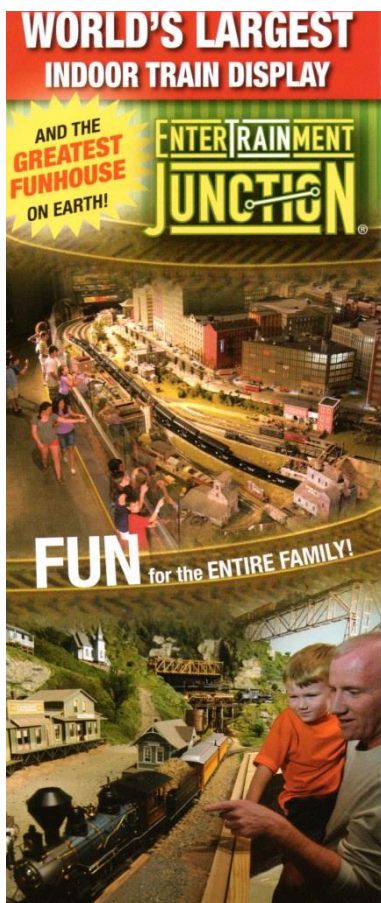
Right: You can see the dust cover above. Using a winch on the far wall, Bob raises the layout up into the cover. He says the cover has been very effective in keeping the layout clean.



Left: The pulleys attached around the layout support it and keep it level as it is raised.

Photos by Bob Dawson

More Division 10 layouts will be shown in future issues.



**2015 SUMMER OUTING
 (PICNIC)
 SATURDAY JULY 18
 ENTERTRAINMENT JUNCTION
 RAILROAD DISPLAY
 WEST CHESTER, OHIO
 COST: \$ 25/PERSON**

- This includes, chartered bus ride, Admission, Pizza Lunch at EnterTrainment Junction, and guided VIP Backstage tour.
- Visit to Bob Lawson's CN&OP "Rathole" Division Layout.
- This is open to all Division 8 members, their guests and family members.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY PAYMENT (NON-REFUNDABLE) IN FULL AT THE MAY OR JUNE MEETING OR MAIL BY **JUNE 30TH** TO:

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OUR PLAN IS:

- 9 AM: BOARD THE BUS AT ST. MATTHEWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 330 N. HUBBARDS LANE, LOUISVILLE, KY 40207.
- EAT LUNCH AT ENTERTRAINMENT JUNCTION UPON ARRIVAL, AND THEN TOUR THE DISPLAYS. VIP TOURS WILL BEGIN AFTER LUNCH.
- 3PM: BOARD BUS FOR TRIP TO BOB LAWSON'S
- 6-6:p30 PM ARRIVE BACK AT CHURCH.



Above: Scene on Bob Lawson's layout.

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