



The Pie Card



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From the Superintendent's Desk



Someone once wrote, "The only constant in life is change." For most of us change is uncomfortable and is met with skepticism.

"Diesels can't replace steam." "That "N" scale is too small, it will never be popular." If you are old enough – "Oh no, don't buy that, it's made in Japan."

With that, I hope you are getting comfortable with our new meeting location. "Why the American Legion Post you ask?" First, it was available. Second, they allow us to bring refreshments. And the most important, it's not predicated on one member to open the doors.

Over the last couple of decades some changes have been forced upon us. DVD's and CD's replaced our VHS and cassette tapes. No more brass track and horn-hook couplers. And many publications are, or will be, only available electronically.

I mention this because, in the not too distant future, this Pie Card will only be available electronically. There are only eight members who receive a mailed copy of the Pie Card, so for these members a change will be forced upon you. When the time comes, please know that this is not to exclude you, it's just time to throw away those horn hook-couplers and VHS tapes.

What if we don't want to do emails? I know a number of people who don't have computers and they go to their local library and use theirs. Once you get to the Division 8's web site, you can read the current Pie Card, or go back a couple of years. Pretty neat – you don't have to save them and there they all are. After you read the Pie Card you can look up an infinite number of railroad related items. That is how I found pages and pages of pictures and articles that went into planning my layout.

What about major events in between Pie Card issues? Your board suggests you find a division member who does have email and would be happy to call you regarding such events. This has already worked for a number of members as in the cancellation of our February's meeting.

So rest easy, most changes work out better than you ever imagined.

Russ Weis

The February meeting was cancelled due to weather conditions.

WORLDS GREATEST HOBBY ON TOUR

By Bob Dawson

I want to thank those who helped with the Division 8 Information Booth at the World's Greatest Hobby on Tour Show February 14-13. Cecil Stewart and John Czwerksi brought the Display on Friday afternoon and set it up with the help of Fred Soward and Tom Guenther. Among those helping at the show were Fred, Tom, Cecil and John, Rick Tipton, Russ Weis, Mark and Bobbi Hedge. Others stopped by. Our demo modular was a big hit, especially with the youngsters, many who wondered what was on the other side of the tunnel. We fielded a lot questions regarding NMRA and hopefully generated some interest. We also had many visitors from other Divisions of NMRA who visited the show.

TIME TABLE

Mar 19, Thur, 7:30PM, Div 8 Meeting, Iroquois Post

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

Apr 11-12, K & I Club Open House

Apr 25, Sat, 2 PM, Div 8 Meeting, K&I Model Railroad Club, Buckner, KY

May 23, Sat, 2 PM, Div 8 Mtg, Iroquois Post

Jun 20, Sat, 2 PM, Div 8 Mtg., Iroquois Post

July, Div 8 Picnic, TBA

CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST

Fred Soward, Contest Chairman

March	Commercial Structures
	Diesel Locomotives
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
January	Freight Cars
February	Diesel Locomotives

We are doing things a little differently in March. Because of the cancelled February meeting due to the inclement weather, we are double-heading the contest this month! For the March 2015 meeting, bring a diesel locomotive to enter in the February contest and bring a commercial structure to enter in the March contest.

We will have separate areas and raffle/voting tickets for diesel locomotives and commercial structures. Everyone will receive two different color tickets – one blue and one yellow. Blue will be for the diesel locomotives and yellow will be for the commercial structures. That way, we will be able to ensure we get an accurate vote count for each month's contest even they will both be conducted at the same time. 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.

Point standings for the year didn't change because we didn't have a contest in February: Bob Kuchler is leading the group at nineteen points; Bob Johnson and Patrick Hardesty are tied at second with seven points; Fred Soward is in fourth place with six points; Ed Brennan and Nat King are tied in fifth place with five points; Bob Frankrone, John Kelly, and Russ Weiss are next with four points; Bill Lynch stands alone with three points; there is a two-way tie at two point apiece for Barry Christensen and Jack Diehl; rounding out the crew with one point apiece are Joe Fields, John Bowman, Mark Norman, Rick Maloney, and Tom Lindquist.



DIVISION MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 19

Due to a date conflict with our Spring Train Show, we will meet Thursday evening, March 19, 7:30 PM., Iroquois Post American Legion, 800 W. Woodlawn Ave. 40215.

The program will be Events and Layouts at the 2014 NMRA National Convention presented by Eric Waggoner.

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 on Woodlawn and Bellevue with additional parking in the rear.

Enter at the handicapped ramp at Woodlawn.

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; \$25 Ed Brennan; \$20 each John Bowman, John Czerwinski; \$11, Jim Kuzirian.

MEMBER WELFARE

Member Welfare Chairman Rick Wehr reports that he sent gift cards to John Czerwinski and Charlie Fackler for hospital visits.

Ivan Baugh was hospitalized in January, all are recovered.

Our condolences to Lamont Williams upon the passing of his mother in January.

Former Division 8 member John C. Henle, Sr. passed away in January. John provided and operated an American Flyer Layout at our 2005 Convention.

WORLDS GREATEST HOBBY ON TOUR



The show came to the Louisville International Convention Center, February 14 and 15. Above left, Fred Soward took this photo of the Div. 8 Information Booth. Left to right: Russ Weis, Tom Guenther, Rick Tipton, Bob Dawson, an inquiring modeler, and Barbara Soward. Above right, Bob Dawson found Russ Weis and Doc Shane holding down the fort.



FUTURE MODEL RAILROADERS?

Left and below: Future model railroaders? Left. Checking out the Division 8 demo module.

Below: Young fans enjoying the action on the Lionel Operating Club layout.

Photos by Fred Soward



Above: MTH Mfg. Booth. *Photo by Fred Soward*



TRACKSIDE WITH CHARLIE KEELING

Charlie took pictures where ever he went.

Left: May 1968, LaGrange, IL. Indiana Harbor Belt SW 7 #8867 along with Southern Pacific SD45 #8962 is handling a transfer cut. At this date, the SD45 is likely brand new.

Below: On the end is IHB transfer caboose #7

Below:

Yes, there is a street car named Desire, but far from New Orleans' St Charles Line, this car is transporting visitors through the Shore Line Trolley Museum located in East Haven, Connecticut.

Photo by Bob Frankrone.



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PIKE SHOW CASE

Left: Mid-Atlantic MP15 working Pittsburgh Yard on Bob Weinheimer's Pennsylvania Southern Layout in Charleston, WV. Posted on PS Facebook page by Jerry Doyle.

Below left: You saw it first in the Pie Card. Ed Swain's PRR layout is featured in the April issue of Model Railroader. This picture of Ed's layout appeared in the June 2012 Pie Card.

Below right: Scene on the Historic Railroad park and Train Museum layout in Bowling Green, KY.



**THOROUGHbred LIMITED
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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. 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.

AN O SCALE LAYOUT IN SMALL SPACE *By Bob Dawson*

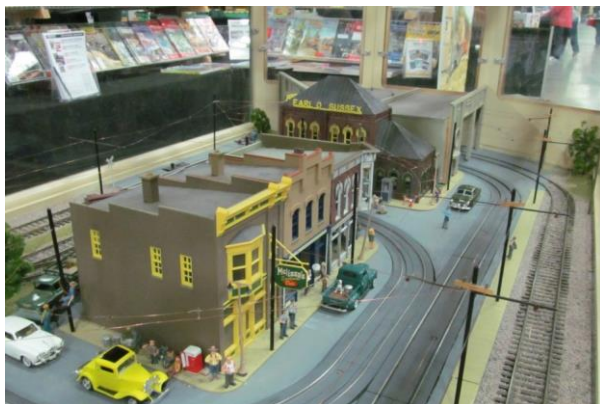


The Whiteriver Productions booth was located next to ours at the Worlds Greatest Hobby on Tour Show. If you don't know, they are the publisher of the NMRA Magazine. In addition to our Magazine they publish the L & N Historical Society Magazine as well as several commercial magazines including Railroad Model Craftsman and Model Railroad News.

Included with their booth was an O-Scale Trolley Layout. The layout occupies a 6 ft. by 42 inch space in simulated Birney Trolley Car.

The car is painted in the colors of preserved Birney Car at Ft. Collins, Colorado.

The tracks in the street are K-Line Super Streets. The street tacks are "dumbbell Shape" looping at the little park with the other loop running through a covered terminal (below left). The only turnout is on the outside track to a siding behind the row of buildings. The cars can be run powered from the overhead wire or the tracks. At the show the cars were run off track power. The PCC car on the outside track is a Corgi model. The Peter Witt car on the inside is by Bachman. The whole assembly was designed to carried in a pickup truck with a 6 ft. bed. Below right, Birney at Ft. Collins.



OUR WEBSITE CELEBRATES FIVE YEARS

The current Division 8 Web Site is now five years old. It was born February 1, 2010. Since that time 11,258 visits have been logged. Our website has been visited from all over the world. Below are the U. S. States and countries around the world represented with totals from December 18, 2011 thru February 20, 2015. Data was collected by our Web Master, Tom Guenther.

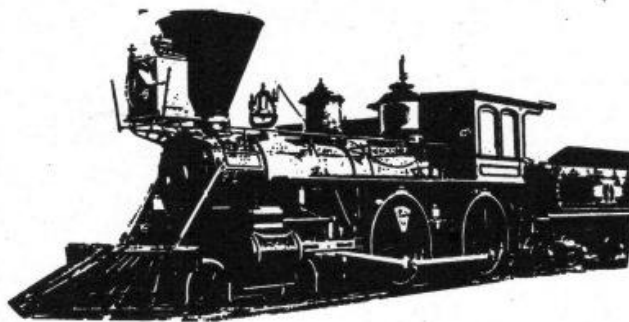
Current country totals from 18 Dec 2011 to 20 Feb 2015

United States (US) 4,784	Hawaii (HI) 3	Greece (GR) 6
Kentucky (KY) 2,605	Louisiana (LA) 3	Venezuela (VE) 5
Indiana (IN) 722	South Carolina (SC) 3	Europe (EU) 5
Ohio (OH) 321	Oregon (OR) 2	New Zealand (NZ) 4
California (CA) 166	Utah (UT) 2	Taiwan (TW) 4
Florida (FL) 74	New Mexico (NM) 1	South Africa (ZA) 4
Alabama (AL) 68	Alaska (AK) 1	Czech Republic (CZ) 4
Illinois (IL) 59	Armed Forces Pacific (AP) 1	Pakistan (PK) 4
Michigan (MI) 50	Delaware (DE) 1	Chile (CL) 4
Pennsylvania (PA) 49	Vermont (VT) 1	Russian Federation (RU) 4
Washington (WA) 49	New Hampshire (NH) 1	Honduras (HN) 3
Tennessee (TN) 43	N/A 191	Israel (IL) 3
Georgia (GA) 42	Brazil (BR) 337	Japan (JP) 3
Virginia (VA) 37	Italy (IT) 39	Sweden (SE) 3
Texas (TX) 36	Canada (CA) 32	Romania (RO) 3
West Virginia (WV) 34	India (IN) 24	Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA) 3
New York (NY) 24	Germany (DE) 21	Indonesia (ID) 3
Arizona (AZ) 23	Portugal (PT) 17	Uruguay (UY) 3
Connecticut (CT) 20	Mexico (MX) 16	Malaysia (MY) 2
North Carolina (NC) 19	United Kingdom (GB) 15	Lithuania (LT) 2
Mississippi (MS) 16	France (FR) 15	Denmark (DK) 2
New Jersey (NJ) 15	Colombia (CO) 13	Morocco (MA) 2
Kansas (KS) 14	Argentina (AR) 13	Albania (AL) 2
Minnesota (MN) 12	Spain (ES) 11	Bulgaria (BG) 2
Missouri (MO) 10	Australia (AU) 11	Bermuda (BM) 2
Maryland (MD) 9	Ireland (IE) 8	Singapore (SG) 2
Wisconsin (WI) 8	Thailand (TH) 8	Egypt (EG) 2
District of Columbia (DC) 8	Asia/Pacific Region (AP) 8	Qatar (QA) 2
Colorado (CO) 8	Poland (PL) 7	Saudi Arabia (SA) 2
Massachusetts (MA) 6	Belgium (BE) 7	Dominican Republic (DO) 2
Arkansas (AR) 5	Ecuador (EC) 7	Jordan (JO) 2
Iowa (IA) 5	Peru (PE) 7	Hungary (HU) 2
Maine (ME) 5	China (CN) 6	Estonia (EE) 1
Nebraska (NE) 5	Netherlands (NL) 6	Guernsey (GG) 1
Oklahoma (OK) 4	Turkey (TR) 6	Latvia (LV) 1
South Dakota (SD) 3	Philippines (PH) 6	

Visit our website at <http://div8-mcr-nmra.org>. There you will find meeting information and the Members Pages. Members Pages contain minutes from meetings and other items limited to members only. You must be a Division 8 member and have a password and correct user name to access this page. If you don't have a password, contact our webmaster to have one set up. In the public accessible area you will find photos of local layouts and modeling information. By clicking on "Links" you can access the NMRA website as well as Divisions within Mid-Central Region along with museums and other interesting sites.

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