



The Pie Card



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From the Superintendent's Desk



Last month I wrote about why our hobby is a great one and it doesn't matter if you prefer a continuous loop, or a point-to-point layout, it's still a fun hobby.

So no matter what kind of layout you have designed, how do you want to operate it? Even the continuous loop layouts have yards and industries, so where are those cars going to go?

As many different types of layout concepts are around, there are as many ways to operate your layout. Handwritten switch lists, Car Cards, and computer programs can all be used. Every one of these concepts has their pluses and minuses, and all take a little pre-ops session setup.

Handwritten switch lists are an easy way to start. Just have a train ready and write down the car's railroad and car number. Then decide what industry you want that car to be dropped off at. The problem with this system is when the train comes back to the yard, where do the inbound cars go?

That's where Car Cards come in. Many new operators think the "card" envelope is all there is, but it is the waybill inside the envelopes that tells the operator where the car is to be routed and its destination. The waybill has four sides – top and bottom, front and back, so there are four possible destinations. Before your ops session starts you have to flip the waybill so the cars at the industries have a new destination when they are picked up. When the car gets back to the yard the crew classifying that train sees where the car's destination is and spots the car on the correct outbound track. This may sound complicated, but once you do this a couple of times it's easy.

Computer programs are another answer to operating your layout, especially if you are really great around a computer. Some programs you can purchase, or you can make up a spreadsheet.

One of the downfalls with this system is: if a car was misrouted, or not dropped off at the intended industry, you have to correct the car's location in the program, or find the car and manually put it in the correct place.

None of these systems to operate your layout are perfect, but they do give a way to bring more realism to running your railroad. Now go find the system that works for you.

Russ Weis

AT THE APRIL MEETING

Bob Dawson, Clerk

Russ asked that those going to the Convention next month take notes and let Him or Eric know what you liked or disliked to help us in planning our 2017 Convention. Russ said we have chartered a 55 passenger bus for the trip to EnterTrainment Junction on July 18. Meal and "back stage" tour is included. We will board the bus at St. Matthews Episcopal Church. The cost per person is \$25, and is non-refundable. We must have 50 people to qualify for the package plan from Entertrainment Junction. The seating capacity of the bus is 55 people so get your reservation early.

It was reported that **Ray Rohmann** suffered a mild stroke just before Easter. Ray is in rehab and should be home soon.

TIME TABLE

May 14-17, MCR Convention
Lexington

May 16, Craft & Train Show Hillview, KY.

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

Jun 20, Sat, 2 PM, Div. 8 Mtg., Antique and Toy Mall

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

CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST

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
March	Commercial Structures
April	Passenger Cars

There were ten passenger car entries in the April contest. Joe Fields came in first place with his HO scale "Justin Allen" Diner car from his Eastern Kentucky & Cumberland Gap railroad. Nat King came in second with his HO Scale L&N passenger car. As promised, the K&I club allowed us to put the HO scale entries into a "Railfan Special" to run on the club layout for photo and video run-bys after we announced the winners! Check Facebook for a video of the run. Many thanks to Mike Shane for providing the motive power and acting as engineer for this special event.

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

Next month, bring your favorite caboose. 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.

Barry Christensen won the gift card drawing.

IN MEMORIAM

Charlotte Ann Ottman 77, wife of member John Ottman passed away April 4. Our condolences to John and his family. A donation in her name was made to the WHAS Crusade for Children.

Former members Larry Hujo, 85, and Alan McCutchen, 72, passed away this past month. Larry passed away on April 7 and Alan on April 11. Our condolences to their families.



DIVISION MEETING SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2PM AT IROQUOIS POST AMERICAN LEGION, 800 W. WOODLAWN AVE. 40215. This is the **FOURTH SATURDAY** due to a date conflict with Mid Central Region Convention.

Bob Dawson will present the program "Big Four Railroad in Falls Cities". Bob Kuchler will provide refreshments.

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.

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; \$11, 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 as soon as possible before the trip is sold out. Due to package plan we have with Entertrainment Junction, this is non-refundable.



APRIL CONTEST

Left: Joe Fields took first place with his HO scale "Justin Allen" Diner car lettered for his Eastern Kentucky & Cumberland Gap railroad. Joe's passenger cars are named for family members.

Photo by Fred Soward

Right: "Contest Special". Following the April Meeting a special train made of HO contest entries was run on the K & I Club Layout.

Doc Shane provided the motive power.

Photo by Fred Soward



Left: The Kentucky and Indiana Railroad now has a general office building.

In addition to business offices, it also houses the K & I Railroad Police Headquarters. Warning to HO railfans. Don't trespass.

Photo by Bob Dawson



TRACKSIDE WITH CHARLIE KEELING

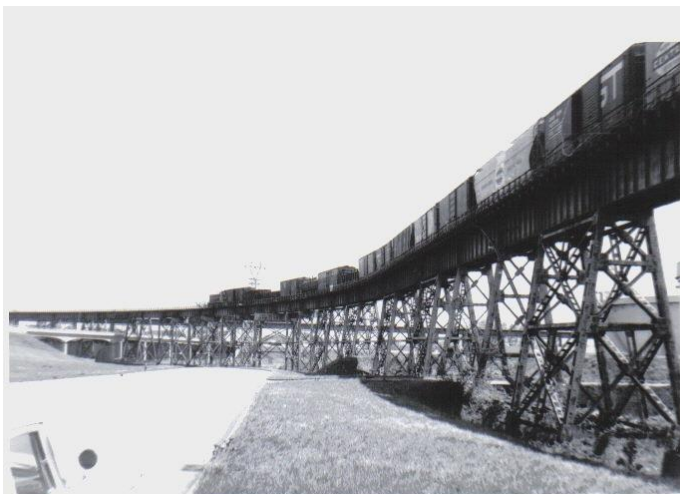
Left: November 1971, inbound C&O Train 91 has just completed making a set out at L & N's East Louisville Yard.

After recoupling to its train, it will take L&N's Water Street lead past Butchertown to a section of C & O-owned trackage (most of it on trestlework), and will terminate in the former Big Four yard at Preston Street.

Right: Charlie caught this trio of C & O "GPs" on the layover track at Preston Street in 1966.

The brick structure is the Big Four roundhouse. In the distance a sharp eye can pick out a New York Central Switcher breaking down the west end of the C & O train that arrived earlier.

Below: An NYC switcher pulls out of the east end of Preston Street Yard, taking a cut of cars up on the Big Four Bridge approach. This is the route of Big Four trains to Jeffersonville.



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CRAFT AND TRAIN SHOW MAY 16

There will be a Craft and Train Show at Hillview Community Center at 298 Prairie Drive, Hillview, Ky. 40229. Saturday May 16th, 11 AM to 5 PM. There will be sales, train layouts, train rides and auctions. 100% of all donations will go to the James Graham Brown Cancer Center. For info call 502-802-8308 or email: Bigscoby4@yahoo.com.



Russ Weis provide these photos from his recent visit out west.

Above left: Santa Fe's mail & express gets a stop signal as there is another train about cross the diamonds.

Above right: Number 3755 is dead heading a business car to Denver Station to pick up the company president. Both these photos are from Jim Petro's layout in Reno.

Right: The coal tippie stays busy on Andy Schnur's C & O layout. This is one of the layouts that Russ and Jim Petro visited in the San Francisco area.



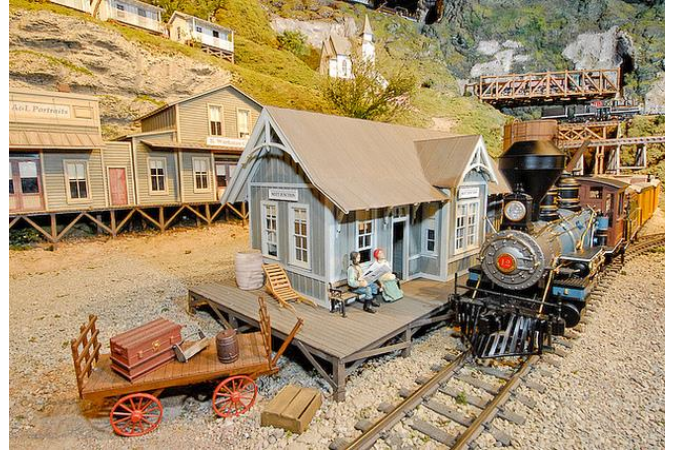
**THOROUGHBRED LIMITED
2015 MID-CENTRAL REGION
CONVENTION
May 14-17, 2015
Lexington, Kentucky**

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. 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. That site also has a link to the convention hotel.

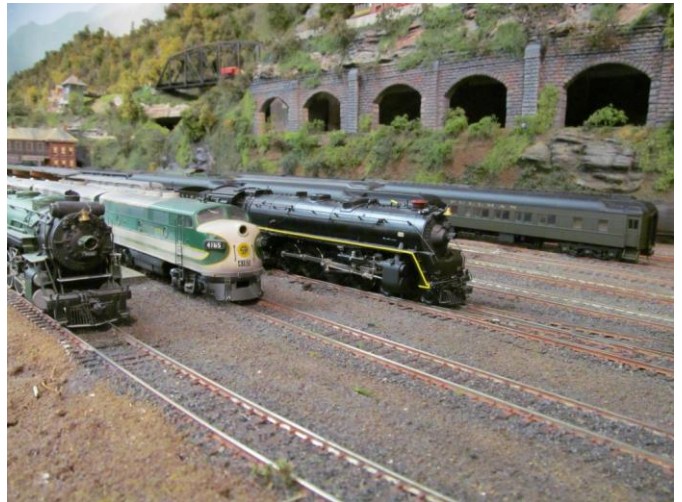
Photos from the K & I Club's April open house. Photo from overhead by Bob Dawson, remainder of photos by Fred Soward. Fred also caught some 1:1 Scale Action across the road from the club.

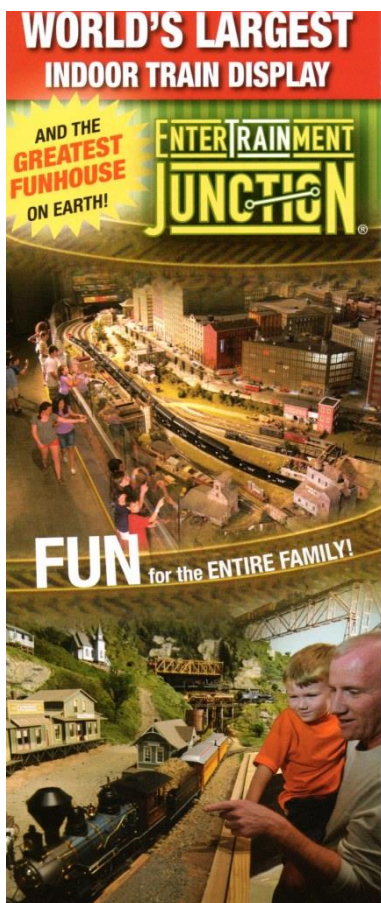


Photos of EnterTrainment Junction, our 2015 Picnic Destination. Photos by EnterTrainment Junction.



More pictures of Bob Lawson's fabulous layout. We will be visiting this layout on Division 8 on our return trip from Entertainment Junction.





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 TO:

MIKE BERRY
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 LOUISVILLE, KY 40245

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DIV. 8, MCR, NMRA, AND NOTE "PICNIC" ON THE CHECK.
 WE ARE LIMITED TO 55 SEATS ON THE BUS, SO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY.

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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