



The Pie Card



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From the Superintendent's Desk



Have you noticed that some layouts run/operate better than others? I sure have. Why do you think that is?

Like any kind of construction you have to start with a good foundation. For us railroaders it starts with good bench work, and more precisely good sub-

roadbed.

If the sub-roadbed does not have flush joints when it comes time to lay the roadbed, it too will have dips or humps. When we are laying the roadbed these imperfections seem so little that they are easily dismissed.

Now we lay our track over the same imperfections and maybe we notice, but tell ourselves it won't matter because they are small. Besides we're getting track laid and soon we can have something running!

Now it just so happens that these dips or humps are close to a turnout, or worse, on a curve. We have all gone to near scale wheel sets and it doesn't take much of an imperfection to cause a derailment.

Okay, we corrected our sub-roadbed and it's all flush which means our roadbed is nice and smooth. Well maybe not. Cork or Homasote still needs a few passes with a sanding block to make sure their joints are smooth.

Now can we have some great running trains? No, sorry, not yet. All this discussion about good foundations and smooth joints is leading up to our track work. How's yours? Do you have large gaps in some joints where you sawed one rail too short? Are you trying to run an 85 foot car through a number 5 turnout? Do the points on your turnouts slide away from the stock rails? Did you pass on soldering your rail joints on curves? If you said yes to any of these questions, you have the answer to my opening question.

You can solder in a piece of rail to fill that gap. Don't like to solder? Then CA a piece of styrene making sure the top and INSIDE is flush with the rail.

If you need those number 5 turnouts, then limit the car lengths to 60 foot. You can use a heavier piano wire on your Tortoise or Blue Point to keep the points tight to the stock rail.

I do recommend you solder your rail joints on curves as that's the easiest way a rough spot can pick a flange and cause a derailment.

There are more areas to improve your track work, but if you fine-tune these areas you, too, will have a great running railroad.

IN MEMORIAM

Our condolences to Bob Johnson, whose brother, John D. Johnson, passed away September 18, 2015.

Your editor just learned that Jean Jackson, widow, of long time member Jack Jackson passed away last year, on December 19, 2014.

TIME TABLE

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 and layout tours.

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

Nov 21, Sat, 10AM-3PM, Div 8 Trainshow, Moose Lodge.

Dec 12, Sat, 6PM, Holiday Party, Rails Restaurant, LaGrange, KY

Jan 16, Sat, 2 PM, Div. Mtg. Iroquois Post.

CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST

Fred Soward, Contest Chairman

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
August	MOW Equipment
September	Photos

Eight people entered photos in the September contest. Bill Lynch came in first place with his photo of Southern Railway 2-8-0 Consolidation #630 taken with a Canon Rebel at Lexington, KY. John Czerwinski was a close second with his photograph titled, "Fall on Great Smokey Mountain Railroad," taken at Cherokee, NC, with a Canon Powershot.

Standings to date: Bob Kuchler and Bill Lynch are tied for first with 5 points; Barry Christensen is in second place with 4 points; John Czerwinski is in third place with 3 points; Patrick Hardesty is in fourth place with 2 points; tied for fifth place with 1 point are Bob Johnson, Joe Fields, and Robin White.

Bring your most awesome steam railroad locomotive model to the October meeting. The judging is strictly people's choice. I'll have blank contest entry forms for anyone who needs one, but you can save yourself some time by downloading the entry form from the Division 8 website or Facebook page and completing it prior to arriving at the meeting.

Tom Lindquist won the gift card drawing.

AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

The meeting was held Saturday September 20, 2015 at Iroquois Post American Legion.

Eric Waggoner reported on 2017 Convention progress. He said priority at this time is setting up the website and Facebook page.

Tom Guenther reported that the Legion Post has agreed to compensate us for 16 meetings (the first being the September meeting) for work we will be doing on the lights. Don Fowler has begun working on the lights.

Russ Weis and Fred Soward represent the Division on Saturday October 10 at the Lagrange Railroad and Bluegrass Festival.

Jack Diehl provided the refreshments. Fred Soward and Eric Waggoner partnered in a program on "Their Take on the 2015 NMRA Convention."



DIVISION MEETING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2PM AT IROQUOIS POST AMERICAN LEGION, 800 W.

WOODLAWN AVE., 40215. There will be layout tours before and after the business meeting and contest. Information is provided in a separate email (enclosure with printed copies of this issue of the Pie Card).



LAYOUT TOUR PREVIEW

Above. A photo of John Ottman's HO Layout. John's layout was featured in the September issue of the Pie Card. John's layout is on the West Tour. Layouts on the West Tour will be open from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM, before the October Division Meeting. *Photo by Bob Dawson*

More preview photos begin on page 4.

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 were received in August from Stephen Taylor and Jim Kuzirian. 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; \$ 30, Stephen Taylor; \$33, Jim Kuzirian.



SEPTEMBER CONTEST WINNER

Left.

Bill Lynch's contest winning photo.



Right: Our intrepid contest chairman Fred Soward aboard McCloud Railroad #25.

This was one of the sites Fred visited while attending the 2015 NMRA National Convention.

Fred Soward photo.

TRAIN SHOW and SALE

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Our Fall Train Show is just little over a month away. If you are planning on reserving a table, you better act now. Help will be needed Friday November 20, to set up the sales tables, and again on Saturday to take them down after the show.. And of course help will be needed Saturday morning to help the dealer check in and admissions. While we will be at a new location, we will still have many attractions of the past. The Moose lodge will operate the food concession just as the Legion Post did. Layouts will be set up and running.

A big difference is there is a huge parking lot with plenty of parking.

OCTOBER LAYOUT TOUR PREVIEW

Photos by Bob Dawson



In addition to John Ottman, Ralph Bracewell and Tom Guentner will have their layouts open for the West Tour.

Left: Ralph Bracewell's HO layout. Ralph models the modern era.

Photo by Bob Dawson

Right: Appalachia Shops on Tom Guentner's L&N HO layout.

Photo by Bob Dawson

EAST TOUR 3:00 PM TO 6 PM following the Division Meeting.

Below: Yard and Shops on Chris Broughton's N-scale Pennsylvania Railroad.

Photo by Russ Weis



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EAST TOUR *continued*
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Left: Bill Wright's HO Burlington Northern Railroad.

Below left: Rick Maloney's N-Scale Midwest Central & Northwestern.



Above: Russ Weis's HO New York Central Railroad. Since this photo was taken, Russ has completed the structures, the landforms have been plastered, and much of the track ballasted.

Left: Bob Kuchler's N-Scale Milwaukee Road layout.

More preview photos



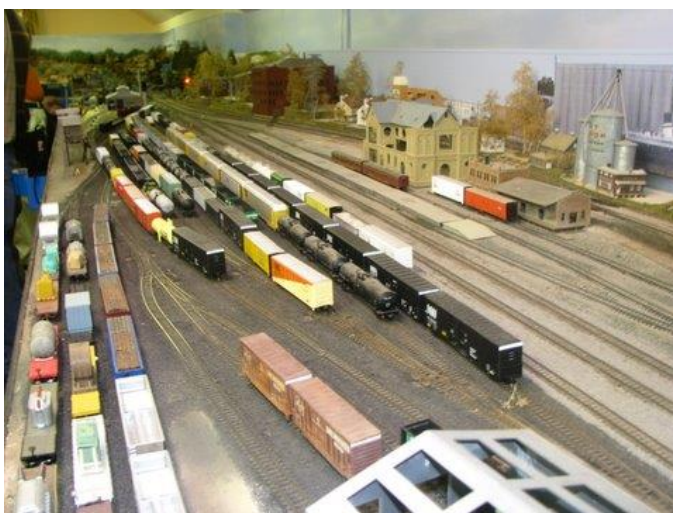
LAYOUT TOUR PREVIEW *continued*



Above: Bob Kuchler's N-Scale. *Photo by Bob Dawson.* Right. Dispatcher Desk on Tom Guenther's HO L&N RR. *Fred Soward Photo.*



Above: Ralph Bracewell, HO Scale. Right: Russ Weis, HO Scale. *Photos by Bob Dawson*



Above left: Rick Maloney, N-Scale. Above right: Bill Wright, HO Scale. *Photos by Bob Dawson*

TRACK SIDE THEN AND NOW-MAGNOLIA STREET

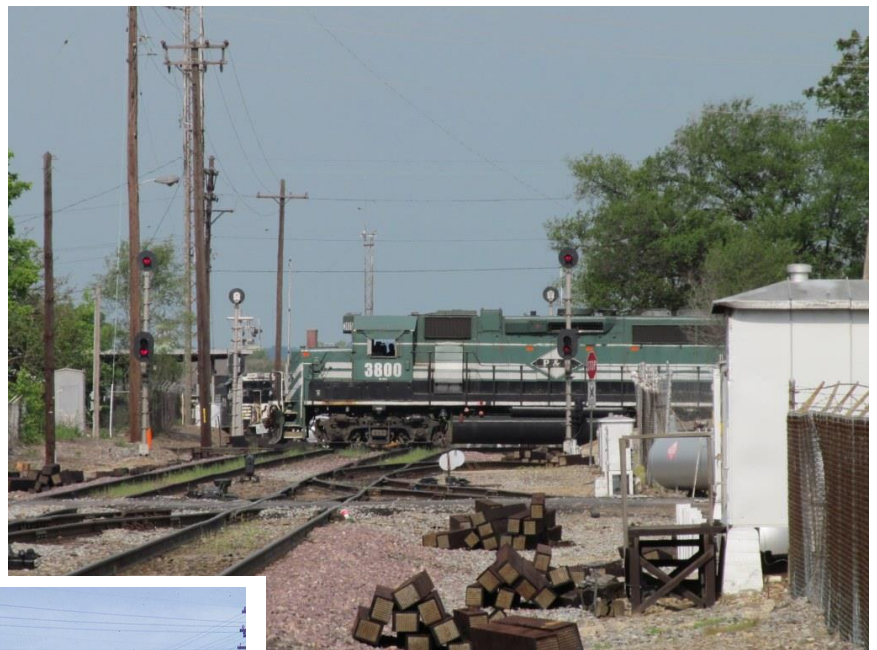


Left. Sometime late in the 1950's, Jack Fravert caught this shot of southbound Illinois Central 2819 crossing the Kentucky & Indiana Terminal Tracks on Magnolia Street at 14th Street. We are looking at the back of the signal for LS Junction where the Southern joined the K & I. Southern's 15th Street Freight House, partially obscured by a Donaldson Baking Company trailer, can be seen in the distance.

For details about the Illinois Central in Louisville in the 1950's, see Trackage Around Louisville (West) 1947-1958 with Jack Fravert by Castner, Campbell, Buccola & Tipton published by Morning Sun Books.

Right. Fast forward to 2015. A Paducah & Louisville (successor to the Illinois Central) southbound crosses at the same location.

Photo by Bob Dawson



Left. In 1968, Charlie Keeling was just east of LS Junction on Magnolia Street, when he took this picture of an Illinois Central Gulf Transfer move.

The engine with its cars are actually on the L&N connection, probably preparing to shove west to Southern's Magnolia Street Yard at their Freight House.

Paducah & Louisville continues this operation to this day.

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