



# The Pie Card



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## From the Superintendent's Desk



Last year Barry Christensen and I gave a talk on modeling mail and express trains for your layout. Realizing that many of you couldn't come to the meeting, I thought it might be nice to write about that topic.

All of us have some kind of industry on our layouts so our freight cars have some place to go. The bigger the layout, the more industries you have and different manufacturers make it easy with a variety of buildings.

A good many of us model the transition era so we can have both steam and diesel operations; however, very few have passenger train operations which were a big part of that time period. If your layout has tight curves, or no realistic place for a train station, then that's understandable; however, you can model a mail and express train.

Every railroad I can think of had a M&E train. The bigger the railroad, the longer the train would be. I have a couple of pictures of a NYC and PRR mail and express train with over twenty cars consisting of baggage, RPO, REA, and the railroad's own express cars.

And guess what, most of these cars didn't go to the station, they were broken down and spotted at the destination's REA building, post office, or the railroad's own freight house. Walthers has produced many of these buildings, and most are still in production.

Many manufacturers have produced the wooden and steel REA 50 foot reefer cars. Unfortunately these cars were offered a number of months ago and will be hard to find, but I'm sure they can be found at shows and hobby shops that have pre-owned items. Walthers still shows their steel REA cars available in two schemes.

Barry pointed out that, like the railroads, the REA modified their logo and paint color over the years, so if you are a stickler for accuracy, do a little research on the proper logo for your time period. Barry also had pictures of the various REA trucks to deliver the items once they were unloaded from the express cars.

Remember even though the REA cars were a refrigerator type, they often carried non-perishable items and you would see them spotted at the different freight terminals.

Okay, now you can have one more possibility for operations on your layout and I bet you already have the cars.



NYC and L&N express and mail trains.

Photos: Collection of Russ Weis

## TIME TABLE

**Feb 20**, Sat, 2 PM, Div. Mtg., Iroquois Post.

**Mar 17, Thur**, 7:30 PM, Mtg., Iroquois Post.

**Mar 19**, Div 8 Train Show, Moose Lodge.

**Apr 16**, Sat, 2PM, Div Mtg., Iroquois Post.

**Apr 28-May 1**, MCR Convention, Dublin, O.

**May 21**, Sat, 2 PM, Div. Mtg. K&I MRR Club, Buckner, KY.

**Jun 18**, Sat, 2 PM, Div. Mtg., Antique & Toy Mall.

## CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST

*Fred Soward, Contest Chairman*

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

It was another close vote this month, but Barry Christensen came in first with his HO scale Weyerhauser Thrall Door boxcar. Ed Brennan came in second with his scratch built coffin-type pickle tank car, one vote behind Barry. Just one vote behind Ed was Craig Hatter with his Penn Central X58 boxcar. In total, there were 15 freight cars submitted as 13 entries by 8 individuals this month.

Photos of Barry's winning model with a description of how he detailed it are on page 3.

Standings to date: Bob Kuchler is in first place with 13 points; Barry Christensen is second, closing in on Bob with 9 points; Bill Lynch is in third place with 6 points; Ed Brennan, John Czerwinski, Rick Maloney, and Tom Lindquist are tied in fourth place with 3 points; Cecil Stewart, Joe Fields, and Patrick Hardesty are next with 2 points; at 1 point apiece are Bob Johnson, Craig Hatter, Jack Diehl, Robin White, and Steve Oswald.

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 at the meeting by downloading the entry form from the Division 8 website or Facebook page and completing it prior to arriving at the meeting.

Cecil Stewart won the gift card drawing.

## CAROLYN LATTIS WIFE OF BILL LATTIS

Division 8 member Bill Lattis's wife, Carolyn, passed away January 3, 2016.

Mrs. Lattis was 74. Our condolences to Bill and his family.



### FEBRUARY MEETING INFORMATION:

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2PM AT IROQUOIS POST  
AMERICAN LEGION, 800 W. WOODLAWN AVE., 40215.**

Bob Dawson will be presenting the program, "An Iron Road Through LaGrange", the story of how a railroad came to run through the Main Street of LaGrange, KY. Refreshments: Barbara and Fred Soward.

### DIVISION 8 ELECTIONS 2016

Ballots will be mailed to all voting members of Division 8 in February. Ballots must be returned by mail in time to be received by March 16, 2018 by the teller, Joe Fields. Nominated are: Superintendent, Russ Weis; Assistant Superintendent, Eric Waggoner; Clerk, Bob Dawson; Treasurer, Mike Berry; Trustee, Fred Soward. There will be spaces for write in votes for each position.

### MAINTENANCE TIES FUND 2016

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. A donation of \$25 was received in January from Ed Brennan.

### AT THE JANUARY MEETING

The meeting was held Saturday January 16, at Iroquois Post American Legion. Bob Kuchler presented a clinic demonstrating using Krystal Klear, white glue and other products and other similar products to glaze small windows for structures, vehicles and cabooses. The nominating committee made its report, there were no nominations from the floor. See a list candidates above. Jack Diehl was given an award for his long time service to Division 8. (photo page3) The minutes for the meeting are posted on the Division 8 Website.



Right:  
Bob Kuchler's clinic.

*Photo by Bob Dawson*



**JANUARY CONTEST WINNER**

Photos and description by Fred Soward

Barry's winning model started out as a Quality Craft wood craftsman kit. He used Scalecoat sanding sealer and thinner, Polyscale and Modelflex paints, with Dullcote as the final finish. Along the way, he found additional decals from Microscale, added additional weight from A-Line, and added tack boards from American Model Builders.

While the trucks are Walthers, the wheels are Intermountain, and the couplers are standard Kadee #5.

If you weren't at the meeting, you missed a good discussion by Mike Berry about the challenges of keeping these cars in operating order on a prototype railroad!



Left: Superintendent Russ Weis presented Jack Diehl with an award at the February meeting in recognition for Jack's years of service to the Division.

*Photo by Bob Dawson*



### PIKE SHOWCASE

A detail of the street scene on the K & I Club's portable Layout.

You can see this layout at the Fern Creek Public Library, 6768 Bardstown Rd., February 22 to 27. Hours: Monday thru Thursday 10AM to 9 PM, Friday and Saturday, 9 AM to 5 PM.

*Photo by Ron Ellison.*

Right: A harbor scene on Rick Maloney's N-Scale Midwest, Central & North Western Railroad.



Left: An over view of Rick's layout room. Photos taken during the October Division Layout Tour.

Photos by Bob Dawson

**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS**

By Bob Dawson



**THE PIE CARD**

1966, the year of the founding of Division 8, is also considered the beginning of the Pie Card. No copies exist of the first Pie Cards or a record of when the name was chosen. What is a pie card? If you “Google” the term, you find that a pie card is a meal ticket. Pie Cards were usually issued or purchased as pre-paid meal cards, each time a meal is eaten the card was punched.

There have been many editors over the years. Here are the ones that have been identified: Alan Bates, Bob Brown, Art Goreham, Charlie Hansen, Bob Johnson (Publisher also), Charlie Buschman, Ivan Baugh, and Bob Dawson.

In the early years writing style was pretty much tongue in cheek. Somewhere along the line, the publisher, Bob Brown, began poking fun at the editor, Alan Bates. This quickly escalated into a feud between the two, which only ended when they both passed away many years later. With a few gaps, Bob Brown was both the printer and publisher, until his passing. Bob provided the black and white printing for free with the Division supplying the paper.

The Pie Card has evolved over the years. Color came when Ivan Baugh was the editor, and it went mostly electronic in 2011 (there are still a few members who receive a condensed version in the mail).

**ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM**

Joe Fields AP Chairman

Greetings everyone, hope all have weathered the snow and the cold, and had a chance to stay inside and work on some aspect of their layout.

The Division 8 meeting on January 16 was very informative especially the clinic given by Bob Kuchler on adding windows to vehicles and buildings using Micro Kristal Klear and other products he's discovered. Thanks Bob I certainly learned a lot including what I have been doing wrong. That's one of the great aspects of the hobby of model railroading is the willingness of our fellow modelers to share the "tricks of the trade".

Congratulations are also due to Fred Soward. He has turned in his paperwork for Association Volunteer, and I have sent it to Frank Koch. I should receive it back soon. Mark Norman has contacted me that he has at least two buildings ready for judging. I will meet with him on January 25th and if everything is in order I'll be sending his paperwork to Frank also. I know there are several folks in our Division who have done the work and just need to complete their paperwork to have their endeavors judged. From some of the layouts I've seen you probably have enough done to even be awarded Master Model Railroader. I'll close as always if you need something judged just email or call me.



**TRACKSIDE WITH NICK AMY-BLIZZARD AT THE JUNCTION**

LNA&C #86 pauses at Corydon Junction as a NS east bound blasts by.

Nick Amy, conductor with Lucas Rail Lines-former Louisville, New Albany and Corydon Railroad, took this photo January 22, 2016.

*From Louisville Railfanning site on Facebook.*



**MORE OF RON ELLISON'S PHOTOS**



Above. The Main Street row.

left: Oswald's Truck and Mine Supply.

Right: Deuce's Bike Shop.



**OPEN LOAD***By Bob Frankrone.**Photos by Bob Frankrone*

I have been busy again modeling open loads. My latest effort is this large storage tank, which measures a scale 96 feet in length.

To transport this load, I selected a BLMA JTTX 89' flat car. Two idler flats will need to be added to the ends of the car to accommodate the oversized load.

I used scale lumber to fabricate the anti-roll stops positioned under the tank on each side of the car.



The tank is secured to the car with simulated canvas straps measuring a scale 5.5 inches wide. The tank load itself is a modified Concept Models cast resin kit.

I got the idea for this load a few years ago when driving from my temporary home in New Jersey to Louisville. I pulled off at a rest area at dusk and saw the largest over-the-road transport he had ever seen. There was just enough remaining light to capture the image seen here. It certainly was an impressive highway load, and I thought it would be an equally impressive railroad load.

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**THE PIE CARD NEEDS ARTICLES AND PHOTOS**

Thanks to Bob Frankrone for submitting his article about modeling a large open load and attending photos. Thanks also to Ron Ellison who sent in the great photos he took of the structures on the K&I club portable layout. Without them this month's Pie Card would have been pretty lean.

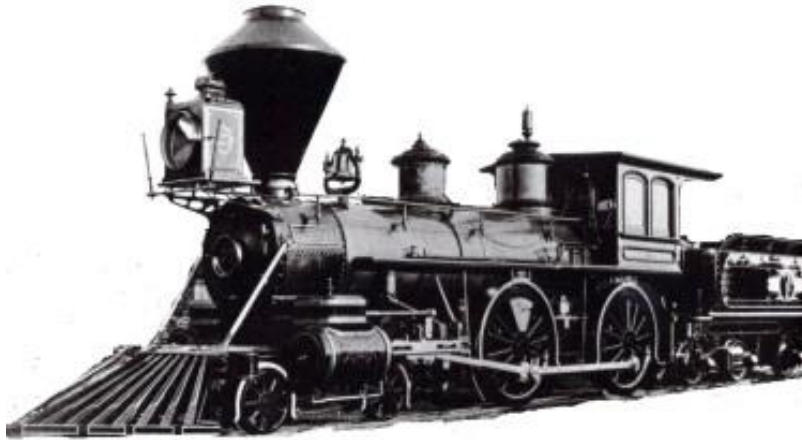
I need photos, either of a model, layout, or prototype. If it is of a layout, try to put a train or a piece of rolling stock in the photo. Jpeg format is preferred for photos. The file size can be as small as 70 KB.

Articles are needed also. They don't have to be long. If it interested you it will probably interest your fellow members. The subject can be on modeling, prototype, or even a rail related trip you took.

Send by email to me at: [dawsobl@aol.com](mailto:dawsobl@aol.com). For photos include caption information, such as what's going on in the picture; scale, era, locale, and information about the rolling stock or structures shown. If prototype, the usual what, where, when and how. You don't have to be the photographer to submit, but you should credit the photographer or the source.

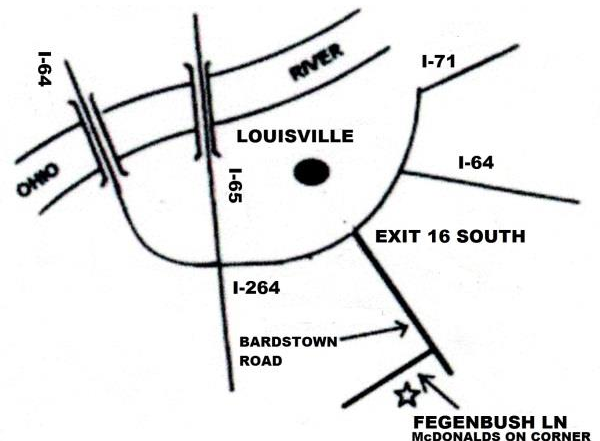
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