



The Pie Card

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From the Superintendent's Desk



In the past we have talked about fine tuning your track work and painting your track using a regular paint brush. So now we have to put the finishing touch on all that good running, looking track. Yes, we have to ballast all that main line and yard track.

I have not run into anyone who is eager to do the ballasting job, and if you have, make him your best friend! If he is your best friend, good for you! For the rest of us who haven't found that friend to do your ballasting, I found a device that will help.

A few months ago I saw Walthers had a ballast spreader in their monthly flyer, which was on sale. I thought, what the heck, I'll take a chance for that price.

Now along with that friend to do my ballasting, I haven't seen one ballast spreading device that will do ALL the work for you. And the one I'm telling you about is no different. However, I have found it does make the job go quicker.

You see the picture of the spreader - pretty simple. Just fill it up with your favorite ballast and slowly move it down the track. You get about a foot of ballast laid with a full hopper. Now you still have to take that soft bristle brush along the top of the ties and move any excess to where you ran out of ballast.

The thing that I found helpful is it does a good job getting the slope almost perfect. If you used the paper cup method, as I did, I found it time consuming getting that slope just right. The way this spreader is designed, the holes let more ballast fall on the outside of the spreader.



Now you're still going to do it the old fashioned way with the Dixie Cup when you get to those turnouts. Remember to use little ballast around the points as they do on the 1 to 1 scale!

The other thing I found that works well for me when I'm ready to wet the ballast for gluing is I take a used hair spray PUMP bottle and start misting the ballast with wet water (Ed.note: wet water is water with a drop or so of liquid detergent added to break the natural surface tension of water). That sets the ballast in place, then I hit the ballast again with a spray bottle of wet water and 99% of the time the ballast doesn't move. The last step of course is to put down the glue.

I hope this gives you a reason not to put off that ballasting of your track and you'll get to that project soon.

If you're interested, the spreader is Walthers number 160-39001 for HO and 160-39002 for N, made by Proses, however, Bachmann has taken over the Proses line. Currently the cost is \$25.

Russ Weis

TIME TABLE

Jul 23, Sat, NO MEETING, Div. 8 Picnic at Bluegrass Railroad and Museum in Versailles, KY.

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

Sep 17, Sat, 2PM, Div.8 Mtg. Iroquois Post.

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

Nov 17, Thur, 7:30PM Div. 8 Mtg, Sou.Ind Club, Jeffersonville.

Nov 19, Sat, 10-3, Div8 Train Show and Sale, Moose Lodge.

CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST

Fred Soward, Contest Chairman

July	NO CONTEST
August	MOW Equipment
September	Photos
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

We had 9 Open Load entries submitted this month. Bill Lynch's transformer load on a depressed center flat car took first place by one vote. The transformer is a kit-bashed Walthers kit and the flat car is a weathered Exactrail model. There were three entries tied for second place – John Bowman's bar soap making machine mounted on a flat car (the machine was created entirely from John's scrap box); John Kelly's modified and detailed 40' gondola stretched to 53' with steel coil load; and Mark Norman's heavily detailed & modified 75' depressed center flat car with pressure vessel (aka TV tube). Bob Kuchler's N scale flat cars with crates and Rick Maloney's G scale tank car made from PVC pipe fittings and styrene were just one point behind the second place finishers. If you missed the meeting and would like to see all these awesome contest entries, visit my Facebook page for June 19, 2016. There's a photo of each and every one there.

These are the final standings for this contest year: Bob Kuchler finished in first place with 20 points; Rick Maloney finished second with 13 points; Barry Christensen and Bill Lynch tied with 12 points. However, because Barry had 7 entries for the contest year and Bill had 6 entries, Barry walks away with the "official" third place finish and the gift card. John Kelly moved up to fifth place with 8 points; next was Craig Hatter with 6 points followed by Cecil Stewart with 5 points and Patrick Hardesty and Steve Lasher with 4 points; Bob Johnson, Ed Brennan, Joe Fields, John Bowman, John Czerwinski, John Stolz, Mark Norman, and Tom Lindquist tied with 3 points; Bill Edwards, Bob Frankrone, Jack Diehl, Mike Shane, Robin White, and Steve Oswald wrapped up the year with one point apiece.

There is NO contest in July because of the picnic. We restart the contest at the August meeting with Maintenance of Way (MOW) equipment.

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. 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.

Joe Vetter won the gift card drawing.



NO MEETING IN JULY-PICNIC INSTEAD

SUMMER OUTING JULY 23 VERSAILLES, KY

Lunch at Ricardo's Grill and Pub and Train Ride at Blue Grass Railroad Museum. Cost \$25 per person. Reservations with entrée choice and payment must be sent to Mike Berry by July 11. Details on insert in this issue or on the Division Website.

JUNE MEETING REPORT

By Bob Dawson, Division Clerk

The Division met on Saturday June 18 at the South Louisville Toy and Antique Mall on Blue Lick Road. Achievement program chairman Joe Fields presented AP certificates for structures to Mark Norman -- see Joe's report and photos of the presentation elsewhere in this issue. It was also reported that Lou Sassi with Model Railroader had been in town take photos of John Ottman's and Chirs Broughton's layouts. He also took a few pictures at Tom Lindquist's layout, and may return to take more. Eric Waggoner, Convention Chairman, reported that all activities have been moved to the third floor. He also said we have reserved a room to be used for the hospitality suite. Mark Hedge reported that 10 tables have been sold for the Fall Train Show. Mark said he will be mailing dealer forms in July. In club news, John Bowman said the Louisville Connecting Lines will be set up in Sellersburg August 26-27. Nat King reminded everyone of Operating Sessions, third Wednesday each month at K & I Model Railroad Club. After the meeting several members went to Bob and Romona Johnson's.

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. Donations YTD: \$40 John Ottman, Stephen Taylor, John Czerwinski; \$25 Ed Brennan; \$22 Jim Kuzirian; \$20 Charles Brohm.

MEMBER WELFARE

Rich Wehr, Chairman

Ed Franconia's wife Barbara passed away on June 18th after being in Hospice care. I went to the visitation and gave Ed and the family a sympathy card from the Division. The Division will make a donation to the local humane society in Barbara's memory.



JUNE CONTEST. Upper left. Bill Lynch's first place winner. The transformer is a kit-bashed Walthers kit and the flat car is a weathered Exactrail model. There were three entries tied for second place. Upper right. John Bowman's bar soap making machine mounted on a flat car (the machine was created entirely from John's scrap box); Bottom left. Mark Norman's heavily detailed & modified 75' depressed center flat car with pressure vessel (aka TV tube). Bottom right. John Kelly's modified and detailed 40' gondola stretched to 53' with steel coil load.



TRACKSIDE WITH RUSS WEIS

Virginia & Truckee Railway McKeen Motor Car #22 on display at the Nevada State Railroad Museum in Carson City, NB.

Ordered by the V & T in 1909, it served the V & T from 1910 to 1945.

PIKE SHOW CASE



Some of the layouts at the South Louisville Antique and Toy Mall.

Above: Joe Vetter's G-gauge layout.

Right and above right: Two views of the O-6-O Model Railroad Group's HO layout.

Below: HO "stacked" layout.



In addition to those layouts pictured there is also a Lionel and N-scale layout.

The Toy Mall layouts are up and running every Sunday from 1 PM to 5 PM. Arrangements can be made with Bob Johnson to run on the O-6-O layout.

Photos by Bob Dawson

NOT GETTING THE PIE CARD ON EMAIL?

If you have email you should be receiving the E-Pie Card each month on your computer. If you are not, contact Tom Guentner: tom@aye.net.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

By Bob Dawson

THE SUMMER PICNIC

Almost from the beginning the Division has had a summer picnic or outing, usually in July.



Right:

In 1972 the picnic was held at John Campbell's. John had a large backyard including a riding train.

Right: Pie Card editor Bob Brown immortalized it his "Cornfield Meet" feature in the Pie Card. Some familiar names attended: Betty and Tom Guenthner, Nita and Joe O'Gara, Ramona and Bob Johnson, Ruth and Charlie Keeling among them.

Picnics were also held at Deam Lake in Indiana. One year Jerry Ashley and Don Fowler did the grilling at the Buechel Depot. Twice we had an outing at Depot Museum in Salem, IN.



Kentucky Railway Museum was always a popular spot. 2011 found the Division having lunch on the train. Above left. Karen and Don Fowler enjoying lunch. Above right. Eric Waggoner at the turnout point at Boston.

2016 MCR CONVENTION

There are many activities at regional conventions. Meeting and sharing ideas with fellow model railroaders is a big part, but so are opportunities to see layouts and take rail and industrial tours.



DICK BRIGGS MMR's Pennsylvania Railroad

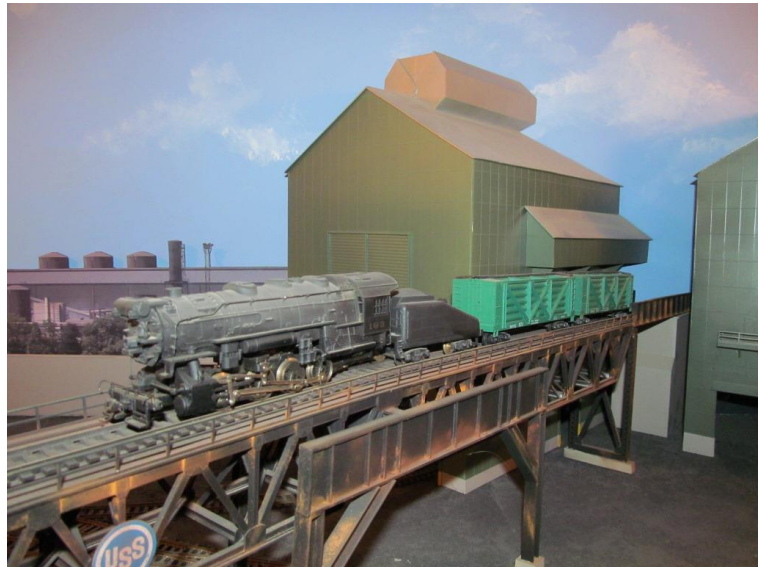
Dick models the Youngstown & Ashtabula branch of the Pennsy in northeastern Ohio.

Left. We see giant Hulett Machines unloading iron ore from the S.S. Harry Briggs on the lake front.

Below left. Another view of S.S. Harry Briggs.

Below right. A heavy 0-8-0 mill switcher.

Photos by Bob Dawson



This layout features a 1,000 ft. mainline in a 12 x 120 foot folded dog bone design. Control is Digitrax DCC.

LOCOMOTIVES OF THE AGE OF STEAM ROUNDHOUSE

The Friday Convention Tour was to the Age of Steam Roundhouse in Sugarcreek, OH. This is a private working facility owned by the Jerry and Laura Jacobson Foundation. It is not open to the public, but occasionally hosts tour groups.



<< #1 compressed-air 0-4-0.

It was built in 1915 by the Porter Company and was known as PPP type which means Pneumatic, 3 tanks. It worked for years on a sugar plantation in Cuba. It came back to the U.S. in 1935 to work for the New Orleans Sewage & Water Board. The only one of its type left, it was purchased by the Age of Steam Roundhouse in 2015.

>>> Lake Superior & Ishpeming 2-8-0 #33.

Built in 1916 by the Baldwin Locomotive works it made its money hauling iron ore trains from the Marquette Iron Range to docks on Lake Superior. Later it ran on several tourist railroads. It is currently in the back shop undergoing replacement of its crown sheet and thermic syphons and have patches applied to side sheets. It is hoped to have it back in steam in 2016.



<< U.S. Navy 0-6-0T #4

Built for the U.S. Navy South Brooklyn Section in 1919 by the H. K. Porter Company. It was purchased by the Brooklyn Eastern District Terminal Railroad in 1922. It operated with the BEDT as #13 until 1963 when the railroad was dieselized. It sat for years in Strasburg, PA and was acquired by the Age of Steam in 2011.



CONVENTION NEWS – LAYOUTS NEEDED.

Your Convention Committee is now meeting monthly. The contract was finalized with the Galt House a year ago. Since then we have been working on clinics, rail and non-rail tours, and layout tours and operating sessions.

Speaking of layouts. If you would like to show off your layout to our guests, see Bob Dawson at a meeting or call him at 502-368-2607 or email him at: dawsobl@aol.com. Check the Division Website and the Pie Card for updates on the Convention.

Right: Bill Lynch spent a weekend in May rail fanning in Southern Indiana. Bill found the Illinois Terminal Heritage unit at Huntingburg, IN.



Left: This photo appeared in last month's Pie Card, but your editor decided to run it again for comparison.

This was the prototype that Bill Lynch used for his first place entry in the June contest.

A photo of the model is on page 3 of this issue.

Photo by Bill Lynch

The Southern Indiana (Model) Railroad is hosting a Model Train Show and Swap meet at the Sellersburg Moose Lodge, 1040 S. Indiana Ave. in Sellersburg. Train Show only Friday August 26, 1-8PM. Show and Swap Meet Saturday August 27, 10AM-4PM. Admission is free.



SCRATCH BUILT N SCALE LOCOMOTIVE

Photo and Description by Chris Broughton.

The prototype is the GE 23-ton boxcab built in 1939, which replaced the 20-ton model from the previous year. Fewer than 20 were built. I built the model from scratch in N-scale using styrene strip. The details are hand-bent phosphor-bronze wire, and the drive was built using brass strip, a spare motor, worm gear, and geared axles and wheels I had on-hand. The model is a diminutive 15/16" long from pilot-to-pilot, and has just enough "oomph" to pull one car - probably close in performance to the prototype! It was a fun model to build - I love building models of unique prototypes such as this.

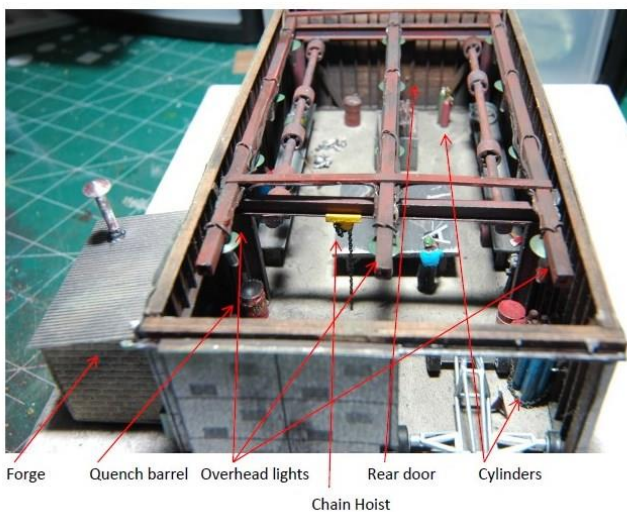


Below: NORMAN WELDING

Photos and story by Mark Norman.

The prototype for this model was Norman Welding in Kensett, Arkansas. H.E. Norman Sr., Mark's paternal grandfather, owned this shop. These two photos were taken 17-Oct-1971. The door of the shop was recovered from the welding shops of the Missouri & North Arkansas Railroad. The workers had been on strike for a time. The story is that my grandfather heard noise in the distance and assumed the strike was over and the shops were again open. Upon arrival, he found out that the M&NA had not survived the latest strike and bankruptcy. The noise he heard was the sound of the shops being dismantled and the contents being scrapped. It was a good news/bad news story. He was suddenly unemployed but got a good deal on a the doors for his future shop.

(This is one of the models Mark built for his Master Builder-Structures for the Achievement Program.)



2016 SUMMER OUTING (PICNIC)
SATURDAY JULY 23
VERSAILLES, KY
COST: \$ 25/PERSON

INCLUDES:

- LUNCH AT RICARDO'S GRILL & PUB IN A RESTORED SOUTHERN RAILWAY DEPOT
- TRAIN RIDE IN AIR CONDITIONED COACH AT BLUE GRASS RAILROAD AND MUSEUM

Lunch will be an entrée w/kettle chips and a beverage. Please choose from one of the following entrée's

- Original Burger
- Club Sandwich
- Chicken Salad Sandwich.

RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE ACCOMPANIED BY PAYMENT (NON-REFUNDABLE) IN FULL WITH ENTRÉE CHOICE AT THE MAY OR JUNE MEETING, OR MAILED BEFORE **JULY 11** TO:

MIKE BERRY
14404 FOREST GLENN CT.
LOUISVILLE, KY 40245

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DIV. 8, MCR, NMRA, AND NOTE "PICNIC" ON THE CHECK. WE ARE LIMITED TO 55 SEATS IN THE PASSENGER CAR, SO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY. TRANSPORTATION TO VERSAILLES IS ON YOUR OWN. CAR POOLING RECOMMENDED.

OUR PLAN IS:

- 11 AM: LUNCH AT RICARDO'S GRILL & PUB 110 FRANKFORT ST. VERSAILLES, KY 40383 FOLLOWED BY CONTEST AWARDS.
- 2 PM: BOARD OUR COACH AT BLUEGRASS RR & MUSEUM 175 BEASLEY RD VERSAILLES, KY 40383

FROM LOUISVILLE TO RICARDO'S:

I-64 EAST TO EXIT 58
SOUTH ON US 60 STRAIGHT TO US60 Bus. AT
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