



The Pie Card



Division Eight Newsletter - Mid-Central Region, National Model Railroad Association

Volume 50

June 2016

Number 6

From the Superintendent's Desk



Many say the weathering of rolling stock is part of your scenery as it complements the towns and industries you worked so hard to create.

True, at one time a gondola was new on its first trip, but it didn't take long for it to show lots of wear and tear. We all can picture that old beat up gon sitting at the scrap yard being filled with junk.

As all of you know, there are many ways to weather your rolling stock and buildings. Airbrushing is one way and I hope you had the chance to see Craig Hatter do his airbrush clinic at our May meeting at the K&I.

A number of modelers shy away from airbrushing for many reasons. First, it is recommended you have some sort of a spray booth, especially to exhaust the fumes if you are working with enamels or lacquers. Another good reason for the booth is having good light on the item you want to paint, which is a must for any modeling.

Second, what kind of an airbrush should you get? There are a number of models and manufacturers, with a range of prices.

After we've made the decision to buy a brush and spray booth, how do we get that realistic look? Craig went over some highlights, but like in school, it's practice, practice, practice.

So how much weathering looks right? Unfortunately there is no one answer that fits all. If you are modeling transition era, passenger cars were routinely washed at the end of their trip before the outbound departure. Then, like now, freight cars kept their road grime until they went into the shop for a major overhaul.

Now if you are modeling the late sixties when all the railroads were going through mergers, passenger equipment seldom got washed and freight cars showed lots of fading and rust as the railroads were losing money and were waiting for the equipment to get their new paint schemes.

We all have tons of books and magazines where we can get ideas to what degree of weathering the railroad you model had for the time period you're modeling.

Then go out and find a car on sale, or a pre-owned one, and do that practicing. If you like your work, get it on the layout. Not so happy, then start over. If the car was very inexpensive, take the trucks off and toss the body!

Okay, let's go airbrush some cars!

MAY MEETING REPORT

By Bob Dawson, Division Clerk

The meeting was held at 2PM on May 21, 2016 at the Kentucky and Indiana Model Railroad Club in Buckner, KY. In the absence of the Superintendent Russ Weis, Eric Waggoner conducted the meeting. Eric thanked the K & I Club for hosting the meeting. Approval of the minutes from the April meeting and the financial report were quickly disposed of.

TIME TABLE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST

Fred Soward, Contest Chairman

June	Open Loads
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

We had 11 caboose entries submitted this month by 8 people. Steve Lasher, a first-time entrant, brought home first place with his Illinois Central wide-vision caboose, built from a Wright Trak resin kit. Steve added several additional detail parts including Tichey brake gear and marker lenses, a Detail Associates radio antenna, and a Cal-Scale smoke jack. He also scratchbuilt the grab irons, additional brake rigging, the tool box, and waste chute. Credit goes to Craig Hatter for the painting Steve's model. John Stoltz, another first-time entrant, took second place with his scratchbuilt T&E caboose. (He used Northeast scale lumber for all the wood pieces. On a side note, after last month's article Rick Tipton informed me that the plural of Caboose is Cabin Cars. While I might've seriously considered that option had there been at least one PRR car in the contest, sadly there were none present. Maybe next year, Rick? If you missed the meeting and you'd like to take a peek at all of these awesome contest entries, just check out my Facebook page for May 22, 2016. There's a photo of each and every one there. *Photos of First and Second place contest winners are on Page 3 – Ed.*

The standings changed a bit this month, but Bob Kuchler is still in first place with 19 points; Rick Maloney is alone in second with 12 points; Barry Christensen drops to third with 11 points; Bill Lynch is alone in fourth place with 8 points; Craig Hatter is in fifth place with 6 points; John Kelly and Cecil Stewart are next with 5 points, followed by Steve Lasher with 4 points; Bob Johnson, Ed Brennan, John Czerwinski, John Stoltz, Patrick Hardesty, and Tom Lindquist are tied with 3 points; Joe Fields is next with 2 points; at 1 point apiece are Bill Edwards, Bob Frankrone, Jack Diehl, Mike Shane, Robin White, and Steve Oswald. Next month is Open Loads. Bring your favorite piece of rolling stock with an "open load."

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. Carl Krull won the gift card drawing.



JUNE MEETING INFORMATION

The June meeting is Saturday, June 18, 2 PM, at the South Louisville Antique & Toy Mall, 4150-8 Blue Lick Road, Louisville, KY 40229. **The model contest will be held at the Toy Mall.** The program is a little different -- following the meeting, Bob Johnson will be hosting an open house at his home, 7703 Tip Top Lane, Louisville, 40219. If you know Bob, you know he has a house (and yard), full of layouts with multiple scales. As usual, Ramona will have her famous brownies along with other snacks. *See Maps to the Toy Mall and Bob's house on page 4.* **PLEASE BRING A CHAIR TO THE TOY MALL.**

MAY MEETING REPORT (continued from page 1)

Eric Waggoner reported on the Convention. He said several Division members attended the MCR Convention, and lessons learned will be applied to ours. Barbara Soward reported that we now have 4x and larger convention shirts available. Bob Dawson distributed flyers for July 23 outing at Bluegrass Railroad Museum.

Right:

Following the meeting Craig Hatter presented an informative and entertaining clinic demonstrating how to weather rolling stock using an airbrush.

Photo by Bob Dawson



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. \$40 John Ottman, Stephen Taylor; \$25 Ed Brennan; \$ 22 Jim Kuzirian.

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 before July 1st. Details on insert in this issue or on the Division Website.



MAY CONTEST WINNER

Left: Steve Lasher, a first-time entrant, brought home first place with his Illinois Central wide-vision caboose, built from a Wright Trak resin kit.

See page 2, "Charlie Keeling Contest" report on how Steve detailed this model.



Right: John Stolz, another first-time entrant, took second place with his scratchbuilt T&E caboose. (He used Northeast scale lumber for all the wood pieces.)

Photos and captions by Fred Soward.



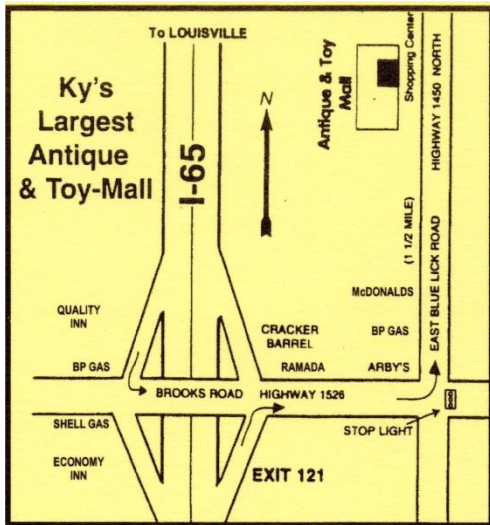
TRACKSIDE WITH ED BRENNAN

European reliance on light rail is legendary. On a December, 2015, visit to Germany, we see light rail at its best in Nuremberg.

To the left in the background is Nuremberg's main train station with its extremely ornate exterior.

Photo and caption by Ed Brennan.

DIRECTIONS TO JUNE MEETING



TO THE TOY MALL (4150-8 Blue Lick Road, 40229)

- From Louisville take I-65 South to the Brooks Exit (121).
- Turn left (East) on Brooks Road to Blue Lick Road (traffic light).
- Turn left (North) on to Blue Lick Road.
- Continue 1 ½ miles, the Antique and Toy Mall is on the left.

Parking is in front of the building with additional parking at the church across the street.

Walk through the building to the back of the Mall. There are several layouts in various scales up and running.

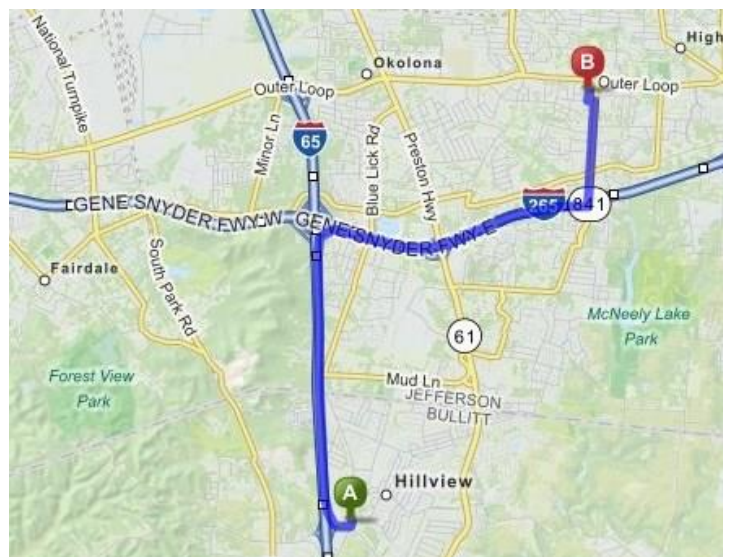
BE SURE TO BRING A CHAIR

FROM THE TOY MALL TO THE JOHNSON'S (7703 TIP TOP LN. , 40219)

Not necessarily the shortest but maybe the easiest:

- Return to I-65 Brooks Exit (121).
- North on I-65 to Exit 125A
- Take Exit 125A (I-265 East)
- Take Exit 14 toward Smyrna Pkwy (Rd.).
- Left (North) onto Smyrna Pkwy.
- Left (West) onto Apex Dr.
- Right (North) onto Tip Top Ln.

Bob's house is on the right.



PIKE SHOWCASE

Left: A scene on Bob Johnson's O-scale layout.

This layout consists of standard gauge, On30, as well as operating traction.

This is one of the layouts that will be open at Bob's after the June meeting.

Photo by Bob Johnson

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

By Bob Dawson



PEOPLE

A NMRA Division is people.

This month we'll look at some of the people who were a part of the Division over the years.

Right:

E. G. Baker. "E. G." as he was usually known, was a noted authority on steam locomotives, which he modeled prolifically in O-Scale. He also built a larger-scale non-operating steam locomotive model that once graced the office of the president of the Frisco Railroad. He was a nationally respected rail photographer with many of his pictures appearing in *Trains Magazine* and numerous other rail publications, including the South Wind chapter of a recent book by the Pennsy historical society. On weekends he could usually be found leading tours around the Kentucky Railroad Museum at the old River Road site.



Below left. Dwight Swayzee was one of founders of Division 8 as served as its second Superintendent from 1968 to 1970. Dwight was a maintenance supervisor at Ford, and his layout's switches operated pneumatically from a compressor in his garage. Dwight would host a division meeting at his house each year, but there was always an open invitation to his railroad. *Photo by Charlie Keeling*



Above: Bob Brown. Bob was publisher and printer of the Pie Card for most of its existence. *Photo by Bob Dawson*

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. From time to time I will publish some of the pictures I took during these visits.



DARRELL AND JUDY LOGAN'S HO CHEYENNE DENVER & LARAMIE RAILROAD

Left: Union Pacific Shops. Construction started on the CD&L in 1986. Darrell said that over 1500 pounds of hydrocal have been used during the constructions of the layout.

Photos by Bob Dawson



Both Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroads provide motive power to the CD&L

MCR CONVENTION (continued)

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.



The roundhouse contains 18 stalls and was constructed in 2010. The complex includes a working shop for rebuilding and overhauling locomotives and cars.

The collection has 18 steam locomotives, 29 diesels, 25 passenger cars, and various freight cars and miscellaneous pieces of work train equipment.

Canadian National 2-6-0 #96 >>>

It was constructed in 1910 by the Canadian Locomotive Works for the Grand Trunk Rwy. of Canada. It was numbered 926 and then became 96 in 1923 with GTR's merger into the Canadian National System. It was purchased by Steamtown in 1961 and used for spare parts. It was acquired by Mr. Jacobson in 1994 and now is undergoing restoration.



<< McCloud River 2-6-2 #9

It was built by the Baldwin Locomotive Works for the McCloud River, operating in the forests of Northern California. Originally built to burn wood, it was converted to coal in 1920. Retired by the McCloud River in 1934, rebuilt in 1937, and went to the Yreka Western RR. Going through several owners over the years it eventually pulled tourists on the Kettle Moraine Rwy. in North Freedom, WI. It was purchased for the Age of Steam Roundhouse in 2015.



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. While at Oakland City, IN Bill caught this Indiana Southern northbound coal train with 3 SD40-2's on the point.

The Indiana Southern Railroad operates 176 miles of track from Indianapolis to Evansville. (Wikipedia)



Left: Bill was still at Oakland City when the Central of Georgia Heritage unit arrived. This trip began with Bill looking for a transformer load he knew was out there. He caught up with it at Milltown.



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.

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 1ST** 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
VERSAILLES. RICARDO'S IS ON THE LEFT.



Superintendent:	OFFICERS:	
Asst. Supt:	Russ Weis	502-245-7991
Clerk:	Eric Waggoner	502-244-6628
Treasurer:	Bob Dawson	502-368-2607
	Mike Berry	502-245-1337
	TRUSTEES	
Ed Brennan MMR		502-327-6178
Tom Guentner		502-363-3113
Fred Soward		502-499-0770
COMMITTEE DIRECTORS		
Contests	Fred Soward	502-499-0770
Achievement Program	Joe Fields	502-396-3503
Librarian	Open	
Membership	Cecil Stewart	502-252-7814
Member Welfare	Rick Wehr	502-500-6398
Pie Card:	Bob Dawson	502-368-2607
Show Programs	Mike Berry	502-245-1337
Train Show and Sale	Bob Dawson	502-368-2607
Meetings & Program	Russ Weis	502-245-7991
Webmaster	Tom Guentner	502-363-3113
MID CENTRAL REGION OFFICERS		
President:	Steve Kaplan	
Vice-president:	Michael Hohn	
Secretary:	Art Bumpus	

THE PIE CARD
 Division Eight, MCR, NMRA
 Box 99041
 Louisville, KY 40269-0041

Editor & Publisher:
 Bob Dawson
 Asst. Editor: Rick Tipton

The Pie Card is published twelve times a year by Division 8 of the National Model Railroad Association, Mid Central Region.

Please address all correspondence to Bob Dawson, Editor, 7305 Ticonderoga Dr., Louisville, KY 40214 or email: dawsobl@aol.com.

Deadline for submission of articles is the 25th day of the previous month. The Pie Card goes to press by the first of each month.



**Mid-Central NMRA
 Region Convention**

**May 18-21, 2017
 Louisville, Kentucky**

The PIE CARD
 Division 8, MCR, NMRA
 7305 Ticonderoga Dr.
 Louisville, KY 40214