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From the Superintendent's Desk



This month Fred Soward will take over as your new superintendent, so please give Fred all the support you have given me. There is no doubt Fred will be one of the best superintendents the division has had, but he can't do it without everyone's participation.

Also, welcome Ron Ellison to the board as a trustee. Of course you know Ron from his great work with our train shows. Ron has sat in on every board meeting since his work on last year's convention. I know Ron will be a big asset to Fred and the rest of the board.

Ron is replacing Ed Brennan who has been a trustee for the last two years and has been an asset to the board with valuable input during our many BOD meetings. The next you time see Ed don't forget to say thanks for all his good work.

Thank you, too, for all the board members who are continuing their roles with the division. I know many of you who have been a past board member will agree it's not as easy as one may think. Also remember many board members have been doing this for years and soon they will be ready to retire and pass their job to someone else. So who's ready?

From me, thank you for all your support over these four plus years. Yes, it's been that long, as I took over the superintendent's role a little early when Jerry Ashley's health was declining.

Writing was never one of my strong suits, so I appreciated hearing from many of you on how you enjoyed my messages. I hope they were informative and entertaining.

In the past four years your board and I have made some small, but needed changes to improve the way certain areas were handled. As with any group, most were pleased we made the changes and some were disappointed, but that's always the way.

Speaking of board members, I couldn't have done it without all their help, especially Bob Dawson. Bob has guided me along as he knows all the rules and takes fantastic minutes at every meeting to refer to.

In closing I will say how fortunate I am to have gotten to know many of you better being your superintendent and hope to see you at future events. Until then, thanks and keep'em rolling.

Russ Weis

APRIL MEETING REPORT

By Bob Dawson, Clerk

The April meeting was held at the 600 room on Saturday April 21 at 2 PM. Assistant Superintendent Eric Waggoner called the meeting to order. Superintendent Russ Weis was in West Virginia running trains. Attendance was light, 16 -- maybe due to Thunder Over Louisville that same day. In any case it was a great meeting. Mike Berry showed two Norfolk Southern Training films. The first was about safety appliances (ladders, platforms, stirrups, etc.), the second covered inspections of wheels, axles, and bearings. Mike would stop the video, and discuss how it may or may not apply to model railroading. The videos generated a lot of questions and comments. Bob and Cathy Kuchler again did an outstanding job providing refreshments, more like a meal.

Help was requested for the upcoming Big Brothers/Big Sisters train event. Details about this are on page 5 of this issue.

The minutes for the meeting are posted in the Members Only section of the Division 8 Website.

TIME TABLE

May 17-20 MCR Convention, Cincinnati, OH.

May 26, Sat 2 PM, Div.8 Mtg. 600 Room (this is the 4th Saturday)

Jun 16, Sat 2 PM, Div.8 Mtg. 600 Room

Jul 21, Sat 2 PM, Div 8 Mtg. 600 Room

Aug 4, Sat, Picnic, Ray and Renee Grosser's in Eubank, KY.

Sep 15, Sat 2 PM, Div.8 Mtg. 600 Room.

Oct 20, Sat 2 PM, Div. 8 Mtg. 600 Room.

CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST*Fred Soward, Contest Chairman*

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

There were 4 passenger car entries, from N scale to O scale, submitted by 4 individuals in the April 2018 monthly meeting contest. For additional photos of the entries, take a look at the Division 8 Facebook page (April 23). Joe Fields came in first with his HO scale Eastern Kentucky and Cumberland Gap car, Bob Kuchler came in second with his N scale Milwaukee Road express car with conductor's room, and Bill Lynch came in third with his HO scale 2-car McKinley Explorer dome cars. Many thanks to Barbara for running the contest this month and allowing me to go to West Virginia for an extended ops session on the Pennsylvania Southern.

See photos on page 3 of the first and second place winners with descriptions of how they modified and detailed their models.

Current standings: John Stoltz leads with 15 points; Bill Lynch and Joe Fields are tied in second place with 14 points; Bob Kuchler is next with 11 points; Bob Frankrone is fourth with 9 points; Barry Christensen is next with 6 points, followed closely by Bob Johnson with 5 points; Ed Brennan, Rick Maloney are next with 4 points; Cecil Stewart, Patrick Hardesty, Robert Johnson, and Ron Ellison are next with 2 points; Phillip Johnson, Robin White, and Stan White are at 1 point.

The May contest is cabooses. As we've already mentioned in meetings and in this column, we're switching things up a bit in July and August this year because of the shuffle of the picnic from July to August. We'll award the annual contest year awards at the July meeting this year. I'll take care of that as my last act as the Contest Chairman. Barry Christensen and Bob Kuchler have agreed to co-chair the meeting contest beginning with the July 2018 meeting. They will conduct the first contest of the 2018-2019 contest year at that same meeting with MOW Equipment.

There will be blank contest entry forms for anyone who needs one at the meeting. 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.

**MAY MEETING INFORMATION-CHANGE IN DATE**

Due to a conflict with the Mid Central Region Convention, this month's meeting will be 2 PM Saturday **MAY 26**, at the 600 Room, first floor of the 600 Building, 600 N. Hurstbourne Pkwy. 40222. Use the Whittington Pkwy. entrance. Bob Frankrone will be presenting "New England Tourist Railroads Part 2". Ron Ellison will provide the refreshments.

CONTEST (continued from column 1)

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. Bob Dawson won the gift card drawing.

MAINTENANCE TIES FUND 2017

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 to date: \$100, Rob Cooper and Shanna Berry; \$59 Ron Ellison; \$50, Ed Brennan, Steve Taylor (in memory of John Bowman); \$40, John Ottman, John Czerwinski; \$11 Jim Kuzirian.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Joe Fields, AP Chairman

As I stated at the Division meeting I have two certificates for Mark Norman in the cars category. As soon as he recuperates enough from his back surgery to start attending meetings again, I will present them to him. I have also sent paper work to Frank Koch for three structures that Rick Maloney built; Rick is getting real close to completing Master Builder Structures, and I will be getting with him soon to look at remaining structures to finish up those requirements. Paper work has also been submitted for another car that Mark Norman had judged before his surgery; like Rick, Mark is almost finished with the Master Builder Cars category. Bob Dawson talked about submitting articles for the Pie Card and I reminded those present that articles that are submitted count towards Model Railroader Author. That's it for now -- call me (396-3503) or email joeflds3@aol.com if you have something to judge or if you want to bring something to division meeting for judging that can be done also, just please give me a heads up so I can have appropriate judging sheets etc.



**APRIL CHARLIE KEELING
MODEL CONTEST WINNERS**

Photos by Barbara Soward, descriptions by Fred Soward

Left: First Place winner Joe Fields. Joe's HO EK&CG passenger car started as an AHM Pullman. He repainted it, added black stripe decals, car number decals, and custom decals for the EK&CG. Joe used Woodland Scenics dry transfer lettering to add his nephew's name as the car name, "Gregory Alan." The interior walls are scratch built with cardstock, using light blue construction paper to simulate the EK&CG carpeting. The window shades are made with green construction paper. Many of the interior details are Suydam passenger car parts (seats, couches, lockers, sinks, commodes). Joe also added

small pictures on the interior walls, towels above sinks, and magazines on some of the seats. You'll also find passengers in some of the rooms. Finally, he added new stirrups on the car ends, door grab irons, chains, diaphragms, and Kadee couplers

Right: Second place went to Bob Kuchler. Bob's N-Scale Milwaukee Road car started as a Skytop Models resin kit. He painted and decaled it, added wire handrails, diaphragms, and body-mounted couplers. Bob also ensured the correct Nystrom trucks are running under this model.



Above: Bill Lynch's third place winner, his HO scale 2-car McKinley Explorer dome cars.

Photo by Bob Dawson



May Contest will be Caboose.

JOINT OPERATIONS ON THE PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHERN

By Fred Soward

Fred Soward, Ron Ellison, and Russ Weis took advantage of an invitation to visit Bob Weinheimer's Pennsylvania Southern Railroad in Charleston, WV, in late April. They arrived Friday noon, op'd 'til they dropped that night, ran trains until about noon, and were joined by a group from Division 10 for a few hours before they returned home to Louisville Saturday evening.



Above left:
Ron Ellison is switching Bridgeville on the upper level with the P&LE yard switchers. Behind him Russ Weis is switching Waynesburg industries on the lower level.

Above right:
Just-delivered Virginian & Ohio 3060 SD40-2 is arriving in Bridgeville as train 403. Fred Soward brought the Intermountain unit to run on the Pennsylvania Southern during its break-in period.

Above:
Division 10 members Alan Bourne (left) and Bob Belt (right) are switching the Frothingslosh Beer plant in Bridgeville.

Right:
(left to right) Division 10 members Randy Kauffman and Mark Underwood are switching the Pittsburgh yard as Bruce DeMaeyer and Paul Southgate bring a train out of North Yard (upper staging) thru the Pittsburgh yard enroute to Washington.



A LONG TIME TO WAIT

By Bob Frankrone.

Last October I attended the MER fall convention in Harrisburg, PA. Like most model railroad conventions, it had the usual fair of things to do such as tours, clinics, op sessions, etc. One of my favorite offerings was the white elephant “buy and sell” room. This is where convention attendees got a chance to sell the items they no longer want or need and to buy the items they can’t live without.

Right: Receipt from 1971

I always bring a few items to sell and I generally find one or two items that are too good to pass up. Such was the case at the MER convention. Someone was selling an old Campbell corrugated warehouse kit at the very reasonable price of \$12.00. Knowing that wooden-structure kits sell today for upwards of \$50.00, I eagerly handed over a ten and two ones to the cashier.



Several weeks later when I was at home and started to build the kit, I noticed a yellowish piece of paper lying on the bottom of the box under a cardboard roof section. I pulled it out and discovered it was the original bill of sale for this kit. The receipt was from Rules Hobby Shop in Lancaster, PA and was dated 7-26-71. The kit sold for a whopping \$5.25 including tax. A month earlier I had just graduated from high school. I now felt as though I was holding a time capsule in my hand.



For over 46 years this kit has been waiting to be built. I’m sure that whoever purchased it from Rules Hobby Shop back in 1971 had every intention of building it sometime in the near future. But, alas, it never happened. I suppose model railroaders in 1971 suffered from the same affliction as do model railroaders in 2018...procrastination. There are many of us, myself included, who have kits sitting on our shelves that we purchased years ago but have never found the time to build. As time passes, many of my unbuilt kits end up on white elephant tables waiting for someone else to come along and take them off my hands.

Left: Finished and weathered model that took Bob about one week to build.

But not this time. 46 years is long enough for a kit to go unbuilt, and I was the guy who was finally going to build it. I realize that I had only owned this kit for a few short weeks; however, knowing that it was first purchased in 1971 gave me an extra thrill to build it...which I did. Ironically, it only took about a week to build once I got started. So now, after sitting dormant in a box, unbuilt, for over 46 years, the Campbell corrugated warehouse has a new life as a viable structure on my railroad.



On Sunday June 3rd, the Division is hosting an event for Big Brothers and Big Sisters (BB/BS) of Louisville in memory of late Division 8 member Ivan Baugh. This is the culmination of a three day train show event being held in conjunction with Roundhouse Electric Trains in the Arcade at Brownsboro Center (upstairs from the Roundhouse). The show will be open to the public on Friday 4 PM to 8 PM and Saturday 9 AM to 6 PM. Sunday will be a closed event from Noon to 2 PM for members of BB/BS, and will consist of viewing the layouts, a pizza party, and an opportunity for them to build a model freight car from an Athearn “blue box” kit. Our Division display will be set up as well as T-Track, Louisville Connecting Lines, Fred Soward’s Pikeville switching layout, and the permanent layouts in the Arcade.

Division volunteers are needed:

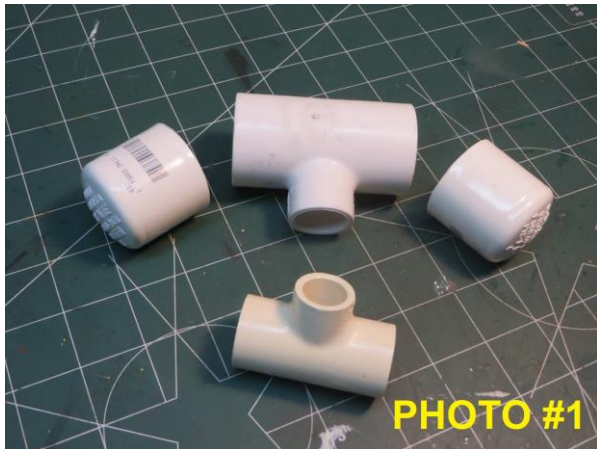
- Thursday May 31, 5PM, set up of Division Display.
- Friday June 1, 4PM-8PM. Help is needed to “spell” Fred on the Pikeville layout and work at the NMRA information display to answer questions.
- Saturday June 2, 9AM-6PM to help with Pikeville and NMRA information display. Volunteers don’t need to stay all day, but for a few hours in shifts to have coverage for the whole day.
- Sunday-Our Big Event: Volunteers needed from 9AM to 3PM. A volunteer to help Fred with Pikeville and NMRA information. Three additional volunteers are needed to help with the pizza party and freight car kits.

If you can help email Fred Soward at, tech_trainer@rocketmail.com or call him at 502-724-1249.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER: There is now a membership roster (names only) posted in the Members Only Section of the Division 8 Website. If you don’t know the Username and Password for access, contact webmaster Tom Guenther: tom@aye.net

LOVE THOSE LOADS

By Bob Frankrone.



In my February '17 Pie Card article of *Love Those Loads* I wrote about making open loads from common, everyday items. This month I would like to continue that theme and feature two loads that I made from inexpensive plumbing supplies. I was able to purchase the four PVC pieces shown in photo #1 for just a few dollars, and I used them to make two very nice loads.

The first task I had to accomplish was to “clean-up” the PVC pieces. I had to cut, file, and sand off barcodes and other markings that marred the surface of the material. I wanted smooth surfaces all around, including the mating surfaces of adjoining pieces. Removing the raised markings on the two rounded caps proved to be a challenge as PVC is a much harder material than styrene.

Once that chore was completed, I began to make my first load, which was to be a large storage tank (Photo #2). I used the



large T-joint (1x1x3/4-inch) for the center section of the tank and the two rounded caps for the ends of the tank. I cut approximately 1/2-inch off the stem of the T-joint as it was too tall for the vessel I wanted to build. I glued the three pieces together using a cyanoacrylate adhesive (CA) gel. I used 0.010-inch styrene strip to conceal the two seams where the center section and the end caps were joined.

Now that assembly was complete, I spray painted the tank a dark gray. For shipping and safety purposes, I wanted to cover the opening of the tank. I used scale lumber to create a temporary hatch that I stained and glued in place.

Since this was a rather large tank, I mounted it upon an eight-axle flat car. I made four small tie-down fixtures from angled strip styrene and I glued them to the deck of the car. I also made several anti-roll chocks from scale lumber and I wedged them between the deck of the flat car and the underside of the tank. I used heavy thread as tie-down cable to secure the load to the car.

To make the second load I used the smaller T-joint (3/4x3/4x1/2-inch). I wanted it to be an industrial boiler, so I closed-in the three openings with 0.010-inch sheet styrene.

I added some miscellaneous piping and some brake wheels that I found in my “extra parts” box to give the boiler some detail. I spray painted the boiler a dark gray and touched-up the control valves (brake wheels) with red, white, and yellow paint.

Since the boiler is fairly tall, I decided to mount it on a depressed-center flat car. I wasn't sure how I was going to mount it onto the car, so I designed my own mounting fixture that I made out of scale lumber. I chose not to secure the boiler to the flat car with tie-down cables, as I believe the weight of the boiler and the sturdy mounting fixture would hold it in place. Photo #3 shows the completed model.



SWIFT CREEK MEMORIAL DAY RUN

Harry Munzer invites all of his railfan friends to stop by on Saturday May 26 after 5:00 PM to relax and enjoy his outdoor railroad. Harry's address is:

6265 Buttontown Rd., Greenville, IN 47124

Directions from Louisville,

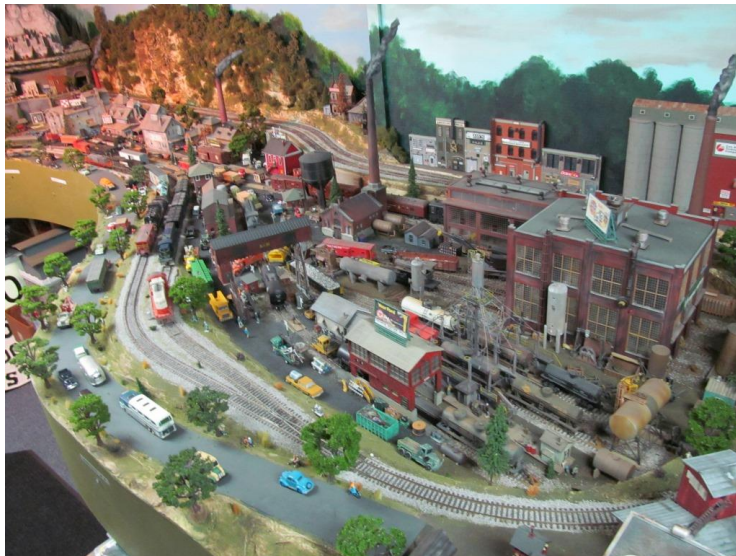
Take I-64 West to Exit 119, Hwy 150 (Greenville).

Follow Hwy 150 for 7.5 miles

Turn left onto Buttontown Rd.

Travel 0.4 miles, 6265 is on the right.

The railroad will be open until dark. For information or questions call 812-923-1537



MEMBER JOHN OTTMAN PUBLISHED IN MODEL RAILROADER

Check out the June issue of Model Railroader. Our own John Ottman is featured beginning on page 51.

John has had his layout open on several Division Tours, including the Mid-Central Region Convention in Louisville in 2017.

Photo by Bob Dawson

TRACKSIDE WITH BILL LYNCH

Indiana Rail Road train is southbound from Senate Ave. Yard in Indianapolis to Hiawatha Yard in Jasonville Indiana.

The second locomotive in the consist (9025) is an SD9043MAC.



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