

# The Pie Card

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## From the Superintendent's Desk

By Fred Soward

Badges? Do we need badges? We've used the "Hello, My Name Is" one-use self-written stick-on badges for years at Division 8 meetings and they've worked just fine. So why propose a change now?

The answer is quite simple - it's a change that's been requested by several people. Interestingly, none of the people making the request are on the Division 8 Board.

It's good name recognition. A name badge that's formatted the same, with clear printing, makes it easy for those of us who don't remember names quickly and is especially helpful for new people and visitors. Using the Division logo helps identify us as members of a team. We'll use them at other events as well, where there will be few people who know us on a first-name basis or even know that we're part of a larger organization.

Mark Norman and Ron Ellison agreed to run with the project and presented their proposals to the Board in February. Everyone attending the March meeting had a look at the proposed badge designs and were given the opportunity to voice their thoughts about the designs. At the April meeting, on April 16, we hope to make a final decision as a group so that we can have them printed and available at the May meeting.

For now, they'll be printed on paper and we'll use plastic name badge holders. Sometime in the future (several months), we'll revisit the design and use a third-party printer to create plastic name badges. My vote is to have them attach with magnets instead of a pin that goes through my shirt. The cost won't be outrageous, and the cost for the first badge for everyone will be covered by the Division. Lost badges can be replaced, but the cost will be borne by the individual. We hope to see you at the April meeting so that you can voice your opinion. If you can't make it, send me (or anyone on the board) an email with your thoughts about the new badges.

## TIME TABLE

**Apr 6**, Sat 9AM-2PM, KRM Train Show & Sale, New Haven Ky.

**Apr 20**, Sat 2 PM, Div. 8 Mtg. 600 Room.

**May 2-5**, 2019 MCR Convention, Boardman, Ohio.

**May 18**, Sat 2 PM, Div. 8 Mtg. 600 Room.

**Jun 15**, Sat 2 PM, Div 8 Mtg. 600 Room.

**Jul 20**, Sat, Picnic, Salem Depot.

**Aug 17**, Sat 2 PM, Div 8 Mtg. 600 Room.

**Sep 21**, Sat 2 PM, Div 8 Mtg. 600 Room.

**Oct 19**, Sat 2 PM, Div 8 Mtg. 600 Room.

**Nov 14**, Thur 7:30 PM, Div 8 Mtg. Southern Indiana Club

**Nov 16**, Sat 10 to 3, Div 8 Train Show

**Dec**, Holiday Party, TBA



## YOUR ARTICLES AND PHOTOS ARE NEEDED

The Pie Card depends on you for articles and photos. An article in the Pie Card could count toward your Author AP Certificate. Submit a photo of your layout, or a layout you have visited. Do any railfanning? Submit any pictures you may have taken. Please send to the Pie Card Editor: [dawsobl@bellsouth.net](mailto:dawsobl@bellsouth.net).

**CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST**

*Barry Christensen and Bob Kuchler Contest Co-Chairmen*

<b>April</b>	<b>Passenger Cars</b>
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
February	Diesel Locomotives
March	Structures

There were ten structures entered by seven very talented modelers into the March 2019 Charlie Keeling Model Contest. Steve Lasher won first place with his kit-bashed East Buffalo yard office. Cecil Stewart and John Stoltz tied for second, Cecil placing with his Old Time Station and John with his 3-stall loco repair shop. Third was taken by Bob Frankrone for his two-story section house.

Steve began with a DPM kit and used various types of styrene, Vallejo paints, and weathering washes to build out the model. Steve also added lots of extra parts, such as awnings, handrails, down spouts, meters, hydrants, roof details, signs and lettering decals.

Current contest standings are: Bill Lynch and John Stoltz tied for first with 13 points; Steve Lasher in second with 12; Joe Fields in third with 11; Rick Maloney with 8; Bob Johnson with 7; Bob Frankrone with 5; Ron Ellison and Cecil Stewart with 4; Joe Martin and Mike Shane with 3; Patrick Hardesty with 2; and John Czerwinski, Rob Johnson, Russell Weis, Chris Broughton, and Tom Guentner with 1.

Herman Weir won the Scale Reproductions gift card.

The contest at the April meeting will be for passenger cars. 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.

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.

**APRIL MEETING INFORMATION**

The April meeting is 2 PM Saturday April 20 at the 600 Room, first floor of the 600 Building, 600 N. Hurstbourne Pkwy. 40222. Use the Whittington Pkwy. entrance. Program: Fred Soward, "Create a Gauntlet Track using FastTracks Tools". Barbara Soward is providing refreshments. **Bob Kuchler will host an open house following the meeting (see details on page 7).**

**MAINTENANCE TIES FUND 2019**

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: \$40, Stephen Taylor, \$20, John Czerwinski; \$11, Jim Kuzirian.

**MEMBER WELFARE**

Our condolences to member Mark Hedge, whose mother passed away March 1. Mrs. Hedge was 94 years old. Per the family's request a donation in Mrs. Hedge name was made to Southern Indiana Animal Rescue in Jeffersonville, IN.

Life member Robert J. Cline of Madison, IN passed away on March 9. Mr. Cline was 92 years old. Our condolences to his family.

A gift card was sent to Robert Wartschlager who was hospitalized last month but is home now.

**APRIL MEETING REPORT**

*By Bob Dawson, Clerk*

The meeting was held at the 600 Room at 2 PM on March 16, 2019.

Superintendent Fred Soward said he was looking for photo and member videos to promote Division events and activities. He also introduced a proposal to have permanent name tags for meetings, and other events (see this page 1 of this issue).

Bruce McKeown presented a informative and entertaining program on modifying models to match prototypes. Bob Kuchler provided refreshments.

The minutes for the March meeting are posted on the Division Website. Click on "Members Page".



### ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

In a “turn- about”, Superintendent Fred Soward presented AP Chairman Joe Fields with a merit award for cars that were judged and sent to the NMRA AP Chairman.

Photo by Bob Dawson



### MARCH CONTEST

Far left, Steve Lasher's first place entry, Yard Office.

Near Left John Stoltz tied with Cecil Stewart for second place with his three stall engine repair shop.

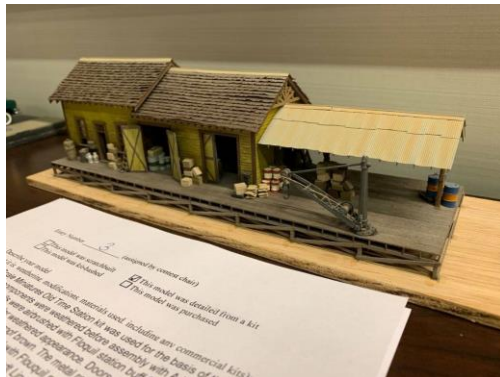
Photos by Fred Soward

### CONTEST (continued)

Right: Cecil Stewart's second place old time depot.

Far right: Third place, Bob Frankrone's section house

Photos by Fred Soward



### MEETING PROGRAM

Right: Bruce McKeown discussed “Building and Modifying Models” at the March meeting. Bruce, a Santa Fe modeler, showed how he modified off the shelf models to be prototypically correct models.

Photo by Bob Dawson



**Thank you !**

*By Ron Ellison Train Show and Sale Chairman*

To all the Division 8 members who attended our Spring 2019 Train Show & Sale thank you ! And to the Train Show Staff, the 20 who made it happen, an even bigger Thank You! 2019 is the 29th year of the Show. We had a paid attendance of 391, just 3 short of Spring 2018. (367 attended the Fall 2018 Show. )

For *The Women of Model Railroading* - **Barbara Soward, Theresa Berry, Karen Fowler and Ruth Lynch**, thank you for your help with the show. Your hard work makes our show better! We can't thank you enough.

The Train Show & Sale is our major source of revenue to fund anything we do. The Division does not receive any money from the NMRA. We are making every effort to keep the Show fresh. We're trying new ideas at each show and always looking for new marketing ideas. If you have any ideas or suggestions, I'd love to hear from you. Or if you have comments on something you didn't like about the Show, we need those too. See me at the Division 8 meeting, call or text (502) 807-7683, or send email - [division8.mcr.nmra@gmail.com](mailto:division8.mcr.nmra@gmail.com) .

The Fall 2019 Show will be at the NEW venue. We're looking forward to an even bigger and better show.

A final Thank You to Moose Lodge 5. The Lodge has been home to the Show since Fall of 2015. Our relationship with the Lodge was a good one. And we had the setup and teardown honed to an exact science.

Ron Ellison  
Train Show & Sale Chairman

**SPRING TRAIN SHOW AND SALE**



*Photos by Bob Dawson and Fred Soward*



**PIKE SHOW CASE**

Left: “Early morning arrival of *The Chief*” on Bruce McKeown’s HO Santa Fe layout. Bruce writes that this photo won a second place award at the 2018 Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society convention in Chicago. The depot is a Santa Fe one-story depot kit by American Model Builders, and the F-unit locomotive is from Athearn/Genesis.



Above: Rick Maloney takes time out from switching at Harland on Tom Guentner’s L&N Layout.



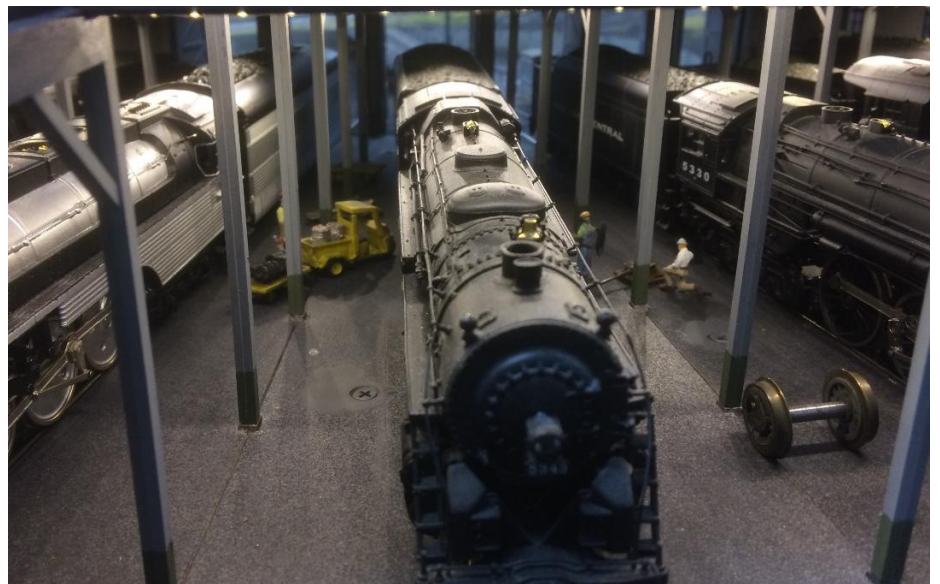
Above: Bob Kocher switching Barbourville during the same session Bob better do it right -- Russ Weis is keeping an eye on him in the background.

*Photos by Fred Soward*

Right:

After their run from Chicago or New York City, the Buffalo roundhouse is bustling with work to get all the “thoroughbreds” ready for their next run. Russ Weis’s HO New York Central-Eastern Division.

*Photo by Russ Weis*



**The Train Show & Sale is Moving . . .**

The Division 8 TRAIN SHOW & SALE is moving to a new venue in the Fall. Our November 16, 2019 Show will be at:

**Holy Family Parish Gymnasium @ Saffin Center  
3938 Poplar Level Road, Louisville, KY 40213  
(Entrance to the venue via Mercer Avenue)**

We decided to look for a new location when our Dealer Tables were sold out 3 weeks before the Spring 2019 Show. The Fall 2018 Show was also sold out early. We needed more space. The new venue was suggested at our March Division 8 meeting by members Bill Edwards and Rob Johnson. We jumped on it and signed a contract for the Fall Show 5 days later.

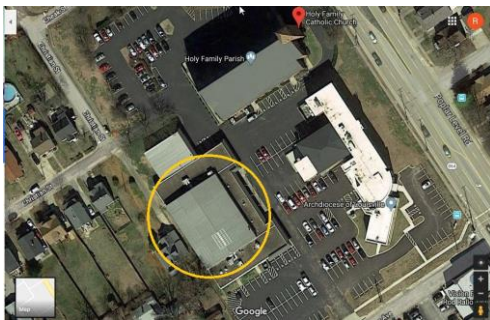
The new venue is larger - 9,460 sq ft compared to 7,700 sq ft at the Moose Lodge. It is a gymnasium so it has excellent bright light - lighting was always a complaint at the Moose Lodge. And it is easy to access -- just ¼'s of a mile off the I-264, Watterson Expressway. There is a Concession for food on site. Tables are included in the rent - This will be a huge saving on overhead for the Show. It's a well maintained property located right behind the offices of the Archdiocese of Louisville and Holy Family Catholic Church.

In the next few weeks we'll be developing a floor plan so we can determine how many dealer tables will fit and where layouts and Education Stations will be located.

We've also reserved dates for the 2020 Train Shows, Saturday March 21, 2020 and Saturday November 14, 2020. Don't forget to mark your calendars now.

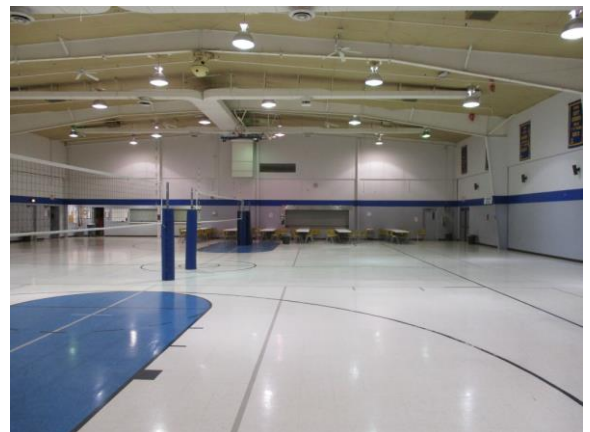
We will face some new but exciting challenges to bring off the 1st Show. But we are up for the task. This will be a very positive move forward for the Show.

Ron Ellison  
Train Show & Sale Chairman



Left:  
The gymnasium building is circled.

Google Photo



Above:  
View of the floor looking south toward the concession area. At the time the photo was taken the gym was set up for two parallel volleyball courts.  
Photo by Bob Dawson



Left: Gym building.  
Google Photo



**TRACKSIDE WITH FRED SOWARD**

On an early spring evening, Fred Soward caught this CSX duo waiting alongside Strawberry Lane in Louisville.

The lead unit, #955, is a GE ES44AC-H, trailing is GE AC 4400 CW #314.

**APRIL LAYOUT OPEN HOUSE**

Right and Below:  
Scenes on Bob Kuchler's N-Scale Milwaukee Road layout.  
Bob's layout will be open following the April meeting until 6 PM.

Information will be available at the April meeting.

Photos by Bob Dawson



**Golden Spike Celebration, Train Show and Swap Meet**

Join us for the 150th anniversary of the Gold Spike at the Depot Railroad Museum

When: May 11, 2019

Time: 10:00-4:00

Where: the Depot Railroad Museum, 206 North College Ave, Salem, Indiana 47167

(812) 883-1884 or (812) 620-5948

\$1.50 Admission

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