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# The Pie Card

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## ***From the Superintendent's Desk***

*By Fred Soward*

Last year, the NMRA announced an offer for free boxcars. FREE boxcars? It sounded good on the surface, but there was a catch – no undercarriage, no trucks, no couplers. Ron Ellison submitted the request while I set about thinking about the best way

to make use of them for the Division.

In the middle of once again moving several pieces of Masonite board out of my way to clear a path through our storage unit late last summer, I had a thought. The Masonite was rectangular but could be trimmed to be almost a square foot. Many years ago, Barbara retrieved them by dumpster diving behind the Pikeville, Kentucky Sears Catalog Store after they finished renovating their catalog order bins. FREE!

What if we combined the two “freebies” for a modeling activity that would address “repurposed” rolling stock? Perhaps a “nearly square foot challenge” that other groups and clubs have held? The BoD talked it over and decided that I would present the project at the January 2019 Division 8 membership meeting. So, if you were there, you know all about it. But if you missed the meeting, well, this is how you’re finding out about it.

If you were not there, you also missed the presentation where we brainstormed ideas and looked at a bunch of real-world examples: advertising (attractions, restaurants, stores, visitor centers), bridges, lodging, miscellaneous (church, classroom, office, playground), in-transit/moving by truck or crane, museum, storage (cattle sheds, storage on or off line), and wrecked. We also looked at all the details that would take our projects to the next level (additional/modified roofing, steps, electrical and water service, assorted junk, modified doors, fencing). Our definition of repurposed was a piece of rolling stock that was either old, damaged, not the correct era, “gifted,” or that for some other reason was just not appropriate as a piece of active rolling stock on your layout.

The concept is simple – Use the free boxcar and the free piece of Masonite to make something interesting to be displayed not later than the Division 8 Fall 2019 Train Show and Sale. Why then? Because you will be helping to promote the hobby in a variety of ways including showing what can be done on a small-scale and by thinking outside the box. You could even volunteer to run a mini-clinic/information station about the project during the show. Of course, you could also enter that same project in the November meeting contest (displays/dioramas). You’re limited by only two parameters – use the provided boxcar and Masonite. As for the boxcar, cut it, splice it, paint it, detail it, weather it, and add scenery to the display as much or as little as you like – but keep the basic dimensions of the Masonite the same. Try to come up with something interesting, unique, maybe even whimsical, and with convincing details and scenery.

If you’re interested in being part of this project, let me know and we’ll have a boxcar and a piece of Masonite waiting for you at the next meeting – FREE!

## **JANUARY MEETING REPORT**

*By Bob Dawson, Division Clerk*

The Division met on January 19 at the 600 Room at 2:00PM. Attendance was 34. As part of the treasurer’s report, Mike Berry reported end of the year charitable outreach donations made; \$100 Salem Depot, \$100 Bluegrass Railroad Museum, \$100 to Kentucky Railway Museum, and \$152 to Kentucky Railway Museum Locomotive #152 restoration project.

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## **TIME TABLE**

**Feb 16**, Sat 2 PM, Div. 8 Mtg., South Louisville Antique & Toy Mall.

**Mar 9-10**, Div 7 Train Show and Flea Market, West Chester Ohio.

**Mar 16**, Sat 2 PM, Div. 8 Mtg. 600 Room.

**Mar 23**, Sat 10AM-3PM, Division 8 Train Show and Sale, Moose Lodge.

**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.

**CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST**

Barry Christensen and Bob Kuchler Contest Co-Chairmen

February	Diesel Locomotives
March	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

There were nine freight car entries across several scales and eras for the January 2019 Charlie Keeling Model Contest. John Stoltz won first place with three scratch-built freight cars. Bob Frankrone took second with his flat car carrying a nuclear fuel cask. Third went to Bill Lynch for his two Norfolk Southern covered hoppers. (See Page 3 for photos and descriptions.)

Current contest standings are: Bill Lynch first with 11 points; John Stoltz second with 10; Rick Maloney third with 7, Joe Fields with 6; Steve Lasher, Bob Johnson and Ron Ellison with 4 points; Joe Martin, Bob Frankrone and Mike Shane with 3; Patrick Hardesty with 2; and Russell Weis, Chris Broughton, Cecil Stewart and Tom Guenther with 1.

Bob Johnson won the Scale Reproductions gift card. The contest at the February meeting will be for diesel locomotives. 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.

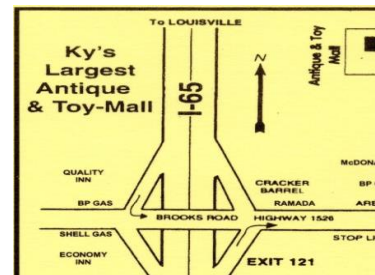


**MARCH CONTEST**  
Diesel Locomotives.

Photo by Bob  
Dawson

**FEBRUARY MEETING INFORMATION**

The February meeting is Saturday, February 16, 2 PM, at the South Louisville Antique & Toy Mall, 4150-8 Blue Lick Road, Louisville, KY 40229. Host is Bob Johnson. The various layouts in HO, N, G, and O-gauge are the program. The model contest will be held at the Toy Mall. **PLEASE PARK AT THE CHURCH ACROSS BLUE LICK ROAD FROM THE TOY MALL. PLEASE BRING A CHAIR.**

**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. Thanks to those who donated during 2018.

**MEETING (continued from page 1)**

Mike also reported a donation \$50 to the Kentucky Humane Society in memory of Patrick Hatter, son of Craig Hatter. Eight Division members received Achievement Program Certificates and/or Merit Awards (see page 3 of this issue). Ron Ellison reported that 33 tables have been sold to date with three more reserved. Fred Soward said we are still planning on going to French Lick Scenic Railroad in July, but he can't get them to answer phone calls (phone calls seem to go straight to a FAX line) or emails. Fred said we may have to look at an alternative location if he doesn't get a response soon. Fred Soward introduced a modeling project to build a diorama using a piece of Masonite board and a box car body (available from him) to be displayed at the Fall 2019 Division 8 and Sale. See Fred's "From the Superintendent's Desk" column on page one for details.

The minutes for the January Meeting are posted on the Division Website. Click on "Members Page".

Joe Fields presented Achievement Awards to the following: Cecil Stewart, 1 Merit Award Structures; Joe Fields (presented by Superintendent Soward), 3 Merit Awards Cars; Chris Broughton, 4 Merit Awards Cars and AP Certificate for Master Builder Cars; Rick Maloney, AP Certificates for Master Builder Structures and Model Railroad Engineer-Civil; Eric Waggoner, AP Certificate Model Railroad Author; Joe Martin, Golden Spike; Daryl Arend, Golden Spike; Tom Guenther, 2 Merit Awards Structures, 1 Merit Award Civil Engineer, AP Certificate Model Railroad Engineer Civil.

From left to right: Chris Broughton, Joe Martin, Joe Fields, Tom Guenther, Eric Waggoner, Daryl Arend, Cecil Stewart, Rick Maloney.

Congratulations to all.  
*Photo by Bob Dawson*

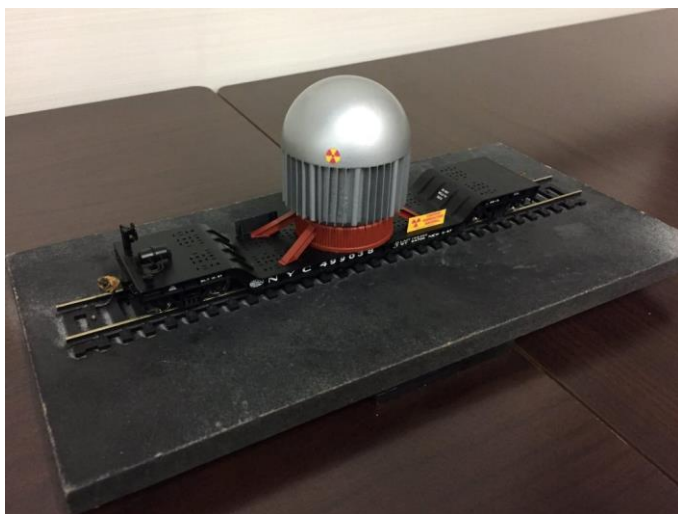


**CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST**

Left:

John Stoltz's first place contest winner. John used Northeastern scale lumber and Tichy parts to build a water car, a coal hopper and a sand gondola. The cars are equipped with Kadee #5 couplers and #501 arch bar trucks.

*Photo by Fred Soward, caption by Barry Chistensen*



Above:  
Left: Bob Frankrone's second place winner. Right: Bill Lynch's third place winner.

*Photos by Fred Soward*

**A SILK PURSE FROM A SOW'S EAR**

By Russ Weis, Photos by Russ Weis



Above: The "sow's ear".

You can make a silk purse from a sow's ear if you have the desire, patience, and the talents of Steve Lasher. Steve took an inexpensive AM Model (see photos) yard office building, added many inexpensive detail parts, plus some scratch built add-ons to make the show piece you see in this article.

What if you're not as talented as some modelers? True, Steve sets the bar pretty high, but you can still have a better looking structure with just a little work.

I'm passing this along as I hear from many folks how expensive laser-cut and good old Walthers Cornerstone buildings cost these days.

Steve has showed me that a coat of Dullcote goes a long way. Add some chinks and another spray of Dullcote and your model doesn't have that right out of the box look.

Right: the "silk purse" completed by Steve.

I've mentioned to you that I try to attend the National Narrow Gauge Convention as their show attracts many different clinicians and unique vendors. There is one company that usually attends and here is their website: <http://www.besttrains.com> and if you go there you'll find tons of inexpensive castings. Do beware they are NOT

painted as shown on the website, however, most only need one, or two paint colors to bring them to life. These castings can really enhance any structure as you can see in the after photo of Steve's yard office.



Already have all the structures you need? Do you like how they look? If not, then use some of these same ideas for enhancing your existing structures. Dullcote and chinks can really change the way your current structure looks. And some signage and WOW, what a different look.

So now you know how the experts do it; go and give it a try.

**TRACKSIDE WITH DIVISION 8**

By Bob Dawson, Photo by Charlie Keeling.

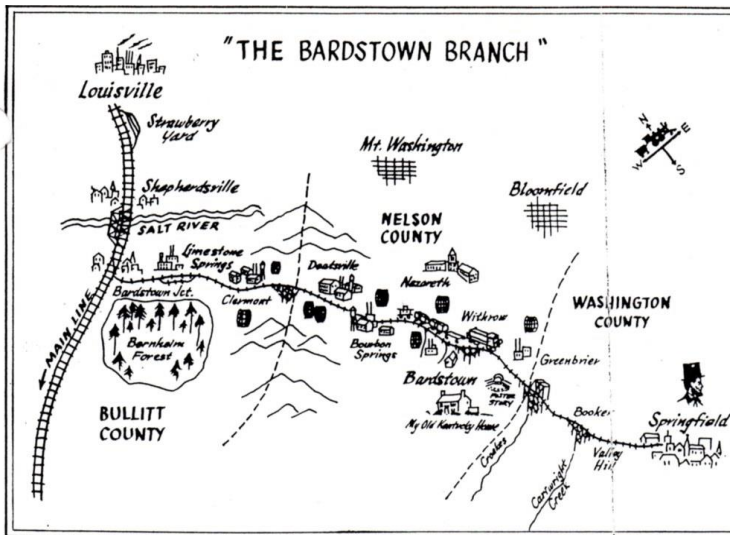


In 2002 Division 8 meetings were held on the third Thursday of each month at the Transit Authority of River City (TARC) located at the former L & N Union Passenger Station. Passenger service at Union Station had ended in 1976 when Amtrak's *Floridian* moved from Union Station to the old Auto-Train Terminal off National Turnpike near the Outer Loop. Amtrak returned to the area in 1999 with the *Kentucky Cardinal* running between Chicago and Jeffersonville. In 2000 the City of Louisville installed a track on the west side of the parking lot of Union Station along 11<sup>th</sup> Street and *Kentucky Cardinal's* route was extended to Louisville.

In 2002 an article in the Courier Journal said you could ride the train northbound between Louisville and Jeffersonville for 75 cents. Upon learning this, the program at the April 12, 2002 Division meeting became

a train ride to Jeffersonville with the train leaving at 9:27 PM. Minivans were had pre-staged mini-vans at the Amtrak Terminal in Jeffersonville for the ride back.

In the picture a few members can be identified: Eric Waggoner, and Fran Hale and Miles Hale facing the train. Amtrak service ended in 2003, and we were "evicted" from Union Station, TARC could no longer provide security which had been paid for by Amtrak.



**DEATSVILLE, KY** by *Bob Dawson*

MP 31.40 on Louisville & Nashville Railroad's Bardstown Branch. Map at left is from the July 1962 L & N Employee's Magazine.

The Bardstown branch was chartered in 1856 as the Louisville & Bardstown Railroad. It was purchased by the L & N and trains were running by the winter of 1861. Eventually the tracks were extended to Springfield, Ky.

Today the line terminates at Bardstown and is owned by the R. J. Corman Railroad, operator of *the My Old Kentucky Dinner Train*.

Right:  
Deatsville began in 1870 when the Post Office was moved to the site from Salyers Farm between Deatsville and Samuels, KY.

The photo at right shows the depot just after the end of prohibition and the opening of the T. W. Samuels Distillery

*Photo from Nelson County: A Pictorial History by Dixie Hibbs.*



Left.  
Passenger service ended in 1953. The Deatsville Depot is now privately owned.

*Photo by Bob Dawson*

Right:  
*My Old Kentucky Dinner Train* passing Deatsville Depot in May 2010.

*Photo by Bob Dawson*





**HARRY MUNZER'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**

Harry again hosted his Christmas Season open house in December. Held on Saturday December 31, both the Lionel and HO layouts were running.

Left: A guest checks out Harry's Lionel Layout.

Harry's Memorial Day Open house for the Swift Creek garden railroad will be Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5 PM.

*Photo by Bob Dawson*



**GOING-GOING-ALMOST GONE ON THE MONON**

Left:

This photo from Facebook taken December 18, 2018 shows a portion of the Monon Tracks at 15<sup>th</sup> and Beeler Streets in New Albany paved over.

Removed ties can be seen in the distance.



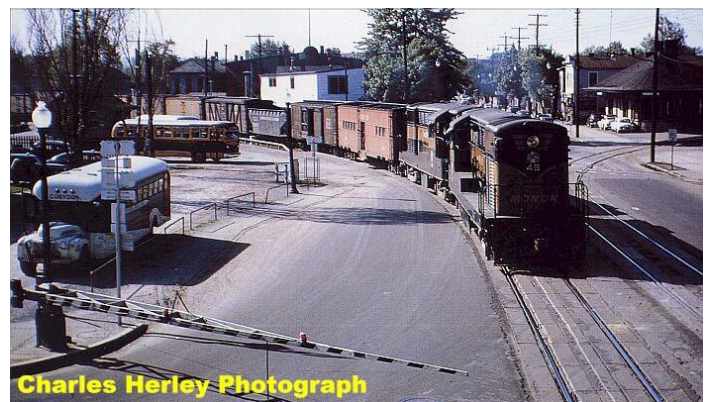
**IN BETTER TIMES**

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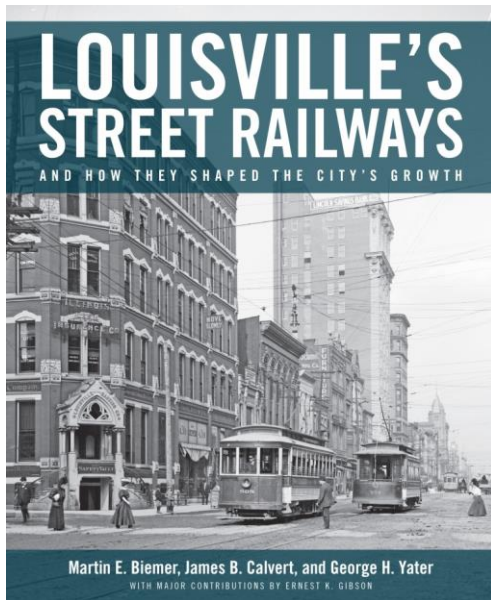
Southbound SOO Freight exercising trackage rights on 15<sup>th</sup> Street. *Photo Bob Dawson Collection.*

Southbound Floridian at VI Tower, July 4, 1976. *Photo by Bob Dawson.*

Southbound Monon Freight approaching VI Tower. *Photo by Charles Herley*



**Charles Herley Photograph**



**SPECIAL TROLLEY PROGRAM AT U of L MARCH 10**

The University of Louisville Archives and Special Collections will host a special program March 10 featuring a discussion about the recently published book, *Louisville's Street Railways, and How They Shaped the City's Growth*.

Martin E. Biemer, co-author, will pay tribute to the other co-authors, renowned Louisville historians George Yater and James Calvert, and major contributor Ernest Gibson (all three now deceased). He will also describe the adventure of researching and writing the book, and will read selections from its pages.

Attendees will have an opportunity to purchase the book, and to have books autographed by Biemer.

The event will begin at 2 p.m. EDT in the Chao Auditorium on the lower level of the Ekstrom Library. (Reminder: this will be the first day of daylight savings time this year.) Free parking is available on-campus.

For more information, please contact Archives & Special Collections at 852-6752.



**DIVISION 8 AT 2019 GREAT TRAIN SHOW.**

Above: Bob Kuchler, Bob Frankrone, and Rick Maloney.

Photo by Bob Dawson

Right:

Don Fowler introduces a young man to operations on the Division 8 "Demonstration" module. Photo by Fred Soward



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SPRING TRAIN SHOW & SALE**

We need volunteers to help with setup, dealer unloading, and teardown. The times are:

- 3:00 PM Friday, March 22 - Setup
- 7:15 AM Saturday, March 23 - Dealer unloading assistance
- 3:00 PM Saturday, March 23 - Teardown

There will be a signup sheet again at the February Division 8 meeting. If you would like to signup but are unable to attend the February meeting, just email, text or phone me.

Ron Ellison Train Show & Sale Chairman (502) 807-7683. Email: [division8.mcr.nmra@gmail.com](mailto:division8.mcr.nmra@gmail.com)

## TRAIN SHOW AND SALE

Sponsored by Louisville Division 8 - National Model Railroad Association

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Facebook: NMRA-Division 8-Louisville, KY

LOCATION:



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Children under 12 FREE with an adult

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