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From the Superintendent's Desk

By Fred Soward

I readily admit it – my favorite part of the hobby is ops. I love seeing the orchestrated movement of freight and passenger cars over a model railroad as a coordinated effort of model railroaders attempting to mimic the prototype. Several Division 8 members

recently asked me how to get involved with ops on layouts other than their own. My suggestions are always the same:

- Ask a layout owner.
- Find out when a local club is running.
- Register with operatingsessions.com.
- Be a good guest.

We are fortunate to have operations-oriented layouts in our area. The layout owners graciously host operating sessions on a quasi-regular basis. Get to know those people and you'll likely find yourself receiving an invitation. I regularly operate on layouts within about a two-hour radius of Louisville because I asked. I'm invited back again and again because I was (I hope) a good guest when visiting those layouts.

There are numerous club layouts hosting regular operating sessions within a 90-minute drive of Louisville. They're all on the Internet so a simple search will find them. Visit them a couple times to see if the group is a fit for you, then decide if you want to join. Most model railroad clubs will welcome you as a member, but keep in mind that there are usually dues and perhaps other requirements.

Operatingsessions.com is a relatively new option. It allows layout owners to create events and for operators to sign up for those events. The recently completed SWOOPS (SouthWest Ohio OPS) weekend in the Cincinnati area used this website for registrations as did last year's CIRROPS (Central Indiana Railroad OPS) weekend. In addition to the group events, individual layout owners are beginning to use the website to announce ops sessions, easing their management of email lists and tracking who has signed up to attend individual sessions. Go sign up today!

When you attend an operating session, you're a guest. Unless it's a club layout, you're a guest in someone's home as well. It's their railroad so the rules of the railroad apply to YOU as an operator. If the rule is to use uncoupling magnets, don't be "that guy" who insists on lifting the cars off the track to uncouple. You'll make mistakes and that's OK -- it's expected if you're a new operator. But you should be learning from them. A few weeks ago, Russ Weis and I were running a local on Chris Broughton's layout. I pushed more than one cut of cars off the end of a siding because I wasn't ready for the high momentum setting on the locomotive we were using. By the end of the evening, I was comfortable enough to be able to drop cars exactly in front of specific industry doors.

If you're interested in getting started in ops, be sure to talk to me or any of the others in Division 8 who regularly attend ops sessions. If you don't know who those people are – ask.

OCTOBER MEETING REPORT

By Bob Dawson, Clerk

The October meeting was held on Thursday night, October 17, 2019. Ron Ellison and Mark Hedge gave a November 16 Train Show and Sale update. 88 tables have been sold to date. Division members can enter early at 9 AM. Members must show their NMRA membership card. Under new business Steve Lasher read a letter to the Division regarding the
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TIME TABLE

Nov 14, Thur 7 PM, Div 8 Mtg.

Southern Indiana Club

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

Dec 7, Crown Plaza, Holiday Party

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Jan 18, Sat 2 PM, Div 8 Mtg. 600 room.

Feb 15, Sat 2 PM, Antique & Toy Mall

Mar 19, Thu 7 PM, Div 8 Mtg. 600 room.

Mar 21, Sat 10 to 3 Div 8 Train Show

CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST*Barry Christensen Contest Chairmen*

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

There were four HO steam locomotives entered into the October edition of the Charlie Keeling Model Contest. Steve Lasher took first place with a NYC 2-8-2 built from a British DJH locomotive kit and Bachmann tender. Second place went to Joe Fields for his Rivarossi N&W Y6B Mallet. Bill Lynch was third with his Southern Mikado.

Steve used a multitude of detail parts to reflect NYC practice on the locomotive and tender. A new Tsunami decoder, speaker and LED's were installed. The model was painted, decaled and weathered.

At this point, contest standings are: Joe Fields is first with 10 points; Rick Geerts is tied for second with Bill Lynch at 6; Steve Lasher is third with 5; Kevin Jones has 3; and Edward Brennan, Bob Johnson, John Stoltz and Russ Weis all have 2.

Eric Waggoner won the Scale Reproductions gift card.

The contest at the November meeting will be for displays and dioramas. 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 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.

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rules of the Model Contest. In his letter he questioned the intent of the contest. Was the intent to further and recognize modeling skills, or a "Bring and Brag" contest? *(Continued in column 2 this page)*

**NOVEMBER MEETING INFORMATION**

This month's meeting will be THURSDAY evening, November 14, 2018, 7:30 PM at the Southern Indiana Model Railroad Club in Jeffersonville, IN. They are located in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church, 222 Walnut Street, Jeffersonville IN 47130 (Walnut and Chestnut Streets). Take exit 0 from I-65 to Court Avenue. Continue on Court Avenue ½ miles to Walnut Street. Turn right on Walnut and go two blocks to Chestnut. Turn left on Chestnut, the church is on the southeast corner, park in the lot on the east side of the church. Enter from the parking lot. Take the steps or elevator to the basement.

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: \$50, Ed Brennan; \$40, Stephen Taylor; \$33, Jim Kuzirian; \$30, John Czerwinski; \$10 Don Fowler.

MEMBER WELFARE AND BREAVEMENT

Our condolences to Mark Hedge upon the death of his father Warren Hedge. Mr. Hedge passed away on Tuesday October 8, 2019 at the age of 96.

MEETING REPORT *(continued from column 1)*

Steve made the following motion which was seconded by Joe Fields. After discussion the motion was amended with an amendment moved by Mike Berry. The motion with amendment:

That the Charlie Keeling Model Contest rules be revised to state that 1) Models entered in the monthly Charlie Keeling Model Contest reflect some work on the part of entrant whether it be scratch building, assembling from a kit, additional detailing, or painting/or weathering to the extent that some value to the entry should have been added by the entrant. 2) Entries in the Photo Contest should be the photographer of the photo entered. Items offered that do not meet the contest rules may be entered for display only. Such entries would earn a participation point, but would not be voted on.

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OCTOBER MEETING

Left: Barbara Soward followed the meeting with an entertaining and informative program, "National Narrow Gauge Convention 2019 - Sacramento, CA."

Photo by Bob Dawson

OCTOBER CONTEST

Right: Steve Lasher took first place with his HO NYC 2-8-2. See page 2, Charlie Keeling Contest article for details.

Photo by Fred Soward



PIKE SHOWCASE

Left: A large heat exchanger sits just outside the L&N repair facility on Bob Frankrone's modular switching layout. The heat exchanger load is a 3D printed kit that Bob purchased from Dimensional Modeling Concepts at the National Train Show in Salt Lake City. The nut and bolt detail, combined with the glossy paint finish, really bring this load to life.

Photo by Bob Frankrone

Right:

The new yard on the Southern Indiana Railroad Club layout in Jeffersonville, IN.

The Southern Indiana Railroad is hosting the November Division meeting.

Photo by Bob Dawson





Division 8 Christmas Party

Saturday December 7, 2019

CROWNE PLAZA

Louisville Airport

830 Phillips Lane

Louisville, KY 40209

Free Parking

Gather at 5:00 PM

Dinner at 6:00 PM

Buffet Dinner \$30/Person

Menu:

Hoisin Salmon

Chicken Breast with Maderia Sauce

Tender Beef Tips with Sautéed Mushrooms and Pasta Ribbons

Chef's Choice of Potato and Two Fresh Vegetables

Fresh Fruit Bowl & Pasta Salad

Double Chocolate Cake & Carrot Cake

Send your reservation payment by Tuesday, November 29, 2019 to:

Mike Berry

14404 Forest Glenn Ct

Louisville, KY 40245

Silver Spike Award Presentation and Brief Program to Follow The Dinner

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The motion with the addition of the amendment was voted on by a show of hands. The result was 11 yes, 11 no. Without a majority the motion failed.

Since the vote was even, Fred Soward said the subject should be looked at to see what the membership as a whole wants for the contest. Fred proposed a committee of two or three people working with the contest chairman. Bob Frankrone accepted Fred's request to chair the committee.

Details on the motion are in the minutes for the October meeting posted on the Division Web Site.

TRAIN SHOW & SALE

OUR 29TH YEAR

**FALL TRAIN SHOW & SALE**

By Train Show Chairman Ron Ellison

Don't forget -

If you missed the volunteer signup sheet at the Division 8 meeting don't worry - We've got that covered. Just email division8.mcr.nmra@gmail.com. We'll acknowledge your commitment by return email. We need volunteers:
 Friday November 15th @ 3:00 PM to setup
 Saturday November 16th @ 7:00 AM to assist our dealers
 Saturday November 16th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM to assist

with the show and parking

Saturday November 16th @ 3:00 PM to take down the tables & chairs

We will once again be hosting a Division 8 Sales Table at the Fall Train Show & Sale

You can sell 1, 2 or 3 items - more if your items sell or there is room on the table

There is a \$5.00 fee to sell at the table

You keep all the proceeds

We are once again asking Division 8 members to donate Door Prizes for the Fall Train Show & Sale. We are looking for new or gently used railroad items that our attendees might want to win! Please bring your items to the November 14th Division 8 meeting. Door prizes are an important feature of our Show. Your donation will be acknowledged during the Show.

NMRA members can enter the Train Show & Sale at 9:00 AM with your current NMRA membership card in hand. The Show opens to the public at 10:00 AM. Take advantage of this benefit of membership!

**SOUTHERN INDIANA TRAIN SHOW AND SALE**

Division 8 Members set up the Division information station and demo layout at the October 19 Southern Indiana Railroad Club's annual train show and sale.

The show moved this year to the First Presbyterian Church in Jeffersonville where their layout is set up.

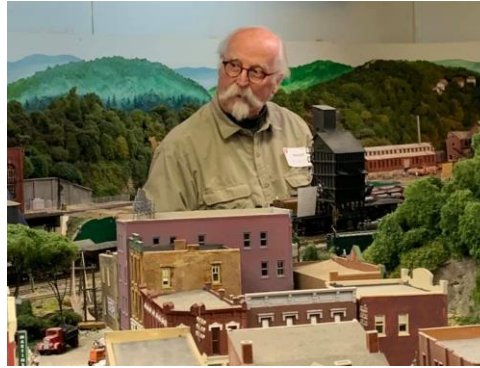
From left to right: Bill Lynch, Bob Dawson, and Cecil Stewart. Tom Guenther also helped.

Photo by Jeff McMahan



SWOOPS 2019

The Cincinnati-Dayton area hosted the SouthWest Ohio OPS weekend (SWOOPS), October 18-20, 2019. Four intrepid Division 8 members trekked north to participate.



Left:

Ron Ellison switching one of the yards on John Listerman's B&O layout.

Photo from Fred Soward.

Left:

Two wild and crazy guys! Russ Weis and Fred Soward on Jerry Albers' Virginian layout.

Photo by Rob Cooper

Right: Rob Cooper working the Cuyama industries on Rick Stern's Santa Fe layout.

Photo from Fred Soward



Left:

In 1869 the Central Pacific Railroad laid a record 10 miles of track in one day while constructing the Transcontinental Railroad in northern Utah. This photo was taken by Bob Frankrone as he drove on the Central Pacific roadbed just a few miles west of the Promontory National Historic site. Bob visited the site while attending the NMRA National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah this past July.

Photo by Bob Frankrone



K & I MODEL RAILROAD CLUB HAS A NEW HOME

By Ed Brennan



In case you've been under a rock and haven't kept up with the news, the K & I Model Railroad Club now has a new home at 2621 S 4th Street, Louisville, KY 40208. It's centrally located and should provide easy access for members and guests alike. We're anticipating some open houses in 2020; stay tuned for more information.

Photo by Ron Ellison

Our members, with some "helper service" from Division 8 folks, have been working diligently to bring our new location up to acceptable standards for the K & I layouts. We've installed insulation and wiring, constructed a bathroom and storage room, and finished heater connections. We anticipate moving the main layout modules to our new home in early

November. Additionally, the traveling layout will be in place there after the Southwest Regional Library Holiday Show over the holidays.

After checking the modules for viability, we'll utilize what we can and also start some new construction to change the flavor of the layout. We're moving to a sectional concept, planning to implement JMRI for operations, and generally moving forward in the K & I saga.

A special thanks to those members of Division 8 who've played an important role in getting us to where we are today. For all Division 8 members, please consider this your personal invitation to visit the K & I's new home to watch as we progress. You can also check out our schedule and activities on Facebook and Instagram and at kandimrr.com.

As a reminder, the K & I always welcomes persons interested in railroads and model railroads to consider joining us as members. Details are available on our website under the Membership tab.

Editor's Note: The K & I Model Railroad Club's Traveling Layout will be set up at the Southwest Regional Library in Valley Station beginning December 26 until New Years. Check their website or Facebook page for details.

OPERATING ON THE PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHERN

By Bob Dawson

On October 28th Bob Dawson, Joe Fields, Bill Lynch and Fred Soward journeyed to Charleston, WV for two days of operations on MMR Bob Weinheimer's HO Pennsylvania Southern. Tom Harris, one of Bob's regular operators joined us for the second day. Note that Bob is a former Division 8 member and was an active operator here.



Left:

Bill Lynch is working at Pittsburgh Yard while owner Bob Weinheimer looks on.

Photo by Fred Soward

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Right:

Joe Fields is at the throttle of a Southern run-through crossing the trestle to Cannonsburg.

Photo by Bob Dawson



Left:

Foreground, Bob Dawson and Bill Lynch are switching at Bridgeville. Behind them Joe Fields and Bob Weinheimer are working at West Union. Photo by Fred Soward

Right:

Tom Harris switching the Waynesburg Turn.

Photo by Bob Dawson



Left: Leased Power on the Pennsylvania Southern. Fred Soward's Cotton Belt GP40-2 gets a workout. Photo by Fred Soward

Far right:

Fred Soward switching at Bridgeville.

Right: Fred Soward and Joe fields are switching Ohio River Polymers at Pittsburgh.

Photos by Bob Dawson



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OUR 29TH YEAR



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
 Holy Family Parish Saffin Center (**NEW LOCATION**)
 3938 POPLAR LEVEL RD, LOUISVILLE, KY 40213

- Model Trains in All Scales
- Operating Layouts and Displays
- Retail Sales - Over 100 tables
- Information Stations
- Hourly Door Prizes!
- Great Food & Beverages
- FREE Parking

ADMISSION

\$6.00 Per Person – Children 12 and under free with an adult
NMRA members can enter the show at 9:00 AM
with your current membership card in hand

Dealer Tables available - \$30 per table

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