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From the Superintendent's Desk

By Fred Soward

It's all Russ Weis' fault. Last year, when Barbara & I were talking about a Minnesota trip, he said, "Y'know, if you stay just a little longer you could go to the National Narrow Gauge Convention (NNGC) in Minneapolis. It's in the same state and the convention is right after the trip you already have planned." So, we did. And we enjoyed it. A lot. And then we signed up to attend this year's convention in Sacramento, CA, as well.

Now it's a year later and after being home more than two weeks I'm still recovering from this year's NNGC. Although it was officially four days, there was an additional day on the front end for visiting layouts in the San Francisco Bay Area. Not including the modular layouts displayed at the convention center, Barbara and I visited 30 home and club layouts during our time in California – N scale to 18" gauge. We put almost 2,000 miles on the rental car; California is a BIG state and the layouts we visited are spread out across a wide expanse of central California.

We learned a lot about building layouts, working on scenery, conducting ops, building structures, and detailing a model railroad empire. We visited with old friends from across the world and gained new friends as well. For me, I was able to visit face-to-face with people I knew only through email, Facebook, and discussion groups. We saw many unique solutions and picked up new tips along the way.

We saw several home layouts that were in dedicated buildings, detached from the main house. Most of the home layouts were in garages, but we also saw a couple of basement (yes, even in California!) layouts; we even saw one HOn3 layout that was built in a golf cart garage (the backyard of the home was on a fairway). It was interesting to see all the different solutions to using available space and to see how each layout owner's vision of their layout is being implemented. Surprisingly, more than half the layouts were not narrow gauge even though it was a narrow gauge convention!

We spent most of our clinic time learning about scenery and structure building. After all, what's the difference between an HO scale tree and an HOn3 tree? Nothing. What about On3? Just the size! Same goes with structures. Other than the bridges being a bit narrower, the construction techniques are the same. Barbara took the opportunity to attend a hands-on clinic where she built a furnace filter tree. I was skeptical, but it really looks good and we both agreed that it will fit in well on our layout as a forest filler or background tree. She had a good time and learned a new technique. She's now thinking about a meeting clinic and/or Information Station at one of our Train Shows using what she learned in that clinic.

Next year, the NNGC is in St Louis, September 2-5, and the NMRA National Convention is in St Louis, July 12-18 – just a 4-hour drive from Louisville. There's a lot happening at both conventions and they're definitely worth the time and cost to attend. Be sure to take a few minutes at an upcoming Division 8 meeting to ask either of us about our experience at NNGC or National NMRA conventions. You're sure to get an earful and more.

SEPTEMBER MEETING REPORT

By Bob Dawson, Clerk

My thanks to Mike Berry who took the minutes for the September meeting in my absence. The September meeting was held September 21, 2019 at the 600 building. There were 27 members and 3 guests in attendance. It was announced that the nominating committee is receiving nominations for the 2020 elections. Ron Ellison reported that the Company Store now Division baseball caps for sale. Ron reported that 58 tables have been sold to day for the Fall Train Show. There will be an "Information Station" manned by Mark Norman and Bob Frankrone. Fred Soward gave a recap of the
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TIME TABLE

Oct 12-13, Cincinnati Train Show

Oct 17, Thur 7 PM, Div 8 Mtg. 600 Room.

Oct 19, Sat 10AM-3PM Southern Indiana Club Train Show, First Presbyterian Church, Jeffersonville.

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

CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST*Barry Christensen Contest Chairmen*

October	Steam Locomotives
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

There were eleven entries by seven members in the popular photo category, this past month's round of the Charlie Keeling Model Contest, making it the biggest of the past year. Joe Fields took first place with a color photo of L&N "Big Emma" #1971. Second place went to Bill Lynch for his color photo of Southern steamer #630 at Lexington taken with his Canon at ASA 400. There was a tie for third place between Edward Brennan for his composition of models on his home layout entitled "Coal Dock Interlude" and Russ Weis for his I-Pad shot of a Stewart Hobbies HO-scale RS-12 locomotive detailed by Steve Lasher.

Joe's winning photo was taken by pioneering color photographer Jack Fravert as the super-power loco was departing DeCoursey with Cincinnati-Atlanta fast freight #43, per information provided by Ron Flanary.

Contest standings are now thus: Joe Fields is first with 7 points; Rick Geerts second with 5; Bill Lynch in third at 4; Kevin Jones with 3; Edward Brennan, Bob Johnson, John Stoltz and Russ Weis all have 2, and Steve Lasher has 1.

Bob Johnson won the Scale Reproductions gift card. The contest at the October meeting will be for steam 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 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.

**OCTOBER MEETING INFORMATION**

The October meeting is Thursday October 17, 7:00 PM at the 600 Room, first floor of the 600 Building, 600 N. Hurstbourne Pkwy. 40222. Use the Whittington Pkwy. entrance. Program: Barbara Soward, "National Narrow Gauge Convention 2019 - Sacramento, CA." Mark Norman is providing refreshments.

NOTE MEETING DATE AND TIME CHANGE

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 Lamont Williams upon the loss of his brother.

MEETING REPORT (continued from page 1)

the layout tours and thanked the layout owners for opening their layouts to us.

Fred reported that the Division Christmas Party will be December 7th the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel. Gather 5 PM, dinner at 6 PM with a program to follow. Price will be \$30/person for a buffet dinner payable in advance to Mike Berry by November 29.

Russ Weis gave the program "Enhancing Operations." John and Regina Czerwinski provided refreshments. Bob Imscher hosted the after meeting layout tour.

The minutes for the September meeting are posted on the Division Web Site.

SOUTHERN INDIANA TRAIN SHOW
Saturday October 19, 2019, 10AM to 3PM,
First Presbyterian Church, Jeffersonville, IN
Admission: 1 can good for the Food Pantry



Left:

Congratulations to Chris Broughton (in red shirt) for achieving yet another step in his MMR journey. Just two more scratchbuilt structures and judging on several super detailed kit structures for his final AP certificate. Joe Fields presented Chris with his certificate.

Photo by Barbara Soward

Right:

Thanks to Bob Irmischer for opening his layout following the meeting.

Photo by Fred Soward



SEPTEMBER 14 SELF DRIVING LAYOUT TOUR



Left:

The first layout on the tour was Fred Soward's. Fred is describing his plans for the layout.

Photo by Bob Dawson



Larry Smith's layout in Lawrenceburg, KY was the second stop on the tour. Above, Larry (blue shirt) with Russ Weis and Ramona Johnson. Left: Engine House on Larry's layout.

Photos 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

SEPTEMBER SELF DRIVING LAYOUT TOUR (Continued)

Right:

John Bowling's HO L&N inspired layout in Danville, KY was the next stop on the tour. This a completely new layout than the one we had visited several years ago. John (in black shirt) is describing features on his layout to Barbara and Fred Soward.

Below:

Double headed power on an L&N freight train meets a passenger train on John's layout.

Photos by Bob Dawson



After a free lunch at the Danville Arby's compliments of John Bowling, we headed for Bardstown, KY to continue our day of touring.

Above: Cecil Stewart (in back shirt) describes the concept of his layout now under construction.

Left: Cecil's layout features a double track helix connecting the upper and lower levels.

Photos by Bob Dawson



The number of people who visited at each layout varied but a total of 26 members attended over all. Thanks to the layout hosts who opened their layouts to us.

SEPTEMBER SELF DRIVING LAYOUT TOUR (Continued)



Our final stop was at John Czerwinski's N-Scale Layout. Actually John has two layouts under construction. Above left: John (in plaid shirt) answers questions. Above Right: John's N-Scale Traction layout. *Photos by Bob Dawson*

TRACKSIDE WITH BOB DAWSON

Right: L&N J3 Mikado 1593 (nee Southern 4501) waits at Chickamauga, GA to recouple to the Chickamauga Turn for its return trip to Chattanooga, TN on September 21, 2019.

Southern 4501 was repainted to stand in for a L&N J3 for the Louisville & Nashville Historical Society Convention at the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum, Chattanooga, September 19-21.



Left: Southern 4501 (L&N 1593), New Albany, IN circa 1972.

Photo by Bob Dawson

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

By Joe Fields Achievement Program Chairman



Even though it still doesn't feel like it, fall of the year has come, and it's time to dig out those projects that have been sitting around all summer while other things occupied our time. Maybe you have a project that's almost finished or maybe you just have to sit down and do the required paper work in order for it to be judged. Now is a great time to get back in the swing of things. I have been able to attend some operating sessions during the summer. When I complete 2 hours and 10 minutes more of dispatching, I will have enough required hours to submit my paper work for Chief Dispatcher.

Congratulations to Chris Broughton who has received a merit award for another structure. Chris also submitted two more structures for judging receiving 125 points for one and 117 points for the other. He now needs to build 8 more structures to obtain his last certificate for Master Model Railroader. Well done Chris. As always if you need something judged bring it to a Division 8 meeting, call or email me and we'll be able to get you one step closer to MMR. Thanks to all who participate in the NMRA Achievement Program.



Above: Barbara Soward at the Narrow Gauge Convention. Photo by Fred Soward



PIKE SHOWCASE-RUSS WEIS

Above: Canadian National 3554 is heading home after leaving a cut of interchange cars at the Central's East Buffalo yard. Van Hobbies loco detailed and weathered by Steve Lasher.

Right: In bound from Toronto CP Geep 8409 is headed for the East Buffalo yard where the Central crews will start classifying the train. Life-Like model weathered and detailed by Steve Lasher, Photos by Russ Weis

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L & N LAYOUT IN O-SCALE

By Bob Dawson, photos by Bob Dawson

Layout tours were part of the L&N Historical Society Convention. One of the layouts was Michael George's model of the L&N's "Hook & Eye" between Copperhill, TN and Whitestone, GA. Michael's layout is featured in *Model Railroad Planning 2019*.



The layout is set in the summer of 1948.

Left: Caboose #180 is posed in front of the Copperhill, TN depot.

Below: A local led by Pacific 231 is approaching Bridge 74 over the Toccoa River.



Above: #231 crosses Bridge 80 across Dry Creek.



Right: #231 arriving at Elijay, GA.



Left: #231 Pauses at the Elijay Depot.

The layout is multi-deck around the walls in a 24x32 foot room above a large garage. The track is handlaid code 125 with some code 100 used for the sidings. Control is direct-current with P-B-L Foreground Sound.

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