

The Pie Card

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Mid Central Region, National Model Railroad Association



From the Superintendent's Desk

Our semi-annual Train Show and Sale allows us to share our model railroading hobby with the public. Hosting this event allows us to do many things during the year for the division, for area railroad museums and groups, and for other railroad-related education activities.

Our March 21, 2020 Train Show and Sale at the Holy Family Parish Saffin Center is set to be the largest ever for Division 8. How will you be a part of it?

We've reserved every available space at the venue. We expect to have more dealer tables than ever before. More layouts than ever before. And we will once again have our Information Stations for people to learn about model railroading, Division 8, and the NMRA.

Can you spread the word by telling others? How about inviting a friend, a neighbor, or a relative? Or better yet – can you bring one or more of those people with you when you attend the event?

Don't forget to tell your fellow model railroaders that they can gain early admission by showing their current NMRA membership card when they pay at the door. That's a full hour earlier than non-NMRA members.

Can you help with table setup Friday evening or help with putting things away on Saturday afternoon? How about helping dealers get moved in Saturday morning? Can you staff an Information Station during the event? During every show there are many other things that must be done to make it run smooth for our guests – I've barely scratched the surface of that list.

If you've not already earned your NMRA Achievement Program Volunteer certificate, working the show counts toward that as well.

Check with Ron Ellison – there are plenty of opportunities available for you!

FEBRUARY MEETING REPORT

By Bob Dawson, Clerk



The February meeting was held February 15, 2020, 2 PM at the South Louisville Antique and Toy Mall on Blue Lick Road. The meeting was hosted by Bob and Ramona Johnson. The O-6-O Model Railroad Club had their layout running. Some of the other layouts, including the G-Gauge layout were running also.

Left: Part of the crowd at the February meeting. Photo by Bob Dawson

A short business meeting was followed by enjoyment of Ramona's delicious brownies, the Charlie Keeling Model Contest and visiting with the layouts.

More photos from the meeting start on page 3 of this issue. The minutes for the February meeting are posted on the Division Web Site. Go to members pages.

TIME TABLE

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

Mar 21, Sat 10 to 3 Div 8 Train Show & Sale, Safin Center, Holy Family Parish.

Apr 18, Sat 2 PM, Div 8 Mtg. 600 Room.

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

May 28-31 MCR Convention, Pittsburgh, PA

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

Jul 12-18 NMRA Convention, St. Louis, MO

July 25, Sat Noon, Div 8 Picnic, Indiana Live Steamers, Edinburg, IN.

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

Sep 12, Sat 2 PM, Div 8 Mtg. 600 Room.

Sep 19-20, Sat-Sun, Div 8 Louisville Train Day, Safin Center, Holy Family Parish.

Oct 15, Thur, 7PM Southern Indiana Club, Jeffersonville, IN.

Nov 7, Sat 2 PM, Div 8 Mtg. 600 Room.

Nov 14, Sat 10 to 3 Div 8 Train Show & Sale, Safin Center, Holy Family Parish.

Dec 5, Sat 5 PM, Div 8 Christmas Party, Crowne Plaza.

CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST*Barry Christensen Contest Chairmen*

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
February	Diesel Locomotives

There were seven diesel-electric locomotives from four generations entered into the February 2020 edition of the Charlie Keeling Model Contest. With a three-way tie for second place, lots of contest points were awarded this time around. Bill Lynch received first place for his Norfolk Southern MP15DC. Second place was shared by Steve Lasher for his Stewart F3A in NYC paint, Joe Fields for his Rivarossi E8A in his pike's scheme, and Craig Hatter for his Rock Island U33B. Rick Geerts received third place with his GE C40-8W in UP livery.

Photo and details about Bill's winning entry along with photos of the other contest winners begin on page 3 of this issue.

The contest standings have been transformed: Joe Fields remains at first with 17 points; Rick Geerts and Bill Lynch are now tied for second with 13; Steve Lasher is third with 8; next is Kevin Jones with 6; Bob Johnson with 5; Chris Broughton with 4; Daryl Arend, Bob Frankrone and Chris Hatter with 3; Edward Brennan, John Stoltz and Russ Weis with 2; and Rob Johnson, Bob Kuchler, Mark Norman, Ron Stigler and Stan White with 1.

Stan White won the Scale Reproductions gift card.

The March 2020 meeting is on Thursday evening the 19th at the 600 Room; the contest will be for structures. 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.

**MARCH MEETING INFORMATION**

The March meeting is **Thursday March 19th, 7:00 PM** at the 600 Room, first floor of the 600 Building, 600 N. Hurstbourne Pkwy. 40222. Use the Whittington Pkwy. entrance. Program: Bruce McKeown. Refreshments: Bob and Kathy Kuchler.

DIVISION 8 ELECTIONS

Ballots will be counted and the results will be announced at the March meeting.

MAINTENANCE TIES FUND 2020

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: \$25, Stephen Taylor; \$11, James Kuzirian.

MEETING PROGRAMS

Do you have a modeling technique you would like to share with your fellow members? Have you visited an interesting layout, taken a railfan trip, or a rail or model railroad convention and have pictures? Program Chairman Russ Weis needs you. See Russ at a meeting to volunteer.

CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST SURVEY

A motion was made at the October 2019 Division 8 meeting proposing changes to the Charlie Keeling Model Contest. After receiving a second and discussion, a vote was called. The vote was even without a majority. Since the vote was even Fred Soward appointed Bob Frankrone and Barry Christensen to poll members on their opinion regarding changes to the contest.

You will receive an on-line survey asking your opinion. For members without internet access a paper copy is included with the Pie Card. Please take the time to complete this survey. Your input is important. Results will be announced at the April meeting.

FEBRUARY MEETING PHOTOS

Photos by Fred Soward

Left: Congratulations to Bob Kuchler for picking up three NMRA Achievement Program awards at the February meeting. Bob recently completed the requirements for Civil Engineer and submitted the paperwork for Author. The Volunteer award is a reissue for a misplaced certificate that was received a few years ago. Bob also had four scratch built freight cars judged at Saturday's Division 8 meeting. When that certificate is presented he will be just one award away from earning his Master Model Railroader.



Right: Bill Lynch took first place with his Norfolk Southern MP15DC.

Bill began with an undecorated Atlas MP15DC for his winning entry, adding correct prototype rooftop AC and horn, giving it a coat of NS black paint and decals, followed by weathering with pan pastels. Bill also installed a new DCC decoder for prototypical motor operation, lights and sound.



There was a three-way tie for second place, Steve Lasher's New York Central F-3A, Joe Fields' Eastern Kentucky & Cumberland Gap E8A, and Craig Hatter's Rock Island U33B.



SPRING TRAIN SHOW AND SALE**HOW WILL YOU BE PART OF THE DIVISION 8 SPRING TRAIN SHOW AND SALE, MARCH 21, 2020?**

One way is to volunteer as Show Staff. Just email division8.mcr.nmra@gmail.com . We'll acknowledge your commitment by return email. We need volunteers:

- Friday March 20th @ 7:30 PM to setup
- Saturday March 21st @ 7:00 AM to assist our dealers
- Saturday March 21 @ 3:00 PM to take down the tables & chairs

Division 8 Members Sales Table:

- You can sell 1 to 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
- Buyers can now use a credit card to pay

Door Prize Donations.

- We are asking Division 8 members to donate Door Prizes for the Spring 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 March 19th Division 8 meeting. Your donation will be acknowledged during the Show.

Early entry to 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!



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PIKE SHOWCASE

Above: Allied Rail Rebuilders on Ron Downs' N Scale Railroad. Ron models L & N, Southern and Interstate Railroads in Southwest Virginia.

Photo by Bob Dawson

**Gateway 2020**

The 2020 NMRA National
Convention will be held July
12-18 in St. Louis, Missouri

FEBRUARY MEETING PHOTOS (continued)

Photos by Fred Soward

Right: Rick Geerts took third place in the Model Contest with his HO scale GE C40-8W in UP livery. Photos by Fred Soward



Above:

Bob Johnson's CSX 8712 in G scale entry.



Right:

Rob Johnson entered this HO scale Union Pacific SD40-2 in Desert Storm paint scheme.



TRACKSIDE WITH BILL LYNCH

It's January 16, 2020 and Bill is in Seymour, IN. GP40-2 leads a CSX local eastbound on the old B&O Cincinnati-St.Louis main line.

Note the B&O color-position-light signal. Its days are probably numbered, as these are being replaced to implement Positive Train Control.

OH YES! CAMP ATTERBURY

By Steve Lasher



Well, well, so our annual Division 8 picnic will be at the Indiana Live Steamers club at Camp Atterbury. There's a story here with more of a connection to the area than you might realize at first, not to mention a personal connection for me. Let me explain.

Camp Atterbury was one of those World War II miracles. From the Army's initial authorization to "consider" a training camp in Indiana in early 1941 to its opening in the fall of 1942 was little over a year. Over 1700 buildings were constructed on its 40,000+ acres. Interestingly, several cemeteries had to have their occupants exhumed and relocated and one small town, "Kansas" disappeared entirely.

Left: Brigadier General William W. Atterbury

It was named for William Wallace Atterbury, a New Albany native. Born in 1866, he attended Yale University and upon graduation he went to work for the Pennsylvania Railroad at Altoona. During World War I, he was commissioned a Brigadier General and served the Allied Expeditionary Force in France. Afterwards, he returned to the Pennsylvania Railroad where he was instrumental in developing the M1 4-8-2's that would become the backbone of PRR's freight service until the end of steam operations. In 1925 he became the 10th president of the Pennsylvania Railroad and served until his death in 1935 (interestingly, attributed to "apoplexy", an antiquated medical term meaning "internal bleeding" -- in his case, a stroke). It was under his leadership that the Pennsy undertook its monumental electrification program that would see PRR lines from Manhattan to Washington and Harrisburg put under 12,000 volt wires. It remains today as the largest electrification program in the Western Hemisphere.

Right: Pennsylvania Railroad M1 4-8-2 Mountain

During the war, Camp Atterbury not only served its primary mission of training several army divisions but in addition had several secondary missions as well. A 6000 bed (monstrous) hospital and convalescent center "Wakeman Army Hospital" was built there; it not only treated the wounded from overseas but also trained several army field hospitals. Late in the war approximately 13,000 Italian and German prisoners of war were interned there. It's had a checkered career since it's closing in 1946, and currently serves as a training base for the Indiana National Guard among other things.



My dad was employed for a few years late in the Depression and early in WWII with the Army Corp of Engineers on a survey boat based in Evansville. Normally, they surveyed and maintained the navigational markers and aids on the Ohio River. On occasion though, they could be assigned other surveying projects. One was the surveying of the original drainage system for Standiford Field (originally a swamp). Another temporary assignment happened to be surveying the rail lines to connect Camp Atterbury to the PRR's Indianapolis to Louisville line. So, as usual, Dad was there first.



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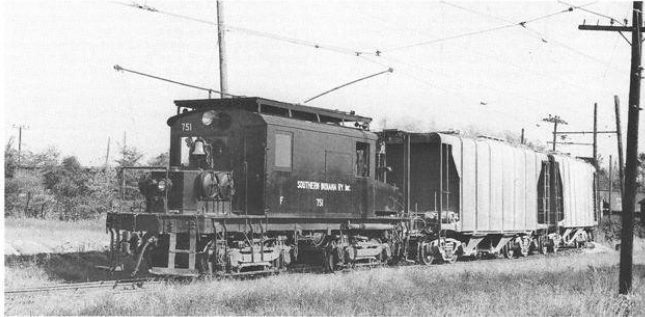
For details and registration information go to:

<https://www.keystonedivision.org/convention/index.html>, or go to the Division 8 website, click on links, and Div. 2 (Keystone Div.) website.

REMEMBERING THE SOUTHERN INDIANA RAILROAD

By Bob Dawson, Photos by Bob Dawson unless credited otherwise.

The Southern Indiana Railroad (SIND) ceased operations on January 30, 2019. A railfan trip to the SIND in Sellersburg, IN was always worthwhile. Whether visiting the yard at the Lehigh Cement Plant (formerly Louisville Cement) in Speed, the engine house at Sellersburg, or the interchange with CSX at Watson, there were always good opportunities for photos.



The Southern Indiana Railroad began operations on November 1, 1939 with three electric locomotives purchased from interurban Public Service Indiana.

Public Service Indiana had previously served the cement plant and interchanged with the B&O at Watson.

Left: #751 at Watson. *Photo M. D. McCarter collection from Indiana Railroad the Magic Interurban.*

In 1947 the Southern Indiana replaced its electric fleet with three 65 ton General Electric center cab locomotives, numbers 100, 101, and 102.

Left: 101 in November 1999 crossing Utica-Sellersburg Rd. near Watson.

Below: Later that same day, its work completed at the cement plant, #101 heads back to the engine house.



Right: Engine House at Sellersburg.



In 2002 the GE's were replaced by Alco S1's, numbers 103 and 104. These locomotives had been rebuilt by a GE Service Shop (not Erie) in 1988 and repowered with Cummins Prime Movers. In later years #104 was side lined with traction motor problems leaving #103 to continue on alone.

Left: 103 and 104 working the cement plant in 2009.

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