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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

By Ron Ellison

The Division 8 Train Show & Sale is Saturday, November 15, 2025. NMRA members with current membership card in hand can enter the show at 9 AM. The show is open to the public from 10 AM to 3 PM.

And do yourself and the Train Show Staff a favor and buy a ticket in advance. It's just \$6.00.

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Why not bring a friend to the Show. The one you've been wanting to share the Scale Model Railroading Hobby with. Those friends and neighbors who have been asking how you spend your free time. It will be much easier to explain all about the Model Railroading Hobby by visiting the **Train Show & Sale**. And friends and neighbors can become NMRA members at the Show using our simplified online application. We can collect new member dues paid with cash, check, credit or debit card. Not ready for membership? Stop by the Division 8 tables and find out about the advantages of NMRA membership. Like fellowship, education, member only discounts, digital resources, and information about Division 8.

In Model Railroading, there are many ways to do the same thing. What's the best way? We have an Information Station with knowledgeable members on hand including several of our MMR's® who will be on hand at the Show. If they don't know the answers, they know where to send you to get the answers.

After visiting the Show, think about stopping by two of our several local hobby shops – Roundhouse Electric Trains and Scale Reproductions. And both our 100% NMRA Clubs will be open the day of the Show. Stop by the K & I Model Railroad Club tables for a flyer that will direct you to the K & I in Clarksville and the Southern Indiana Railroad Club in Jeffersonville.

Later this year, after the Train Show & Sale, we have the Division 8 Christmas Party. This year on Saturday, December 6, 2025, at the Corner Café. We gather at 4:30 with dinner at 5:30. After dinner we will present the 2025 Silver Spike Award to a very deserving member. And finish off the evening with a short program that will recap all we did in 2025. See the flyer later in this edition of *The Pie Card* for more information and a link to reserve your place at the dinner table.

We hope to see many Division 8 members at the Show and at the Christmas Party. If we've never met, please stop and say hello. I look just like my photo at the top of this column. It would be good to see you.



TIME TABLE

Nov 8, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting, Jeffersontown Library and Zoom.

Nov 15, Sat 10AM-3PM, Div 8 Train Show and Sale, Safin Center, Holy Family Parish.

Dec 6, Sat 4:30PM, Div 8 Christmas Party, Corner Café, Lyndon, KY.

Jan 17, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting, Jeffersontown Library and Zoom.

Feb 21, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting, Jeffersontown Library and Zoom.

Mar 7, Division 7 Flea Market & Trade Show

Mar 14, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting, Jeffersontown Library and Zoom.

Mar 21, Sat 10AM-3PM, Div 8 Train Show and Sale, Safin Center, Holy Family Parish.

NOVEMBER 2025 CHARLIE KEELING HYBRID MODEL CONTEST

By Barry Christensen, Contest Chairman

November	Displays (no size limit)
December	Highway vehicles
January	Freight cars
February	Non-steam motive power
March	Structures
April	Passenger cars
May	Cabooses
June	Open loads
July	NO CONTEST
August	MOW equipment
September	Photos (model) and photos (prototype)
October	Steam locomotives

The October version of the 2025-2026 Charlie Keeling Hybrid Model Contest had six entries in the steam locomotives category. Several unusual and noteworthy models were entered.

Honorable mention goes to Sean Britt for "CB&Q 502," to Bob Frankrone for "Old-time Steamer," and to John Helton for "Norfolk and Western Class A 121."

Third place went to Ed Brennan for "Gorre & Daphetid Steam Loco." Second place went to Steve Lasher for "Santa Fe's Finest." First place went to Scott Griggs for "S scale UP 9000 class 4-12-2-locomotive." Congratulations to each steam modeler!

The revised point totals are now: Steve Lasher with 10, Ed Brennan and Bob Frankrone with 8 each, Craig Hatter and Russ Weis with 5 each, Al Goodman, Randy Griggs and Scott Griggs with 4 each, Chris Broughton with 2, and Sean Britt, John Gillespie, John Helton and Eric Waggoner with 1 each.

Three changes to the contest rules were discussed at the October meeting and the online rules at the Division website are now updated. They are: "You must be a Division Eight member, or a member of a 100% NMRA club that is situated within a Division Eight county, in good standing to enter the contest." "Entries must reflect the work of the entrant." And "Any individual eligible to enter the contest may cast one vote in each category in each monthly contest."

The November Contest is **DISPLAYS**. A display may be of any size, including a diorama or a module, as long as it was built separately from any layout it later may have been added to.

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NOVEMBER MEETING INFORMATION

The November Division 8 meeting is **2 PM Saturday, November 8 (THIS IS THE FIRST SATURDAY)** at the Jeffersontown Library, 10635 Watterson Trail, Louisville, KY 40299. To maintain the security of the meeting, the Zoom connection information will be sent directly to members by email about a week prior to the meeting and will not be published online. Dave Martinelli is presenting, "History's Forgotten Streamliner."

CONTEST (continued from column 1)

We will send out a reminder but below are some of the Contest timeline dates for November:

- October 25th - First day to submit entries
- November 1st - Last day to submit entries
- November 6th - Members will receive the Contest Ballot
- November 6th & 7th - Voting in the Contest Ballot ends @ 10:00 PM on the 7th
- November 8th - Winners announced at the meeting - 1st, 2nd and 3rd
- December 6th - First day to submit December contest entries **HIGHWAY VEHICLES**

If you need more information, go here - <http://div8-mcr-nmra.org/site/html/contest.html>.

To enter the November Contest, use the **REVISED Contest Entry Form** on the Division 8 website here → [Contest](#) and just follow the simple instructions included in the form. Entering the Contest has never been easier.

Contest dates will also be listed in the Groups.io Calendar. And as always if you have questions, comments, or need help, email division8.mcr.nmra@gmail.com

We will publish the Contest timeline dates each month in **The Pie Card**.

MEMBER WELFARE

By Mike Berry Member Welfare Chairman

Steve Lasher was hospitalized and is recovering at home. Don't forget to let us know when you hear of a member with issues. No donations yet to this fiscal year's Member Welfare fund.

OCTOBER CHARLIE KELLING MODEL CONTEST

Photos by the modelers



FIRST PLACE (above)

Scott Griggs' scratch-built "S scale UP 9000 class 4-12-2 locomotive."

Scott writes, I designed the locomotive and tender using Fusion 360, using scale drawings and photos of the prototype. The running gear is my own design, and uses a Northwest Shortline mod 0.5 gearbox, a NWSL can motor and flywheel, and a printed glass-filled nylon frame. The locomotive and tender were printed by a commercial printing service." Scott designed and 3-D printed many of the other parts. The model was airbrushed with Scalecoat II paint and satin clear coat, and finished with custom-designed decals in the correct UP font printed by Bedlam Creations.

SECOND PLACE (below)

Steve Lasher's HO "Santa Fe's Finest."



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OCTOBER CHARLIE KELLING MODEL CONTEST (continued from page 3)



THIRD PLACE

Left: Ed Brennan's MMR® HO "Gorre & Daphetid Steam Loco."

Ed built this model from a classic Varney Kit. He painted the locomotive and lettered it using Gorre & Daphetid (pronounced gory and defeated) NMRA decals.

HONORABLE MENTION (1)

Right: Sean Britt's HO "CB&Q 502."

Sean started with a Proto 2000 USRA 0-6-0, adding details and weathering it.



HONORABLE MENTION (2)

Left: Bob Frankrone's G gauge "Old-time Steamer."

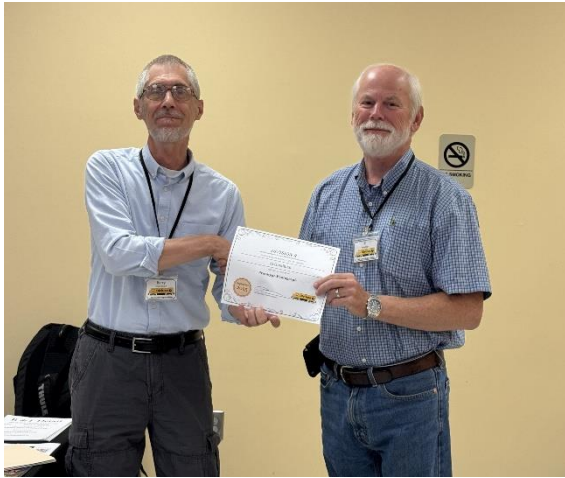


HONORABLE MENTION (3)

Right: John Helton's HO "Norfolk and Western Class A 121"

The model is a BLI Norfolk and Western Class A #1218. This model was released a while back (QSI). It was released in excursion trim. John back dated it to its revenue service paint scheme





Left: Contest Chairman Barry Christensen presented Al Goodman with his first place award for the September Contest "Prototype Photos."
Photo by Barbara Soward



Right: Taken at the October NRHS meeting, Barry Christensen presented Bob Frankrone with his first place award for the September Contest, "Model Photos."
Photo by Bob Dawson



Left: Barry Christensen presented Scott Griggs with his first place award for the October Model Contest, "Steam Locomotives."
Photo by Barbara Soward



Above: Show and Tell Table at the meeting.
Photo by Bob Dawson



Left: New Division 8 member Dennis Blum was welcomed to the meeting.
Photo by Barbara Soward

FROM THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

By Fred Soward MMR®, Division 8 Assistant Superintendent

Bob Dawson & I took a day out of our busy schedules to visit the Indiana Military Museum and the Red Skelton Museum in Vincennes, Indiana. We didn't have any prototype or model railroad stops scheduled, but we did discover a bit of railroad history and memorabilia along the way. Later in the month, Bob & I spent three days visiting our model railroad friends in Charleston, WV. We finished the setup and ran a few trains on Bob Weinheimer's Pennsylvania Southern Railroad layout, then we participated in a 4-hour operating session on David Oliverio's N Scale B&O layout. On the way home, we stopped in Morehead, Kentucky, to visit the railroad museum inside the old C&O freight house. We also spent a few minutes at the old C&O passenger station which is now the Morehead Visitor's Center. Although the museum was closed, we were able to peek inside the windows and wander around outside. After we arrived home, Bob did some research to see how the tracks were once upon a time laid out there. Our guesses about the track locations while we were onsite were "close, but not quite" correct. As Maxwell Smart would've said, "Missed it by that much."

- Bob Kuchler is pretty much complete with scenery on the final sections of his N scale home layout. I think it's time for another layout visit. And maybe time to develop an operating session scheme?
- I won't spoil all the news here, but Paul Downs has been busy working on paperwork for Achievement Program certificates. We should see those awards presented very soon.
- During the last operating session at Russ Weis', Robert Hoffman discovered one of the Cleveland turnout machines had gone bad. We put in a workaround for the evening, but that machine was totally dead! Russ replaced that one a few days later. And then another one in the same area failed. And another. And, well, Russ eventually replaced all the Cleveland switch motors.
- Four Division 8 members (Bob Kuchler MMR®, Mike Berry, Rick Maloney MMR®, and Stan White) and I spent the day traveling to and operating on Dan Hinel's RailXpress layout in Carmel, Indiana.
- Those 14 coal hoppers I wrote about last month? Completed. Mostly in small bits & pieces of time over a two-month period.
- Not much in the way of track work or benchwork construction on our layout. If you've been reading the President's column in the NMRA magazine, you'll know why. And if you haven't been reading it, you really should!

My November Model Railroading calendar is plenty full. What's on YOUR November model railroading calendar?

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Stan White Membership Relations Chairman

As of the last report received from the Mid Central Region, we have 156 active members. We had nine renewals (Sean Britt, Wilson Fryar, Kate Fryar, Kevin Gilman, Grant Gilman, Bill Roberts, Paul Sturgeon, Debora Sturgeon, Richard Varner) Two expired members (Bob Johnson, Wyatt Mason). Three new members (Dennis Blum, Clifton Stanton, Joe Williams).

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

By Mark Norman MMR®, Achievement Program Chairman

Over a dozen structures lined the tables on a Tuesday night last month, ready for scrutiny, plus Civil, Electrical, and Scenery entries made it an evaluation marathon — and an inspiring one. Along with two fellow Master Model Railroaders®, we spent the evening doing what we love — celebrating the craft of model railroading through the NMRA Achievement Program evaluation process.

We all start somewhere. Just as we once struggled with a spoon, modeling skills develop through practice and feedback. The path forward is simple: observe others, ask questions, learn, and start simple. Ask any fellow modeler to look at your work and offer feedback. Feedback is a gift! The evaluation process is simply formalized feedback. What we saw that night was fantastic. Keep in mind that "good enough to earn recognition" doesn't mean "perfect." As an example, one industrial model was exquisitely detailed. However, we noted that there was no signage identifying the company, nor was there a number providing delivery drivers a clue as to the address. The feedback was graciously received and we all had a good chuckle. I suspect the model will have signage and a street address before the Train Show!

Ready to get started? Talk to any Achievement Program participant at the next meeting or visit the Division 8 website. Whether you're submitting your first model or your fiftieth, come join the fun!



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OPERATIONS IN WEST VIRGINIA

As mentioned in this month's Assistant Superintendent's article Fred Soward and I made a run to West Virginia in October to operate on Bob Weinheimer's MMR® and David Oliverio's layouts.



Left:
For years a "big black box" served as the Old Frothingslosh brewery at Bridgeville, on Bob Weinheimer's Pennsylvania Southern railroad. Sometime back Bob fabricated a new structure using Walther's components. However, this left a seam stretching all of the way around the building where the top and bottom halves came together. On our last visit, Fred Soward remedied this problem with a black band carrying the Old Frothingslosh logo. Now Old Frothingslosh, "The Pale Stale Ale since 1953," is housed in a building matching its grandeur.

Photo by Fred Soward

Right:
Bob Dawson coordinating a set out and pick up with Washington Yard Master Bill Grosse on the Pennsylvania Southern.

Photo by Fred Soward



Left:
On the afternoon of our second day, we went to an operating session on David Oliverio's spectacular N-Scale Baltimore & Ohio railroad. David is giving Bob Dawson a briefing before starting the session.

Photo by Fred Soward

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OPERATIONS IN WEST VIRGINIA (continued from page 8)



Left:

Fred Soward performing a switching move on David Oliverio's layout.

Photo by Bob Dawson

Right:
Not being used to coupling and uncoupling in N-Scale, especially hopper cars, Bob was finding it more than a little difficult.



Left:

David's regular operators didn't find switching N-Scale cars a problem at all.

Photo by Fred Soward

OPERATING SESSION ON TOM GUENTHNER'S L&N RAILROAD

Photos by Fred Soward MMR®



Left: Bob Kuchler switching at Verda on Tom Guenthner's HO layout.

Some readers may have operated on Tom's old layout on South First Street. Tom moved to the Jeffersontown area a few years ago and soon began work on the new railroad. As with his previous layout, it has an L&N Railroad in Eastern Kentucky theme. The new railroad occupies a smaller space than the original, limiting the number of operators who can run at the same time.

Photos by Fred Soward

Right:

Eric Waggoner and Rick Maloney sorting cars for delivery to Barbourville.



DIVISION 8 MEMBERS OPERATE ON DAN HINEL'S RAILXPRESS LAYOUT

Photos by Fred Soward MMR®



On Saturday October 25, 2025, five Division 8 members (Bob Kuchler MMR®, Mike Berry, Rick Maloney MMR®, Fred Soward MMR®, and Stan White) spent the day traveling to and operating on Dan Hinel's RailXpress layout in Westfield, Indiana.

Left: A scene on Dan's layout

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DIVISION 8 MEMBERS OPERATE ON DAN HINEL'S RAILXPRESS LAYOUT (continued from page 10)



Left: Mike Berry and Stan White working out a switching move.



Right: A grouping of MMRs (NMRA Master Model Railroaders). Left to right: Bob Kuchler, Rick Maloney, and Dan Hinel. Dan is discussing 3-D printing with Rick and Bob.



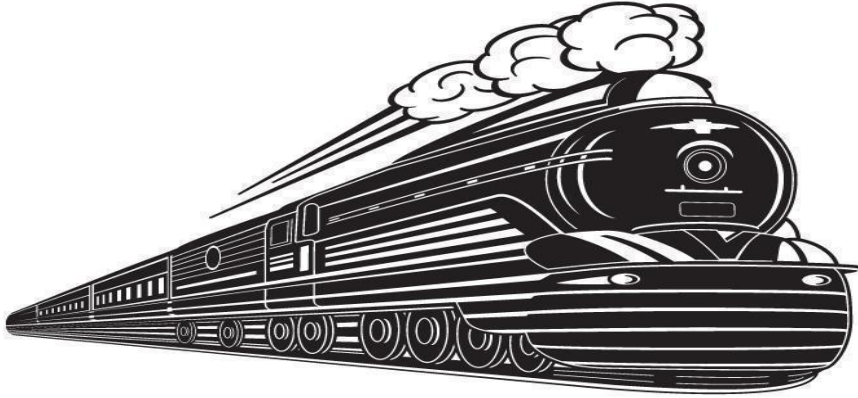
Above: Fred Soward carefully watching his move.

Right: Rick Maloney and Bob Kuchler checking car numbers.



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