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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

By Darcy Elliott

Engagement: The Heartbeat of Division 8

As we move into July, I've been thinking about what truly makes our Division special. Yes, we're a group of people who love trains — that much is obvious. But if that were the

whole story, we'd be no different from an online forum or a casual hobby group. Division 8 is something far richer: a network of highly skilled individuals with different backgrounds, talents, and experiences. It's a community built on craftsmanship, curiosity, and a shared desire to keep learning.

That's why I want to focus this month on engagement.

Division 8 should strive to be more than a once-a-month meeting and a contest table, and in a lot of ways we are, but it should be a place where new modelers find mentors, where experienced modelers discover new techniques, and where all of us feel encouraged to stretch our skills a little further. Every one of us has something in our "tool chest" — a method, a trick, a bit of knowledge — that someone else in the Division would love to learn. And every one of us has something we wish we understood better. Engagement is what connects those two sides of the hobby.

Engagement also happens in the spaces between meetings. Our Groups.io community is a great place to ask questions, share progress, or get help when you hit a snag. Writing an article for The Pie Card about a project you're working on — or one you've completed — helps inspire others. Presentations at our monthly meetings, layout tours, and informal show-and-tell moments all help build the kind of Division where members learn from one another and feel connected to the broader community.

Engagement doesn't happen by accident. It grows when we show up, participate, ask questions, and offer help. It grows when we treat Division 8 not as an event we attend, but as an organization that exists to support its members. Leadership can set direction, but we can't move anything forward unless we understand what you need — what skills you want to develop, what opportunities you're looking for, and how we can help you grow.

And sometimes the best engagement happens when we simply spend time together. Opportunities to connect outside the formal meeting room help strengthen the relationships that make this Division feel like a community rather than a club. With that in mind, I want to highlight one of our most enjoyable annual traditions:

Division 8 Member Picnic — Saturday, July 18th

We'll gather at the Depot Museum in Salem for food, fellowship, and plenty of time to talk trains. These informal moments — sharing a meal, swapping stories, laughing about the project that didn't go quite right — are where real engagement begins. Advance tickets are \$10 per person through July 12th.

An Open Call for Ideas — Your Voice Matters

As we continue shaping the future of Division 8, I want to invite every member to share your thoughts, needs, and ideas. To help us better understand who we are as a Division — and how we can serve you more effectively — I'd love for you to reflect on a few questions:

TIME TABLE

July 18, Sat, Div 8 Picnic, 11:30AM Meet & Greet, 12:00 Lunch, Salem, IN, Depot Museum.

July 27-Aug 2, National NMRA Convention, Chattanooga, TN.

Aug 15, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting, Jeffersontown Library and Zoom.

Sep 1-5, Narrow Gauge Convention, Minneapolis, MN.

Sep 19, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting, Jeffersontown Library and Zoom.

Oct 10-11, Division 7 Train & Trade Show, Lakota West H.S., West Chester, O.

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

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JULY 2026 CHARLIE KEELING HYBRID MODEL CONTEST

By Barry Christensen, Contest Chairman

July	NO CONTEST
August	MOW equipment
September	Photos (model) and photos (prototype)
October	Steam locomotives
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

June saw the final round of the 2025-2026 Charlie Keeling Hybrid Model Contest year with open loads as the subject. Seven entries were submitted in this popular category, with honorable mention going to Bob Frankrone for "A Dirty Job," to Randy Griggs for "Container Chassis on a Spine Car," to David Mertz for "Union Pacific Open Load," and to Eric Waggoner for "Navy 5-inch MK 42 Gun Mount."

Third place goes to Craig Hatter for "Hoover Dam Generating Station Impeller." Second place goes to Steve Lasher for "Fisherman's Delight." First place goes to Bob Kuchler MMR® for "Flatcar with IH Tractors." Congratulations to each modeler!

Final standings for the 2025-2026 contest year are as follows: Ed Brennan MMR® with 28, Steve Lasher with 24, Bob Frankrone with 22, Craig Hatter with 16, Randy Griggs with 12, Bob Kuchler MMR® and Russ Weis with 9 each, Rudy Licandro with 6, Al Goodman, Scott Griggs, John Helton, and David Mertz with 5 each, Eric Waggoner with 4, John Gillespie and Fred Soward MMR® with 3 each, Chris Broughton MMR® with 2, and Sean Britt, Ethan Davis, and Duke Green with 1 each.

Rather than having a meeting in July, Division 8 will have their annual picnic at The Depot Museum in Salem, IN, on Saturday, July 18. Certificates and prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners at the picnic. The 2026-2027 Charlie Keeling Hybrid Model Contest will begin in August, with the Division 8 meeting scheduled for Saturday, August 15.

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NO MEETING IN JULY-DIVISION 8 PICNIC

The Division 8 Picnic is Saturday July 18 at the Depot Museum in Salem, IN. See flyer in this issue for details. Our next meeting will be 2 PM **Saturday August 15**. This will be a hybrid meeting in person at the Jeffersontown Library, 10635 Watterson Trail, Louisville, KY 40299, and on Zoom.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

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How were you introduced to the NMRA?

Why did you join the NMRA?

What do you like best about Division 8?

What keeps you connected to the NMRA and this Division?

These aren't evaluations — they're stories. Your stories. They help us understand what matters most to you, what we're doing well, and where we can grow.

Division 8 is at its best when we're learning from each other, supporting each other, and building something together — not just layouts, but community. I look forward to seeing you at the picnic and throughout the months ahead as we continue to grow, engage, and move this Division forward.

CONTEST (continued from column 1)

The August Contest is **MOW EQUIPMENT**

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

- August 1st - First day to submit entries
- August 8th - Last day to submit entries
- August 13th - Members will receive the Contest Ballot
- August 13th & 14th - Voting in the Contest Ballot ends @ 10:00 PM on the 14th
- August 15th - Winners announced at the meeting - 1st, 2nd and 3rd
- September 5th - First day to submit September contest entries

MODEL PHOTOS & PROTOTYPE

PHOTOS (2 separate contests)

For complete Contest information, visit the Division 8 website here <https://div8-mcr-nmra.org/2463-2/>

See contest photos beginning on page 3.

JUNE CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST (photos by the modelers)**FIRST PLACE**

Left: Bob Kuchler's "N Scale Flatcar with IH Tractors."

The tractors are metal kits that Bob assembled and painted. He painted and weathered the flat car and parked it next to a loading dock. Details included portable unloading ramp between the car and the dock, blocking on the car to keep the tractors from rolling and a crew of workers help unload the tractors.

**SECOND PLACE**

Right: Steve Lasher's HO "Fisherman's Delight."

An L&N Gondola, part of a multi-car shipment of large Bedford limestone blocks destined for a sea-wall on Lake Erie at Cleveland, Ohio. The "limestone" blocks are plaster castings that Steve painted using Tamiya gray Panel Liner and Vallejo Light Gray paint was used to color the plaster castings an appropriate "limestone" color.

**THIRD PLACE**

Left: Craig Hatter's HO "Hoover Dam Generating Station Impeller."

The cylinder is made of Vibranium with the hub and vanes made of Adamantium. Engineered and assembled by Moria Mines, LLC with technical assistance from Wakanda World Wide Enterprises, Stark Enterprises, and Mithril proprietary annealing expertise from Khazad-dum partners, a subsidiary of Moria Mines, LLC.

Okay, the reality is this was a capacitor removed from a 1967 Magnavox TV/Radio/Phonograph console that my wife and I bought at an estate sale for \$125. We repurposed it as a TV stand for our 65" widescreen. It weighed more than a large modern refrigerator/freezer. The frame is made of Evergreen styrene and the tie down chains are from Herpa.

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JUNE CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST *(continued from previous page)*

HONORABLE MENTION



Left: David Mertz's HO
"Union Pacific Open Load."



Right: Randy Griggs' S-Sale "Container Chassis on a
Spine Car."



Left: Eric Waggoner's HO "Navy 5 inch
MK 42 Gun Mount."

Right: Bob Frankrone's HO "A Dirty
Job."



PHOTOS FROM THE JUNE MEETING

Photos by Barbara Soward unless noted otherwise



Left:
Standing in for Charlie Keeling Model Contest Chairman Barry Christensen, Barbara Soward presented Bob Kuchler MMR® with his first place certificate for the June Contest. See photo of his model on page 3 of this issue.

Photo by Fred Soward

Right:

Fred Soward MMR® presented the Back to Basics Segment of the meeting, "NMRA Organization Structure."



Right:
Russ Weis presented the program: "Buffalo Engine Facility & Operations."

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PHOTOS FROM THE JUNE MEETING *(continued from previous page)*

Photos by Barbara Soward unless noted otherwise



Left: There were only two models on the “Show & Tell” Table. Brought by Craig Hatter and Steve Lasher. Both were entries from the June Model Contest

Photo by Bob Dawson

Right:

Bob Kuchler surprised us by providing refreshments for the meeting



THE REINTRODUCTION OF HENRY THE 8

Left: Mark Norman MMR® (R) brought Henry The Eight to the June meeting and introduced him to Superintendent Darcy Elliott (L). Mark claims that Mr. Eight is the son of our long lost Sergeant at Arms, Henry the 8 Sr.

Per Mark, Senior had been installed as Sergeant at Arms in 2009, and after serving honorably for some period of time—disappeared.

Somehow Mark has found his son(?), and brought him to the June Meeting.

Upon a motion made by Mark, and carried by a vote of the members present. The new Henry The 8 will serve as our Sergeant at Arms

JUNE MEETING REPORT

By Rick Maloney MMR® Division 8 Clerk

The June Division 8 Membership meeting was held on June 20 at the Jeffersontown Library. It was a hybrid meeting with 24 people in person and 6 on Zoom. Superintendent Darcy Elliot called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Steve Blandford was welcomed as a renewed member. Mark Norman presented Darcy with Henry The Eight, our appointed Sergeant at Arms. *(see the photo on this page).*

Mike Berry reported that a donation has been made to the California State Railroad Museum in memory of Robert Hoffman. He also reported that Bob Johnson had been hospitalized but has recovered and is with us at today’s meeting.

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JUNE MEETING REPORT *(continued from previous page)*

Barbara Soward announced the winner of the Model Contest. Check out the photos and results as posted elsewhere in the Pie Card.

Russ Weis reminded the members that the Division 8 Picnic will be held Saturday July 18, 2026, at the Depot Museum, Salem, IN. 11:30 AM Meet & Greet: 12:00 PM Lunch. Al Goodman invited the members to view his home layout after the picnic. Russ announced that he will be giving today's presentation on his layout titled "Buffalo Engine Facility & Operations". Mark Norman will present "Using AI to Enhance your Model Railroading" at the August Meeting.

Fred Soward gave his Back to Basics talk. He gave an enlightening look at The NMRA Organization Structure. It might be larger than you think; with 17 Regions and 178 divisions spread over a large part of the planet.

After a break, Russ gave his presentation. The meeting adjourned at 3:32 PM.

FROM THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

By Fred Soward MMR®, Division 8 Assistant Superintendent

June wasn't quite as busy as May, but it sure wasn't a slow month for us. Our trip this month was to the Mid Central Region Convention in Dayton, Ohio. Just over half a dozen folx from Division 8 (Bruce DeMaeyer, Bob Frankrone, Al Goodman, Cecil Stewart, Eric Waggoner, Ms Barbara, and me) attended. Some of us picked up a bit of formal recognition during the weekend. You can read all about that elsewhere in this edition of The Pie Card. For most of the convention, I was occupied with NMRA National and Division 8 business with other attendees. There were several issues that had been outstanding for many months that I was able to resolve or move forward becuz I was face-to-face with people I'd been trying to work with. Becuz of those efforts, tho, Ms Barbara and I never made it out of the convention venue to visit layouts, attend operating sessions, or attend any tours.

The only work on our home layout this month was tightening up the work on the fascia. Every screw has to be countersunk, the top edge of the fascia has to be cut to conform to the general lay of the scenery that will be installed much later, and the seams where the ends of the fascia panels meet must be patched. The next task will be to cut holes in the fascia for the push-pull rods to move the BluePoint machines to move points in the turnouts on the layout.

Last month, I threw out an offer to anyone interested in setting up operations on their home layout. That offer still stands – contact Bob Dawson and me to see what it might take. We'll work with you to make it happen. And we'll keep you engaged through the process so you understand how it all works. Before you know it, you'll have an operating scheme fully setup and you'll have most of the paperwork needed to submit for your Chief Dispatcher certificate, too.

An operating session road trip is a great way to get engaged with other model railroaders in Division 8 and with model railroaders outside Division 8 as well. I don't have any scheduled for the next three months. But, if you're interested in a future trip, speak up. It'll get your name on the list for a time when I start putting a trip together. As I've said before, if you want to attend an operating session, YOU have to speak up. It's up to you to step up and tell me you want to be included. Door's open – step on through.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Stan White Membership Relations Chairman

As of the last report received from Mid Central Region, we have 150 active members. We have one new member. (David McRae) 3 Expired (Jacob Schiess, Mitch Shirrell, and Chris Wilkerson). We also had 9 renewals (Tim Coyle, Paul Downs, Rick Geerts, Scott Griggs, Cathy & Bob Kuchler, Joe Martin, Jackson Thomas, and Rob Toler).

MEMBER WELFARE

By Mike Berry Member Welfare Chairman

In June, get well and gift cards were sent to Bob Johnson after a hospital stay. Please let us know if you hear of any member or spouse with health issues.

The Member Welfare Fund stands at \$140 for the fiscal year.

WHISTLE STOP DAYTON, 2026 MIDCENTRAL REGION CONVENTION

By Fred Soward MMR®, photos by the author unless noted otherwise

The 2026 Midcentral Region Convention was held in Dayton, Ohio, June 4 thru 6, 2026.



Left: Barbara Soward (L) and Bruce DeMaeyer (R) sharing a light moment in the T-Trak room.



Right: The T-Trak layout at the convention.



Left: (L to R) Division 7 members Tony Valerious (incoming Superintendent), Chuck Endreola (outgoing Superintendent), and Bob Lawson conferring with Division 8 members Eric Waggoner and Bob Frankrone. We think they were working on solving all the world's problems, but they likely created a few in the process.

Right: Doug Campbell's "Scratch Building" presentation was all about how to approach the subject. There was a lot of philosophy and basic guidance about scratch building structures and rolling stock. Doug's bottom line is "try it" and "use cardboard."



Left: One of Doug Campbell's displays he shared during his "Scratch Building" presentation. The HO scale barn, airplane, and signs were all made with cardboard.

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WHISTLE STOP DAYTON (continued from previous page)



Left: Contest judging and Achievement Program evaluations happening at the same time during the convention. There were plenty of entries in several categories while some categories had zero entries.

Below: It may not look like a lot of photos were entered in the contest, but that's more than four times the number entered in the South Eastern Region convention contest last September! Interestingly, most were color prototype and none were black & white



Left: MMR Sam Swanson's presentation about "Warped Modeling" was a convention favorite. He shared many techniques about scratch building using inexpensive materials.

Right: Near the end of a long day, Division 8 members Cecil Stewart and Bob Frankrone are considering dinner options before heading out into the Dayton area.



Left: Division 8 member Barbara Soward was presented with the annual Mid Central Region Directors Award for service to the Region, Division, and the hobby during the convention awards presentation. Rest assured the plaque is being "fixed" to correct the spelling of her name.

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WHISTLE STOP DAYTON (continued from previous page)



Left: Railroad Model Craftsman (RMC) editor Otto Vondrack was the guest speaker for the banquet. His presentation focused on the history of RMC and of his own modeling efforts with his college club and at home.



Right: Division 7 member John Burchnall told the convention attendees what to expect at the 2027 Mid Central Region Convention, "The Cincinnati," which will be in West Chester, OH, June 3-6, 2027. Find more information on their website at <https://cincy-div7.org/2027-convention>



Left: Bob Frankrone (L) holding his third place certificate for his Freight Car entry in the judged contest. Bob's entry included an open load (no surprise there) with a gun mount on a flatcar. Fred Soward MMR® (R) holding his certificate for second place in the popular vote contest for his color prototype photo of L&N 251's crew during a lunch break.

Barbara Soward photo

Right: Fred Soward giving his "What's New at National" presentation as the NMRA Central District Director.

Barbara Soward photo

More Convention photos on the next page.



WHISTLE STOP DAYTON-LAYOUT TOURS

Most regional conventions feature either layout tours and/or open houses. The following are photos and descriptions of layout tours made by Al Goodman and Eric Waggoner during the convention.

Photos by Al Goodman:



CLINCHFIELD RAILROAD CAROLINA

Left: This HO layout occupies a 35 ft. x 51 ft. basement. Designed for operations, It is built on two levels connected by a continuous grade.



ALLEGHENY & OHIO

Right and below left: This HO layout is approximately 12 ft. x 50 ft. in size.



CROSSROADS MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

The club has both HO and N Scale Layouts



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WHISTLE STOP DAYTON-LAYOUT TOURS (continued from previous page)

Photos and captions by Eric Waggoner

VIRGINIA SOUTHERN

This is an HO Scale freelanced railroad set in the mountains of West Virginia in the late 1970's inspired by the late Allen McClelland's Virginian & Ohio.

Built in a 26-ft x 32 ft. room, this is a point-to-point design with staging at both ends. 98% of the track and turnouts are hand-laid.



Turnouts are powered with approximately 120 Tortoise Machines.

Detection is achieved with Bruce Chubb's detectors which plug into a mother board. Signals are controlled by "Signals by Spreadsheet".

All engines and rolling stock are re-decaled as part of the Appalachian Lines.



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WHISTLE STOP DAYTON-LAYOUT TOURS (continued from previous page)

Photos and captions by Eric Waggoner



C&O CABIN CREEK BRANCH

This O Scale two rail railroad depicts the Cabin Creek Branch of the C&O located near Charleston, WV set in the early 1970's. Digitrax DCC control with one main yard (Cane Fork), and two coal mines, and a staging area which occupies the mainline of the C&O. All buildings are custom built. 2,400 sq ft basement is almost totally occupied.



The layout features 60-inch radius curves, hand-laid turnouts, commercial turnouts and Code 148 track.



Not much scenery is completed to date.

MEMBER OPEN HOUSE AFTER THE PICNIC

Al Goodman will have his layout in Pekin, IN open until 4:00 PM after the Division 8 Picnic on July 18th. His address is:
8054 S. Big Springs Road
Pekin, IN 47165
Cell/Text: 502 888 5950

This HO layout is 22 ft x 24 ft in a finished basement. It is a free-lanced, very modern timeline served by Norfolk Southern, CSX, Amtrak, and UP diesels. There are two mainlines around the town of Big Springs with industrial spurs serving chemical and refinery plants, sawmill/lumberyard, grain silos, and several other industries. The system is DCC with NCE radio control. A separate 2.5 ft x 22 ft large yard (bridge not yet completed) has a roundhouse, engine service buildings, several industries with spurs, and RR maintenance features. Scenery is mostly completed on much of the layout including a very modern railroad terminal, extensive lighted buildings (one on fire with real smoke), lake, tunnel, gorge with trestle, lighted vehicles, etc.

The basement is finished, carpeted, air-conditioned with restroom access. Access is by stairs or outside the grass-sloped entrance. Located directly across from Big Springs Church, about 10 miles south of Salem down a 1/2 mile long gravel driveway into woods. Plenty of graveled areas for parking and turning around.

Directions: Go south from Salem on Hwy 135 about 10 miles. Turn right at Big Springs Road (just past Drifter's Bar and Grill), follow signs to Big Springs Church about 1 mile off Hwy 135.

You can view the layout here on the Division 8 website ☞ [AL GOODMAN LAYOUT](#)

GOOGLE Map link ☞ [CLICK HERE](#)

(Note - Google refers to Al's address as New Pekin)



BLUEGRASS RAILROAD MUSEUM 50 YEARS YOUNG*By Charles H. Bogart*

Fifty years ago, in 1976 a group of Central Kentucky railfans formed the Bluegrass Railroad Museum (BGRM) and purchased 5.5 miles of Southern Railway track, ex Louisville Southern Railroad, between Versailles Kentucky and the Kentucky River. Mile 3.5 to 9.0, and bought a 5 acre site at the Woodford County Falling Spring Park, US 62 and Beasley Road, to build a depot and railyard.

For motive power they acquired a Fairbanks Morse H12-44 from the U.S. Army Bluegrass Ordnance Facility at Richmond, Kentucky, and to carry passengers purchased three ex-Central of New Jersey commuter coaches. Since 1976 the Bluegrass Scenic Railroad, the operating arm of BGRM, has been providing passenger excursion service over this 5.5 miles of track on Saturdays from April to November at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM. The BGRM locomotive fleet has been expanded to include: two Alco MRS-1, a GE 45-

tonner, a Illinois Central Gulf GP-8, and a Norfolk Western GP-9. Passenger cars now include two ex-Lackawanna commuter coaches, Chicago & Northwestern 3478, Atlantic Coast Line 203, and two in house built open air cars running on ex-Army flatcars.

BGRM has constructed a depot and museum that meets ADA requirements. It has erected on the property a car barn, a freight car display area, and a rail car storage yard. Around the depot a number of outdoor railroad related displays have been placed.

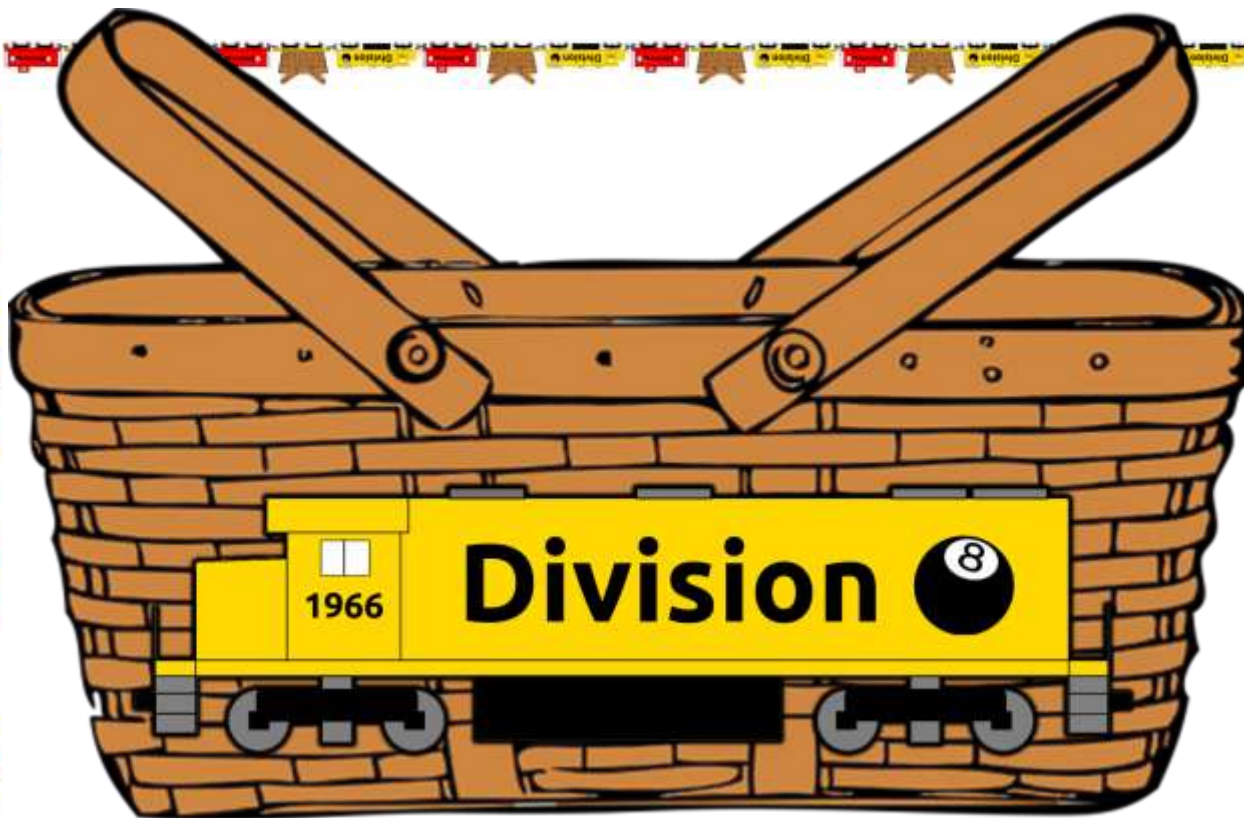
The rail line, which was marginally FRA Class One track when purchased is now fully Class One with some sections meeting Class Two requirements. All three wooden trestles have been rebuilt and Abbot Station, a flag stop, has been constructed. BGRM rail operating arm, the Bluegrass Scenic Railroad, runs excursions over their 5.5 mile rail line on Saturdays at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM April through October. BGRM has also acquired a tenant, Rail Adventures, who provides leg muscle powered scooters to ride over the rail line.

**2025 DIVISION 8 PICNIC AT BGRM**

Picnic activities included a trip on the Bluegrass Railroad Museum.

Here we are shown de-training at the end of the line at Tyrone, KY.

Photo by Fred Soward



DIVISION 8 PICNIC

SATURDAY JULY 18, 2026

DEPOT MUSEUM
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[**MAP LINK TO SALEM DEPOT**](#)

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2026 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Roy Masterson, Chairman, 2026 Convention



Have you registered for the 2026 NMRA National Convention being held in Chattanooga, Tennessee from **July 27 to August 2**. At the end of February over 800 NMRA members had registered. And we are still 5 months away from the start of the convention! Rooms are still available at the Chattanooga Marriott Downtown Hotel connected to the Chattanooga Convention Center.

The [Convention Registration website](#) now has all the current extra-fare items available with more to come.

These extra-fare items will be popular attractions, and many could sell out. Head over to the convention website to lock in the ones you want:

- Layout Tours
- Prototype Tours
- Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park Bus tour for 50 attendees.
- Modeling with the Masters®
- TVRM Missionary Ridge Local with Backshop Tour on Wednesday pulled by the 4501 for 150 attendees
- TVRM Dinner Trains on Tuesday and Wednesday for 102 attendees
- TVRM Homefront Tea Room Experience with 2 seatings for 50 attendees each
- TVRM Night Photo Shoot Wednesday night for 100 attendees
- TVRM Hiwassee Loop Excursion Train on Friday for 193 attendees
- TVRM Summerville Steam Special on Thursday (chartered by ScaleTrains) and pulled by the 4501 with room for 300 attendees.

Instead of having a banquet at this year's convention the following extra-fare social events are available for convention attendees at the Chattanooga Marriott Downtown tailgate Party & Welcome Reception – Monday 7:00 PM

- Tailgate Party & Welcome Reception – Monday 7:00 PM
- Rooftop Garden Ice Cream Social – Wednesday 7:00 PM
- Pizza Party – Friday 7:00 PM

Convention registration is open at nmra2026.org. After you register for the convention, you will receive an email with the code to register at the Marriott at the special convention rate



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THE COMPANY STORE IS OPEN AGAIN

The Division 8 Company Store is open again. We have been closed while we updated our logo with the NEW NMRA brand identity. Is it time for you to have the new 2026 look?

The following items in black are available to order in all sizes

- Polo shirt
- T-shirt
- Fleece jacket
- Fleece vest
- Fleece ¼ zip pullover
- Hoodie pullover
- Hoodie jacket
- Sweatshirt
- Division 8 six panel Baseball hat (old logo only)

If you wish to place an order, email Division 8 Mid Central Region NMRA or text (502) 653-5371. We will email you an estimate to approve before ordering.

