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From the Superintendent's Desk...

It has been a pleasure of mine to have served vou the last four years, also it has been a wonderful experience serving with the Trustees, and other BOD Members of the Throttle Committee. Great people to work with...also the committee heads in particular Ivan Baugh and the Achievement Program. Four years ago the AP Program in Division 8 was stuck in the mud, not going anywhere, a program without a leader, then the guy that had been heading it up quit. I then very carefully asked Ivan to take over, he did and we have not looked back....his leadership has shoved Division 8 to the front of the Mid Central Region. He is still shoving me, but not for much longer. The light is at the end of the tunnel and I have hold of the string...it is not going to break either.

Bob Dawson, is another one who has shoved us in the right direction along with Bruce Goreham filling in for me when I was in disrepair, Mark Norman, keeping me straight and on the right path during the meetings, Stan Perry watching the money, Mike Berry and his settling influence..and Steve Taylor overlooking the moneymaking swap meets. Ron Montgomery served as a trustee in my first term and he along with the other two trustees kept my feet on the ground. Great folks to work with and great leadership for the Division

Thanks to all of you who came to the meetings and listened to me bore you to death with all my sayings. Thanks for supporting the Division through the last four years. New leadership brings new ideas and Mark will need your support just like I did four years ago...

Ron Montgomery is in Baptist Hospital with a broken leg. He is going through rehab and is doing well. Joe O'Gara is at home using a walker and he appreciates your phone calls.

I am planning on having an operating session here at the Crescent Hill & Southern in June. If we have to we will split it into two sessions so that everyone can operate.

I will continue to serve Division 8 as the Divisions AP Chairman after I leave office as Super. Ivan Baugh will assist me and I am looking for volunteers to work as judges.....we will train you to take our place.

Thanks again for a wonderful four years. I have really enjoyed it and hope you have had as good a time as I have. As I said at the meeting in April, if it had been more fun, it would have been against the law....

Keep it on the tracks and good luck to Mark Norman and the rest of the board of Directors...Thanks for making me look so good.

Jerry Ashley President Mid Central Region NMRA

TIMETABLE

Call an officer if you have any questions

(Phone Number on the last page)



Apr 19, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Meadowview Church

May 15-18, MCR Convention, Independence Ohio.

May 22, Div 8 Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 PM, Louisville Industrial Center Conference Bldg.

May 24, Open House, Swift Creek RR, Greenville, IN.

Jun 21, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, Swift Creek RR, Greenville, IN

Jun 25-29, Derby City Express, National N-Scale Convention, Lou.

Convention Center

Jun 28-29, World Greatest Hobby Show, Lou. Convention Center

Jul 13-19, NMRA National

Convention, Anaheim, CA Aug 9, Saturday, Summerail,

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Aug 16, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, To Be Announced

Aug 24, Sunday, Model Train & Railroadiana Show, Carrollton, KY Sep 20, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, Taylor's Madison, IN

MAINTENANCE TIE FUND

Do you enjoy the color pages in each issue of the Pie Card? It costs \$ 44 a month to bring them to you. The maintenance tie fund helps defray the cost of the color printing. To support this fund please give your contribution of \$ 5.00 or more to the Pie Card editor, Bob Dawson.

January: Charlie Keeling
February: Mike Berry, Jack Diehl,
Don Fowler, Bruce Goreham, Jim
Harrington, John Kelly, Bob Kuchler,
Mark Norman, Cecil Stewart, Eric
Waggoner, Herman Weir, Bob
Frankrone, Ron Rauchmiller
March: Mike Berry, Jack Diehl,
Don Fowler, Bruce Goreham, Jim
Harrington, Bob Kuchler, Mark
Norman, Eric Waggoner, Ron
Rauchmiller, Ron Montgomery, Bob

Johnson, Mark Hedge April: Mark Norman, Eric Waggoner, Bob Johnson, Jim Finley

May: Eric Waggoner, Bob Johnson, Dale Bradley, Herman Weir, Cecil Smith

June: Bob Johnson, Dale Bradley, Herman Weir

July: Bob Johnson

Model Contest

MAY June July August

September October

November December January

February March

April

CABOOSES

Open Loads No Contest MOW Equipment

Photos

Steam Locomotives Displays/Dioramas

No Contest Freight Cars Diesels

Commercial Structures

Passenger Cars

Contest Chairman Bill Lynch is looking forward to your entries.

DIVISION 8 ACHIEVES

Ivan Baugh, Division 8 Achievement Chairman

Congratulations to Chris Broughton, whose name appears in the May issue of Scale Rails, for earning his Electrical Certificate in the Engineering category of the NMRA Achievement program. He joins Bob Kuchler who received his Electrical certificate at the April meeting. Rick Maloney has finally autographed his electrical application which I will send to our region chairman. Bob Widman has also submitted the paper work for his electrical certificate; both have been mailed to our region AP chairman.

The 2008 calendar year has been designated "The Year of the AP" by the NMRA. Each month in Scale Rails MMR/s write up a category and offer useful guidelines for earning a certificate in that category. The May 2008 issue focuses on Scenery. I encourage you to read each of the articles and use them as a guide as you work toward earning each certificate. They contain very helpful insights.

This is my last column as the Division 8 AP Chairman. I appreciate the opportunity to work with each of you as you progressed toward your MMR recognition. I will continue as an AP judge, but personal matters make it necessary for me to relinquish the leadership role I have enjoyed filling. I plan to take the time previously devoted to the AP leadership for Division 8 to continue working toward my MMR. That scenery article is very timely for me as that is the certificate on which I am currently working.



The May meeting will be Thursday, May 22, 2008, 7:30 PM. NOTE, THIS WILL BE THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH. Meeting will be held at the AIR PORT INDUSTRIAL CENTER (Former Naval Ordnance Plant) Conference Center, Building 91. From the East: 1. Take the WATTERSON EXPY/I- 264 east to The CRITTENDEN DR exit, EXIT 11, toward FAIR/EXPO CTR. 2. Take the CRITTENDEN DR exit toward FAIR/EXPO CTR. /GATES 2-3-4; turn LEFT onto CRITTENDEN DR. 3. Go 0.57 mi. Turn RIGHT onto NEVADA ST. NEVADA ST becomes WOODLAWN Overpass. 4. Turn LEFT onto ALLMOND AVE at the traffic light at the west end of the Overpass. Follow ALLMOND AVE, 5. Turn RIGHT onto STRAWBERRY LN. Turn RIGHT onto ROCHESTER AVE (into the Industrial Park). Look for the "TRAIN SHOW" signs and follow them to the meeting. 6. Turn LEFT onto Technology Park Dr. (between the two 5 in. Gun Mounts atop buildings on either side). Turn RIGHT past the dumpster into the Parking Lot. The CONFERENCE CENTER is the second building on the Right and clearly marked. From INDIANA, take the CRITTENDEN DR SOUTH exit from I-65 and continue to NEVADA AVE.

Bob Dawson and Ivan Baugh will present the program, a history of steam locomotives though the models of the Warther Museum in Dover, OH. Ruth and Bill Lynch are furnishing the refreshments.

Update on the R J Corman QJ

From Lou Jaquith Courtesy of David Hayes

Corman is completely repainting the QJ - it is black Imron epoxy enamel with a 2 foot red stripe from the tender to the pilot. It is edged with 2 inch white stripes and on the tender the RJ Corman name is spelled out on the red in white lettering. Underneath, on the black, it says Central Kentucky Lines in white lettering. The wheels are now black.

The paint job on the engine when it arrived was over about 4 layers of dust, rust, and crud. Corman planned to spend one day prepping the locomotive and tender and then another 2 days to paint it. It's taken them 2 weeks to finish the tender. The locomotive is in the shop now.

Rick Corman had planned for the debut on the Derby Special, however, CSX flatly said no steam on our lines. It could go as far as Anchorage on their own track, but that was it. Rick has said he'll not run the Derby train without the steam. The current plan is to debut the engine in Lexington in late April on one of his sand trains with guests and the public invited to watch.

Joe Holbrook, a good friend of mine, has been doing much work on the engine, including completely rewiring it and fabricating the class light mounting system for the boiler top. It has been under steam several times testing back and forth in the yards. Matt Schwerin stated they've probably put 20 miles on it just doing this. There were many steam leaks to be taken care of and they're still finding more.

MARCH TRAIN SHOW AND SALE





As reported in the April Pie Card, the March Train Show and Sale was a big success. An indication of the crowd is seen in upper left. Upper right is the Southern Indiana Modular Layout. Other layouts set up at the show were: K & I Club, Dennis Sanders' Lionel, and N-Scale T-Track Module. Thanks to all of the layouts who participated.

APRIL MEETING



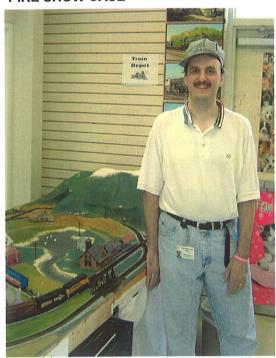
The 2007 South Wind Convention was officially closed out when Bob Dawson and Bruce Goreham of the Convention Committee presented a check for \$ 3182.93 to Div. 8 Superintendent Jerry Ashley. This included the \$2000 "seed money" that had been advanced by the Division. *Above right.* Achievement Program Chairman Ivan Baugh presented Bob Kuchler with his Model Railroad Electrical Engineer Certificate.

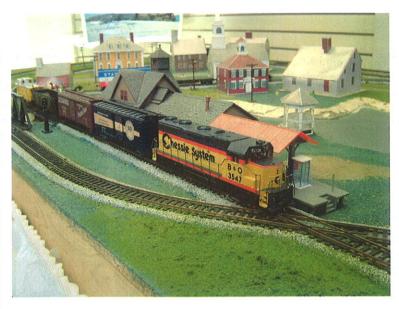




April contest winner was Jim Harrington with his pair of Green Valley Western passenger cars (*Above left*). Patrick Hardesty (*above right*) presented a clinic describing how he named his N-Scale model railroad, the Midwest Central. Patrick also explained how he chose the color scheme for the locomotives and Rolling Stock.

PIKE SHOW CASE





This month's featured layout is found in an unusual place, a nursing and retirement home. The layout has been set up by NMRA and K & I Club member George Leach (at left) at the Episcopal Church Home on Westport Rd. George says it is the only train layout at a nursing home in this area that he is aware of. George, a Certified Nursing Aide at the home, has been interested in Model Trains since he was six years old. He got to thinking the residents would enjoy watching and running the trains as much as he did. A member of the K & I Club donated a four by eight layout, and with the help of the some of the K & I Club members and residents he set it up. The layout has been a big hit with both residents and visitors to the home. Here is a tour of the layout. Thomas the Tank Engine makes frequent appearances and is a hit with young and old.



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TRACKSIDE KENTUCKIANA

This month's subject ties in to our contest, CABOOSES. Charlie Keeling took this photo of B & O Caboose C-3891 coming off of the K & I Bridge thirty years ago on March 4, 1978.

SWIFT CREEK RAILROAD OPEN HOUSE

Harry Munzer is hosting an open house at his Swift Creek Railroad, 6625 Buttonwood Rd., Greenville, IN, Saturday May 24, 5 pm to dark. The Swift Creek is a G-Scale Garden Railroad featuring a city and five operational lines. Directions: Take I-64 West to Exit 119 (Greenville, IN), follow US 150 for 7.5 miles, turn left onto Buttonwood Rd., travel .4 miles and turn right into 6265 Buttonwood Rd. Rain date, is Sunday May 25, weather permitting.

THE DERBY CITY EXPRESS 2008

If you didn't know, the KSONS is hosting the National N-Scale Convention in Louisville in 2008. The dates are June 25-29, and it will be held at the Louisville International Convention Center, downtown. For more information contact Paul Downs at 502-895-6578 or email him at pauldowns@insightbb.com.

Division 8 MCR 19-April-2008 Meeting Minutes

Superintendent Jerry Ashley, called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM, at Meadowview Presbyterian Church; Louisville, KY

Host: Bobbie & Mark Hedges New Members and Guests: None

Treasurers Report: The treasurer submitted the March reports for audit.

Minutes: The March minutes were approved with one amendment.

Members:

 Ron Montgomery is at Baptist East with multiple leg fractures sustained shortly after his mother passed away. Carol King is at home recovering having had a defibulator implanted.

Old Business:

- Robert Kuchler received his Engineer Electrical Certificate.
- Bob Widman and Richard Maloney have turned in their paperwork for Engineer - Electrical.

New Business:

- Swap Meet. The swap meet made money. A report will be made at the next meeting.
- Swap Meet. The fall meet will be 15-Nov. The live steamers will be there. Publicity is needed.
- The next Division 8 meeting will be 22-May at the Airport Industrial Park Conference Center.
- The June meeting will be at Harry Munzer's.
- K-Sons
 - The convention is on track. Additional rooms are being reserved as registrations increase.
 - 2. O, On3, Z. Lego, HO. N-Trak, etc. will be present
 - 3. Several manufacturers including Digitrax will be present.
 - 4. World's Greatest Hobby will be present.

- Southern Indiana. Working on scenery.
- 0-6-0. Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

 Southwind Convention. The final report has been submitted. Congratulations to Bruce Goreham and Bob Dawson.

News for the Good of the Hobby:

- Mike Berry kindly provided a number of Norfolk Southern calendars.
- Bob Johnson attended the swap meet in York, PA. It was attended by over 18,000.

Program:

 Pat Hardesty presented a clinic on his "fantasy" railroad.

Contest:

Passenger Cars, Jim Harrington won. Thank you all participants.

Passing Track:

Jerry Ashley reflected upon his tenure as Superintendent. The division recognized his accomplishments.

Respectfully submitted Mark Norman, Clerk

Do You Remember the Pie Card Centerfold Cornfield 8? It started with the Feb meeting in '72 and continued for about Five yearsa

companion to it, "KingPin-ups" was basically the same thing in the MCR King Pin which at that time was 20-32 pages thick

