



The Pie Card



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From the Superintendent's Desk

Greeting from Fort A.P. Hill. This column is being written from a 16 x 32 foot canvas tent as we get ready for the National Scout Jamboree. You might be interested to know that the National Model Railroad Association is represented here. They have what appears to be a locomotive on the Merit Badge Midway. It is a kitbashed former UPS trailer. The boys enter one end, visit displays inside, and exit the other. Pretty cool, huh?

Just before leaving for the jamboree, the Throttle Committee gathered at our place to for a cookout and planning session. Compliments go out to my wife Kelly who did yeoman's work getting things ready. This semi-annual gathering permitted everyone to socialize a bit and get to know one another a bit better. After enjoying the spread Kelly put together, we got down to setting goals for the division. By having goals, we can focus our energies. All of this will be reviewed at our upcoming meetings and submitted for your approval. So, what was our focus?

Without getting too deeply into the specifics, we addressed two broad themes – service to the membership and service to the community.

Service to our membership is what will keep us a robust, relevant organization. This will take participation by everyone. If each of us will help out in some way, we will continue to grow and be an even better organization. So, please help. A few highlights include strengthening the Achievement Program, having division logo-wear available, and improving the Christmas party. Membership is striving to mentor our new members to ensure they have a positive experience and stick with us. We are dedicated to having ever more informative clinics. Again, this will require each of you to help out. Don't be shy; we will work with you to ensure your success.

As a charitable organization, we have a responsibility for outreach. We are looking at how to improve our efforts there. These items now are in their formative stage. Stay tuned for details. Of course, this outreach is also symbiotic in nature. By having good public outreach, we recruit new members. New members bring new ideas and grow the hobby helping all of us. Similarly, we want to help out the clubs and hobby shops. Without them, we may as well rip up the tracks.

It was a good meeting with great people. Great people, working together can and will accomplish anything.

Mark

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

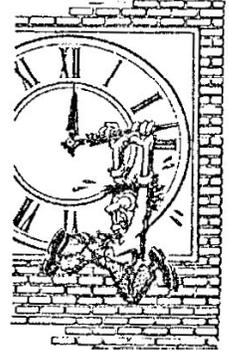
The following Division 8 Certifications were reported in the August issue of *NMRA Magazine*.

Golden Spike: Tom Lindquist and John Ottman

Master Builder-Scenery: Steve Pharris

Model Railroad Engineer-Electrical: Steve Pharris

TIMETABLE



Aug 21, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Home of Russ Weis

Sep 18, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Conference Center

Oct 15, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Conference Center

Nov 18, Div 8 Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 PM, TBA

Nov 20, Div 8 Train Show, Highland Post, 10 AM to 3 PM

Dec, No Meeting, Christmas Party. TBA

AUGUST MEETING

Our August meeting will Saturday August 21, 2:00 PM at the home of Russ Weis. Russ is building an even larger layout in his new home than he had in the old. Come out and check his progress.

Directions to Russ's house. Go east on Shelbyville Road about 3.5 miles past the Snyder (I-265). Just a little way beyond the Eastwood Fire Department (be careful, right lane ends by fire station) you will see a green sign on your right that reads "Long Run Park" Turn left there, which is Flat Rock Road. Go about a 1/4 mile and you will come to Glen Lakes subdivision on your left and turn in. Go a short ways to the first street on your right, Davenport, and turn right to 601 about half way down on the right.

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Model Contest

AUGUST

September
October
November
December
January
February
March
April
May
June
July

MOW EQUIPMENT

Photos
Steam Locomotives
Displays/Dioramas
No Contest
Freight
Diesels
Commercial Structures
Passenger Cars
Cabooses
Open Loads
No Contest

Enter your favorite model in the contest. The judging is strictly "peoples' 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.

MAINTENANCE TIES 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. Donors for 2010 to date are:

\$ 50 or more: Ralph Bracewell

\$ 25 to \$ 45: Charles Fackler, Bob Kuchler, Bob Johnson, Ivan Baugh

\$ 5 to \$ 20: Eric Waggoner, Mike Berry, Mark Norman, Bill Poteet, Charlie Keeling, Stephen Taylor, Jim Harrington, Jim Kuzirian, Russ Weis, Herman Weir, Ronald Rauchmiller, John Ottman, Ed Brennan, Frank Becker, Tom Smart.

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SUMMER TRAIN EVENTS AND SWAP MEETS

August 27-28, Southern Indiana Club Train Show and Swap Meet. Sellersburg Moose Lodge Family Center 1757, 1040 S. Indiana Ave. (US 31), Sellersburg, Indiana. Train Show both days, Swap meet on Saturday August 28th only. Free admission, \$ 10 per table to reserve a table. Contact Craig Hatter, 502-767-3398 or email: ns4610@bluegrass.net.

August 29, General Butler State Park, Model Train & Railroadiana Show. 11:00 AM TO 4 PM. Highway 227, I-71 Exit 44. For info call Chris Pape: 502-743-5414 or kyfrr@att.net.

September 29, Open house, Harry Munzer's Swift Creek Garden Railroad, 5 PM, 6265 Buttontown Rd. (off US 150), Greenville, IN. For info, call Harry at: 812-923-1537.



The 2011 NMRA Convention in Sacramento is being billed as the "Unconventional Convention." One of the reasons is that the registration fee is only \$99! That \$99 rate will be available only until September 1, 2010. Register now to take advantage of this rate at the Convention's website - www.x2011west.org

CONTEST REPORT

Bill Lynch, Contest Chairman

As reported in the July Pie, the 2009-10 contest as wrapped up. The winners were:

First Place, Rick Maloney

Second Place, Bob Frankrone and Jim Harrington

Third Place, Bill Lynch

The 2010-11 contest kicks off with the August Meeting.

Bring your Maintenance of Way (MOW) Model

Here is a review of the monthly contest awards program:

- Each person who brings an entry to the meeting will receive one (1) point.
- The person who receives the most votes for the month gets three (3) points.
- If there are 10 or more entries for a month, there will be two awards of three (3) points.
- The person with the second highest number of votes will receive (2) points.
- In case of a tie with nine or less entries, both parties will receive three (3) points, and there will be no second place awarded.
- The prize (to be announced later) will be awarded at the annual Division Picnic.

Points standings will be published each month in *The Pie Card*.

BILL REDDING

Life member Bill Redding was recently hospitalized, but should be home and on the mend now. Bill is a long time member of Division 8. Some may remember Bill's O-Scale Modular layout that he showed around the Midwest. Bob Johnson shared this information.

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If you are able and weather is okay, please come down the walk to the right of the driveway and come into the basement. Please be careful as the walk is steep. If unable, then just ring bell at front door.

Phone is 502-245-7991 if you get lost. FYI, Glen Lakes is still not in some direction data bases.

AT THE JULY MEETING

There was no July meeting. A report on the picnic will be published in the September Pie Card.

COLOR PAGES AND OTHER THINGS

Pie Card Editor Bob Dawson

First, what happened to the July color pages? For reasons beyond our control, the pages were not printed and delivered for the July issue. You can see the July color pages on the website. I am trying to correct the problem, but for August at least, there won't be color pages.

Did you ever wonder how does the *Pie Card* gets put together and mailed each month? If you look at the front fold, where your address is, you see a lot of names. Just what do these people do? Actually, not all of those who make the *Pie Card* possible are included in that list.

As editor, I collect the monthly columns from our superintendent Mark Norman, and some of the committee chairs who contribute from time to time. Once the articles are chosen, information updated, and pictures chosen, the draft is sent to Rick Tipton for proof reading. After I am satisfied it is ready for print, it is emailed to Ivan Baugh. Using a publishing program, and his expertise, Ivan puts it in a format for printing. Ivan and I trade emails until we have a final version. Ivan then emails the final version to Bob Brown and Jim Ward for printing. A copy is also emailed to Tom Guenther for posting to the Division 8 website. This where the *Pie Card* leaves the "virtual world" and enters the "real world".

Bob Brown prints the black and white copies. Jim Ward prints the color pages. I pick up the printed copies up from Bob Brown. Jim Ward delivers the color copies to my house. Meanwhile, Bruce Goreham is printing the mailing labels. He usually drops these off at Scale Reproductions where Ray Rohmann picks them up. The *Pie Card* is finally coming together.

The circulation committee meets at one of the member's houses to stuff, fold, label, seal, and stamp the copies for mailing. This is normally the editor, along with Jerry Ashley and Ray Rohmann. Others who help from time to time are Tom Guenther, and Herman and Brian Weir. One of us then takes the copies to the post office for mailing. Jerry and Ray drop off the copies to the local hobby shops.

One of the biggest problems is finding pictures for the color pages. This is where you come in. If you are a railfan, or have pictures of your layout or some else's, send them to me. JPEG format is best for email. Prints can be given to me or one of the *Pie Card* staff for scanning. Of course an article or modeling tip is always welcome.

NMRA UNVEILS NEW LOGO

Gerry Leone, MMR, NMRA Communications Director

Welcome to the new NMRA logo...and in many ways, the new NMRA. On its face this wheel-on-rail symbol represents the oldest of the NMRA's objectives: interoperability.

It's a symbol of our willingness to keep pace with the changes all around us. Changes in our world, in our lives, in our hobby. *While it honors the achievements of the past 75 years, it commits us to the continuation of those achievements in the next 75.*



Most important, our new logo is a symbol of the NMRA's commitment to you. As your wants and needs evolve, so will we, with expanded content on our website, easier accessibility to the information in our Library, and programs designed to position us another 75 years

"NMRA" now replaces "National Model Railroad Association" and becomes our brand, just as "NFL," "AARP," and "CBS" have become brands in their respective fields.

We've renamed our magazine "NMRA Magazine" to further reinforce that brand. And our website, www.nmra.org, will become "your portal to more fun in scale model railroading."

As we move into tomorrow, think of our new NMRA logo as a symbol of our promise to you – and our promises to each other – that we'll all keep the hobby of scale model railroading alive, vibrant... and ready for the future.



MAINTENANCE OF WAY EQUIPMENT

Small motor cars or "speeders" were once used by railroad maintenance crews for transportation and inspection. This speeder, owned by a collector, was photographed at the 2005 L & N Historical Society Convention at KRM in New Haven.

WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS

Division 8 is in the process of assembling photos of division activities, layouts, meetings, clinics, picnics, anything related to our wonderful hobby. Please send your digital photos to: kingpin@insightbb.com The photos you share will become part of our Christmas entertainment and even on the division web site. Keep those photos coming in!

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Tom Guenthner, webmaster

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