



The Pie Card



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From the Superintendent's Desk

Happy New Year Division 8!!! I trust everyone had a wonderful Christmas and had the opportunity to play with trains. In fact, here's hoping that you are continuing to enjoy your trains and friends. This is a great opportunity to enjoy friends we have and to meet new ones.

As Santa Claus recovers at the North Pole from his endeavors, those of us further south, are likely making New Year's resolutions, setting goals, or just having fun. Looking back, it's been quite a year. Taking a moment to look back, the division had a pleasant Christmas Party attended by four dozen intrepid souls. Old Man Winter did his level best to prevent the festivities leaving a thick coating of ice for one and all. Nevertheless, it's hard to keep model railroaders away from a buffet line! On site, salt was spread and ice shoveled aside. We missed friends who couldn't make it but made the best of it.

This past year has seen new members join the division and fresh ideas brought forward. Sadly, we said farewell to dear friends. Those who have gone before us show the importance of seizing the day. They are remembered in prayer and will live on in our hearts.

At our home, the lead up to Christmas Day found us watching the *Polar Express* several times. In fact, we watched it Christmas evening too! Color me sentimental. A college friend sent me a video of the massive Lego train layout that was set up for the National Convention in Cincinnati a few years ago. Jack Diehl, who saw it in person, passed the link along to everyone. It never ceases to amaze me the different ways people enjoy this great hobby.

A couple of days after Christmas we made a pilgrimage to Cincinnati. There we saw the Duke Energy layout. Duke Energy bought Cincinnati Gas & Electric some time ago, but is carrying on the tradition started 65 years ago! The tracks remain the same, but the buildings and scenery change yearly. Mark your calendars for next Christmas.

Just a few blocks away there is a massive layout of Cincinnati in the 1940's in the old Union Station. While we were there, a car derailed. The benchwork must be well engineered. A museum docent walked down the "streets of Cincinnati" to re-rail the car. Of course, this led to "Godzilla" comments. He didn't even crack a smile. I guess he's heard it before. If you haven't seen these layouts before, they're well worth the trip.

Passing by the western windows, we could see a pair of CSX locomotives passing by. For the train enthusiast, it was a good day.

From our family to yours - Happy New Year!

Mark

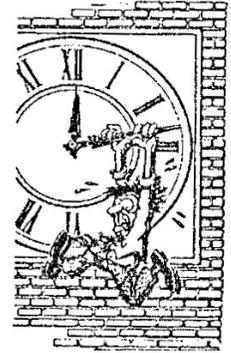
ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Joe Fields, AP Chairman

I Hope everyone in the Division had a great Christmas and is looking forward to a great New Year filled with lots of train activities. Not a whole lot going on

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TIMETABLE



- **Jan 15**, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Conference Center
- Feb 19, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Antique and Toy Mall
- Mar 17, Div 8 Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 PM, Conference Center
- Mar 19, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 10AM-3PM, Div 8 Train Show and Sale, Legion Post

JANUARY MEETING INFORMATION

This month's meeting is Saturday, January 15, 2011, 2:00 PM at the AIR PORT INDUSTRIAL CENTER (former Naval Ordnance Plant). We will meet in Building 91, the Conference Center on Rochester Ave. Rochester Ave. It can be accessed from either Southside Drive or Strawberry Lane. Turn south on Technology Drive. The Conference Center is on the right and clearly marked. The program will be presented by Eric Waggoner, "2010 NMRA National Convention in Milwaukee". His program will include pictures from the layout tours. Just a note, don't look for the gun mounts as a landmark, they have been removed. Russ Weis is providing refreshments. If you are using a GPS system, enter 119 Rochester Ave, 40214. This will put you close to the Conference Center.

Model Contest

JANUARY

February
March
April
May
June
July
August
September
October
November
December

FREIGHT CARS

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

CONTEST REPORT

Bill Lynch, Contest Chairman

There was no contest in December

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in the achievement department except that I have received word from Frank Koch that Ed Brennan's Structure Certificate has been approved. When I receive it I will present it to Ed at an upcoming meeting. As everyone is aware, winter is officially here and since it's just nice to stay indoors out of the cold why not pick a Master Model Railroader category and begin working on it. There are many to choose from and you only need seven to earn your Master Model Railroader Certificate. Hopefully everyone is aware that we have many folks in the division who act as judges and are only a phone call away. With that said I hope to here from many of you real soon. (Note: Ed's certificate was announced in the January 2011 NMRA Magazine. Editor)



New Open Load by Bob Frankrone who took the photo.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Forty-eight hardy Division 8 members and guests made it through the ice Thursday evening December 16 to this year's Division 8 Christmas Party at the Kyana Car Club. From all reports, they had a great dinner and a thoroughly enjoyable time. Your editor was among those who couldn't make it. My driveway was a solid sheet of ice, and I didn't get my car out until Saturday afternoon. Apparently no pictures were taken at this year's party, so here is one from 1987.

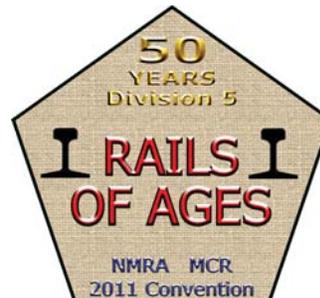


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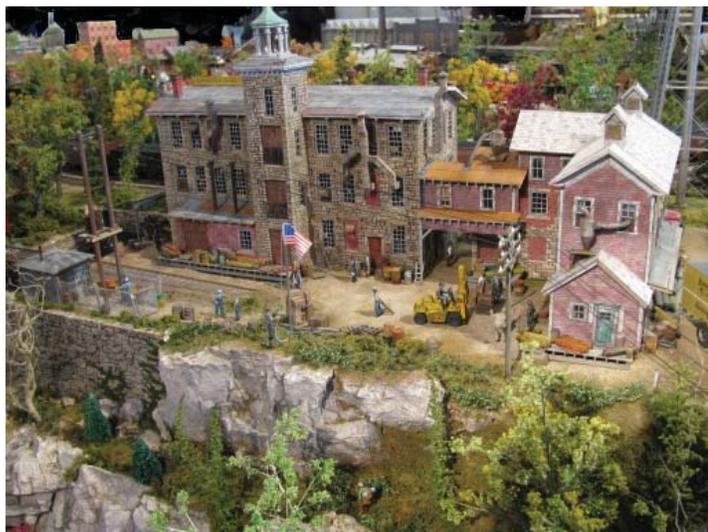
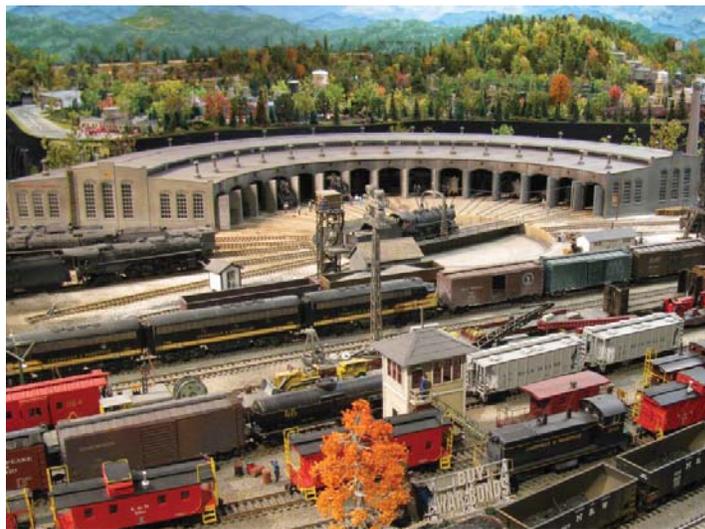
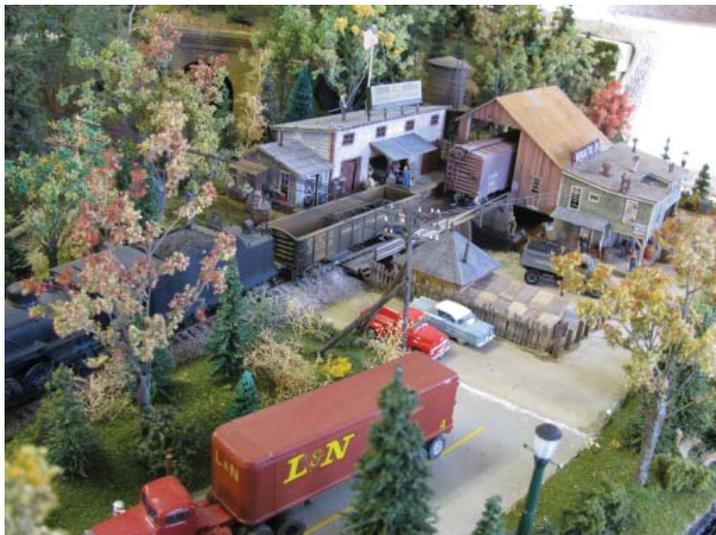
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Geneva-on-the-Lake, Ohio

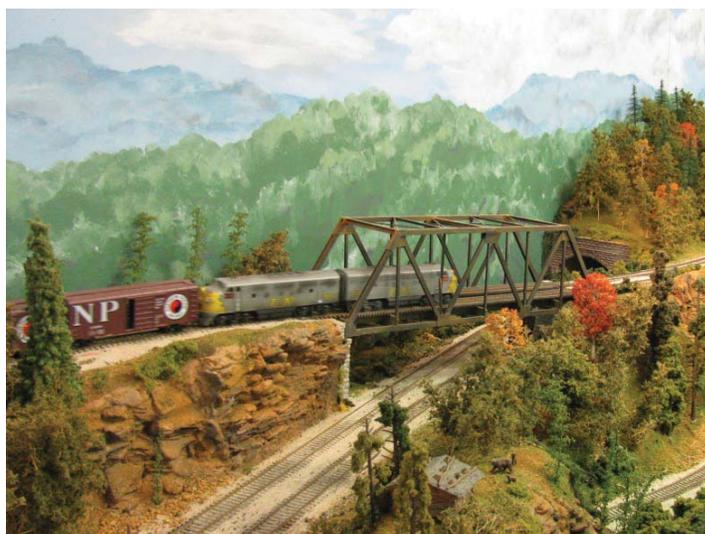
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"The Western Reserve
Division"

John Bowling's HO L & N Layout, Danville, KY.



John's was one of the layouts visited by Division 8 members on our November tour.



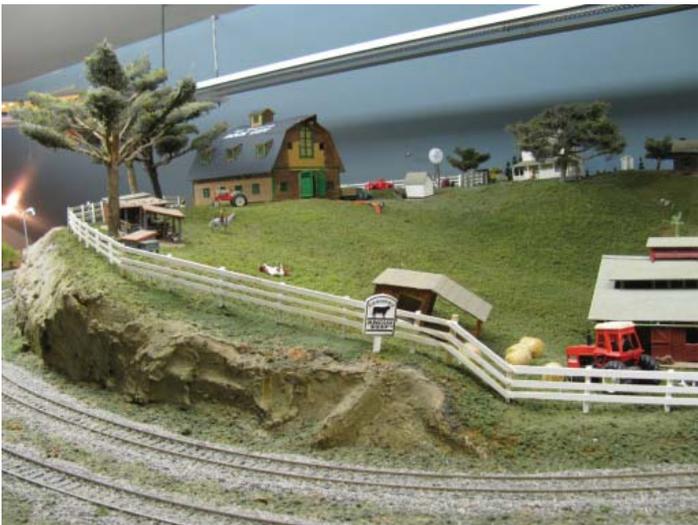
Scenes from John Campbell's HO L & N Layout



John's layout draws on his interest in the Louisville & Nashville Railroad's coal operations in Eastern Kentucky.



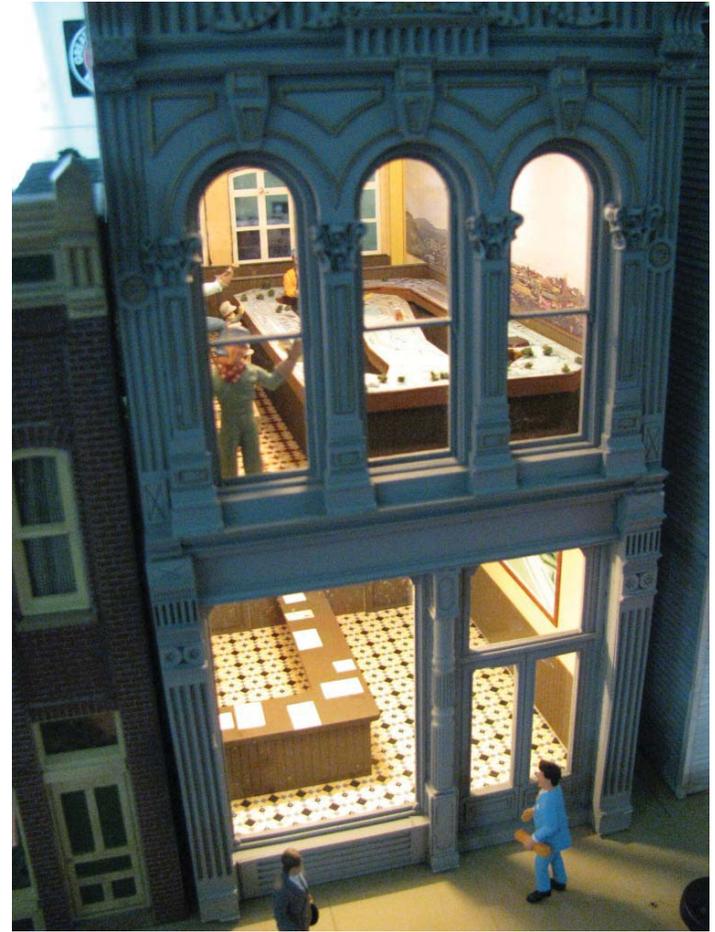
Ralph Bracewell's HO Layout



Ralph's railroad is freelanced featuring detailed scenic elements and animations. Ralph scratch built the street and parking lot light standards on the layout. Photos were taken at the holiday open house hosted by Ralph and his wife, Cathy, in December.



Ray and Renee Grosser's O-scale Layout



Above and on the right, two structure models on Ray and Renee Grosser's O-scale layout in Eubank, KY. Most of the structures on their layout feature detailed interiors, Ray and Renee's layout was one of those visited on the November layout tour.



You have seen the features circled on this photo on model as well as prototype freight cars. Do you know what it is called? Do you know how it was used? Read next month's Pie Card for the answer.

IN MEMORIAM-DEAN FREYTAG



Dean Freytag MMR, passed away Christmas Day in Ashland, Ohio. For those of you who weren't aware, Dean has been ill for some time and in a nursing home for about the past 9 months or so. Well known in NMRA circles, Deans layout, South Ridge Lines, was home to the steel industry. In addition to being an avid model railroader and builder of "scratch built"

structures, he was also an author. His books included "The Cyclopedia of Industrial Modeling" and "The History, Making & Modeling of Steel". Dean was 86.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

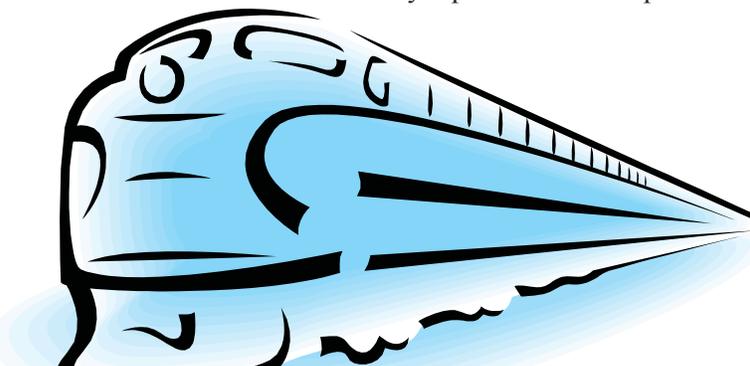
Pie Card Editor Bob Dawson

This is the first of issue of the electronic Pie Card. A beginning of a new era. I want to thank those who have contributed to getting the printed copy out over the last few years. The printing has been done by Bob Brown at no cost for the last 40 years or so. Jim Ward was the first printer of the color pages. Bob Brown has been coordinating the printing for the past year. The color pages feature was initiated by Ivan Baugh when he was editor. Speaking of editors, there have been a number of editors over the years. Here are some of them: Alan Bates, Bob Brown, Art Goreham, Charlie Hansen, Charlie Buschman, Ivan Baugh, and Bob Dawson. I would appreciate any corrections or additions to the list of editors.

The circulation committee was made up of Ray Rohmann, Jerry Ashley, Bob Dawson, with the assistance of others from time to time.

MAINTENANCE TIES FUND

With the introduction of the "electronic" Pie Card this month, the Division Throttle Committee has been discussing the future of the Pie Card Subscription (Activity Fee) and the Maintenance Ties Fund. There will be a proposal presented at the January



EXTRA 2011 WEST NMRA CONVENTION

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

RAILFAN CORNER

This past August the editor of Railfan and Railroad Magazine, Steve Barry, was arrested on a New York City transit station platform while waiting to photograph a special train. He was approached by a New York City police officer who demanded he quit taking photographs. Eventually they were joined by more officers who insisted that the taking of photographs was not allowed. He eventually was searched, handcuffed, detained for 20 minutes and cited. He was cited under a section of a transit ordinance concerning rules of conduct. He was fined \$ 50. He found, however, the law he was cited under allowed taking photograph and video recording in and on transit facilities as long as no ancillary equipment such as lights, reflectors or tripods were used. Needless to say, Mr. Barry with the help of the New York Civil Liberties Union has filed suit against for damages against the City of New York and the New York Police Department.

What about us? In the United States there are no restrictions for taking photos from public areas of most subjects including transportation components, e.g. trains. There are restrictions involving Military and Atomic Energy installations. Public areas include public streets, sidewalks and parks. Stay off railroad property. This includes tracks, structures, and equipment. Don't argue. If you are challenged by a police officer explain what you are doing and that you

are on public right of way. Most confrontations can be defused by being courteous and respectful. If they are insistent that you stop, comply. There will be time for pictures another day. For more information on your rights, go to: www.krages.com/photright.htm.

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