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From the Superintendent's Desk

Writing this, we are coming to the end of several beautiful days. The leaves are brilliant but fewer and fewer. At this particular moment, it is raining. What does this have to do with model railroading? In my case at least, it means fewer distractions. Granted, there are a few thousand leaves to be dealt with but that is trivial. Now, it's time for some serious model railroading to begin!

As you are reading this, the fall swap meet is right in front of us in a wonderful new venue. This is our opportunity to really shine and share with the community. Please encourage everyone you know, friends, family, neighbors, church friends, etc. to come on out and experience this wonderful hobby. Time spent helping out and serving as an ambassador for the hobby will earn you Volunteer credit if you are working toward that certificate. Just be sure to keep a record.

November is model railroading month and fits in perfectly with the swap meet. Most members of the general public who visit us will share a few things in common. Most of them either had a train set or had a family member or friend who had one. Most of them look at the hobby with fondness. Most of them don't know where to begin and are bewildered by the choice of scale, gauge, inside language we use, etc. Most of them realize that Christmas is just a few short weeks away.

This gulf between excitement for the hobby and bewilderment is potential and opportunity for the NMRA as a whole, and our division in particular. There is no one better suited or better positioned to be there for the public. Some of these people will become members if we only help them sincerely. The key is to meet them on their terms, not as a no it all. Sometimes our "expertise" can be intimidating. Remember, we all had to learn sometime, let's help these folks out. Other people will not become members but will walk away with fond memories of a wonderful group of people enjoying the world's greatest hobby. Either way, we will be there to help them and further our hobby.

Mark

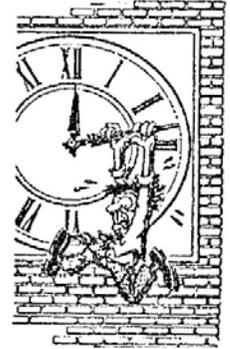
ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Joe Fields, Div. 8 Achievement Program Chairman

I hope everyone is aware that Division 8 has a multitude of very talented modelers who are more than willing to share their modeling techniques. They are ready to give you a hand, and get you over the snags you may encounter as you build your dream layout.

Check out Div. 8's web site for a list of members you can call on for help. There you will find individuals listed in all categories of model railroading. Please, call me if you want a model judged or have any questions about the Achievement Program,

TIMETABLE



Nov 17, Thur 7:30 PM, Div Mtg, Southern Indiana Club

Nov 19, Sat 10AM-3PM, Div 8 Train Show, Ramada Plaza

Dec 16, Fri, 6:30 PM, Div 8 Christmas Party, KYANA Car Club.

Jan 18, Thur, 7:30 PM, TBA

NOVEMBER MEETING INFORMATION

The November meeting is Thursday, November 17, at 7:30 PM in Jeffersonville, Indiana. . The meeting is being hosted by the Southern Indiana Model Railroad Club. They are located in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church, Walnut and Chestnut Streets, Jeffersonville. Take exit 0 from I-65 to Court Avenue. Continue on Court Avenue 1/2 miles to Walnut Street. Turn right on Walnut and go two blocks to Chestnut. Turn left on Chestnut, the church is on the southeast corner, park in the lot on the east side of the church. Enter from the parking lot. The club is in the basement.

TWO MODEL RAILROADS TO BE OPEN DECEMBER 17

Bob Irscher and Harry Munzer will be hosting open houses for the continued on page 2, column 1

Model Contest**NOVEMBER**

December
January
February
March
April
May
June
July
August
September
October

DISPLAYS/DIORAMAS

NO CONTEST
Freight Cars
Diesels
Commercial Structures
Passenger Cars
Cabooses
Open Loads
NO CONTEST
MOW Equipment
Photos
Steam Locomotives

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

DIVISION CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year our Christmas Party will again be held at the KYANA Car Club, 3821 Hunsinger Lane, same place as the last two years.. The date is FRIDAY evening, December 16, 2010. The meal will be a buffet catered again by Halls Catering and will feature a choice of three meats, four vegetables, and several salad and dessert choices. We can eat all we want, but there will not be any take-outs! Cost for everyone is \$ 15.00 per person (\$ 30 per couple), same as last year. There will be music, door prizes and entertainment, but no gift exchanges. Attendance is open to anyone that has an interest in model railroading.

Bruce Goreham is taking reservations. Make out checks to "Division Eight, MCR NMRA" and mail to: Division Eight, MCR, NMRA, P. O. Box 99041, Louisville, KY 40269-0041. Ideally, you can bring a check to the November meeting and give it to Bruce directly. Anyone can bring one or more guests. However, there will be no refunds. We must have your reservation by December 10th.

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holidays featuring their indoor train layouts on Saturday December 17. Bob features a fully scened O-gauge layout with an On30 branchline. Bob's address is 5541 Buck Creek Rd., Floyds Knobs, Indiana just off Hwy 150. From Louisville take I-65 to I-265 West in Jeffersonville, and then 1-64 to US 150 West. Buck Creek Rd is on the right immediately after the four lane divided highway goes to two lanes. The layout is on the second floor of his garage. Bob will be open from 10:00 AM to 1 PM. Harry will be running his large vintage Lionel layout as well as the HO Division of the Swift Creek Railroad. Harry lives at 6265 Buttonwood Rd. off US

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CONTEST REPORT

Here are the results of the October Contest. Jim Harrington took first place with his GN 2-6-8-0 M2. Rob Johnson (4-4-2 Hiawatha) and Tom Lindquist (Southern 2-8-0) tied for second. Point standings to date: 7 points, Jim Harrington; 6, Bill Lynch; 4 points each, Rob Johnson, Tom Lindquist, Fred Soward; 3 points each, Charlie Keeling and Ed Brennan; 2, Bob Johnson; 1 point each, Eric Waggoner and Ed Atkins.

AT THE OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting was held at Meadowview Presbyterian Church. Mark and Bobbi Hedge provided refreshments. Bob Dawson reported that he has received little response on the proposed outing to Entertainment Junction. He said we have made our deposit for the bus.

Ed Brennan reported that our tank car kit has been published in the November Model Railroader, and he has already received some orders.

The October contest was steam locomotives. First place was won by Jim Harrington. Pictures are in the photo section of this month's Pie Card.

The minutes for the October meeting are posted on the Division Website.

MAINTENANCE TIES FUND

The Maintenance Ties Fund is be used to help underwrite the Member Welfare Fund and the printing of the Pie Card for those members who don't have access to a computer. The Member Welfare Fund is used to provide a gift certificate to a member who has been hospitalized. It is also used for an expression of sympathy upon the death of a member or a member's spouse. Donors of \$ 5.00 or more to the maintenance ties fund will continue to be recognized in the Pie Card. Donors for 2011 to date are:

\$ 5 to \$ 20: Roundhouse Trains, Ed Atkins, John Manning, Eric Waggoner, Rick Able, Bill Poteet, Bob Johnson, Charlie Keeling.

\$ 25 to \$45: Ed Brennan, Stephen Taylor, John Ottman, Jim Kuzirian, Jim Harrington

\$ 45 +: Don Fowler, Larry Hujo

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150 in Greenville, IN. Harry's layout will be open from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

October Contest



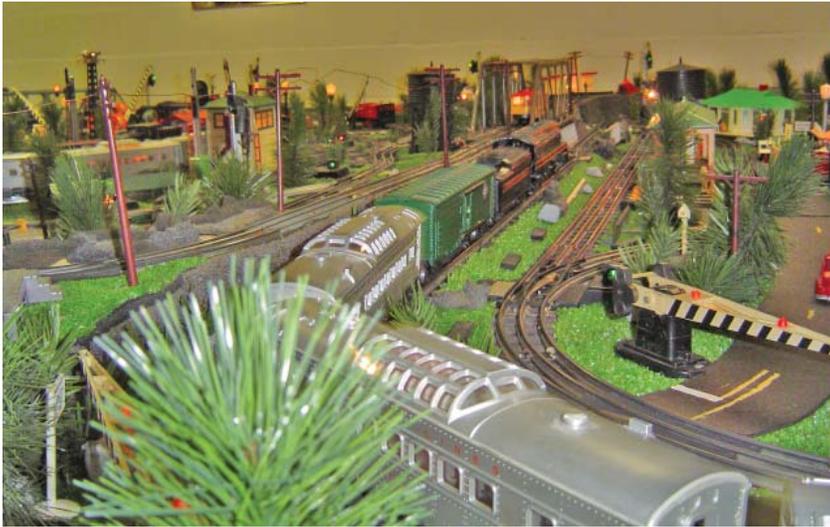
Left: Jim Harrington took first place with his HO Great Northern 2-6-8-0.

Right: Second place resulted in a tie. Rob Johnson shared second place with his HO Milwaukee Roads 4-4-2. The prototype pulled the famous Hiawatha passenger train.



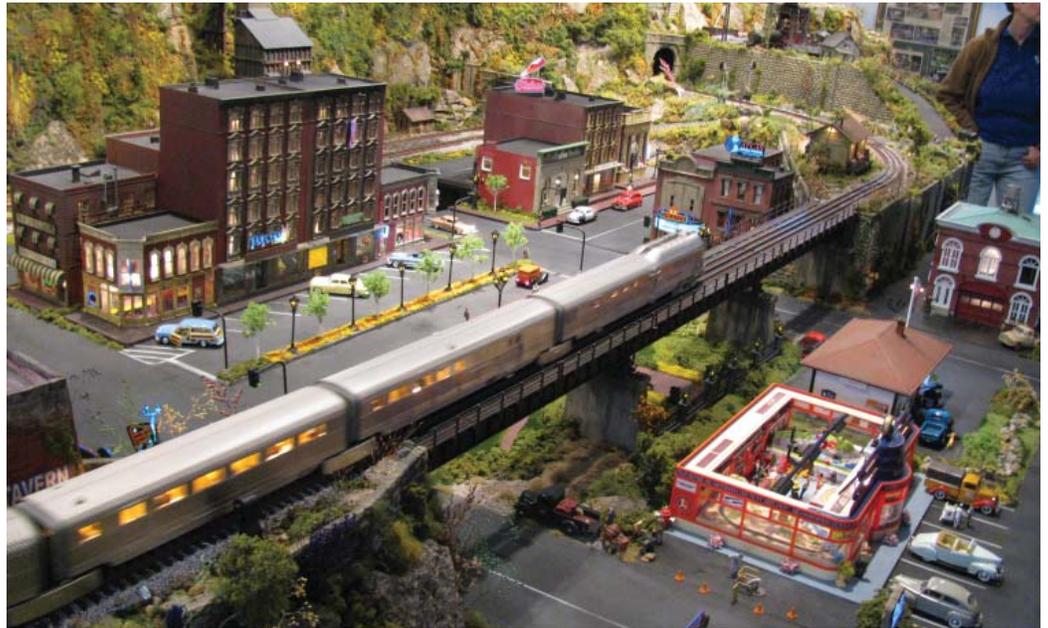
Left: The other second place winner was Tom Lindquist with his HO Southern Railway 2-8-0.

Pike Showcase



Left: Harry Munser's vintage Lionel layout as it appeared in his former home in Jeffersonville, IN. Harry recently set it up at his new location in Greenville.

Right: The Zephyr crosses the high trestle spanning an urban area on Bob Irmscher's O-Gauge layout in Floyd's Knobs, IN. The layout fills the second floor of a large multicar garage.



Left: Sunset on Bob's layout. Bob features a series of mini-scenes and special effects. As the daylight fades, the structure lights begin to come on finishing with the glow of the setting sun behind the mountains. Both Bob's and Harry's layouts will be open to the public on Saturday December 17. See times and directions elsewhere in this issue of *The Pie Card*.

Pike Showcase (continued)

Right: Ralph Bracewell's HO free-lanced layout. We are looking at a portion of his layout showing the middle and lower levels. There is another level above.



Left: Ralph's layout fills most of the second floor of his home. Just one of the mini-scenes, a gravel quarry operation.

Right: Corbin Yard on Tom Guenther's L & N Railroad. While free-lanced, it is inspired by the Cumberland Valley Division of the L & N.



Ralph and Tom's layouts will be open on Sunday December 4. Both layouts are within minutes of each other. See details and directions elsewhere in this issue of *The Pie Card*.



Left: The round house area on the KSONS N-Scale Modular layout.

Right: Fast freight on the KSONS layout.

The KSONS layout was set up at the Jeffersonville, Indiana Public Library during the week of 23-29 October of this year.



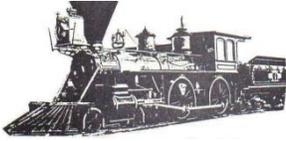
Trackside with Charlie Keeling



Left: K & I T RR Coaling Tower and engine.

This was taken during a tour of the engine facilities by Division 8 members in 1970.

DIVISION 8 FALL TRAIN SHOW AND SALE



The date for the Division 8 Train Show and Sale is Saturday, November 19, 2011. Hours are the same; 10 AM to 3 PM. Our show is moving -- the new location is the Ramada Plaza Convention Center, 9700 Bluegrass Parkway, Louisville, 40299. This is the same location where we hosted the MCR Convention in 2007. This change will provide us with more parking, and a larger space for more dealer tables and layouts.

New this year will be an indoor riding train for the kids. Falls City Live Steamers will be setting up a "pedal car" rail operation in the layout area. Invite anyone you know with children to come out and let them ride the train.

Prices remain the same: \$5 admission, dealer table rental \$20, \$15 for NMRA members. To reserve a table contact Mark or Bobbi Hedge, (812) 288-8037 or email, div8trainshow@gmail.com.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Bob Dawson, Pie Card Editor

Have you checked out our Division website lately? You can find our website at <http://div8-mcr-nmra.org>. Look at the menu to the left on the screen. Some links you may want to explore:

Company Store: You will find shirts, hats, and model kits the division has for sale.

Facebook: Did you know Division 8 is on Facebook? Check it out and sign up.

Fallen Flags: Tributes to our members who have passed away.

Clinics: Clinics on all phases of modeling.

Rail Movies: Links to rail and model movies on YouTube.

Members Only: You will need a User Name and Password available from our webmaster to enter. Some of the items you find:

- Minutes to the last meetings. This is the official posting of the minutes.
- Job Board: You can register to get help with designing or building your layout.
- Crew Lounge: Sign up to be willing to help members.
- Membership list.

FORMER ARMY HOSPITAL CAR LEAVES NAVAL ORDNANCE



A former US Army World War II era hospital car that sat on an isolated section of track in old Louisville Naval Ordnance station (NOSL) was moved to the Historic Railpark Museum in Bowling Green on October 18. NOSL acquired the car in 1971 from Crane Naval facility in Crane, Indiana, where it had been in storage. The station used the car for storage of parts a weapons program until 1995. Since then it has sat unused.

Upon the ending of all government operations at the Louisville facility earlier this year, several at NOSL began looking for a new home for the car. The Historic RailPark and Museum in Bowling Green stepped up, and secured the funds to move the car. Although the car was only twenty feet from an active siding. CSX would not allow a car with friction bearings to be moved by rail, so it had to be moved by truck.

"We're extremely humbled and honored to have this rare artifact of medical, military and railroad history at our site", states Sharon Tabor, Executive Director of the Historic Railpark and Museum. "Only four of the two hundred original railcars are known to remain in existence, and none of the original medical equipment remains with this particular car. The interior furnishings were distributed among Louisville medical and charitable organizations in the early 1970s. We're hoping some of the equipment may eventually surface and the owners will make it available to us to add to the exhibit in Bowling Green."

The railcar should first be available for interior tours around Veterans' Day 2011 as a special open house is planned for that day to honor our nation's Veterans.

Information for this article was supplied by Eric Waggoner with additional information from the Historic Railpark and Museum. Photo by Tom Guenther

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Tom Guenthner, webmaster

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MEMBER WELFARE

Our condolences to Joe Fields, whose father passed away on October 14.

Let Jack Diehl, chairman of the Member Welfare Committee, know if you or a member of your family has been hospitalized, or have lost a loved one.



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