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From the Superintendent's Desk



Happy New Year Division 8! It has been an incredible year for the division. We continue to grow and change in a thoughtful manner. Traditionally, the new year is a time for looking back at where we've been, evaluating, then looking forward thoughtfully toward the future. Let us take a moment to do so now.

Incredibly, the division Christmas party is now in the history books. It was a wonderful evening of elegantly dressed ladies and dapper gentlemen enjoying a beautiful evening together. Throughout the room there were smiling faces and the sound of laughter. Young Collin assisted Eric Waggoner in handing out door prizes. Well done! A tip of the hat goes to the Christmas Committee who once again outdid themselves. As ever, a special thank you goes out to the hobby shops for being there for us as we are there for you.

The Silver Spike Award went to three well deserving individuals who have made a difference in our hobby. Thank you recipients, and thank you Jack Diehl for ramrodding the operation!

Emails and phone calls continue to be received about the swap meet. The consensus is clear – the change of venue is a winner. Is there room for improvement? You bet! Even now, ideas are being exchanged on how to make things better. How? With your input and involvement of course. Identifying problems is the easy part. Identifying solutions is where differences are made. Fortunately, we have a great membership willing to step forward with creative solutions. Thank you!

The division picnic was great fun with the exception of the accident that closed the I-65 for some time. For 2012, a new challenge will be faced. The old steamer is undergoing renovations, so a new opportunity will be sought.

Similarly, we have a real opportunity to do better in touring one another's layouts. The level of skill in the division is first-rate. Now, we need to share with one another. Let's view this as a growth opportunity for 2012.

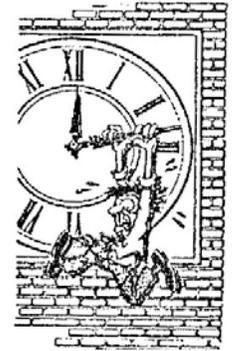
There are countless other items to consider as we look back and then look to the future and take action *today*. Allow me to humbly suggest you do something similar. What went right on your railroad empire, be it a humble few square feet or a staggering expanse? Set a goal and move toward it. Better still; share your vision with your fellow model railroaders. Together, you will achieve more than you dreamed possible.

Mark

K & I OPEN HOUSE IN FEBRUARY

The K & I Model Railroad Club is hosting an open house at their club house, the Old Fire House, 3713 Highway 146 (LaGrange Road) in Buckner Kentucky. It is free and open to the public. Dates and hours: Saturday February 11, 10 AM to 4 PM; and Sunday February 12, 11 AM to 4 PM. This is the largest HO layout in the Louisville area

TIMETABLE



Jan 19, Thur, 7:30 PM, Conference Center

Jan 21-22, Great Train Expo

Feb 18, Sat, 2 PM, Conference Center

March 17, Sat, 2 PM, Conference Center

Apr 19, Thur, 7:30 PM, Conference Center

Apr 26-29. MCR Convention, Pittsburgh

May 19, Sat, 2 PM Conference Center

Jun 21, Thur, 7:30 PM, Bob & Ramona Johnson's

WEB SITE

om Guenthner, Webmaster

You may notice there is a new item at the bottom of the menu column on the web site. It is a new App (ClusterMaps) that keeps track of visitors of the site. If you click on it, it will show you some of the last visitors and from where they were when they made the visit. The red dots show where visitors are. This went into service Dec 18th.

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 "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.

CONTEST REPORT

There was no meeting in December, thus no contest. The point standings remain the same.

Point Standings: Seven points, Charlie Keeling and Jim Harrington. Six points, Bill Lynch. Five points, Bob Johnson. Four points each; Rob Johnson, Tom Linqvist, and Fred Soward. Three points, Ed Brennan. One point each, Eric Waggoner and Ed Atkins.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Bob Dawson, Chairman, Nominating Committee.

The nominating committee's work is pretty much completed. We will make our report at the January meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor following our report. Offices open, are Superintendent, Asst. Superintendent, Treasurer, Clerk, and one Trustee position. Nominations can be made by any regular member or life member (NMRA voting member). Sorry, Family Membership class is not eligible to make a nomination or hold office. No second is required. The nominee must be a voting member, and must agree to accept the nomination. Ballots will be mailed to each voting member with the address of the teller, and due date. Only ballots mailed to the teller will be accepted -- no hand deliveries. Results will be announced at the March meeting, with the new officers taking office in May.

**FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK**

Bob Dawson, Pie Card Editor

One of the features of our monthly meetings is clinics. Russ Weis is our program chairman. He is already working on the clinic schedule for next year, and he needs your help. Clinics can be as technical as the presenter wants it to be. We have had clinics on "How I named my Model Railroad", weathering techniques, prototype railroads, digital control, to name a few subjects. Some have been on electronic media, others have been demonstrations, and a few simply "show and tell". It's pretty simple, give Russ a call at 245-7991 or see him at a meeting.

I am still in need of layout pictures. What am I looking for? A scene on your model railroad with a train in it. Send the picture along with a brief description of the scene and your railroad. You can send as many as you want. Email to: dawsonrobertl@bellsouth.net, or give them to me at a meeting. You can also contact me, and I will come to your layout to take pictures.

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,

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 2012 to date are:

\$ 5 to \$ 20: Ray Hager
 \$ 25 to \$45: Bob Lawson
 \$ 45 +·

Christmas Party 2011



Joe O'Gara and his wife Nita made it to the party this year. Last year's ice and snow kept Joe and many others away. Fortunately the weather was more cooperative this year.

Joe is a life member of NMRA and served as Division 8's fourth Superintendent from 1972 to 1974.

Mark Norman presented Bobbi Hedge with the Silver Spike Award. Bobbi was one of three recognized for their service this year. The Silver Spike is awarded to a member in recognition of exemplary service to the Division. Over the years Bobbi has served on many committees including Picnic and Christmas Party Committees. She helped put this year's party together. Bobbi also serves on the Train Show Committee.



Tom Guenther was also recognized with a Silver Spike Award. Tom currently serves the Division as a Trustee and Division Webmaster. Tom also is a member of the Train Show Committee.



Bill Lynch, Contest Chairman, was also awarded the Silver Spike, but was unable to attend the Christmas Party. He will be presented with his award at a later date.

Pike Showcase



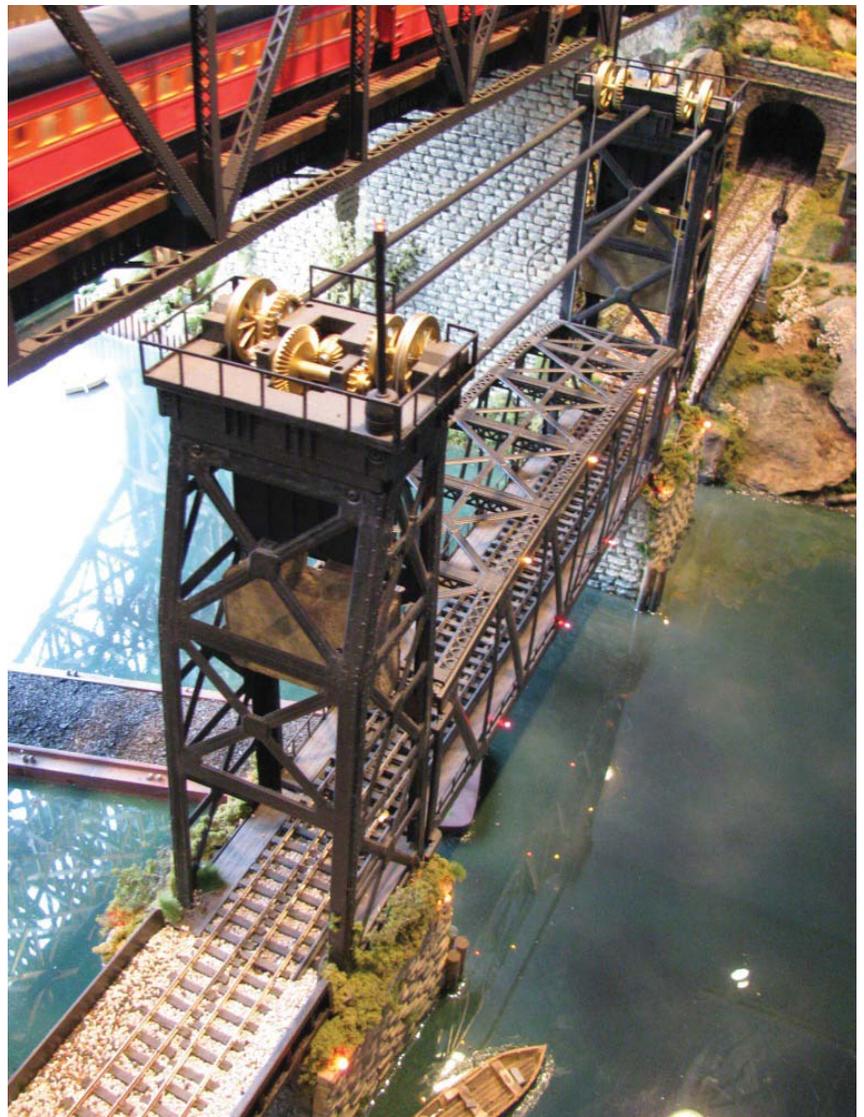
This month we visit Bob Imscher's O-Scale Hi-Rail layout. Bob's layout is located in a special built room over a two and one-half car garage at his home in Floyd's Knobs, Indiana. Bob has always been fascinated with trains. Some of you may have visited the Garden Layout he built at his former home in Greenville, IN. That layout is now owned and operated by Harry Munzer. Recently Bob built a special layout for Yew Dell Acres botanical garden in Floyd'sburg, KY.

The trestle in the back ground is scratch built.

One of bridges on the layout is a lift drawbridge similar to the L & I Bridge at Fourteenth Street. Unlike that bridge, Bob's bridge uses a gauntlet track.

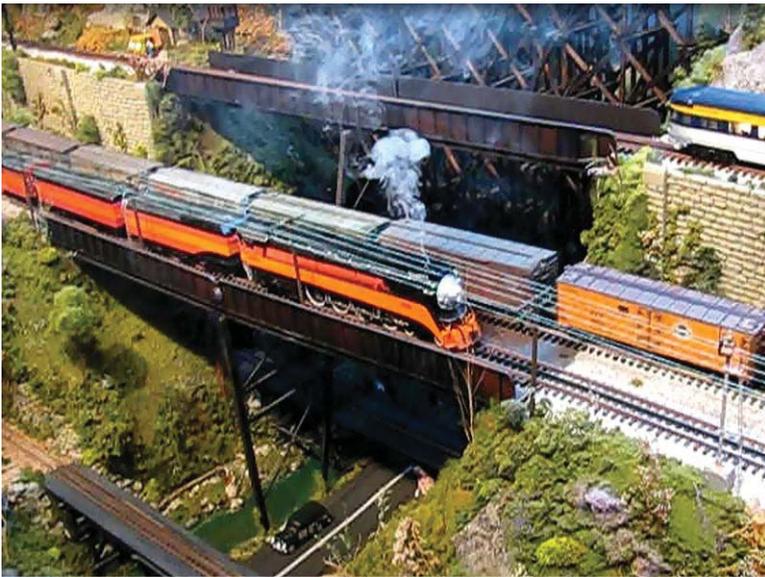
Like many Hi-Railer's Bob runs loop to loop. There are no turnouts on the layout. There are two separate main-line loops, each with its own control system. One used a Lionel system, the other a MTH system. The two systems are not compatible.

There are also two On30 loops on the layout. These use Bachman locomotives and Digital Command Control.



Bob has built a series of small scenes all around the layout. He calls them “mini-dioramas”. In the real world Bob is a landscape designer. He tries to duplicate nature using modeling materials as best as he can. One thing, Bob uses is real rocks. He feels these look more realistic than plaster one.

The Southern Pacific Daylight in the background is one of Bob’s favorite trains. He also had a G-gauge version on his former layout.



Here is a closer view of the Daylight. It’s crossing one of the many bridges on the layout.

All hi-rail locomotives are equipped with sound and smoke systems.

At the lower left corner you can see a bridge carrying one of the On30 lines.

A recent addition to the layout is this steamboat model. Bob said it was a complicated kit, but fun to build.

If you look closely you will see smoke rising out of one of the stacks. Many of the factory smoke stacks and chimneys around the layout have simulated smoke coming from them.

Bob uses room vaporizers (available at most drug stores) filled with distilled water to provide the “smoke”. There is no residue, and it is non-allergenic.





The pictures of Bob Imscher's layout are from an open house he hosted last month. Bob coordinated with Harry Munzer so both were open the same day.

Transplanted from his former Jeffersonville house, Harry has recently set up this vintage Lionel layout at his home in Greenville.

Division 8 member Rob Johnson was caught in the act of taking a few pictures.

TRACKSIDE WITH CHARLIE KEELING

This month Charlie takes us to Union Station at Marion, Ohio in 1973. Marion was a key hot spot for railfanning in Ohio, and once saw 150 trains a day. The famed elevated interlocking tower (AC tower) is framed by the signal bridge. Three multitrack rail routes cross at this point. The tower has since been preserved, but moved to the other side of the tracks.



A Norfolk Western locomotive bangs across the diamonds at Marion.



Charlie got great shots of Erie Lackawanna, N&W, C & O, and Penn Central Freights as they streamed through Marion. PC and EL trains shared three east-west tracks that were once joint NYC- Erie. The N&W had acquired the former PRR line from Columbus to Sandusky, double track through Marion. Paralleling the N&W here was the C&O, double track all the way from Columbus to Toledo.

JANUARY MEETING INFORMATION

This month's meeting is Thursday evening, January 19, 7:30 PM at the AIR PORT INDUSTRIAL CENTER (former Naval Ordnance Plant). We will meet in Building 91, the Conference Center on 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. If you are using a GPS system, enter 119 Rochester Ave, 40214. This will put you close to the Conference Center.

The program will be presented by Tom Guentner, "Signaling using GMRI". Tom will describe how he installed a signal system on his layout. He will cover the hardware and software he used, and how to use the GMRI program to set up and operate the system.

Future programs include weathering by Nat King in February, building and weathering techniques by Bob Lawson in March, and a prototype Louisville rail spur you can model by Bob Dawson in April. May is still open, so contact Russ Weis and offer your talents.

MEMBER WELFARE

Member welfare chairman Jack Diehl offers this summary of the last few months. In October Joe O'Gara's wife Nita suffered an attack that rendered her temporarily blind. She was able to attend the Christmas party and seemed to be recovering and doing quite well. Two members, Joe Fields and Don Fowler, suffered the death of their fathers in October and November. Keenan Coleman had a hospital visit for an undisclosed reason but was out in time to attend the swap meet. Now that is a real model railroader! Edith Vetter, wife of member Thurman passed away in November. Mark Hedge had to make a visit to the hospital to have some additional work on his elbow tendon. Looks as if he will be wearing a cast on it for a while. Larry Duff ended up in the hospital to have a torn Achilles tendon repaired. He will need the use of a cane until it heals. Carolyn King (Member and wife of Nat King) had some undisclosed surgery but is now home recovering

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



AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Fifty four members and their families along with eight guests and families attended the 2011 Christmas Party. Thanks to Party Chairman Bruce Goreham plus Bob and Ramona Johnson, Bobbi Hedge, and Eric Waggoner for all of their hard work. The winners of the 2011 Silver Spike award were announced and presentation made --this year's recipients were: Tom Guentner, Bobbi Hedge, and Bill Lynch. Superintendent Mark Norman presented Tom and Bobbi with their awards at the party. Bill Lynch was unable to attend, and will be presented with his award at later date. See pictures of the awards presentations and pictures from the party in this elsewhere in this issue.

Bruce is already thinking about next year's party, and he is asking for your help. He would like your opinion on how it went. Would you want basically the same format as 2011? Did you like the variety offered on the menu or do you have suggestions for other items? Get with Bruce at a meeting, call him, or send him an E-mail with your ideas.



Group shot from the Christmas Party



Bruce and Martv Goreham with Theresa Berrv

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Tom Guenthner, webmaster

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