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From the Superintendent's Desk

It is interesting to listen to what people have to say about our chosen hobby. Some reflect upon the “golden years” of the hobby – an undefined time some years in the past. “Back then” people were “real” modelers, making marvelous creations seemingly from nothing more than scraps and determination. Others speculate about greener pastures to come. In my humble opinion, both views are wholly valid. People of incredible talent started and developed this hobby. The future holds great promise, but it rests with us to create that future. While we might reflect on the past and even model the past, we live in the present and work for toward the future. In the present we enjoy a level of detail, convenience, and quality that could not have been dreamed of a generation ago. Convenience you say? How many would be willing to forgo Google or Bing for a trip to the library and the card catalog? At our last meeting our friend Bob Lawson presented a clinic that combined the skills of old with the resources of today. It is a wonderful time to be model railroaders.

Hours before this was written, we held our swap meet with excellent attendance. The attendees included friends both old and new. In addition to our seasoned veterans, there was a healthy sprinkling of young families. A particular delight was seeing the children riding the rails. The operating layouts and how-to presentations were very popular. A lecturer made an excellent suggestion that we have short, seven minute, mini-clinics on video next time. It seems the public still likes model railroading. We only have to listen and respond.

A word of thanks is in order to those who have served the division and those who stepped up to run for office. Thank you one and all.

As my penultimate column comes to a close I thank each of you for teaching me more about the hobby than I could have imagined possible. In a few short weeks several of us will be heading to Pittsburgh for an even deeper plunge into the hobby. As ever, enjoy the hobby and share with others as we roll on down the rails.

Mark

WANTED

Gene Kocik, one of our customers at the Train Show stopped by the Door Prize table. He said he is looking for a MTH O-27 Coors Train Set. If you can be of help, you can call him at 502-649-9913 or email him at: eugenetrainman@gmail.com



TIMETABLE



Apr 19, Thur, 7:30 PM, K & I Model Railroad Club, Buckner, KY.

26-29 Apr, MCR Convention, Pittsburgh

May 19, Sat, 2 PM Mark & Bobbi Hedge

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

July, NO MEETING, Summer Picnic TBA

July 29-Aug 4, NMRA National Convention, Grand Rapids, MI



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MODEL CONTEST

APRIL

May
June
July
August
September
October
November
December
January
February
March

PASSENGER CARS-

Cabooses
Open Loads
NO CONTEST
MOW Equipment
Photos
Steam Locomotives
Displays/Dioramas.
NO CONTEST
Freight Cars
Diesels
Commercial Structures.

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.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Joe Fields, Div. 8 Achievement Program Chairman

It seems like we're going to bypass spring and go directly to summer this year. Thus, our thoughts turn to those things that summer keeps us busy at: grass cutting, painting outside, washing the car, family outings, vacations, etc. Still, remember to try some model railroading. Perhaps that next project will be inspired by a visit to a prototype somewhere. There are lots of railroad museums and railfanning out there to whet your appetite and perhaps inspire you to build that dream layout.

As far as the Achievement Program goes, I'm still waiting on Chris Broughton to finish his paperwork, I've sent Charlie Fackler's paperwork in for Association Volunteer, and Ed Brennan hopes to have all requirements done for his MMR towards the end of the year. As always, if you have something to be judged, give me a call or email me.

MEMBER WELFARE

Bob Widman underwent surgery recently, and Doc Shane had a knee replacement. Both are recovering at home. Let Jack Diehl know if you or a member of your family has been hospitalized, or you have lost a loved one.



CONTEST REPORT

Bill Lynch, Contest Chairman

Here are the results of the March Contest and drawing. First Place was John Bowman with the Farmers Coop. Second place was Tom Lindquist's Building on fire, and third place was Bob Johnson's Pauline's #2. Eric Cunningham, Ivan Baugh's little brother won the Door Prize drawing.

Point Standings: 14 points, Tom Lindquist and Jim Harrington; 10 points, Charlie Keeling; 9 points, Bill Lynch; 5 points, Fred Soward and John Bowman; 3 points, Ed Brennan; 1 point Eric Waggoner and Ed Atkins. This year's contest concludes with the June meeting. The prize will be presented at the picnic in July.

APRIL MEETING INFORMATION- LOCATION CHANGE

Our regular meeting date conflicts with Thunder over Louisville again this year. Our April meeting is **Thursday April 19, 7:30 PM, at the K & I MODEL RAILROAD CLUB IN BUCKNER, KENTUCKY.** From most places take I-71 to exit 18 (KY 393). Continue north on Hwy 393 to La Grange Road (KY 146), cross the railroad tracks and turn right. The club house will be on your left in a former firehouse. Nat King will present his clinic on Weathering. John Kelly will provide the refreshments. **PLEASE BRING A CHAIR!**

DIVISION 8 TRAINSHOW

Bob Dawson Train Show Chairman

We had another successful train show. This couldn't have happened without a lot of hard work by a lot of people. Eric Waggoner negotiated our contract with the convention center and coordinated their support. Mark and Bobbi Hedge worked tirelessly to contact our vendors, take reservations, and assign the tables. Cecil Stewart coordinated with the layouts and worked up the floor plan. Bob Johnson coordinated our paid advertising and rounded up our door prizes. Tom Guenther took care of the free advertising. Don Fowler provided and set up the extension cords to bring power to the layouts and vendors who needed it. Ruthie Lynch and Brenda Stewart took care of the admissions table. Bruce Goreham and Mike Berry were our financial guys. Some of the people helping vendors to their tables were Fred and Barbara Soward, Herman Weir, Bob Kuchler, Rick Maloney and Charlie Fackler. Barry Barmore helped man the door, checking "hand stamps" and being our "Walmart" greeter. Russ Weis tried something different for the clin-

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March Contest



John Bowman's model of Farmer's Co-op Elevator took first place at the March Contest.

Tom Lindquist's building-on-fire took second place. Looks like the ladder company is still looking for "hot spots" on the roof.



SIGNS

This is one of the models that Bob Lawson used to illustrate some of the techniques he uses for weathering and detailing. Note the signs. Bob believes the primary signs should make a statement for your building. Try to stay away from the "kit supplied" signs if possible. People see these signs and assume it's the generic kit. They may overlook the work you have done to customize it. Bob's signs are made for him by Mike Tylick, but Bob says many people may be able to computer-generate their own for similar results.

CHRIS BROUGHTON'S N-SCALE LAYOUT

Photos by Russ Weis. Information supplied
by Chris Broughton



Chris has a modular layout built to FreeMo-N Standards. While it is not locale specific, some of the scenery and industries are modeled from around Kentucky and Indiana. The structures on this module (left) were built by Jon Vincent.

Chris did all of the track work, wiring and scenery on the modules



Joe Rateau built the benchwork for the modules. Chris Tandy scratch-built the tower in this photo (above). Chris Broughton built the storefront buildings. He made the “ghost” (faded) signs from photos of actual ones printed on decal paper at Staples. The storefront signs were made by a similar method and printed on matte photo paper.

SPRING TRAIN SHOW
Photos by Tom Guenther

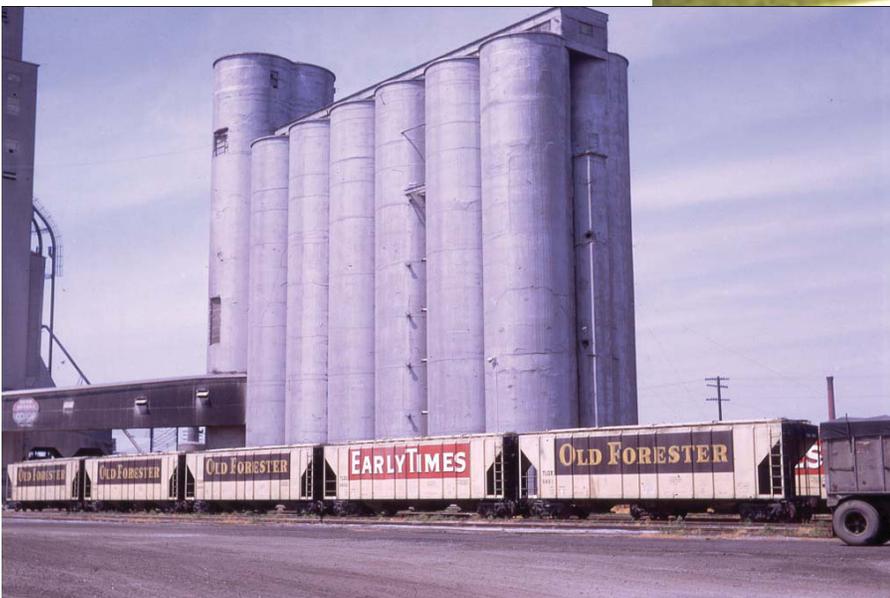




Norfolk Southern units rattle the bridge over a creek on Bill Lynch's HO NS layout. Bill Lynch Photo

The real Harlan Kentucky never had street car service, but that didn't keep Tom Guentner from using some "artistic license" on his layout.

Tom Guentner photo.



TRACKSIDE WITH CHARLIE KEELING

Charlie found these "Billboard" covered hoppers at the Indiana Co-op Elevator in Louisville, KY. The date is 1978

Located alongside the Illinois Central (now P&L) at Fourteenth and Ormsby, the elevator complex was torn down several years ago and replaced with a scrap yard.

MAINTENANCE TIES FUND

The Maintenance Ties Fund helps 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 provides 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. Donations 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, Charlie Keeling, in memory of Bob Brown, Jack Jackson, Jim Kuziran, Jim Harrington, Ed Brennan

\$25 to \$45: Bob Lawson, John Ottman

\$45 to \$99: Don Fowler, Bob Johnson,

\$100 or more: Tom Lindquist

MARCH MEETING REPORT



The meeting was held at the Airport Industrial Park Conference Center on Saturday March 17. Twenty-eight members and guests attended. Bill and Ruthie Lynch provided the refreshments.

Lamont Williams assisted by Don Fowler and Jack Diehl counted the ballots for the 2012 Division elections. The results were as follows: Superintendent, Jerry Ashley; Assistant Superintendent, Russ Weis; Treasurer, Mike Berry; Clerk, Bob Dawson; Trustee, Bruce Goreham. They will take office at the May meeting. Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to those who volunteered to run for office.

Bob Dawson reported that a layout tour to Bob Lawson's in Cincinnati is planned for May 26. Details are still being worked out.

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ics. He set up a "show and tell" on scenery and different scales. This was a great success; Russ was kept busy fielding questions ranging from getting started with DCC to scenery.

Layouts were provided by Bob Johnson, Southern Indiana Model Railroad Club, and Radcliff Model Railroad Club. Falls City Live Steamers provided the riding train pedal cars. K & I Club provided the test track. Door prizes were donated by L & N Trains and Things, Roundhouse Electric Trains, and Scale Reproductions. Thanks to all of these workers and contributors, and thanks to those who came and spent money. It would be tough to have a show without them.

A full report will be made at the April meeting.

DYK (Did You Know)?

By Rick Tipton

DYK the New York Central once carried vacationers from Louisville's 7th Street Station to the summer resorts of Michigan? Southerners escaped the heat on the Big Four's Michigan Branch, crossing the river on the Big Four Bridge, running trackage rights on the B&O to North Vernon, then on Big Four tracks via Greensburg, Anderson, Goshen, and Elkhart Indiana to continue up Michigan's Lower Peninsula to resorts on Lake Huron and Lake Michigan. NYC passenger trains ran in and out of Louisville until 1941.



CELEBRATING 95 YEARS

Charlie Keeling's friends and family gathered at Buechel Depot on March 4th to celebrate Charlie's Birthday. Born February 27, 1917, Charlie is 95 years old. Still and active modeler, Charlie currently holds second place in this year's Division model contest. Congratulations Charlie!

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Tom Guenthner, webmaster

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