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From the Superintendent's Desk



The Ashley and Waldner families appreciated the support that was shown by Division 8 members upon the loss of my wife Beth. Many came by the funeral home and cards and letters are still coming in. We really appreciate it, Jerry, Reid, Erin, Frank, Dennis, Paul, Gina, and five grandchildren.

IN MEMORIAM

Beth Ashley, wife of Jerry Ashley. Beth passed away May 19, 2013 after a valiant battle against cancer. Beth served as non-rail tour chairperson for the last three conventions hosted by the Division. Her common sense approach to solving problems will be missed. The family asks that memorial gifts be to the WHAS Crusade for Children.

TIME TABLE

Jun 15, Sat, 2:00 PM, Div 8 Meeting, **Radcliff Model Railroad Assn.**

Jun 22-23, K & I Club Open House

July 27, no meeting, Picnic, KRM

Aug 17, Sat, 2:00 PM, Div 8 Meeting

Sep 21, Sat, 2:00 PM, Div 8 Meeting

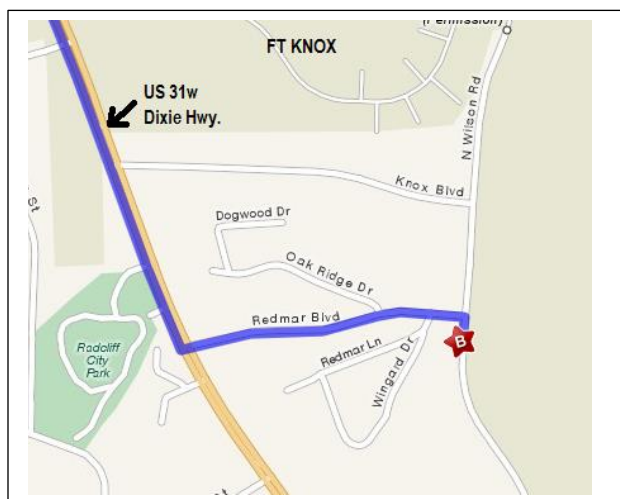
Oct 19-20, Div 7 Train Show

Oct 19, Sat 2:00 PM, Div 8 Meeting

Nov 16, Sat 10-3, Div 8 Train Show

Nov, Div 8 Meeting, TBA

Dec, no meeting, Christmas Party TBA



JUNE MEETING IS AT RADCLIFF MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION, RADCLIFF, KY.

From Louisville, take the Snyder Freeway or Watterson Expressway to Dixie Highway, US 31W. Take 31W to Redmar Dr. Turn Left on Redmar Drive to Wilson Road. Turn right on to Wilson Road. The Radcliff Club is on the right in the basement of a small strip-mall building. A large sign with an arrow shows the way to the entrance. The street address is 1375 N. Wilson Road, Radcliff, KY 40160. Travel time from Scale Reproductions is approximately 1 hour, so plan accordingly. **Note: The building is not wheel chair accessible.**

AT THE MAY MEETING

The May meeting was held at St. Matthews Episcopal Church on Saturday May 25, 2013; thanks to Russ Weis for arranging for the meeting place. Two new members and one "re-rail" were introduced at the meeting. Welcome to Steve Oswald and John Helton, and welcome back Andrew Long. Several attendees commented on the just completed Mid-Central Region Convention: Brenda Stewart said there a lot more entries in the non-rail and arts and crafts category this year, and more non-rail clinics. Barbara Soward said she participated in both rail and non-rail activities and had a good time. Ed Brennan reported that Charlie Fackler took second place in the freight car category in the model contest.

Bob Dawson reported on a problem finding a caterer for the July picnic. To hold the cost down to \$25/person he asked if the division would subsidize part of the cost. Mike Shane moved that **"The price for members for the picnic be fixed at \$25 a person. Authorize the expenditure of up to \$600 (this includes the \$150 already spent on pavilion rental) from the treasury for the picnic. Members are encouraged to pay more if they can to supplement their meal to support the Division."** Motion was seconded by Ed Brennan, and was carried by unanimous voice vote. (see page 5 for picnic information)

Bob Weinheimer presented a program on insuring your model railroad. Bob discussed possible limitation on coverage by homeowners policies, described plans available on the market through NMRA and other sources, and also outlined methods for cataloging and determining value of your collection.

The minutes for the May meeting are posted on the website.

MODEL CONTEST**JUNE**

July	OPEN LOADS
August	NO CONTEST
September	MOW equipment
October	Photos
November	Steam Locomotives
December	Displays/Dioramas
January	NO CONTEST
February	Freight Cars
March	Diesels
April	Commercial Structures
May	Passenger Cars
	Cabooses

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.

MAY CONTEST RESULTS

Bill Lynch

The May Contest, cabooses, had 9 entries. First place went to Ed Brennan's scratched built K&I Cab (#9). Second place was John Bowman's Witch River RR(#6). Tom Lindquist's Southern Wood Caboose (#1) was third place. Kennan Coleman was 4th followed in order by Joe Fields, Rob Johnson, Bill Lynch, Bob Johnson, and Charlie Keeling.

Point standings to date: Bob Johnson 12 pts., 18 Bill Lynch, 15 Tom Lindquist, 11 Jim Harrington. 8 each: Charlie Keeling, Ed Brennan. 5 pts. John Kelly. 4 each: John Bowman, Bob Frankrone, Rick Maloney. 3 Patrick Hardesty, 2 Joe Fields. 1 point each: Bob Kuzirian, Rob Johnson, Kennan Coleman.

June will be the last contest, and prizes will be awarded at the Summer Picnic. The new contest will begin at the August meeting. Below: May contest winner.

**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 or spouse 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 are recognized in the Pie Card. Donors for 2013 to date are:

\$5 to \$20: Jim Harrington, Jim Kuzirian

\$ 25 to \$45: Charlie Keeling, Stephen Taylor, Bill Poteet.

\$45 to \$55: John Ottman, Bob Johnson, Larry Hujo

\$100 or more: Fred and Barbara Soward

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Joe Fields, AP Chairman

Hi all! As reported at the May meeting, Ed Brennan and I met Mark Norman at Scale and judged a car and a locomotive for Mark. He scored very well, and I have sent the paperwork to Frank Koch. I now am waiting for Mark's certificates along with Charlie Fackler's certificate of achievement in Scenery. Russ Weis tells me he's almost ready for his electrical to be judged. Division 8 is holding its own in the Achievement Dept. Please look for Ed's write up on obtaining MMR #499 in an upcoming Scale Rails edition. How about you, do you have something to be judged? Give me a call or email to set up a time.

CLEARING UP A SIGNAL PROBLEM

By Tom Guenther

I know most of the modelers in Louisville use the Digitrax product for DCC Control, as I do. I'm not sure how many also use JMRI software other to program decoders in their locos. JMRI has other possibilities to help with the model railroad. Together they make a great pair on the layout. I have set up my layout with signals using both Digitrax and JMRI in conjunction with each other. The Digitrax sensors detect the train's presence and report to JMRI. JMRI in turn controls the signal heads. I have had some problems with my signal system in the past, but I have learned much more about both Digitrax and JMRI. The signals are now working. The big problem was how I installed the wiring
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PIKE SHOWCASE-Great Model Railroads-Gerry Albers



One of the activities at the 2013 MCR convention was the "Great Model Railroads" bus tour. The tour featured layouts that have, or will be featured in Model Railroader's *Great Model Railroads* annual magazine. This month's issue features photos of Gerry Alber's HO Virginian Rwy. Deep Water District. This layout was also open for operating sessions during the Convention.

Left: Photo by Barbara Soward

Right: Deepwater along the Kanawha River. The C & O tracks are on the near side of the river is this photo. On the other side are the shared trackage of the NYC and Virginian & Ohio.

Photo by Bob Dawson



Below Left: Alan McClelland operating a Virginian & Ohio Freight on the Deepwater District.

Photo by Barbara Soward

Below Right: Caboose Track at Elmore.

Photo by Bob Dawson



TRACKSIDE KENTUCKIANA



Left: Deepwater Bridge crossing the Kanawha River.
Photo by Bob Dawson



Above Right: Dispatchers office.
Control is Digitrax DCC.
Photo by Barbara Soward

Right: Mullens, WV.
Backdrops were painted by John Listerman.
Photo by Bob Dawson



TRACKSIDE WITH BILL LYNCH

Left: Bill Lynch caught newly arrived GP-38-2, 2001 at LIRC's Jeff Yard. This is the first Geep in a PRR heritage paint scheme to arrive from the Mid-America Car Shop in Kansas City, Mo.

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near the Digitrax cards -- I had the wire pairs going to the Digitrax BDL168 bundled with a tie wrap or two. This caused some inductive or capacitive coupling and the sensor failed to detect the train, although the train itself ran fine.

DID YOU KNOW?

By Rick Tipton



The Pennsy and its predecessors crammed a lot of track into the land between their Ohio River Bridge and Main Street. Last month I talked about 14th Street drowning in trackage, but at one time Northwestern Parkway and several other Louisville public streets crossed these Pennsy yards near the Bridge, with traffic between downtown and Portland. It's hard for us today to imagine steam locos tearing down and building up trains while horse-drawn buggies, goods wagons, and pedestrians crossed through the lines of cars on public streets. Since this was so hazardous, over time the streets were closed and by the 1940's had been gone long enough they appear only on very old maps of the railroad's property.

However, much later, you could still see a similar setup at NYC/C&O's Preston Street Yard (now part of Slugger Field). This 1890's facility was sliced by Floyd Street, Preston

Street, and Jackson Street. Even in the 1970's, #8906, Penn Central's SW-7 switcher, run by Div. 8 member Ken McCutcheon, was working cars and cutting them every 500 feet for city streets. This picture shows 8906 in pre-1968 NYCS/Peoria & Eastern paint at Hancock Street Tower, at the east end of Preston Street Yard looking southwest.

DIVISION 8 TO HOST 2017 MID CENTRAL REGION CONVENTION

Division 8's bid to host the 2017 Mid Central Region Convention has been accepted. Superintendent Jerry Ashley has appointed Eric Waggoner to be chairman. Eric was co-chairman for our 2007 convention. Eric will need the help of all of the Division to insure we have a first class convention.

SUMMER PICNIC: Our summer picnic will be Saturday July 27 at Kentucky Rwy. Museum, New Haven. Will we have a picnic lunch at a park in New Haven followed by a train ride at 2 PM. The cost per person for both the lunch and trains ride will be no more than \$25 a person. Details on final cost and reservations will be presented at the June Meeting.

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