



# The Pie Card



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## From the Superintendent's Desk

By Fred Soward



Last week, I mowed the lawn for hopefully the last time this year. The outside water lines have been shut off and the lines drained. We switched the HVAC system in the house to heat a few weeks ago, too. I'm sure most of us are thinking the same thing

- now that all that's completed, it's time to start working on winter model railroad projects. Here's my short (and not detailed) list of projects for this winter season.

**Project one.** We're still in the planning stages for building the next great layout in our basement so maintenance really isn't on my list this year. Instead, we'll be refining all the rough sketches and ideas I've had running around in my head for at least the last 40 years. Benchwork construction is scheduled to begin in February so I'll need to get serious about finalizing all those little lines in the next month or two.

**Project two.** Benchwork. It won't all be built this winter and probably not even by the end of 2019. That was never the plan. I'm hoping we can knock out the benchwork for most of the southern/central part of the layout, including the southern entrance to staging. Trackwork? We'll get it started, but it's not a project I have planned for this winter.

**Project three.** We made the decision about a year ago that we'll be using Fast Tracks switches throughout the layout. A modular layout I built in the 1980's was completely handlaid using code 70 rail over paper templates, so no worries there. But, before we begin laying track on that benchwork, I'll need to build a lot of switches. Put that down for another task on my winter to-do list.

**Project four.** I need to pull together a couple clinics that have been rolling around in the back of my head for quite a while. With those clinics knocked out, I'll be another couple of small steps closer to checking off another AP award toward MMR this winter as well.

As I'm writing this, I'm already thinking ahead to summer projects and to next winter's projects. We all approach the hobby in our own way. It's good for Barbara and me to have a plan so that we can continue to move our model railroad forward. But sometimes, it's nice to just sit back and watch the trains run around the tree, too!

## OCTOBER MEETING REPORT

By Bob Dawson, Clerk

The October meeting was held at 600 N. Hurstbourne Pkwy. at 2:00 PM. All officers were present. Attendance was 31. New members and visitors attending: Edward Susgre, Jim Susgre, Nick Coats (new member), Kelly Norman, Bruce DeMaeyer, and Bob Weinheimer.

Superintendent Fred Soward announced that shirts with the new logo are available from the Company Store. Fred was wearing an example of the new polo shirt; Joe Fields was wearing the new denim shirt. Information and forms for ordering are on the Division Website, click on "Company Store".

Achievement Program Chairman Joe Fields presented awards to Russ Weis for Association Volunteer and Association Official, and Rick Wehr for Association Volunteer. Bob Weinheimer, President Mid-Central Region, presented Mark Norman with his Master Model Railroader Award. Mark is MMR #617.

Superintendent Fred Soward discussed the proposal for Division 8 Sponsorship of a T-Trak Special Interest Group. Fred said there would have to be interest in participating for this to move forward. Contact Joe Martin or Nick Coats if interested.

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## TIME TABLE

**Nov 15**, Thur, 7:30 PM, Div 8 Mtg. Southern Ind. Club, Jeffersonville.

**Nov 16**, Fri, 3PM, Train Show set up.

**Nov 17**, Sat, 10AM to 3 PM, Div 8 Train Show and sale.

**Dec 1**, Sat, 5 PM, Christmas Party at J. Harrods on River Road.

**Jan 19**, Sat 2 PM, Div. 8 Mtg. 600 Room.

**Feb 16**, Sat 2 PM, Div. 8 Mtg. Locations TBA

**CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST**

Barry Christensen and Bob Kuchler Contest Co-Chairmen

<b>November</b>	<b>Displays/Dioramas</b>
December	NO CONTEST
January	Freight Cars
February	Diesel Locomotives
March	Structures
April	Passenger Cars
May	Cabooses
June	Open Loads
July	No Contest
August	MOW Equipment
September	Photos
October	Steam Locomotives

There were six outstanding steam locomotive entries in the October 2018 Charlie Keeling Model Contest. Steve Lasher came in first with his C&O 2-6-6-2. Mike Shane's Proto 2000 0-8-0 and Joe Fields' 4-4-0 The General tied for second. John Stoltz' set of three "old timers" came in third.

Steve's winning entry has many added detail parts and a wonderful weathering job. Mike's 0-8-0 started as an undecorated model and features custom lettering and weathering for his own Jefferson and Ohio Valley Railroad. Joe built The General from an MPC kit with many modifications and extra detail parts. John assembled and painted his "old timers," adding decoders and lights.

Current contest standings are: Bill Lynch first with 7 points; Steve Lasher, Rick Maloney and Ron Ellison tied for second with 4 points; Bob Johnson and Mike Shane with 3; John Stoltz, Joe Fields and Patrick Hardesty with 2; and Russell Weis with 1.

The winner of the gift card drawing was Jim Susgre.

The November context will be for displays and dioramas, with modules also qualifying. There will be blank contest entry forms for anyone who needs one at the meeting. You can save yourself some time at the meeting by downloading the entry form from the Division 8 website or Facebook page and completing it prior to arriving at the meeting.

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.

**NOVEMBER MEETING INFORMATION**

This month's meeting will be THURSDAY evening, November 15, 2018, 7:30 PM at the Southern Indiana Model Railroad Club in Jeffersonville, IN. They are located in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church, 222 Walnut Street, Jeffersonville IN 47130 (Walnut and Chestnut Streets). Take exit 0 from I-65 to Court Avenue. Continue on Court Avenue ½ 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. Take the steps or elevator to the basement.

**DIVISION 8 CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Saturday December 1, 2018

J. Harrod's Restaurant

7507 River Rd., Prospect, KY 40059

Gather at 5 PM, Buffet Dinner at 6 PM.

\$28 per person

See reservation details and menu in the flyer with this issue.

**MEETING (continued from page 1)**

Following the meeting, Bruce DeMaeyer presented a clinic on making "Serious Mountains. (continued in column 2 this page.

**MAINTENANCE TIES FUND 2018**

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 to date: \$100, Rob Cooper and Shanna Berry; \$59 Ron Ellison; \$70, Ed Brennan; \$50, Steve Taylor (in memory of John Bowman), Greg Gephart; \$40, John Ottman, John Czerwinski; \$33 Jim Kuzirian.

**MODLE RAILROAD OPEN HOUSE-NOVEMBER 16**

Daryl Arend is hosting an open house for his Beechwood & Butchertown Railroad. The B & B fills a 29 x 15 foot basement room. Set in the modern era, it is freelanced with elements of Louisville and surrounding areas, but no prototype is followed. Daryl is at 6703 Tottenham Rd. 40207. The layout will be open from 6 PM to 9 PM on Friday November 16, 2018. Park on the street, enter through the front door. .

**OCTOBER MEETING-ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

Right:

AP Chairman Joe Fields presented certificates to: Russ Weis for Association Volunteer and Association Official, and Rick Wehr for Association Volunteer.

From left to right: Rick, Russ, and Joe.

*(See Joe's Achievement Program article on page 4)*

*Photo by Bob Dawson*



**DIVISION 8'S NEWEST MASTER MODEL RAILROADER**

Left:

Mid Central Region President presented Mark Norman with his Master Model Railroader (MMR) award at the October meeting. Mark is NMRA MMR #617. Mark began his journey in 2005 by earning Association Volunteer. Mark followed with:

- 2011 Association Official
- 2016 Electrical Engineer.
- 2017 Author
- 2018 Master Builder Cars
- 2018 Engineer Civil

*Photo by Fred Soward*

**OCTOBER CONTEST**

Right:

Steve Lasher's winning entry, his model of an HO C&O 2-6-6-2.

Steve began with a PFM United model from the late 1960's or early '70's. He changed the open frame motor to a can motor, and added or replaced 17 detail parts. He then painted and weather the mode.

*Photo by Bob Dawson*



**DIVISION 8 SALES TABLE**

The Fall Train Show & Sale will once again feature a Division 8 Sales Table. The idea for the table is if you have 2 or 3 items you'd like to sell to make room for the items you purchase at the Show, you can sell at the Division 8 Sales Table. Mark Hedge will once again be manning the Table.

Here is the way the table works

- You can place items on the table when the show opens at 10:00 AM
- The table will be the 1st table to the right after you enter the show - Prime location. What visitors will see 1st. See Mark Hedge
- You can sell 1, 2 or 3 items at the table
- Items will need to be priced
- There will be a \$5.00 fee to sell at the table - pay Mark when you place your items on the table
- You will need to remove your unsold items before leaving the show - Mark cannot take responsibility for your unsold items
- Division 8 will mail you a check the week after the show for any items that are sold

If you have any questions about the Division 8 Sales Table, contact me.

Ron Ellison, Train Show & Sale Chairman, (502) 807-7683, [division8.mcr.nmra@gmail.com](mailto:division8.mcr.nmra@gmail.com)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FALL TRAIN SHOW & SALE**

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There will be a signup sheet again at the October Division 8 meeting. If you would like to signup but are unable to attend the March meeting, just email, text or phone me. (See above)

Ron Ellison

**MEMBER WELFARE**

*By Rick Wehr, Member Welfare Chairman*

Hospitalized: Wes Gardner and Carolyn King. Both are recovering at home, and were sent get well and gift cards.

Our condolences to Carolyn King and her family upon the death of her brother Robert H. Roberts Jr. A sympathy card was sent to Carolyn.

Please notify us if you are hospitalized or have lost a family member, or know of a fellow member who has lost a loved one or has been hospitalized please let us know. We'll put the word out to the membership using the email lists we have for distributing the Pie Card. Please call or email both: Fred Soward, Superintendent, [tech\\_trainer@rocketmail.com](mailto:tech_trainer@rocketmail.com), 502-499-0770; Rick Wehr, Member Welfare Chairman, [rickwehr7@aol.com](mailto:rickwehr7@aol.com), 502-500-6398

**ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM**

*By Joe Fields, Division 8 AP chairman*

As we move into Fall, it's a good time to take a look at those modeling projects that have been setting on your work bench and ask yourself what can I build that will bring me one step closer to obtaining MMR status. As Division 8's AP chair I want to encourage every member in the Division to "TRY IT YOU MIGHT LIKE IT" after all if you're working on a layout you might as well get recognized for your efforts. If you have questions about a requirement email me and if I can't clarify and give you an answer I can find someone who can, which is usually Frank Koch, NMRA and MCR Achievement Program Chairman.

Saturday's Division 8 meeting was great with certificates handed out to Russ Weis and Rick Wehr. The grand finale of the AP program part of the meeting was watching Bob Weinheimer, MCR president present Mark Norman with his MMR #617 certificate. Again congratulations Mark for obtaining this honor. *(See photos and details on page 3 of this issue. Ed.)*

During the program Mark Norman and I judged the remaining cars that Chris Broughton built for the Master Builder-Cars category. Also Eric Waggoner turned in rest of material to complete his Author certificate. Rick Maloney is ready to have his structures judged along with requirements for Model Railroad Engineer-Civil. As you can see Division 8 is alive and well in the AP department. Congratulations to all who received certificates. That's about it for this time call me or email if you need something judged or have a question.

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 Division 8 Company Store Mid Central Region NMRA			
#201	Short Sleeve Polo Shirt	Price: \$25.00	Photo coming soon 
Colors Available		Yellow	
Name in script		(add \$7.00)	
Size (S, M, L, XL)		2XL+ \$2, 3XL+ \$4, 4XL+ \$6	
#202M 202F	Long Sleeve Denim Shirt	Price: \$30.00	Photo coming soon 
Colors Available		Ink Blue	
Name in script		(add \$7.00)	
Size (S, M, L, XL)		2XL+ \$2, 3XL+ \$4, 4XL+ \$6	
#203	Fleece Jacket with Zipper	Price: \$40.00	Photo coming soon 
Colors Available		Yellow	
Name in script		(add \$7.00)	
Size (S, M, L, XL)		2XL+ \$2, 3XL+ \$4, 4XL+ \$6	
#204	Hat	Price: TBD	Photo coming soon 
Colors Available		TBA	
Size: One size fits all			

**NEW DIVISION SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

Apparel with the new logo are available from the Company Store. Short Sleeve Polo Shirts, Long Sleeve Denim shirts, and Fleece Jackets with zippers are available.

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<http://div8-mcr-nmra.org/site/html/orderform.html>



Above: Northbound *Southland*, departing Atlanta for Cincinnati in 1940. L1 #418 sister to #410 in charge.

Photo: Rail Photo Service, L&NHS Collection

Society in 2014 and 2015. However, some details of the *Southland* as published in an article I recently read in October 1947 *Trains*) are of interest—

In the trip described, the *Southland* departed Chicago Union Station behind a K3 Pacific, not a PRR K4s as one might expect. At about the same time, Pullmans were leaving Dearborn Station on the *Dixie Flyer* (C&E/L&N/NC&StL); tomorrow night some of them will join the *Southland* at Atlanta. And similarly, a sleeper over on IC's *Seminole* at Central Station will join the *Southland* at Albany GA. Second morning, all would share the same diner on the *Southland* out of Albany.

At Cincinnati Union Terminal, the PRR train is split into two sections of an L&N train, with headend cars and coaches leaving behind EMD E units at 8 am and the Pullmans leaving at 8:05 behind Big Emma #1960 (one of the four passenger-equipped L&N class M-1 2-8-4's). At Corbin it swaps power for 4-8-2 #410.

At Atlanta, the second (sleeper) section is switched from Union Station to adjacent Terminal Station and reunited with the coach section. The resulting 16-car train departs behind Central of Georgia EMD's.

At Albany GA, the Miami cars are switched out (going on ACL 96 to Jacksonville and then FEC 8 to Miami) and ACL 31 takes the *Southland*, using the Perry cutoff, toward Tampa (and St. Petersburg).

The *Trains* article, authored by Roy G. Clark, included two photos by Richard E. Prince and a chart showing how the train gathered cars originating in Chicago, Grand Rapids, Detroit, and Cincinnati, and distributed them to St. Petersburg, Tampa, and Miami.

It should surprise no railfan that this was just one cog in America's complex long-distance passenger operations just after World War II.

#### K&I SOUTH WEST LIBRARY

The K & I Model Railroad Club's travelling layout will be at Louisville Free Public Library South West Branch, 9725 Dixie Highway. Layout will be open during regular Library hours from Sunday December 23 thru Sunday December 30.

Here in Louisville, fans and historians tend to focus on *The South Wind* (1940-1971), which came into Louisville from Chicago/Indianapolis on the Pennsy and went out on L&N's "Main Stem" to Nashville/Birmingham/Montgomery, and thence on ACL and FEC to Miami.

However, historically, the *Wind* was paralleled by another train called *The Southland* (1915-1959), which left Chicago, picked up Detroit and Grand Rapids cars at Fort Wayne, then ran south through Richmond IN to Cincinnati (319 miles on PRR), thence on L&N/NC&StL via Knoxville and Chattanooga to Atlanta (490 miles), on Central of Georgia to Albany GA (206 miles), and on ACL (including the Perry cutoff) to Tampa FL (319 miles).

Both these trains (and lot of other Midwest-Florida service) are covered in great detail in Chuck Blardone's monster two-volume set *From the Midwest to Florida By Rail*, published by Pennsylvania Railroad Technical & Historical

# Division 8 Christmas Party

Saturday December 1st

Gather @ 5:00 PM

Dinner @ 6:00 PM



## Buffet Dinner

### Salad Selections

Fresh Greens Salad

Caesar Pasta Salad

### Side Dish Selections

Roasted Vegetable Medley

Au Gratin Potatoes

Green Beans

### Main Entrée Selections

Salmon Parmesan

Chicken Piccata

Beef Stroganoff

### Dessert Selections

Assorted Pies & Cakes

**\$28.00 per person**

J Harrod's Restaurant

7507 River Rd, Prospect, KY

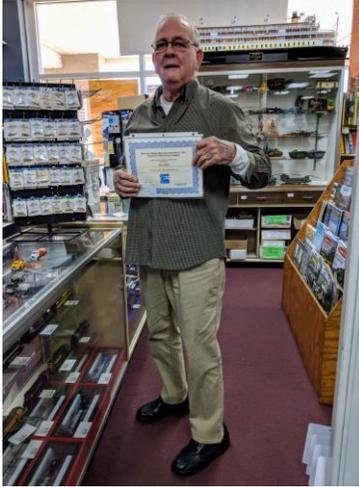
Send your reservation payment by Tuesday, November 20, 2018 to:

Mike Berry

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**2018 Silver Spike Award will be presented following  
dinner**



**BETTER LATE THAN NEVER.**

John Stoltz received his third place certificate and gift card for last year's model contest.



**FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY –ILLINOIS CENTRAL RR. MP30.2.**

Dating back to 1903 the Army had been engaging in a series of mock battles around West Point, KY, and near Orell in Jefferson County. This eventually led to establishment of Camp Knox south of West Point. On August 16, 1918, the US Army established Camp Knox for the training of artillerymen for "the war to end all wars" (the World War later to be known as WW I).

To accomplish this, the residents of town of Stithton, KY had to be relocated to near where Radcliff, KY is today.

In 1932 Camp Knox was made a permanent military post and renamed Fort Knox. At some point the original depot was demolished and replaced with the brick building shown at right.

Today there is no depot at Ft. Knox.



**TRACKSIDE WITH FRED SOWARD**

October 9, 2018. CSX Y-129 slowly moves across the Louisville & Indiana Bridge returning to Louisville after completing its work at Watson Junction, near the former Army powder plant outside Charlestown, IN.

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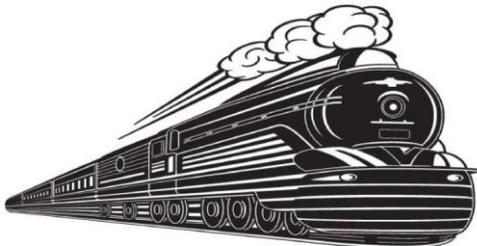
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## TRAIN SHOW & SALE

### OUR 28TH YEAR



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**  
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