

# The Pie Card

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## ***From the Superintendent's Desk***

*By Fred Soward*

Once again, Ron Ellison and the Amazing Technicolor Division 8 Train Show & Sale crew pulled off another successful event. The continued success of our Train Show & Sale is due to so many Division 8 members (and several spouses) working together toward a common goal. Our visitors

continue to tell us that it's the best show around, and who are we to debate that with them or anyone else?

It's almost time for Indy Junction 2022. There are a lot of activities scheduled to make it a great four-day convention for you. We've not had a Mid Central Region convention since 2019, and this one is just two hours up the road. There's still time to register to attend if you haven't already done so.

Even if you are unable to set aside the time or expense to be there all four days (May 18-22), you should still consider some of the other options available to you at reduced costs. There's the one-day pass that will allow you to attend all Saturday convention events. The cost to you is just \$40.00 per person as opposed to \$95.00 for the full four-days. That includes all clinics, layout tours, operating sessions, the contest, and the train show for one price. But it is **ONLY** available for Saturday.

If you really want to go on the cheap, there's always **JUST** the train show. If that's all you're interested in attending, you can do so for only \$8.00 per person. That one fee will get you into all three days (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) of the train show only, but it does not include any other convention activities/events.

As was the norm during pre-COVID times, a Mid Central Region Board of Directors meeting and the Annual Membership Meeting are being held during the convention. Both the MCR Annual Meeting and the Spring BoD Meeting are scheduled back-to-back at 8:00 AM, Sunday morning. Neither will be available for remote viewing in a hybrid meeting solution so if you want to attend either event, you must be in Indianapolis.

Looking ahead to next year, the Mid Central Region convention will be hosted by Division 2. It will be in Pittsburgh, PA, May 4-7. The convention will be in a different hotel than in previous years; about 20 minutes north. That means a lower cost to stay there, and we'll still have free parking. I've seen some of the preliminary information about what's scheduled and it's looking like it will be another great MCR convention. Be sure to put it on your calendar now.

## **APRIL MEETING REPORT**

The April meeting of Division 8 was held on April 23, 2022, in the 600 room and on Zoom. Attendance was 32, with 20 attending in person and 12 attending virtually on Zoom. Two new members attended. Bruce Sanders on Zoom, and David Mertz attending in person. The increase in NMRA membership dues was discussed. Bob Kuchler brought snacks in celebration of his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. Fred Soward presented the Back-to-Basics segment, "U-1 Wheel Inspection Dots." Bruce DeMaeyer presented, "Rebuilding My Layout Bigger and Better". The minutes for the March meeting are posted on the Division Web Site. Go to the members pages. You can also view the meeting on the Division 8 YouTube Channel.

## **TIME TABLE**

**Apr 9**, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Virtual Gathering.

**Apr 23**, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting 600 Room and Zoom. **SPECIAL DATE**

**May 18-22**, Indy Junction 2022 Convention, Indianapolis, IN.

**May 28**, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting 600 Room and Zoom. **SPECIAL DATE**

**Jun 11**, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Virtual Bull Session

**Jun 18**, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting 600 Room and Zoom.

**Jul 9**, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Virtual Gathering.

**Jul 16**, Sat 11AM-4PM, **Div 8 Picnic.**

**Aug 7-14**, NMRA National Convention, St. Louis, MO.

**Aug 13**, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Virtual Gathering.

**Aug 20**, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting 600 Room and Zoom.

**Aug 21**, Sun, Noon, Division 7 Mini-meet, Middletown, OH

## MARCH 2022 CHARLIE KEELING HYBRID MODEL CONTEST

By Barry Christensen, Contest Chairman

April 2022 Charlie Keeling Hybrid Model Contest

April	Passenger cars
May	Cabooses
June	Open loads
July	NO CONTEST
August	MOW equipment and highway vehicles
September	Photos (model) and photos (prototype)
October	Steam locomotives
November	Displays (no size limit)
December	NO CONTEST
January	Freight cars
February	Non-steam motive power
March	Structures

For March, six structures were entered into the Charlie Keeling Hybrid Model Contest, showcasing lots of scratch building and detailing efforts. Steve Lasher placed third with Mohawk Dairy Building, Rick Geerts placed second with Our House, and Cecil Stewart placed first with Austin Roundhouse. Honorable mentions go to Ed Brennan for Mine Structure, Bob Frankrone for 12-Stall Roundhouse, and Kevin Jones for O-Scale Alligator Warping Tug. Congratulations to each modeler!

The point totals are now: Kevin Jones with 18, Rick Geerts with 17, Bob Frankrone with 14, Ed Brennan with 13, Steve Lasher with 12, Russ Weis with 7, Craig Hatter with 6, Ron Ellison with 5, Cecil Stewart with 4, and Eric Waggoner with 3.

In April, the contest will be for passenger cars. To enter the April Contest, email 1 to 3 photos in JPG format only along with the Contest Entry Form as a PDF file to [division8.mcr.nmra@gmail.com](mailto:division8.mcr.nmra@gmail.com). Contest dates will also be listed in the Groups.io Calendar. And as always if you have questions, comments, or need help, email [division8.mcr.nmra@gmail.com](mailto:division8.mcr.nmra@gmail.com).

We will send out a reminder but below are some of the Contest timeline dates for April:

- April 9th - First day to submit entries
- April 16th - Last day to submit entries
- April 21st - Members will receive the Contest Ballot
- April 21st & 22nd - Voting in the Contest Ballot ends @ 10:00 PM on the 22nd
- April 23 - Winners announced at the General Meeting - 1st, 2nd and 3rd

If you need more information, go here - <http://div8-mcr-nmra.org/site/html/contest.html>.



## APRIL MEETING INFORMATION

The April meeting is 2 PM **Saturday** April 23 at the 600 Room, first floor of the 600 Building, 600 N. Hurstbourne Pkwy. 40222. **THIS IS A SPECIAL DATE. Use the Whittington Pkwy. (main) entrance.** This will be a hybrid meeting; if you can't be there in person, we'll be using Zoom to broadcast the meeting at the same time. Refreshments and snacks will not be available at the 600 Room for this meeting. To maintain the security of the meeting, the Zoom connection information will be sent directly to members by email about a week prior to the meeting and will not be published online. James Knabb will be presenting, "Post Covid 19 Model Railroading."

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Stan White Membership Chairman

As of March 1, the Division had 128 members. There were two new members: Phil Alley and Bruce Sanders. One re-rail, Daryl Vincent, and three renewals: Jim Hall, Jay Stottman, Stan White.

128 members as of March 1, 2022 by HQ NMRA Division 8 Membership Statics by number of members who have been members for 5 to 10 years:

- (5 years) David Burris, Theodore Rauhut, Brenda Stewart, Luke Stottman, Debora Sturgen
- (6 years) William Arnold, Steve Lasher
- (7 years) Ron Ellison, Greg Gephart, David Hutchinson, Robert Wartschlagler
- (8 years) Rob Cooper, Tim Coyle, Louis Franconia, Wesley Gardner, Carl Krul, Robin White, Stan White
- (9 years) Barry Christensen, Ted Duffy, Darcy Elliott, John Helton, Paul Johnson
- (10 years) Steve Oswald, Bill Roberts, Robert



**SATURDAY APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>**

8 new Clinics!

From 10 am EST, till 2 pm, a small break and again 5 pm till 9 pm. 8 clinics, with breakout rooms to discuss the clinic with the clinician after each clinic. Live on the [NMRA Facebook](#)

group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/nmragroup/> Or just watch along without a Facebook account [here: https://www.facebook.com/NMRA.org](https://www.facebook.com/NMRA.org), Or on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHw-7-1FWB5zQgTM0ZVY-Yw>



**MARCH CONTEST, STRUCTURES**

*Photos by the modelers*



**Left: FIRST PLACE**

**Cecil Stewart's HO Austin Roundhouse.**

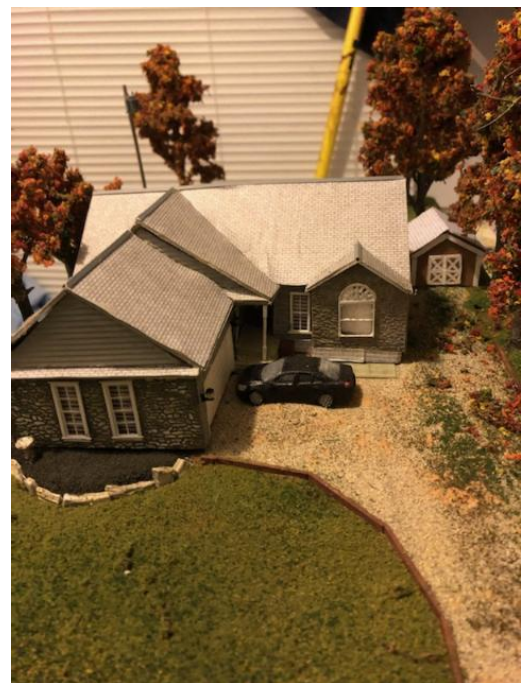
Cecil drew the plans based on photos of the prototype he found in a magazine using CadRail 9.08. He started with Walthers 3-Stall Roundhouse kits to provide the concrete floor sections, service pits, and other details. He scratch-built new walls, windows, doors, and extended the floor sections to match the prototype. The entire structure was weathered with Bragdon weathering powders. Ngineering goose neck LED lighting kits were modified and installed for the 28 interior overhead light fixtures. Interior details were hand painted.

**Right:**

**SECOND PLACE**

**Rick Geerts HO "Our House"**

Rick scratch built his model from the original blueprints of his house. He used 1/16" basswood measured and cut to scale for the basic structure. JTT scaled siding and stone were applied to the walls, and Micromark shingles were applied to the roofs. Tichy Trains windows and doors were then installed, and the whole building was painted and stained.



**Left:**

**THIRD PLACE**

**Steve Lasher's HO "Mohawk Dairy Building".**

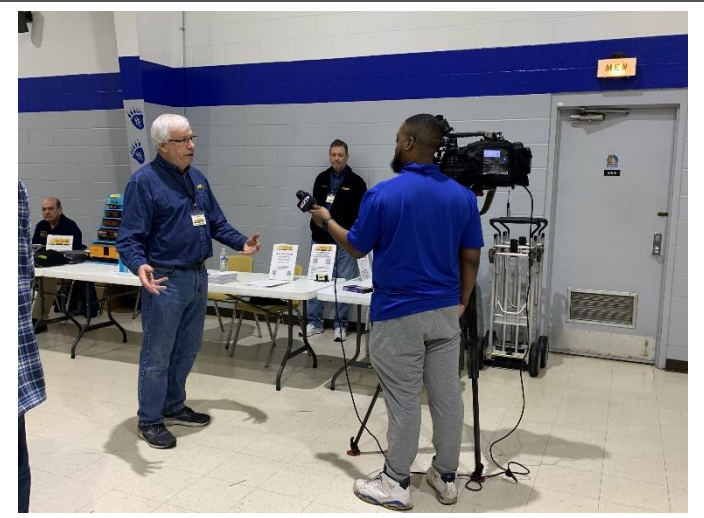
Steve began with the Walthers Brook Hill Dairy kit. The top floor was cut off. Multiple roof details were added that were not included in the kit such as vents, access doors, and reservoirs. Walthers industrial tanks were added to one side of the building. Finally, it was finished by painting and weathering.





## SPRING 2022 TRAIN SHOW & SALE

### PHOTO ALBUM



**Our Fall Show is November 12, 2022**





**RAILROAD HUMOR***By Steve Lasher*

As in the rest of the world, humor exists on the railroad. I ran across this little gem the other day at Duncan, Indiana on the NS where the tracks disappear down what I euphemistically refer to as “the mouse hole” - i.e., not quite of a magnitude we could call it the “Rat Hole”.

Obviously, some wag, probably in the Maintenance of Way department, thought it had great tongue-in-cheek potential. I agree. Really? You need someone to tell you that’s the end of track? Uh, huh.

It does prompt me to share (and you know, I’ve got a bunch of them) a humorous happening I had on the Rock Island years ago. I’ll have to explain a couple of items to set the stage for you.

First, you have to understand some of the layout at Kelly Yard, the Rock Island’s hump yard in Silvis, Illinois. From

the hump, where the bowl tracks fanned out, they eventually came back together where a pull-out lead came out and formed a giant Y with the arms of the Y connecting to the east and west-bound departure tracks. Straddling that narrow part of the hourglass, was a wooden road bridge where Coal Valley Rd. crossed the yard. The bridge was barely wide enough for two cars to pass and was built and maintained by the railroad. About midway across and on the east side was a small shanty just big enough for two small desks and a tiny rest room. One of the desks belonged to the East-end Yardmaster while the other was for the East Walk-checker (clerk).

The general scheme of things was that the Hump Yardmaster put cars into the bowl on the west end and the East-end Yardmaster oversaw the trimmer engines taking cuts out of the bowl to make up various trains.

Five days a week on 2nd shift, the personage occupying the yardmaster’s old, wobbly, office chair would be a Northern Missouri ex-pat named Jesse Wilburn. In person, the two most notable things about Jesse were his crew-cut white hair and the ever present cigarette between his yellowed fingers. The other thing you couldn’t miss about Jesse was his voice/accent. It was hillbilly with a lilt. His frequently used “Awhlll...Riight, Ohh..Kay” was unmistakable on the radio.

One evening on the radio, a carman asked Jess where inbound No. 92 (the flip side of the No. 91 from Peoria) was. Before Jess could reply the crew on 92 heard the question and replied “We’re at Colona (across the Rock River bridge and only a mile or two from the yard) - we’ll be there in two shakes of a lamb’s tail”. The still not quite clear carman came on the radio “East-end, where’d he say he’s at?”. Jesse - “He’s out at Colona shak’in a lamb’s tail - he’ll be here directly”.

Oh, my poor, aching radio.

**TRACKSIDE WITH BILL LYNCH**

Right:

On a cold snowy day in February 2022, Bill Lynch found Norfolk Southern Train 223 eastbound with double stacks and auto racks in tow at Candall, IN



## IN MEMORIAM



Reverend Paul Hulsman passed away on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, February 28, 2022. He had been a member of NMRA since 1970, and a member of Division 8. Paul was also a member of the Greater Cincinnati Garden Railway Society, and had volunteered to help with the construction of the model railroad at Entertainment Junction Model Railroad Display and Event Space at West Chester, OH. He had retired as a Catholic priest many years ago, but returned to active ministry in 2015.

Paul is survived by his foster son, Richard Lee Waters, 6 foster grandchildren, and several nephews and nieces and their children, as well as two god-children.

The Division sent a sympathy card to his family and made a \$50 donation in his name to Catholic Relief Services.

## MARCH MEMBER WELFARE FUND REPORT

The primary purpose of the *Member Welfare Fund* is to provide Division 8 members and their immediate families with get well cards for illness and for sympathy cards and donations on behalf of Division 8 for the death of a relative as defined by the member welfare procedures. Donations fiscal YTD: Ed Brennan-\$30; Eric Waggoner-\$15; Fred & Barbara Soward-\$100; K & I Model Railroad Club-\$50; Kent Westphal-\$50; Mark Hedge-\$25; Rob Johnson-\$25; Ron & Janie Ellison-\$50. If you wish to donate, email the amount to [division8.mcr.nmra@gmail.com](mailto:division8.mcr.nmra@gmail.com) and we'll email you an invoice to pay online. Or call us at (502) 653-5371.

Donations are for the current fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

## ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

*By Mark Norman, AP Chairman*

Fellow member Rob Toler is this month's inspiration for this column. Rob joined the division about a year ago and attended his first in person meeting in February. He read my column in the Pie Card and took the initiative to call me. A new friendship has been formed. We learned about one another, our modeling interests, etc. The key thing we achieved was a common understanding of the program and its value. A common misconception is that people get involved in the program for the recognition. Perhaps that is a factor for some or even most. In my experience, that is the least important thing. Sure, it feels good when one is sincerely recognized for their efforts, contributions, and craftsmanship. The most common theme heard is that people who get involved seek to become better modelers. Moreover, they enjoy the company of fellow modelers and learn from them and share their knowledge. Everyone is better off. Back to Rob and our two calls. We each went to the NMRA web site and clicked on the Achievement Program tab then discussed the Golden Spike program. Next, we skimmed the materials on the Beginner's Guide. When looking at the various forms, simply read the words neither adding to nor subtracting from them. For example, Silver Spike #1 Rolling Stock – "Display six units of rolling stock either scratchbuilt, craftsman kits, or super detailed." What scale? It doesn't matter. You can model six different scales if you like. What about the car I built as a kid? Use it. Just do it! Questions or comments? Reach out to me or others. We're here to help and make friends.

## 2022 DIVISION 8 ANNUAL PICNIC

You may not have even mowed your lawn for the first time this season, but your Board of Directors already has a Picnic planned for Saturday July 16, 2022. You will need to make a reservation, more on that in the May *The Pie Card*, but only so we can plan for your box lunch. Be thinking about whether you want a Ham, Roast Beef or Turkey sandwich from McAllister's Deli. There - that's the important part. But of course, there will also be activities. You'll be self-driving to the Columbus Area Model Railroad Club where we will gather at 11 AM to look at their layouts, lunch at noon, followed by the contest annual awards. Then we will move just down the road to the Indiana Live Steamers.

The box lunch will be furnished by Division 8 at no charge to members and their spouses. There is a \$4 charge per ride per person to board the Indiana Live Steamers train.

It should be a fun day. We'll be inside for lunch but of course the steam and diesel power are outdoors. Bring your hat and sunscreen. More detail and how to get there in the May *The Pie Card*.

## 32nd YEAR OF THE DIVISION 8 TRAIN SHOW & SALE

The 32nd year of the Division 8 Train Show & Sale commenced with our Spring Show on Saturday March 19th. It was another record-breaking attendance with 473 paid admissions and an overall visitor count including staff, layout staff, dealers and children with a paid adult of 652. The Holy Family Parish Saffin Center Kitchen also had a record-breaking day of food and beverage sales. We consider the show a great success. But we're already working on the November 12, 2022 show to make it better.

It seems like we've been at the Saffin Center for years now. And of course, it has been a bit. Our first show there was November 2019. We missed 3 shows during the pandemic. This year's Spring show was just our 3rd at the Saffin Center and our first Spring show. Setting up after the Friday night fish fry presented some challenges, but our trusty crew got er' done.

The success of the Show is thanks to a bunch of Division 8 members and some member wives who donated their time and energy to make the Show a success. I want to thank those folks again here in *The Pie Card*. Many, many thanks for helping to share the Model Railroading Hobby with the public. Yes, we have the show to raise funds to operate Division 8. But it's also to share the joy we all feel for model railroading. Thanks to ALL the Train Show Staff, T-Trak and KSONS!

If you're thinking about renting a table for the Fall Show, don't think too long. We've already sold 40 of the 100 dealer tables that will be available at the Fall Show and that figure doesn't include tables set aside for our regular dealers. In short - DON'T WAIT. You can download the dealer table reservation form here - <http://div8-mcr-nmra.org/site/html/trainshow.html>. Your check sent to Mark Hedge will reserve your table along with a completed reservation form.



Left: AP Chairman Mark Norman presented Fred Soward with a Certificate of Achievement for Master Builder – Cars at the April meeting. This completed Fred's requirement to be awarded Master Model Railroader®. Fred has been awarded MMR® #698. An official presentation will be made during a future meeting. Congratulations Fred!

Right: Cecil Stewart with his first-place award Certificate for his Austin Roundhouse in the April Charlie Keeling Model Contest.

Photos by Bob Dawson



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### TRAIN SHOWS

April 9, 2022 - 9AM-2PM

Kentucky Railway Museum Train Show and Sale

St. Catherine Academy Gym, 413 First Street New Haven, KY

Admission: \$5/person, Children 12 and Under Free

May 14, 2022 – 9AM-2PM

Harrodsburg Christian Church, 305 S. Main Street, Harrodsburg, KY

Admission: \$5/person, Children 12 and Under Free, Veterans & Active Military Free. Dealer Tables \$15/each, \$10/each for 3 or more.

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Registration is OPEN. Here are the basic convention fees:

- \$95.00 Registration - January 1, 2022 to April 27, 2022
- \$110.00 Late Registration - April 28, 2022 to May 21, 2022
- \$25.00 additional Family Member(s) Registration - any date
- \$40.00 Saturday May 21st ONLY, Individual Registration (One-Day)

Sign up on the website to receive convention updates by email

<https://www.indijunction2022.org/>

**Currently rooms at the Convention hotel are SOLD OUT. Arrangements have been made for special rates at 3 nearby hotels. But don't wait too long to reserve.**

## DIVISION 8 COMPANY STORE IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The Company Store is ALWAYS open for business 24/7/365. Shop anytime here - <http://div8-mcr-nmra.org/site/html/store.html>

It's time to put away your Division 8 fleece until next Fall and order a new polo or short sleeve denim shirt to wear to the July Division 8 Picnic. Place an order TODAY for Division 8 Company Store merch!

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