

# The Pie Card

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## From the Superintendent's Desk

By Ron Ellison

When the election committee came and asked me to be Superintendent, no one asked what are your plans and what are your goals for Division 8? And maybe that was a good thing. The answers might have been disappointing. Maybe the next Superintendent will be goal oriented.

I'm not a goal-oriented person. I'm a problem-solving person. But I like to be proactive not reactive. To solve issues before they become problems. I recently heard Frank Regan say, "I'll respectfully ascertain whether I need to build a fire, start a fire or put out a fire."

In retrospect, I might have said that my goal for Division 8 is to make the members more inclusive.

To be inclusive, we need to be less judgmental of each other. And don't do as I do; do as I say. I can be judgmental to a fault. But in a position of responsibility, I'm trying to do better. I've learned a great deal from our former Superintendent Fred Soward about being less judgmental. He's pretty good at it. Before I say anything or hit the send button, I'm practicing to not judge. Because remember friends, if you know a 1,000 people, you have 1,000 different reputations.

Hopefully many of you missed it. But there was recently an instance where a member made some disparaging remarks about another member. Sometimes there is some truth to these kinds of remarks. But most often, it's NOT information that needs to be shared with the group – no matter the size of the group. If it's not helpful to advance model railroading, maybe it's better not said among our group. There's never a good reason for bad manners. So, if you need to grouse, maybe keep it to yourself.

Try and remember the "Thumperian Principle." You remember. From Thumper the rabbit in *Bambi*. "If you can't say something nice, don't say nothing at all."

For many years, I purposefully did not get involved in model railroading. This went back to a visit in the 1980's to the Walnut Creek Model Railroad Society. While visiting during an open house, I overheard a couple of their members grouching about the way another member brought a train into the yard. That really turned me off from getting involved in clubs of any kind. Who needs that kind of school yard bullying from adults? It is a very nice layout by the way and if you are ever in the Bay Area, be sure to visit. Those bullies are probably gone by now too.

One more thing before I go - To be inclusive, we need you to embrace new thinking and new ways of doing things. The old way worked just fine. But we need to be thinking of NEW WAYS to do things that are less work and easier to accomplish. More on this later.

## TIME TABLE

**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

**Sep 10**, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Virtual Bull Session

**Sep 17**, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting 600 Room and Zoom.

**Oct 8**, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Virtual Gathering.

**Oct 8-9**, Div 7 Train Show (Lakota West High School).

**Oct 15**, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting 600 Room and Zoom.

**Nov 12**, Sat. Div 8 Train Show & Sale.

**Nov 19**, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting 600 Room and Zoom.

**Dec 3**, Sat, Div 8 Christmas Party

## AUGUST 2022 CHARLIE KEELING HYBRID MODEL CONTEST

By Barry Christensen, Contest Chairman

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

The first, second and third place winners for the 2021-2022 Charlie Keeling Virtual Model Contest year were announced at the Division 8 picnic on Saturday, July 16. First place (using scoring rule #9) is Rick Geerts with 24 points for the year, and 12 entry points to break the tie (Rick entered every contest during the model year!). Second place is Kevin Jones with 24 points for the year, and 8 entry points to break the tie. Third place is Steve Lasher with 23 points for the year. During this contest year we had 10 total modelers participate with 58 total entries. Certificates and Scale Reproductions gift cards were awarded as prizes for our winners. Congratulations!

Final standings for the 2021-2022 Charlie Keeling Virtual Model Contest are as follows: Rick Geerts with 24 (and 12 entry points), Kevin Jones with 24 (and 8 entry points), Steve Lasher with 23, Bob Frankrone with 20, Ed Brennan with 17, Craig Hatter with 7, Russ Weis with 7, Ron Ellison with 5, Cecil Stewart with 4, and Eric Waggoner with 4.

For August 2022, we will begin the 2022-2023 Charlie Keeling Hybrid Model Contest year with the category of Maintenance of Way (MOW) Equipment. Please note that the category of Highway Vehicles has been moved to December.

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

- August 6th - First day to submit entries
- August 13th - Last day to submit entries
- August 18th - Members will receive the Contest Ballot
- August 18th & 19th - Voting in the Contest Ballot ends @ 10:00 PM on the 19th
- August 20th - Winners announced at the General Meeting - 1st, 2nd and 3rd

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## AUGUST MEETING INFORMATION

The August meeting is 2 PM **Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup>** at the 600 Room, first floor of the 600 Building, 600 N. Hurstbourne Pkwy. 40222. **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.

The August presenter is Michael Groves, with Dwarvin Enterprises. His subject is "Lighting Your Scenes Without Wiring".

## CONTEST (continued)

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

To enter the August 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).

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Stan White Membership Chairman

As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Division has 130 Members. We welcomed three new members: Cory Longton, Natalie and Tyler McKee. There were six renewals: Ron Ellison, Greg Gephart, Carl (Bob) Johnson, Albert Oswald, George Ronn, and Dr. Mike Shane.

## MEMBER WELFARE REPORT

By Mike Berry Chairman

Best wishes for speedy recoveries to both Karen and Don Fowler. Don was hospitalized and is now home. Karen was treated for an illness at home. Anna Gardner, wife of Wes Gardner, is currently hospitalized. Don Fowler and Anna Gardner have been sent gift cards. Karen was sent a get-well card. And as always, if you know of any members that have had a hospital stay, or had a death in the family, be sure to let the Member Welfare Committee know.

**2022 DIVISION 8 PICNIC**

*Photos by Bob Dawson*

The first, second and third place winners for the 2021-2022 Charlie Keeling Virtual Model Contest year were announced at the picnic on July 16<sup>th</sup> 2022 in the Johnson County Park at Franklin, IN.



Left:

Contest Chairman Barry Christensen presented Rick Geerts with his first place award. Along with certificates, Scale Reproduction gift cards were presented to the winners.

First Place: \$100 hobby shop gift card.

Second Place: \$75 hobby shop gift card.

Third Place: \$50 hobby shop gift card.

Right:

Barry presented Kevin Jones with his second place certificate and gift card.



Left:

Steve Lasher took third place. Barry presented Steve with his April first place-Passenger Cars certificate as well as his over all Third Place Certificate and gift card.





**PICNIC (continued)**

*Photos by Bob Dawson unless credited otherwise*



Left:

Cecil Stewart received the first place-Structures-certificate he won in the March Contest.

Our day began with a visit to the Columbus Area Model Railroad Club. Right: Bob Frankrone and Eric Waggoner checking out the club layout.



We then moved to the Nineveh Senior Citizens Center in the park for a box lunch and contest award presentations.

Right: Superintendent Ron Ellison was our master of ceremonies. Photo by Barbara Soward



Left:

Following Lunch, some of our members took advantage of the Indiana Live Steamers open running day, and took time to ride on their trains.



**FROM THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

*By Fred Soward MMR®, Division 8 Assistant Superintendent*

Tom Guenther and I spent a couple hours looking over his new layout space a few weeks ago. If you didn't know he is moving to a new home in Jeffersontown, well, now you do.

Much of the new layout will be familiar to anyone who has visited Tom's current HO scale layout. It'll still be based on L&N coal traffic in southeastern Kentucky. Most of the town names will be retained. Some locations will shrink, and some will get bigger. Corbin yard will probably be a hidden staging area that represents all places off the railroad. Loyall will continue to be a large coal train marshalling area. This is transition era to 1970 railroading, so expect to see plenty of coal trains, mixed freights, the occasional passenger train, and whatever else Tom wants to run.

Because the old and new layouts model the same era and location, Tom will be able to use locomotives, rolling stock, structures, and vehicles from the current layout. Most of the electronics will come across, too. He's hoping to salvage most turnouts, but probably not much of the flex track.

What's different? First up – no crawl under the layout or under the porch hidden staging tracks. Second - modified L-girder construction using thin plywood under one inch foam as the layout tabletop/scenery base. Third – it's on the second floor so be sure to bring your oxygen mask for the trip up that flight of stairs! Still undecided – two turntables or a turntable and a wye. Most importantly – a dedicated crew lounge with a well-stocked mini-fridge.

**ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM**

*By Mark Norman MMR®, AP Chairman*

This month's column is being written the day following the Division 8 picnic. A tip of the hat to Russ Weis who organized it and numerous others who made it an unqualified success.

It was my great fortune to carpool with three extraordinary modelers – Bob Frankrone, Bob Kuchler, and Rick Maloney. I mention this because the four hours we spent together on the journey were every bit as enjoyable as the picnic. You might notice that this group consists of three MMR®'s and a fine modeler, internationally published, that is working toward that goal. The point here is not that the vehicle had people with talent. Every vehicle had talent. We just happened to meet up for the ride.

Much of the conversations we had involved a discussion of other incredibly talented people we have met, seen via Zoom, or watched on YouTube. We were in awe in how those modelers accomplished their objectives. Each of us was seeking to grow. When all is said and done, that is what the AP program is all about. Turning our focus to our fellow members, we discussed how we could each help out others in the division grow.

A question came up as to how I measure progress, i.e., is my scorecard the number of MMR®'s? Answer – No. My scorecard is the number of members participating in the program. By focusing on the beginning, long-term results will follow. If you are working toward your Golden Spike, that is awesome! If you reach out to me or another asking about the difference between sectional track and flex track, that is very gratifying too. It can be intimidating seeing the phenomenal layouts that exist around the world. It can also be inspiring. The choice is yours. Somewhere, at some time, those people were born clueless. They honed their skills as they aged and unquestionably learned from others. Your move.

**HELP**

Do you enjoy seeing your fellow members' model work in the Pie Card? Do you enjoy the Trackside Photo Segments? These are only possible if members submit their photos and articles.

Send your photos and articles to the Pie Card Editor at the email listed below. Photos should be in a jpeg format, and articles and/or captions in a word document or embedded in the body of an email. In the case of photos, I need to know: WHAT, WHERE, WHEN. If you didn't take the photo, I need the credit or source. Be aware, no copyrighted material can be used. That means if you didn't take it, you need to supply permission from the photographer to use it. If in doubt, check with me. No PDF's.

Send to: [dawsobl@aol.com](mailto:dawsobl@aol.com)

Thanks, Bob Dawson, Pie Card Editor





## Central Indiana Division / NMRA

Model Railroading Is Fun!

Franklin Train Show  
August 27-28, 2022  
Johnson County 4-H Fairgrounds  
250 Fairground St,  
Franklin, IN 46131

Saturday 10 AM to 4 PM  
Sunday 10 AM to 3 PM  
\$3 Adult Admission, \$5 Family Admission

Multiple buildings will be filled with vendors, modular layouts, contest entries, and more!

### AUGUST 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: Fred and Barbara Soward-\$100; K & I Model Railroad Club-\$25; Rob Cooper-\$200; Stan White-\$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.

A reminder that June 30, 2022 was the end of the Division 8 fiscal year. Donations were reset on July 1, 2022. Would you like to get the fiscal year started? Ask us to email you an invoice for your donation.

### 2022 SILVER SPIKE NOMINATIONS

You will soon be receiving an email that Silver Spike nominations for 2022 will be open on Monday August 8, 2022. The nominating period will close 2 weeks later on Sunday August 21, 2022. The email will include nominating instructions and qualifications. Nominations and voting will again be conducted online.

The election will take place online from Monday September 12, 2022 to Sunday September 25, 2022.

Be thinking about who has given exemplary service to Division 8 and should be nominated for the 2022 Silver Spike Award. A list of recipients who have previously received the award is here - <http://div8-mcr-nmra.org/site/html/silver-spike.html>



Left.

**GE Power on the K & I Bridge  
July 3, 2016**

Ron Ellison took this photo on the old K & I layout in Buckner, KY. The models are Ron's.

# CABOOSE ON THE RIVER PORT LOCAL

By Bob Dawson



Left.

On bright sunny day in December 2021, I caught sight of the River Port Local (my term) shoving north on the River Port Spur atop the Louisville Floodwall Levee. I pulled over and grabbed this shot from my car, but missed the caboose in the lead. The Louisville River Port is a sprawling industrial and commercial complex that covers over 2000 acres in Southwestern Jefferson County, KY.

Right and below:

Pulling ahead, I had time to take this photo of caboose CSXT900019 in the lead crossing Greenwood Road at the entrance to Riverview Park.

Below:

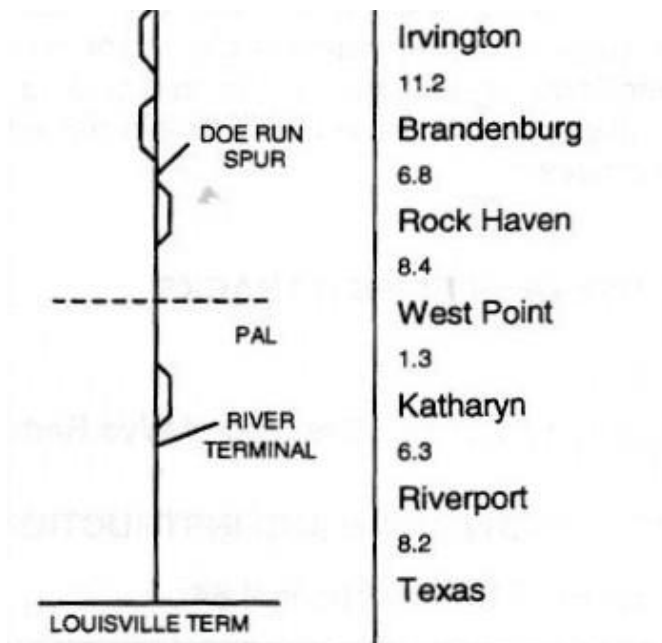
CSX GP40, 6506 provided the motive power.



The train originates from the CSX Yard on the Doe Run Spur at Long Branch near Brandenburg, KY.

The yard primarily serves the Monument Chemical Company.

Left: A portion of the Stations List and Diagram from CSX Louisville Division Time Table #1, dated October 1, 2000 showing the Doe Run Spur and River Terminal (Riverport) connections. Texas refers to the end of the Texas (Louisville Henderson & St. Louis Subdivision) at National Turnpike in South Louisville. Below CSX Yard at Long Branch, with CSX mainline passing over head on the concrete trestle. *Photo from Google Maps*





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