

# The Pie Card

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## From the Superintendent's Desk

By Ron Ellison

Last month in my first Superintendent's column I talked about how I came to be your Superintendent. Some have congratulated me on my new role. Thank you! But please keep in mind that I and the other elected officers of Division 8, the Assistant Superintendent, Clerk and

Treasurer, were not elected to office. We are the first officers that took office by Acclamation.

All the members at the time back in 2020, voted to change the Division 8 bylaws. Some of these changes were spurred on by the pandemic. (We can't vote at meetings if there aren't meetings). And some wording was cleaned up in the bylaws which hadn't been updated since 2008. But the main changes were to allow voting by electronic means, a fancy way of saying voting by email. And also elected officers that were running unopposed, individually or as a group, could be elected by acclamation. So, at the January 2022 meeting, the election committee reported the list of candidates to the Clerk, and a motion from the floor was made to elect the officers by acclamation. The motion passed - for better or worse.

We make this point for two reasons. One - It's good to attend the general meetings because sometimes important stuff happens. Two - the current slate of officers all volunteered, we weren't elected by a ballot process.

You should think about volunteering. Volunteering is giving something back to the hobby we all care about. And it's about doing things to help your fellow members have a great experience in model railroading. And if you can't volunteer right now, that's OK. But do your best to participate.

You don't have to jump up and be the Superintendent. That's not what I'm saying. And just so you know, there's not a line clamoring to take the elected officers' jobs. What I am saying is that when a volunteer opportunity comes by, think about what you can do to help advance model railroading. Raise your hand or put your name on a list. You'll feel good about what you are doing. And it will help other people. And think about our new mission statement:

The purpose of Division 8 is to promote the hobby of model railroading through education of the public, to promote fellowship among the members, to develop technical skills of those involved in the hobby, to educate members engaged in model railroading in methods of building and operating model railroad equipment and of prototype practices, and to advance the hobby wherever and whenever possible by publication, meetings, events, and all things necessary. The Mission of Division 8 will be carried forward by volunteers. Volunteers like YOU. Raise your hand. Write your name down on a list. Do it for Model Railroading!

## JUNE 2022 MEETING REPORT

By Bob Dawson, Clerk

The meeting was held on June 18<sup>th</sup> in the 600 Room and on the Zoom Conferencing platform. Superintendent Ron Ellison called the meeting to order at 2 PM. One new member, Jesse Ziegler, was announced. Mr. Ziegler wasn't present.

Ron Ellison moved to make a change to Article I Section 2 of the Division 8 Bylaws. The revision incorporated the new Mission Statement with the Purpose of the organization as defined in the Bylaws. The motion was seconded by Mike Berry. Ron asked for a vote by a show of hands. There were 19 votes in favor, and none against. The motion carried.  
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## TIME TABLE

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

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

Indiana Live Steamers (*see page 5 for details*)

**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

**Aug 27-28**, Sat-Sun, CID Franklin Train Show

**JULY 2022 CHARLIE KEELING HYBRID MODEL CONTEST***By Barry Christensen, Contest Chairman*

<b>July</b>	<b>NO CONTEST</b>
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

June saw the final round of the 2021-2022 Charlie Keeling Hybrid Model Contest year with open loads as the subject. There was a tie for second place between Rick Geerts for "Bulldozer Frame Castings" and Steve Lasher for "CB&Q Flatcar w/Tractor Load." First place went to Bob Frankrone for "A-frame Truss Load." Honorable mention went to Craig Hatter for "PRR F34 Flatcar with 5" Gun Turret Load." Congratulations to each modeler!

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

The first, second and third place winners for the 2021-2022 contest year will be determined using scoring rule #9 and will be announced at this year's Division 8 Picnic on Saturday, July 16. Prizes and certificates will be awarded at that time.

There will be a few changes beginning with the August 2022 contest that starts off the 2022-2023 Charlie Keeling Hybrid Model Contest year. Beginning then, you can enter just one entry per category into each monthly contest. Voting will continue to take place in the ballot you receive by email from Division 8. The two model categories for the August contest will be divided into two separate monthly categories with maintenance of way equipment (MOW) in August and highway vehicles in December. The contest page on the Division 8 website will then include some additional clarifications about various monthly model contest categories such as displays.

**NO MEETING IN JULY-DIVISION 8 PICNIC****See page 5 for Picnic Information.**

Our next meeting is 2 PM Saturday August 20 at the 600 Room, first floor of the 600 Building, 600 N. Hurstbourne Pkwy. 40222. 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.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT***By Stan White Membership Chairman*

As of June 1<sup>st</sup>, the Division has 127 Members. We welcomed one new member, Jessie Zeigler. There were four renewals: John Czerwinski, Rick Geerts, Lisa and John Helton.

**MEMBER WELFARE REPORT***By Mike Berry Chairman*

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Ron Steilberg after his recent knee surgery. If you know of any of our members that have a hospital stay or death in the family, please let the Member Welfare Committee know so we can pass along our best wishes or condolences on behalf of the Division.

**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: K & I Model Railroad Club-\$25; Rob Cooper-\$200; Stan White-\$50. These donations were sent in during the last fiscal year but earmarked for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. 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.

**MEETING REPORT** (continued from page 1)

It was announced that Rick Maloney is Master Model Railroader, MMR® #705. See page 4 this issue for photos. Dave Ackmann presented "Two and a Half CAD Using PowerPoint" on Zoom. Dave had technical difficulties with his internet connection due to a storm the night before in his area (St. Louis, MO). He was able to improvise and was able to demonstrate the basics of using PowerPoint to make drawings for producing 3-D printed models. *The minutes for the June meeting are posted on the Division website. Go to the members pages. You can also view the meeting on the Division 8 YouTube Channel.*



**JUNE CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST**

*Photos by the modelers*



Left:  
Bob Frankrone  
took first place  
with his  
scratchbuilt  
pre-fab truss  
load on a flat  
car.

Second Place was a tie between Rick Geerts and Steve Lasher.

Right: Rick Geerts' flat car with  
Bulldozer Frame Castings  
This open load is a load of  
Caterpillar heavy bulldozer frame  
castings which he made from Bic  
disposable razor covers.

CB&Q Flatcar w/Tractor Load  
Below: Steve Lasher's tractors on a  
flat Car. Steve built the flat car from  
a resin kit and then added the  
tractors. The loading tie-downs  
were scratch-built from scale  
lumber and A-Line Products 40  
links-per-inch chain.





**JUNE MEETING**

*Photos by Fred Soward unless noted otherwise*



Left:

Achievement Program Chairman Mark Norman presented Rick Maloney with his certificate, plaque, and other items recognizing him as having achieved his Master Model Railroad Certification, MMR® #705. Rick thanked everyone for the support and encouragement over the years. Rick said he found he had done the work, but had to follow up with the “paper work”. Rick’s guidance for those working toward their MMR®, “Do the Paper Work”! During the break, attendees in the 600 Room enjoyed cake and snacks in celebration of Rick Maloney’s MMR® award.

**A “MASS” OF MMR’S®**

*Photo by Barbara Soward*

Right: Division 8’s Active MMR’s®

From left to right: Mark Norman, Chris Broughton, Rick Maloney, Bob Kuchler and Fred Soward. Missing, Ed Brennan.



Left:

Model Contest Chairman presented Bob Frankrone with his certificate for taking first place in the June Charlie Keeling Model Contest.

**FROM THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

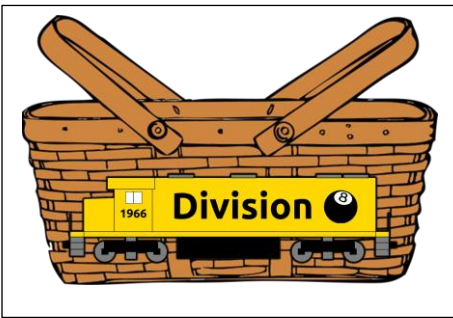
*By Fred Soward MMR®, Division 8 Assistant Superintendent*

Over the past several years, Bob Dawson and I have organized Operating Session trips to Bob Weinheimer's Pennsylvania Southern layout in Charleston, WV. Because of the overnight sleeping arrangements, we limit the trip to just four people. It's a three-day trip with two days of "op 'til you drop" and as much as 18 hours running trains. Interested in working on your Chief Dispatcher certificate, but having trouble getting enough Dispatcher or Yard Master time? You could completely knock out one of these during a single trip to Bob's layout. Two trips already this year and two more scheduled.

How about Dan Hinel's RailXpress layout on the northeast side of Indianapolis? Dan hosts an operating session almost every week, either on a Wednesday evening or Saturday afternoon. Sometimes, more frequently than that. They're usually 4 hours long, but he's said that if we have someone trying to rack up some time for their dispatcher certificate, we can come early anytime and stay late. The last time we were there, Bruce DeMaeyer contacted Dan ahead of time and said he wanted to become comfortable with the layout's dispatching system. Bruce watched and learned from the regular crew dispatcher for about an hour and the rest of the time he did all the dispatching, with a bit of supervision.

What's the point of all this? There ARE opportunities out there. Just step up and take advantage of them. You can contact me if you're interested in running on either Bob or Dan's layouts, but don't stop there. Both the K&I and Southern Indiana clubs are up and running right now, so there are plenty of local opportunities as well, even if you just want to run some trains.

## 2022 Division 8 Summer Picnic



The 2022 Division 8 Summer Picnic is Saturday July 16, 2022. As a reminder, here are some of the details.

You'll self-drive to the Columbus Area Railroad Club where we'll gather between 11:00 and 11:30. Here's a map link - [Columbus Area Railroad Club](#)

Then around 12:00, we'll move back down the road to the Nineveh Senior Center. Division 8 will furnish you with a boxed lunch from McAllister's Deli with your choice of sandwich between Black Angus Roast Beef, or Black Forest Ham, or Smoked Turkey, all on a baguette with chips and a cookie. Here's a map link - [Nineveh Senior Center](#)

After lunch we'll present the Annual Modeling Contest Awards. Then you have your choice of walking across the street to the Indiana Live Steamers or returning to the Columbus Area Railroad Club or some of both. Both venues are open until 4:00.

The Indiana Live Steamers is 7-1/2" gauge and of course is outdoors. So, bring your hat and sunscreen and don't wear your Sunday best if you're going to ride the train. Rides are \$4 per person per ride. The location is just across the street from the Nineveh Senior Center but here's a map link anyway - [Indiana Live Steamers](#) Everything but the train ride is paid by Division 8.

All Division 8 members were emailed a reservation form plus a reminder email if you didn't respond. We're extending the reservation cutoff by a few days. You must respond by the end of day Thursday, July 7, 2022. If you struggle with technology, call or text Division 8 with your name, the number in your party and their names, and your sandwich choices - (502) 653-5371. If you sign up to attend, we'll email you a detailed map with links.

Right:

Chris Broughton sent this picture of the N-scale GHQ Farmall tractor that He built and painted. Chris sprayed it with Tamiya Dark Red, then brush-painted the black and silver. He then applied panel liner to highlight the details, then after a coat of matte clear, he applied Pan Pastel chalks for weathering. Photographing it on a quarter really illustrates its diminutive size.



## **SILVER SPIKE NOMINATIONS**

It's time to start thinking about the 2022 Silver Spike Nominations. The Summer Solstice is already in our rearview mirror and the days are already getting shorter. Nominations this year will again take place in August. You'll receive an email with how to make a nomination in early August. Nominations will again be conducted online.

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>

## **ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM**

*By Mark Norman MMR®, AP Chairman*

Indy Junction 2022 was incredible and exceeded all expectations. I took pages of notes during the clinics. Met wonderful people and saw incredible models. Then there were the operating sessions - Bob Rotert's B&O Decatur Sub and Dan Hinel's Rail Xpress. Closer to home, was the opportunity to operate on Russ Weis' New York Central Water Level Route. Recently Fred Soward and I visited Rick Maloney's Midwest Central & North Western and evaluated some of his models. In meetings, phone calls, and simply associating with one another we exchange ideas and grow. The creativity and skill never ceases to amaze me. There is always something new to see and learn from. We serve as an inspiration to one another.

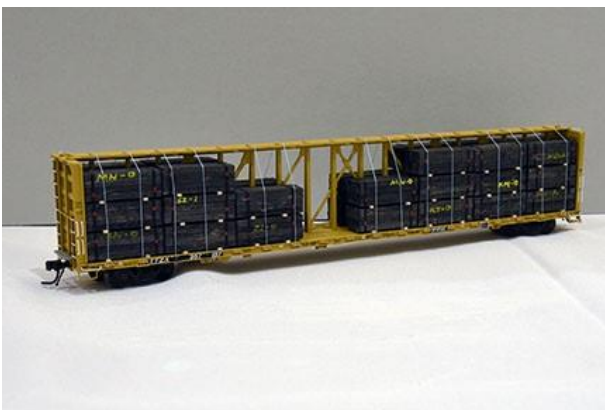
## **DIVISION 8 MODEL WINNERS AT INDY JUNCTION 2022**

*Photos by Fred Soward MMR®, model photos from Indy Junction 2022 Contest Report*

AP Chairman Mark Norman MMR® presented Kevin Jones and Bob Frankrone with Merit Awards earned at Indy Junction 2022.



Left and above: Kevin Jones. Kevin's first place winner, scratchbuilt On30 logging caboose.



Above and Right: Bob Frankrone with his certificate. Bob took 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Kit Built Freight Cars.







### SOMETHING TO COOL YOU OFF

Bill Lynch caught BNSF and CP power leading an empty steel train through the switch at Tatem (New Albany, IN) heading for the K&I Bridge to Louisville on February 7, 2022.

Right:

Superintendent Ron Ellison, on behalf of the Division 8 Board of Directors, presented Fred and Barbara Soward with 2 gift certificates valued at \$250 each to be used to attend any 2023 model railroad convention. One is designated for registration, and the other for travel. The Board wished to convey to Fred and Barbara their profound gratefulness for their innovative leadership exhibited keeping the Division 8 afloat and in touch during the Pandemic Lock-down.

Right: Fred receiving the gift certificates.

Photo by Bob Dawson





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**A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight***By Steve Lasher*

Our recent little heat wave (my thermometer topped out the other day at an even 100 degrees) made me think of what it was like working on the railroad in the summer heat and, believe me, it wasn't fun or pleasant.

You never had a tree or an overpass handy where you could stop in the shade. A nice two or three hour wait while your engine cab was sitting out in the baking sun was not unheard of. Even if you opened both cab doors there had to be a breeze blowing before it did you any good. All you could do is sit there and bake. Sometimes, you could take a kerchief and wet it with some cold water and put it around your neck or on your head for a little relief but, that was about the best you could do.

If you were going out on the running boards to inspect your units you better have your gloves on because anything steel that had been sitting out in the sun would be hot enough to burn you if you held on to it for any length of time.

Of course, diesel units that had any engine cooling issues would act up in this kind of weather. A lot of the remaining depots would have water hoses you could use to get enough cooling water in the tank to get you - hopefully to the next terminal or, at least, last awhile longer until it pooped out.

The SP/SSW did start buying units with cab air conditioners mounted on the roof. If they worked (not always a given) they could turn cab into an ice box but, of course, you eventually would have to get out in the heat.

Eventually, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers did get an agreement with the railroad that if you had a unit with a working air conditioner it would be placed as the lead unit. That caused an issue with the mechanical forces at the old Rock Island facility at Amourdale in Kansas City. Rather than do anything inconvenient to re-arrange a consist they would drain the Freon out of a unit's air conditioner. Nice guys. I did know of a couple of guys who'd carry a couple cans of Freon in their grips along with a short charging hose and try and resuscitate weak air conditioners. They used the same Freon as automotive air conditioners and had the same charging fittings so, sometimes, it helped.

**Sun Kink****Iowa Department of Transportation Photo**

Physically, out on the railroad, a big issue in this kind of heat would be track pushed out of alignment or "sun-kinked" from uncontrolled expansion. They frequently use a water spray while laying continuous welded rail to try to bring it down to the average annual ambient temperature for the location where it's being laid. But, the real success in controlling expansion lay in using enough rail anchors. Sometimes, even with what was thought to be enough anchors, it happened. Since it seldom breaks the rails, the signal circuits won't detect them. Occasionally, engines and even entire trains can get over them but, more than once, they've caused fatal derailments.

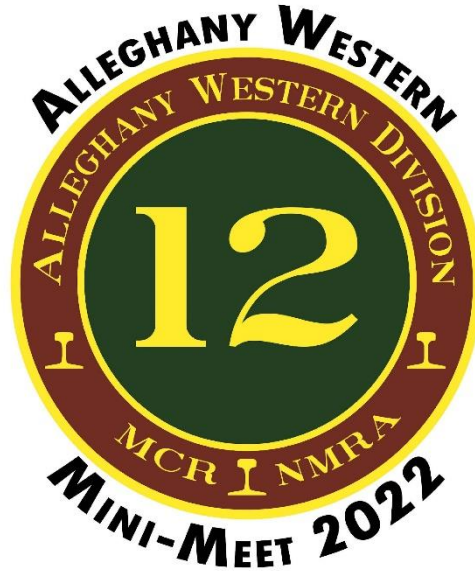
And, when you have this kind of heat and humidity, a strong cold front can come along and dump torrential rains causing washouts. Although they cooled things off temporarily, eventually, the sun came back out and all they really served to do was keep the humidity at a sauna bath level. I don't miss it!

**Steam Whistle Blow**

Come hear whistles of the past echo through the hills and valleys of beautiful Estill County, Kentucky. This unique event will wrap up the annual Ravenna Railroad Festival and feature authentic steam whistles from our nation's railroads. Whistles from the Louisville and Nashville, Southern Railway, Norfolk and Western, Chesapeake and Ohio, Baltimore and Ohio, Pennsylvania, and other railroads will be connected to live steam and be heard through eastern Kentucky for the first time in decades.







## Request for Clinicians

The planning committee for the 2022 Division 12, Mid Central Region Mini Meet is looking for clinicians. We are looking for a variety of topics from prototype modeling, modeling methods, empire building, electronics, and well, you name it. Submitted clinics will be selected based on subject needs, timeliness, and the number of clinic slots.

The convention is being held at the Ambassador Center in Erie, Pennsylvania September 10th, 2022. The center will feature two well-lit clinic rooms with tables for clinicians and participants alike. The Ambassador was the site of our successful Mini-Meet in 2019. Contact Doug Sandmeyer at [doug.sandmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:doug.sandmeyer@gmail.com) for more information and the submission form. Visit the *Division 12* website at [Mini-Meet | Alleghany Western Division](#)

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