

# The Pie Card

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## From the Superintendent's Desk

By Ron Ellison

Some of you may not know me very well or at all. And you might wonder how I ended here as the Division 8 Superintendent. So, here's a quick story of how I got here.

There was a railroad club down the street from where I live in Buckner. I went down there a few times. They seemed like a nice group. And they had something I never heard of before called ops. They invited me to participate. It was fun. It was close to my house and I could run trains down there so I decided to join. They said you have to join the NMRA. What's that I said? There was an explanation. I forget what it was. So, the next thing you know I'm an NMRA member. Then one day I was down at Scale Reproductions. I was looking around. I heard the owner bragging to another customer about having a MMR working in the Train Department. I didn't know what that was but it sounded important. I went over to the Train Department counter. There was a guy there named Russ. I assumed he was an MMR. (It was later I found out he was just a regular guy). Anyway, he was a friendly sort. I asked some questions about building a model railroad. He seemed to know about model railroading. He helped me a lot. There was a newsletter on the counter called *The Pie Card*. I noticed Russ' picture on the front. I asked him about Division 8. He said they have meetings once a month and I could come. Why not? At the meeting they talked about the Train Show & Sale. They said they need help setting up. I went to the Moose Lodge and helped with the tables and chairs. I did this a couple of times. Then this fella named Bob Dawson who was running the show at the time came up and asked if I'd like to run the show. I liked to organize things, so I said sure, why not. These guys seemed like the K & I guys. They needed some help organizing things. A Trustee position opened up. No one else was running. I'm not sure if I got any votes but they told me I was now a trustee. Then at a board meeting, they talked about upcoming elections and an Election Committee was formed. Then I got a call from the Committee. They said we need you. I said there must be someone else. They said no. You need to do this.

So here I am. I'll try and do my best for you.

## MAY MEETING REPORT

By Bob Dawson Clerk.

The May Meeting was held on Saturday May 28th. It was a hybrid meeting. Attendance was 26 with 14 members attending in person in the 600 Room and another 12 attending on Zoom. Included in the Zoom attendance were Larry Smith MMR® Superintendent of Division 10 MCR, and Sherri Johnson with CatzPaw. Sherri presented the program on Zoom, "3D Printing of Scale Replicas". After calling the meeting to order, outgoing Superintendent Fred Soward turned the meeting over to our new Superintendent, Ron Ellison.

Superintendent Ron Ellison announced that pursuant to Division 8 bylaws, the Division 8 Board of Directors has appointed Russ Weis to complete the unexpired portion of his term as Trustee. Ron vacated this position when he assumed the office of Superintendent. (see pages 4 and 5 for photos from the meeting).

The minutes for the May meeting are posted on the Division website. Go to the members pages. You can also view the meeting on the Division 8 YouTube Channel.

## TIME TABLE

**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.

Indiana Live Steamers (*see page 8 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

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

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

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

<b>June</b>	<b>Open loads</b>
July	NO CONTEST
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

For May, four cabooses were entered into the Charlie Keeling Hybrid Model Contest, spanning several eras of caboose construction. Third place went to Kevin Jones for "On30 West Side Lumber Style Caboose." Second place went to Rick Geerts for "Recycled Caboose." First place went to Steve Lasher for "Old #7 L&N Caboose." Honorable mention goes to Bob Frankrone for "Southern Bay Window Caboose." Congratulations to each modeler!

The point totals are now: Kevin Jones with 24, Rick Geerts with 21, Steve Lasher with 20, Ed Brennan with 17, Bob Frankrone with 16, Russ Weis with 7, Craig Hatter with 6, Ron Ellison with 5, Cecil Stewart with 4, and Eric Waggoner with 4.

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 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.

The June Contest, the final one for the 2021-2022 contest year, is **Open Loads**. To enter the June 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).

**See page 7 for June Contest entry timeline.**

**JUNE MEETING INFORMATION**

The June meeting is 2 PM **Saturday June 18** 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 June presenter will Dave Ackman, his subject "Two and A Half CAD", using PowerPoint.

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

As of May 1, Division 8 has 127 Members. We have one new member, Tyler Dean; and one re-rail, Steven Summers. Fifteen (15) members have renewed: Bernard Backert, David Burris, Robert Cooper, Robert Dawson, Bruce DeMaeyer, Darcy Elliott, Rich Esarey, Mark Hedge, Nat King, Joe Martin, Steve Oswald, Fred Soward, Barbara Soward, Robert Toler, and Kent Westphal.

**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 (the fiscal year ends on June 20, 2022): 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. Donations are for the current fiscal year July 1, 2021 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.

**JUNE CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST**

*Photos by the modelers*



Left: First Place, Old #7 L&N Caboose by Steve Lasher. Steve kitbashed his entry from a HO Smoky Mountain Model Works Kit. He detailed the under frame, and hand bent the handrails. The smoke jack was scratchbuilt. He added the trucks and painted, decaled, and weathered it with paint and chalks.

Right: Second Place, Rick Geerts' Recycled Caboose. Rick built his entry from an undecorated Athearn blue box kit. He scratchbuilt the decking and stairs. The railing is from Tichy Trains. He finished it-by painting, decaling and weathering it.

This caboose can be seen on Route 3 just past Blotcher, IN at a salvage yard. It is used as a weigh station but is still sitting on a set of rails.



Left: Second Place, Kevin Jones' On30 West Side Lumber Style Caboose. Kevin built his caboose from a Mount Blue Model Company Kit. He added trucks, couplers, steps, and other hardware. He then painted and weathered it.

Right: Honorable Mention, Bob Frankrone's Southern Bay Window Caboose. He modified his caboose from an Athearn blue box undecorated kit. He plugged some of the windows, added glazing to the remainder. He finished with paint and decals.





**MAY MEETING**

Photos by Barbara Soward



Left: Superintendent Ron Ellison presented outgoing Superintendent Fred Soward MMR® with a certificate of appreciation for his service and accomplishments as Superintendent. Fred and his wife Barbara were also given gift cards for “Freddy’s”, their favorite fast-food restaurant. Fred is continuing to serve the Division as Assistant Superintendent.

Right: Achievement Program Chairman Mark Norman MMR® presented Rick Maloney with Master Builder Certificates for Prototype Models and Locomotives.

With these certificates, Rick has completed the requirements for Master Model Railroader (MMR®).



Left: After serving almost ten years as Member Welfare Chairman, Rick Wehr has decided to step down. Rick thanked everyone for allowing him the privilege to serve.

Incoming Welfare Chairman Mike Berry thanked Rick for the efforts he has put in over the years.



**INDY JUNCTION 2022**

*Photos by Barbara Soward (unless she's in them)*

INDY JUNCTION 2022 Convention was held in Indianapolis Indiana from May 18 thru May 22, 2022. The convention was jointly hosted by the Railroad Prototype Modelers Conference (RPM) and the Mid Central, North Central, and Midwest Regions- of the NMRA.



Left: Division 8 Members Bob Frankrone and Barry Christensen talk with (right) NMRA President Gordy Robinson MMR®.



Right: Sam Swanson, MMR®, Division 7, MCR, discussing the HAVOC layout with Bob Johnson  
Below: Barbara Soward, Rich Seymour, and Tom Cain at the registration desk



Above: Our resident "Mad Scientist", Kevin Jones, searching for new and exciting tools at the Micro-Mark booth during the Train Show



Left: Russ Weis getting ready to depart for the Beech Grove Amtrak tour





Left: Bruce DeMaeyer (left) and Chuck Endreola (right), Division 7 Superintendent, enjoying the Modeling With The Masters clinic.

Below: Mike Berry found some great deals on laser cut HO scale pallets at the Rail-Scale-Models booth during the Train Show



Below: NMRA President Gordy Robinson with one of the t-shirts Barbara Soward created as gifts for Gordy's children



Right: When the projector failed during his clinic, Fred Soward improvised using his Microsoft Surface.  
*Photo by Mark Norman*



## ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

By Mark Norman MMR®, AP Chairman

This month's column is being written the day before leaving for Indy Junction 2022. Yours truly is looking forward to the camaraderie, social events, operating sessions, and clinics. A tip of the hat to all who tirelessly work to make this happen; they have truly achieved something. This will be a wonderful opportunity for me and the other participants to become better modelers – a common theme of these columns. We can all become better. Meriam-Webster defines achievement as 'a result gained by effort'.

At our April division meeting the ever-enthusiastic James Knabb joined us from Texas. His marketing presentation was impressive. He pointed out that Master Model Railroaders® make up less than 0.5% of the NMRA. While we rightly recognize those who have become MMR's that is not the goal of the achievement program. In fact, the goal is stated clearly in the MMR Statement of Qualification – 'I will agree to assist other members in this subject whenever possible, whether or not they are participants in the Achievement Program.' We are here to help you achieve the results *you* are looking for. And have fun along the way of course.

## BOB FRANKRONE RECEIVES MCR DIRECTORS AWARD

By Fred Soward, Photo by Barbara Soward



Division 8 member Bob Frankrone is the recipient of the 2022 Mid Central Region Directors Award. The award is voted on by the Directors of the Mid Central Region and is awarded to an individual member in recognition of exemplary and outstanding service to the Mid Central Region and to the hobby of model railroading.

Bob Frankrone's contributions at the Division level include his time on the Division 8 Board of Directors, for his ongoing work at the Division 8 Train Show and Sale "Information Station," and as a special projects leader and contributor. At the Region and NMRA level, in addition to his monthly "Love Those Loads" column in the NMRA Magazine, his contributions include Co-Chairman and Registrar for two Mid Central Region Conventions, clinics he

presented remotely and in person at Division 8 and other NMRA Divisions, at the NMRA National Convention, at the Louisville Chapter of the National Railroad Historical Society, and at Louisville libraries over many years.

## TIMELINE FOR JUNE CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST

- The June Contest is *Open Loads*
- We will send out a reminder but below are some of the Contest timeline dates for April:
- June 4th - First day to submit entries
- June 11th - Last day to submit entries
- June 16th - Members will receive the Contest Ballot
- June 16th & 17th - Voting in the Contest Ballot ends @ 10:00 PM on the 17th
- June 18th - 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>.



**Gateway 2022**  
NMRA 2022 Convention  
St. Louis, Missouri  
August 7 – 15, 2022  
[gateway2022.org](http://gateway2022.org)

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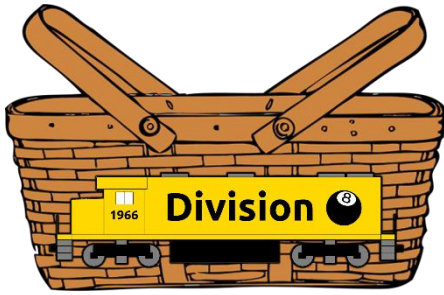
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- Clinics
- Contest
- National Train Show

Banquet with Michael Gross

**2022 DIVISION 8 SUMMER PICNIC**

The 2022 Division 8 Summer Picnic is next month. So, here's a reminder with more information.



The date is Saturday July 16, 2022.

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](#)  
The CARC has layouts in 4 gauges - O, On30, HO and N.

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](#)  
You can take a look at the satellite view and see quite an extensive bit of track work. The ride takes around 20 minutes and covers about 9 scale miles.

We'll be emailing all Division 8 members a reservation form in early June. You can fill in the names in your party, check a box for the sandwich you want and email the form back to us. (It will be similar to voting in the monthly contest - you can see how easy it is). Everything but the train ride is paid by Division 8. We will email those that sign up for the picnic an additional map with links. 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. You must respond by the end of day Thursday, June 30, 2022.

**FROM THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

*By Fred Soward MMR®, Division 8 Assistant Superintendent's Column*

And now, something entirely different! A monthly Assistant Superintendent column in The Pie Card. It'll be shorter than the Superintendent column. I expect to use this space to focus more on Division 8 members and what we are doing. It won't be Division 8 member profiles, but rather what we've been working on. So, be prepared. You've been forewarned that I may be calling YOU to have a chat about any and all model railroading projects/activities you've been up to recently! That includes railfan trips, of course, because, well, because that's research.

For this first column, I really did not have the time to call and ask anyone about what they've been up to because of my marketing commitments to the Indy Junction 2022 convention. In fact, the only model railroad project I worked on in May, besides the convention, was my T-TRAK module. And I was getting that ready for the convention. I've gotta tell you, working on N scale scenery is not the same as working on HO scale scenery. That ballast is almost like powder. And scratch building N scale traffic cones? Yikes!

Feel free to call or email or write me to suggest ideas for this column. And, yes, in case you're wondering, I'll keep y'all posted on what's happening in our basement, too.

**MEMBER WELFARE**

*By Mike Berry, Member Welfare Chairman*

Our condolences to Rob Cooper and his family upon the passing of his father Robert Cooper on April 28, 2022. Mr. Cooper was 89 years of age. John Stoltz and Eric Waggoner each spent some time in the hospital in May. Kent Westphal had shoulder surgery.



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