

The Pie Card

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From the Superintendent's Desk

By Fred Soward

Reflecting on where we've been and also looking forward as I begin my final month as Superintendent of Division 8, the past four years have brought a lot of changes to Division 8. Some were self-imposed and some were brought about because the world changed. Through all of it, we adapted to survive and thrive as an organization. From what y'all have told me, with a few exceptions, most people were pleased with most of the changes we made along the way.

Thank you to every one of you for your support over the past four years, and especially for being able to quickly adapt to changing circumstances. It's certainly been an interesting ride during the last twenty-seven months! From cancelling the March 2020 Train Show and Sale with just a few days' notice, to going from Zero to Zoom in an instant, then moving to hybrid, and nearly everything virtual and distanced, we led the way in keeping it together during that time. That would not have been possible without everyone in this organization having the patience and willingness to adapt to changes so quickly.

Later this month, immediately after the Mid Central Region Board of Directors (BoD) meeting during Indy Junction 2022, Ron Ellison will officially become the Division 8 Superintendent. I'm sure everyone will give him the support he needs to get the job done during his time in office. Ron comes with a lot of management experience and with four years on the BoD, he knows quite a bit about the day-to-day workings of Division 8. As Ron assumes this role, Russ Weis will be filling out Ron's elected trustee term.

After many years in different roles (trustee, clerk, assistant superintendent), Eric Waggoner is stepping down from the BoD as he begins preparations for retirement. Eric has promised to assist with special projects as they may arise. He will remain connected to the BoD on an as-needed basis for the time being. Be sure to thank him for all his efforts as a Division 8 BoD member for so many years.

Stan White is taking on a new role as a Division 8 Trustee. Stan has been attending BoD meetings since taking over as the Membership Chairman last year, so he's already familiar with the workings of the BoD.

Bob Dawson (Clerk), Mike Berry (Treasurer), and Tom Guenther (Trustee) are continuing in their roles. Keep in mind that they have all been there for "a while" so it may not be all that long before they will be ready to pass their job to someone else.

And, in a moment of extreme weakness, with Barbara's blessing, I agreed to take the role of Assistant Superintendent for the next two years. I do not intend to keep the role past this term so one of y'all needs to start thinking seriously about that!

I feel extremely fortunate to have been able to lead this great group of model railroaders over the past four years. It's been a fun ride and it's been very rewarding, too. I hope y'all have enjoyed the ride as well.

TIME TABLE

May 18-22, Indy Junction 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. Indiana Live Steamers

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*

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| 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 |
| April | Passenger cars |

For April, six passenger cars were entered into the Charlie Keeling Hybrid Model Contest, with interesting histories spanning the 19th through the 21st centuries. There was a three-way tie between Ed Brennan with L&N Streamlined Baggage-RPO, Kevin Jones with On30 Passenger Coach, and Steve Lasher with NYC Parlor Car 'Faith.' Honorable mentions go to Bob Frankrone for Catskill Scenic RR Passenger Car, Rick Geerts for Empire Builder, and Eric Waggoner for L&N Passenger Car 2582. Congratulations to each modeler!

The point totals are now: Kevin Jones with 22, Rick Geerts with 18, Ed Brennan with 17, Steve Lasher with 16, Bob Frankrone with 15, Russ Weis with 7, Craig Hatter with 6, Ron Ellison with 5, Cecil Stewart with 4, and Eric Waggoner with 4.

The May Contest is **Cabooses**. To enter the May 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. 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.

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

- May 14th - First day to submit entries
- May 21st - Last day to submit entries
- May 26th - Members will receive the Contest Ballot
- May 26th & 27th - Voting in the Contest Ballot ends @ 10:00 PM on the 27th
- May 28th - 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>.

**MAY MEETING INFORMATION**

The May meeting is 2 PM **Saturday May 28** 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. The presenter will be CatzPaw Innovations LLC. Their subject will be: 3D Printing Scale Replica's - How It's Done.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT*By Stan White Membership Chairman*

As of April 1, Division 8 has 128 Members. We have two new members, Monte Martin and David Mertz. Five members renewed in March: Scott Gary, Robert Johnson, Carl Krull, Rebecca Krull, and Rodney Taylor.

Division 8 Membership Statistics by number of members who have been members for four years or less.

- (4 years) Greg Gardner
- (3 years) Scott Gray, Joe Martin, Charles Schaefer
- (2 years) Gary Bennett, Jacob Butler, Al Goodman, Lisa Helton, Cathy Kuchler, Joseph Legel, Nathan Lhamon, Ron Steilberg, Richard Varner, John Wesson
- (1 year) Myron Coldiron, Rebecca Krull, Roberto Penne Casanova, George Ronn, Christopher Ruckman, Gerald Suell, Chris Wiles, Michael Willinger
- (0 years) Philip Alley, Donald Barbiea, Gary Dean, Paul Kern, Mark Kirchner, Monte Martin, David Mertz, Charles Reven, Bruce Sanders

EARLY DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE PIE CARD

Because of the late date in the month for the May meeting, Indy Junction Convention and other events, the deadline for submissions (other than the Contest Column) for the June Pie Card is May 15, 2022.

APRIL CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST*Photos by the modelers*

There was a three-way tie for first place in the April Charlie Keeling Model Contest. Left: Steve Lasher won with this HO NYC Parlor Car "Faith". Steve rebuilt a Walthers Pullman car to a parlor car, adding interior lights, figures, and window shades.

Right: Our second first place winner was Kevin Jones. Kevin built this On30 Passenger Coach from a kit. The model was assembled according to instructions. The trucks are Athearn HO passenger trucks.



Left: Our third person in our trio of First Place winners is Ed Brennan with his HO L&N RPO. Ed began with a NKP Car Company brass car side kit. Ed added L&N specific details, as well as couplers, trucks and other details. He repainted the model and lettered it using After Hours Graphics decals.

MEETING REPORT*By Bob Dawson, Clerk*

The April Meeting was held on Saturday April 23rd. It was a hybrid meeting. Attendance was 44 with 22 members attending in person in the 600 Room and another 22 attending on Zoom. Included in the Zoom attendance was NMRA President Gordy Robinson attending from his home in Scotland.

Treasurer Mike Berry asked if there were any objections to transferring some of our funds the checking account into our savings. There were none, and Mike said he would take care of it.

Achievement Program Chairman Mark Norman presented Fred Soward with his Certificate for Master Model Railroader MMR® #698. Following the business meeting a cake and snacks were provided in celebration. See page 4 for photos.

Fred Soward recognized Assistant Superintendent Eric Waggoner for his long-time service to Division 8. Eric will be ending his term as Assistant Superintendent in May. Over the years Eric has served as clerk, Trustee and Assistant Superintendent. He was unable to attend in person because he has broken his leg, thus Eric attended on Zoom. However, Fred and Barbara Soward stopped by Eric's house after the meeting and presented him with a plaque in appreciation of his service. See Photo on page 4.

James Knabb gave a presentation on Zoom, "Post Covid-19 Model Railroading". In his program he looked at the demographics represented by model railroaders, and suggestions for attracting them to join NMRA.

The minutes for the April 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.

MMR® #698 Photos by Bob Dawson and Barbara Soward

Congratulations to Fred Soward for earning Master Model Railroader #698 in the NMRA Achievement Program.



Clockwise from top left.

AP Chairman Mark Norman MMR® presented Fred with his MMR Plaque at the April Division 8 meeting. Mark then presented Fred with his framed MMR Certificate. Fred's wife Barbara, pinning Fred with his MMR lapel pin.

Those attending in the 800 Room shared in a celebratory cake and refreshments for the occasion.



ERIC WAGGONER RECOGNIZED

Right: Assistant Superintendent Eric Waggoner was presented a plaque by Superintendent Fred Soward recognizing Eric for his many years of service on the Div. 8 Board of Directors as Trustee, Clerk, and Assistant Superintendent.

Photo by Barbara Soward.



OPERATIONS FAR AND WIDE

By Bob Dawson, photos by Fred Soward

Last month a few of us were able to travel for some away operating sessions. On April 4 Bob Dawson, Fred Soward MMR®, and Division 10 Superintendent Larry Smith MMR®, travelled east for two days of operations on Bob Weinheimer (MMR®)'s Pennsylvania Southern Railroad in Charleston, WV. Later that week on Saturday April 9, Bob Dawson, Fred Soward and Bruce DeMaeyer travelled north to the Indianapolis, IN area to operate on Dan Hinel (MMR®)'s RailXpress Layout. Bob and Bruce were outnumbered by Master Model Railroaders ® on these trips.



Left:

Pennsylvania Southern Transfer Caboose #991 is preparing to leave Pittsburgh on its first revenue service run to Bridgeville. This caboose is a product of the Soward Car Works.



Right

From left to right; Bob Dawson, Dan Mulhearn, Bob Weinheimer, and Larry Smith. Dan and Bob are watching Bob Dawson and Larry switching at Bridgeville.



Left and lower left:

Bruce DeMaeyer working as the Dispatcher on Dan Hinel's RailXpress layout in Westfield, IN, during an OperatingSessions.org event.

Right:

Approximately 25% of Dan Hinel's RailXpress layout



POSING FIGURES*By Steve Lasher*

I'm using the above photo to make my point this month. It's from Russell Weis's famous "iPad" which has proven to be the equal of a good 35mm camera and more versatile because photos can be edited while still on the iPad. All the photos that Russ has done that have appeared in publications have been done with the trusty pad.

Specifically, though, I'd like to talk about the figures and how they're posed. First of all, if you want figures in a top-quality photo, stick to Preiser. They're the best in terms of detail and painting. The figures in the above photos will speak for themselves in that regard.

As for posing I remember an article I read years ago in *Model Railroader* about making your own figures (I ain't tryin' it. Although, 3D printing might make it more likely). The author talked about posing figures in terms of a) implied motion vs. b) frozen motion. The above photo illustrates this perfectly. Let's compare the four figures.

First, the porter is posing for a photo. Our brains expect him to be motionless because we know that's what you do to be photographed. Great "implied motion".

Second, the photographer. Here again, we expect a photographer to be still.

Third, the conductor is obviously standing motionless in a conversation. No problem with our brain's expectations there.

But now we come to the ringer! A classic illustration of "frozen motion". The brakeman at the right has his hand in the air. Our brains are confused and having trouble reconciling what it's seeing. Is his hand going up, down, out or back? What our brain has trouble reconciling it labels as "not real". The brakeman with his hand up was the first thing my wife, Bonnie, spotted that she said told her it was a model and not real.

So, for maximum realism, try to use figures that are posed in "implied motion" and limit or avoid posing figures in "frozen motion".

Finally, I'd like to make the case for the fun of photography. As has been said by many before me, it's a great way to improve your modeling. It's merciless when it comes to showing you the good and bad of your work. If it looks good to the camera it probably looks good in person. Perhaps we can get Russell to share some of his ideas about iPad photography in a future article. The fun comes when you do have to look at a photograph closely to tell it's a model!

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

By Mark Norman MMR®, Achievement Program Chairman

Who inspired this month's column? None other than Sir Isaac Newton! Though I was a physics major and did live in Oxfordshire, England, Isaac pre-dated me and was a whole lot smarter! You may have heard of his Three Laws of Motion. The First Law states that "a body remains in the state of rest or uniform motion in a straight line unless and until an external force acts on it." This law is often simplified and restated as a body at rest stays at rest unless acted upon just as a body in motion stays in motion unless acted upon. What in the name of trackwork does this have to do with model railroading and achievement? Well... if you are a body at rest, you will stay at rest, getting nothing accomplished. Perhaps this column will get you in motion! Perhaps seeing the recent AP certificates earned by Division 8 Members is the force needed to act upon you and get you in motion from the armchair to the modeling desk. One thing I can say with certainty is that there has been far more motion – energy in the division as of late. The Train Show was a great success with record attendance and sales. That is momentum – mass times velocity. More people, getting more done. Join the excursion and momentum builds. Momentum builds as we help one another. Now is the time.

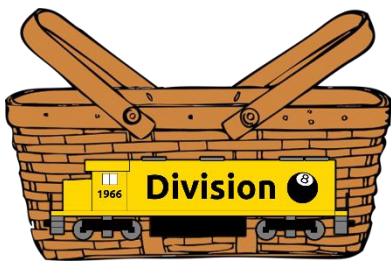
MEMBER WELFARE FUND REPORT

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 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. And as a reminder, there are only 2 more months left in the current fiscal year.

2022 DIVISION 8 ANNUAL PICNIC

Your Board of Directors announced the Division 8 2022 Summer Picnic in the April *The Pie Card*. So a reminder here with a bit more information.

The date is Saturday July 12, 2022. You'll self-drive to the Columbus Area Railroad Club (CARC). Here's a map link - [Columbus Area Railroad Club](#)

We'll gather between 11:00 and 11:30. Lunch at 12:00. Division 8 will furnish you with a boxed lunch from McAllister's Deli. You'll need to make a reservation and tell us your choice of sandwich between Black Angus Roast Beef, or Black Forest

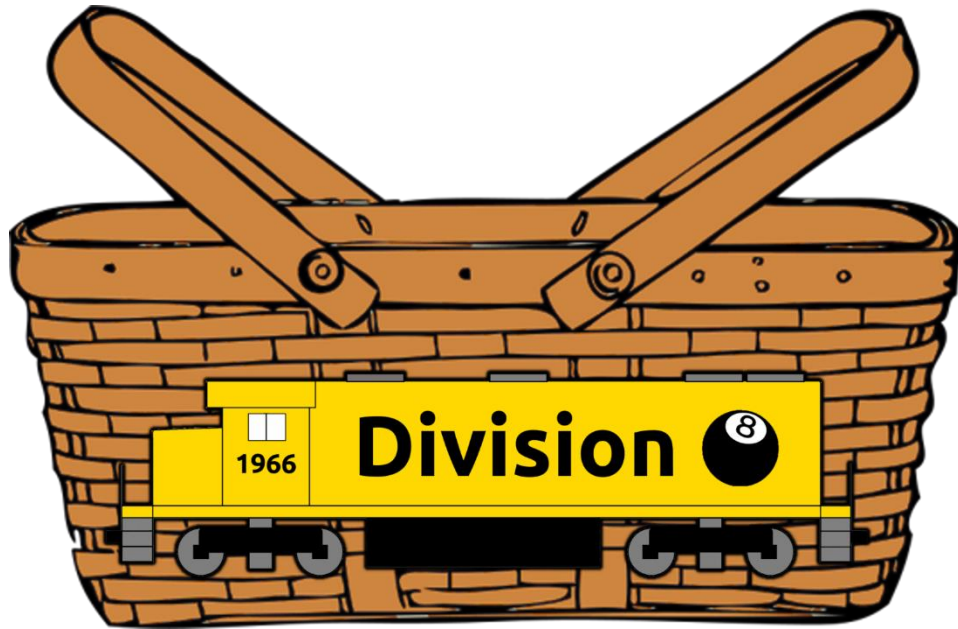
Ham, or Smoked Turkey, all on a baguette with chips and a cookie.

We'll be emailing you a reservation form in early June. You can fill in the names in your party, check a box for the sandwich you want and send the form back to us. Everything but the train ride is paid by Division 8.

After lunch we'll present the Annual Modeling Contest Awards. Then take a final look around the CARC and then on to the Indiana Live Steamers.

You will have passed them on the way to CARC and they'll be on your right as you head back to Louisville. Here's a map link - [Indiana Live Steamers](#) They are open until 4:00 and rides are \$4.00 per person.

It should be a fun day. The CARC has layouts in 4 gauges - O, On30, HO and N. We'll be inside at the CARC and for lunch but of course the 7-1/2" gauge is outdoors. Bring your hat and sunscreen. And don't wear your Sunday best if you're going to ride the train.



Division 8 Picnic
Saturday July 16, 2022
COLUMBUS AREA RAILROAD CLUB
and INDIANA LIVE STEAMERS

Johnson County Park
Near Nineveh, IN 46164 *

[Columbus Area Railroad Club](http://ColumbusAreaRailroadClub.com)

COME JOIN US AT THE ANNUAL DIVISION 8 PICNIC

We will gather between 11:00 and 11:30 and DINE at 12:00

A box lunch will be provided and we'll dine inside with air conditioning

ANNUAL AWARDS FOR THE MODEL CONTEST WILL BE PRESENTED

After the awards and you have finished looking at the Club layouts in O, On30, HO, and N Scales, you can take the short drive to the Indiana Live Steamers where you can ride as many times as you like for \$4 per person per ride

SEE YOU THERE !

* You cannot find the Columbus Area Railroad Club by searching with the address. Use the map link or search in Google Maps for Columbus Area Railroad Club or Johnson County Park Office and an address of 2949 East North Street, Franklin, IN 46131 will be noted in the search results



INDY JUNCTION 2022...You won't want to miss it!*by Bob Frankrone*

Spring is finally here, and that means Indy Junction 2022 is just around the corner. It has been nearly three years (thanks to the pandemic) since I last attended an NMRA convention, and I am 'chomping at the bit' to attend Indy Junction 2022. In addition to being hosted by three NMRA regions, the Railroad Prototype Modelers (RPM) group is also participating in the convention, which will give the event another dimension. Those guys are 'crazy good' modelers.

Model railroading conventions provide the perfect forum for model railroaders to get together and rediscover what it is that makes model railroading such a great hobby. This year, Indy Junction 2022 is just a couple of hours up the road and you won't want to miss it!

Why attend a model railroading convention? Well, for one reason, it's fun. But aside from the fun, there is so much more to be gained by attending a convention. Conventions provide a wonderful opportunity to expand one's knowledge of the hobby, and to learn and develop new modeling skills. There are numerous instructional and informational clinics (some given by nationally known model railroaders), which cover a wide range of subjects and topics. In my opinion, clinics are the heart of any model railroading convention...it's just amazing what you can learn from them.

Conventions also offer a chance to tour some fantastic home and club layouts that are always fun and inspirational. You can also check out the work of other model railroaders by stopping by the contest room and viewing the many exquisite models on display in all the NMRA contest categories. Why, you can even enter a model of your own, as the contest is open to all NMRA members. Indy Junction 2022 will also have a large display room for those attendees wishing to exhibit their models and show off their work in a non-judging (and no paperwork) environment.

In addition to all of this, conventions offer prototype and industrial tours, non-rail tours, white elephant sales, social events, a banquet, and more. In fact, there are so many activities that are offered, it is impossible to attend or participate in them all. Indy Junction 2022 will be packed full of these and more events for your education and enjoyment. Check out their convention web site at <https://www.indyjunction2022.org> for a more detailed description of the convention's many and exciting activities.

Ask anyone who has attended a model railroading convention and I'm sure they will tell you not only what a great time they had, but how much they learned about the hobby. If you have never attended a model railroading convention, then Indy Junction 2022 should be the one you attend. It's not too late to register, and I would encourage anyone who is interested in developing their knowledge, skills, and appreciation of the hobby to attend at least one model railroading convention. But a word of caution...you won't be able to stop at just one. I hope to see you at Indy Junction 2022 in May.



The graphic is a promotional poster for Indy Junction 2022. It features a black header with the dates "May 18-22, 2022" in white. Below the header is a blue box on the left containing the text "Four Full Days", "Three Regions", "Three Day Train Show", "One Convention", and "and the RPM Conference" in white. Below this text is the Facebook link "facebook.com/IndyJunction2022". To the right of the blue box is a white box containing the text "Indy Junction" in large black letters, "2022" in large black letters, and "MWR NCR MCR RPM Conference" in smaller black letters. Above the text "Indy Junction" is a blue arrow pointing down. Below the text "2022" are two arrows, one red pointing up and one green pointing up. At the bottom of the graphic is a black bar with the website "www.IndyJunction2022.org" in white.

Registration is OPEN. Here are the basic convention fees:

- \$110.00 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.indyjunction2022.org/>
Currently rooms at the Convention hotel are SOLD OUT. Arrangements have been made for special rates at nearby hotels. But special Indy Junction 2022 rates and room blocks **EXPIRE ON APRIL 26, 2022**. After April 26th, you're on your own to find rooms. And keep in mind, there's an auto race of some kind Memorial Day

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