

The Pie Card

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Mid Central Region, National Model Railroad Association



From the Superintendent's Desk

By Ron Ellison

Last month's Superintendent's column was about being more inclusive.

This month's column is about what color should the gladhands on your Tangent Gunderson Brothers 50' High Cube Double Plug Door Box Car be painted? As information, the factory paint color is not listed in the Tangent specs for this car. And of course, some may tell you that the gladhands need to be weathered at part of your new car receiving process. You know, when you apply one of several regular special grimy washes from your paint inventory to make the gladhands look prototypical, and this, after you add your new Tangent car to your equipment inventory spreadsheet listing the date you purchased the car, who you purchased it from, the price, the shipping charge, which of course should be accounted for separately, prototype build date, and so on.

You may say, whoa. That's too much detail for me. And friends, that's perfectly OK. Because you shouldn't let yourself be intimidated by the ways other model railroaders model. You should make the hobby fun for YOU. That's the purpose of having a hobby, isn't it? Just giving the dictionary a quick check – *an activity done regularly in one's leisure time for pleasure*. Part of the fun of building a model railroad is to create a space as YOU want things.

So, what I've climbed up on the soapbox today to impart to you is to do your own thing. You can listen to other modelers and learn from them. But don't be intimidated by them and don't let them tell you how you should be doing it. Those that mentored me in this hobby always suggested ways to do things or said when asked a question, "this is how I do it". And while I'm up on the soapbox, let me tell you that it's OK to ask your questions to these gladhand weathering folks. They are usually happy to help you. They hope you'll grow in the hobby and want to weather your gladhands too. But if you don't – that's fine. They understand everyone has different ways of enjoying the hobby. Minutiae isn't for everyone. Do what YOU enjoy. We're only here a very short time. So, make the most of your experience in model railroading.

Before I step down off my soapbox, let me ask this. As of August 1st, we have 132 Division 8 members. We usually have between 30 to 35 members attending our meetings. Those of you who don't usually attend, what can we do for you? Send me an email, division8.mcr.nmra@gmail.com or give me a call or text. My number is on the last page of every issue of *The Pie Card*. We're here to support your model railroading. We're doing what we think you want. Tell us how we can do better. Happy railroading. Ron.

AUGUST MEETING REPORT

By Bob Dawson Clerk.

The August Meeting was held on Saturday, August 20, 2022. It was a hybrid meeting. Attendance was 32 with 16 members attending in person in the 600 Room and another 16 attending on Zoom.

The minutes for the August 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

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. 10AM-3PM Southern Indiana RR Train Show and Swap Meet, Jeffersonville Indiana.

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
(see information on page 8)

SEPTEMBER 2022 CHARLIE KEELING HYBRID MODEL CONTEST

By Barry Christensen, Contest Chairman

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
August	MOW equipment

For August 2022, we began the 2022-2023 Charlie Keeling Hybrid Model Contest year with the contest for Maintenance of Way Equipment. Four models were entered, with Bob Frankrone receiving honorable mention for his 75-ton crane and flat car, first time entrant Jacob Butler placing third for his BrownHoist 25-ton crane, Steve Lasher placing second for his NYC rotary snowplow, and Rick Geerts first for his railroad tie crane. Congratulations to these modelers!

Here are the initial point totals: Rick Geerts with 4, Steve Lasher with 3, Jacob Butler with 2, and Bob Frankrone with 1.

For September, the 2022-2023 Charlie Keeling Hybrid Model Contest will continue with two separate contests: for Photos (Model) and also for Photos (Prototype), with separate entries for each, and separate votes for each. Photos may be color or black and white, originally taken digitally or on film.

To enter the September Contest, email 1 photo entry only for each category separately in JPG format only along with the Contest Entry Form as a PDF file to division8.mcr.nmra@gmail.com. Since there are 2 separate contests, please submit each photo entry separately. 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.

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

We will send out a reminder but below are some of the Contest timeline dates for September:
(continued in Column 2)



SEPTEMBER MEETING INFORMATION

The September meeting is 2 PM **Saturday September 17th** 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.

We will have two presenters in September. Riley Triggs, NMRA Publications Dept. Manager: "NMRA Online Magazine & Other Online NMRA Publications." Barbara Soward will give a "Gateway 2022 NMRA National Convention and Train Show Trip Report"

CONTEST (continued)

September 3rd - First day to submit entries

September 10th - Last day to submit entries

September 15th - Members will receive the Contest Ballot

September 15th & 16th - Voting in the Contest Ballot ends @ 10:00 PM on the 16th

September 17th - 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>.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Stan White Membership Chairman

As of August 1st, the Division has 132 Members. We welcomed two new members: Christian Aquilar and Robert Imscher. There was one Rerail: Charlie Buccola. Three renewals: Paul Johnson, James Hansen, and Richard Vamer.

MEMBER WELFARE REPORT

By Mike Berry Chairman

Best wishes for continued recovery for Don Fowler after a second hospital visit. A gift card was sent to Don from the Division. As always, if you know of any members or spouses that have a hospital stay or death in the family, be sure to let the Member Welfare committee know.

AUGUST CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST

Photos by Bob Dawson



Left: First Place
Rick Geerts' Railroad Tie Crane

The hydraulic tie crane was scratch built from pieces that Rick printed on his 3D printer. He then assembled, painted, weathered and installed it in a kit-built gondola. He added an employee who's ready to grab some ties.

Right: Second Place
Steve Lasher's NYC Rotary Snow Plow.
Steve began with a Walthers rotary snow plow. He added grab irons and handrails. Other detail parts were added such as whistle, bell, and operating headlight. Plus, brooms, shovels, chains, and more on top of the tender.

Model came with motor to turn the rotary, so a sound decoder was added to control the rotary, turn headlight on/off, and of course have all the steam sounds.



Left: Third Place
Jacob Butler's BrownHoist 25 Ton Crane

Jacob built this 25 Ton Crane built from a Walthers kit, and is actually the first car kit he ever built back when he was twelve years old.

He weathered it at that time using cheap Walmart black and grey spray paint indirectly, using the overspray to create a grimy appearance. The only other modification he has made since was to replace the plastic wheels with metal Intermountain ones. He painted the wheels with Polly Scale Roof Red.



Photos by Barbara Soward



Left: Office scene with lighted computer monitors on K-10 Hobby Shop layout

Right: Eric Waggoner, John Lowrance, Miles Hale, and NMRA President Gordy Robinson talking trains between clinics.



Left: Tyler and Gary Dean shopping at the National Train Show.
Below:



Division 8's roving reporter Fred Soward with Eric Boone of Berkshire Design LLC while Ron Ellison looks on in the Zoom window (on Fred's phone) during the "live feed" for the August Division 8 Gathering.



Above: Barbara Soward, Kristin Smith at Mike Brusky's "Tall Timber" Clinic. (Photo supplied by Barbara Soward)



GATEWAY 2022 (continued)

Left: Gateway 2022 NMRA Convention Model Contest Chairman Bill Brown presented the Convention Model Contest Chairman's Award to Division 8 member Bob Frankrone.

The Model Contest Chairman's Award is selected solely by the contest chair to recognize an outstanding, exceptional entry. It has always been presented to a modeler with a structure, locomotive, or rolling stock entry. As explained by the chair during the presentation, this year's winning entry, which was displayed in the contest room, but not entered for popular voting by the attendees nor entered for judging, truly epitomizes the spirit of a "Celebration of Models" by the modeler. This person has consistently displayed his modeling work year after year, with no expectation of receiving any award, merely for the purpose of showing his

work to others as examples of what they could accomplish. Other Division 8 members receiving contest awards were:

Barbara Soward

Honorable Mention, Color Print Prototype "Autumn Rails"

1st Place, Railroadiana Crafts - Division 8 Apron

1st Place, General Crafts - Schlep Bag & Bucket Hat

3rd Place, General Crafts - Triangle Pouch

Fred Soward

Iwata "Most Realistic Rolling Stock Award" - C&O Chessie System B-104 Boxcar

3rd Place, Scratch Built Freight Car - C&O Chessie System B-104 Boxcar

1st Place, Working on the Railroad Photo - "Lunch Break"

3rd Place, Working on the Railroad Photo -

"McCloud Scrapping"

Honorable Mention, Working on the Railroad Photo -

"Double Diamond Work Day"

**2022 SILVER SPIKE AWARD**

Division 8 Silver Spike Committee

2022 Silver Spike nominations opened on August 8th and closed on August 21st. There were no nominations this year so of course there will not be an election in September.

Instead of a Silver Spike Award at the December 3, 2022 Christmas Party, we'll pay tribute to those that attend who are previous recipients. We would expect that many past recipients who are still with us will be in attendance. In addition to past Silver Spike recipients' recognition, there will also be a short program after dinner.

A list of recipients who have previously received the award is here - [Silver Spike Award](#)

CALLING ALL CLINICIANS!!

Barbara Soward

We are once again updating our Division 8 Clinician Roster, so if you have clinics that you would like to present either in person or virtually, please click the link below to complete the Google Form that will add you to the list: <https://tinyurl.com/Division8ClinicianRoster>

If you are already on the roster, you should have already received this request via email—you don't need to respond twice! Thanks for sharing your time and talents with fellow modelers!

FROM THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

By Fred Soward MMR®, Division 8 Assistant Superintendent

In August, I participated in a late evening operating session at Russ Weis' layout. Early the next morning Tom Guenthner and I were at Menard's packing lumber into our minivan for his new layout.

Two days after hauling Tom's lumber, Barbara and I were in St Louis for the NMRA National Convention. I attended NMRA BoD Meetings over the weekend, then we settled into convention activities. Wednesday, I drove a group of six during the LDSIG (Layout Design Special Interest Group) tour, visiting eight layouts. We visited, shopped, and broadcasted from the National Train Show on Friday and Saturday and we met up with the other eleven Division 8 members who made the trip. Barbara will have much more to say about the trip during her clinic this month, but I will report that the focus of the week was to catch up with model railroad friends from around the world. And to meet new friends as well.

Two days after our return home, I was driving four other Division 8 members on a railfan trip south. We stopped at Rob Cooper's for an informal afternoon operating session and had lunch together in Radcliff. The day after, Tom Guenthner and I were cutting and assembling the first bits of benchwork for his new layout. And, less than a week after that, I was driving a small group of Division 8 members to West Virginia for a three-day op-til-you-drop session on Bob Weinheimer's layout.

At Bruce DeMaeyer's request, Mark Norman and I stopped by to provide guidance on his Chief Dispatcher paperwork (it's since been submitted). I also squeezed in three mini-operating sessions on our own home layout.

Through it all, August was all about getting together with other model railroaders. If I wasn't a member of the NMRA, I don't know how I would've had all these experiences. I know for sure that I wouldn't have been able to meet all these awesome model railroading friends.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

By Mark Norman MMR®, AP Chairman

Last month's column covered member participation in the Achievement Program. The more members we have who are actively participating the more fun we have. For those who haven't earned their Golden Spike, I encourage you to turn in the paperwork. Glancing at the list there are some talented folks out there that have met the requirements... they just need to complete the paperwork. Allow me to suggest turning in your paperwork by this October. If you need help, just ask.

The AP requirements are a bit more complicated but not overly so. Here too, you are encouraged to talk to someone who has earned that certificate. In meetings with my fellow modelers, it is common to find they are reading more into the requirements than stated. Do not add to or subtract from what is written. When two or three of us look over the requirements together and look at what is written, we often find that only a few changes are needed. Fred Soward had that experience with Scenery. Joe Fields looked at what had been done, and suggested several upgrades to his Pikeville layout modules. Presto, a better layout and another certificate earned.

SEPTEMBER 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 and we'll email you an invoice to pay online. When you pay online, you'll get an immediate receipt of your donation. Or call us at (502) 653-5371 with your donation amount and we'll email you the invoice to pay online. Or use the invoice to send a check.

While a check may seem convenient, online payment saves us a trip to the bank - and you a trip to the Post Office. We are a volunteer staff.

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NMRA Mid Central Region



The nominating committee for the MCR 2023 elections is pleased to present the following slate of candidates for the 2023 MCR elections:

President	Dave Neff
Vice President	Jerry Doyle
Treasurer	John Shields
Secretary	Fred Soward

Per current MCR regulations, the nominating committee's slate of candidates is being communicated to the MCR members via this Email message. Additional nominations for Mid Central Region offices may be made by a petition to the Region Nominating Committee Manager, signed by fifteen (15) members of the Mid Central Region, within thirty (30) days of this publication of the Nominating Committee's candidate slate.

Nomination petitions should be sent to:

Bob Shreve
1480 Englewood Ct
Maineville, OH. 45039

Petitions must be received by September 7th, 2022 to be considered for the 2023 elections.

Respectfully,
MCR 2023 Elections Nominating Committee
Bob Shreve – Manager (bshreve@fuse.net)
Bob Belt
Jim DiPaola

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Gather @ 4:30 ~ Buffet Dinner @ 5:30

\$15 per person



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Louisville, KY 40242**

[!\[\]\(e474458956c9a37fbf9586ddb60a7fa1_img.jpg\) Corner Cafe](#)

There will be a brief program following dinner

**How to reserve your place at the Christmas Dinner Table
will be available in the October *The Pie Card***

Annual Train Show & Swap Meet

@ First Presbyterian Church

Jeffersonville, Indiana



Duke Green
Supt, Southern Indiana Railroad
812-267-0761
goin_again@outlook.com

Hosted by the Southern Indiana Railroad

Saturday October 15, 2022 10am to 3pm

Admission: 1-Can Good for Food Bank

**Location: 1st Presbyterian Church
222 Walnut Street @ Chestnut Street
Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130**

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TRAIN SHOW & SALE

OUR 32ND YEAR



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