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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

By Ron Ellison



We do our level best to keep you informed and up to date on what's happening in Model Railroading. *The Pie Card* is but one vehicle to do that. We try and keep the email notifications to 2 or 3 a month.

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We have a bunch of stuff coming up. And much of that is covered in this edition of *The Pie Card*.

Starting off with the SIR Annual Train Show & Swap Meet – *THE MOST FUN YOU CAN HAVE WITH A CAN OF PEAS!* That means admission is 1 can of food for the Food Bank. If you didn't know, SIR is short for Southern Indiana Railroad. The event is Saturday October 7th at the Presbyterian Church in Jeffersonville. See the flyer in this edition of *The Pie Card*.

Next on November 11th is the Division 8 Train Show & Sale which takes place again at the Holy Family Parish Saffin Center. We'll have 3 rooms filled with things to buy, layouts, door prizes, lunch and snacks, and information. You can buy a ticket in advance and have just that much more cash in your pocket to buy trains at the Show. Also consider volunteering at the Show. We could use your help. Especially to set up Friday afternoon before the Show and tear down Saturday afternoon after the Show. It's a modest time commitment. It only takes an hour or so to set up and tear down less than an hour. Also see that flyer in this edition of *The Pie Card*. The Train Show & Sale – a great time for those who attend; just a dream for those who stay at home.

And then on December 2nd is the Annual Division 8 Christmas Party. We'll gather at 4:30 PM with dinner at 5:30 PM followed by the presentation of the 2023 Silver Spike Award and a short program of what we've done in 2023. Tickets go on sale today and there is a limit of 50 places at the Christmas dinner table so don't delay.

So, the easiest and quickest way to reserve your place at the Christmas dinner table is using the link [Click to Pay](#) on the flyer in this edition of *The Pie Card*. However, if you wish to send a check, your place at the table is not reserved until we receive your check and create your reservation for you. For that reason, we urge you to call us at (502) 653-5371 and leave a message to tell us how many there are in your party. We will send you a confirmation email as soon as we receive your message and create a reservation for you pending receipt of your check. Make your check payable to and mail to: Division 8 MCR NMRA, PO Box 189, Eastwood, KY 40018-0189

So many Model Railroad things to do, so little time.

TIME TABLE

Oct 7, Sat 10AM-3PM, Southern Indiana Railroad Club Train Show & Sale

Oct 14, Sat 2PM, Div 8, Virtual Bull Session

Oct 14-15, Div. 7 Cincinnati Train & Trade show, Lakota West H.S. Westchester, OH.

Oct 21, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting, Jeffersontown Library and Zoom.

Oct 28, Sat, NMRAX Monthly Update, YouTube & Facebook.

Nov 11, Sat. Div 8 Train Show & Sale

Nov 18, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting, Jeffersontown Library and Zoom.

Dec 2, Sat, 4:30PM, Div 8 Christmas Party

Dec 9, Sat, 2:00 PM, Div 8, Virtual Bull Session

Dec 16, Virtual Model Contest

Dec 23, Sat, NMRAX Quarterly Convention on YouTube & Facebook

Jan 20, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting, Jeffersontown Library and Zoom.

Jan 28, Central Indiana Division Train Show, Lebanon, IN

OCTOBER 2023 CHARLIE KEELING HYBRID MODEL CONTEST

By Barry Christensen, Contest Chairman

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
September	Photos (model) and photos (prototype)

For September, the 2023-2024 Charlie Keeling Hybrid Model Contest had two separate topics: for Photos (Model) and for Photos (Prototype), with separate entries for each, and separate votes for each, color or black and white, digital or on film.

For Photos (Model), there were seven entries. Honorable mention goes to Rick Geerts for "Coney Island," Al Goodman for "Metal Freight Train Set," Kevin Jones for "Train on Jim Key's Sn3 Red Mountain Rail," and Mark Norman for "Sperry Rail Car SRS 124."

Third place goes to Bob Frankrone for "Rusting Boxcar," second place to Russ Weis for "L&N Helper," and first place to Rick Maloney for "Muddy River Boat House." Congratulations to each model photographer!

The new point totals became: Rick Maloney with 8, Bob Frankrone with 4, Steve Lasher and Russ Weis with 3 each, Rick Geerts with 2, and Al Goodman, Kevin Jones and Mark Norman with 1 each.

For Photos (Prototype), there were also seven entries. Honorable mention goes to Darcy Elliott for "Diamonds in the Rough," Rick Geerts for "Madison Railroad," and Kevin Jones for "RGS #20 at the Colorado RR Museum."

Third place goes to Eric Waggoner for "Southern 630 Consolidation," and second place to Russ Weis for "Boston & Albany Double Header." We had a tie for first place between Bob Frankrone for "Aging Cattle Car" and Mark Norman for "Old Smokey." Congratulations to each prototype photographer!
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OCTOBER MEETING INFORMATION

The October Division 8 meeting is 2 PM **Saturday October 21st** at the Jeffersontown Library, 10635 Watterson Trail, Louisville, KY 40299. 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. Charles Bogart is presenting the program, "A Milk Can Goes to Market." You will follow a milk can as it travels by rail from the farm to the dairy.

CONTEST (Continued from column 1)

Using contest scoring rule #5 for the tie, the current point totals are now: Bob Frankrone and Rick Maloney with 8 each, Mark Norman and Russ Weis with 5 each, Rick Geerts and Steve Lasher with 3 each, Kevin Jones with 2, and Darcy Elliott, Al Goodman and Eric Waggoner with 1 each. (See this month's contest photos starting on page 3 of this issue.)

The October Contest is **STEAM LOCOMOTIVES**

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

- October 7th - First day to submit entries
- October 14th - Last day to submit entries
- October 19th - Members will receive the Contest Ballot
- October 19th & 20th - Voting in the Contest Ballot ends @ 10:00 PM on the 20th
- October 21st - 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> .

To enter the October 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 publish the Contest timeline dates each month in **The Pie Card**.

SEPTEMBER CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST (photos by the modelers)

The September contest had two components, *Prototype Photos* and *Model Photos*.



FIRST PLACE PROTOTYPE PHOTOS

There was a tie for first place.

Mark Norman tied for first place with his Digital photograph, "Old Smokey", taken May 24, 2008, utilizing a Nikon D70 SLR. Note the avian railfan.



Right: The other first place winner was taken by Bob Frankrone, "Aging Cattle Car."



SECOND PLACE PROTOTYPE PHOTOS

Left: Russ Weis's entry, "Boston & Albany Double Header."

A pair of Mikes are working hard to pull the heavy drag up the 1.52% grade over the Berkshires on the B&A (NYC) "Water Level Route."

The photo was cropped a little and exposure enhanced. It was taken by his father in 1949 at Dalton, Mass. He probably used a Kodak bellows type camera that Russ still owns.



THIRD PLACE PROTOTYPE PHOTOS

Left: Eric Waggoner's entry, "Southern 630 Consolidation."

Eric took this photograph during the Norfolk-Southern Steam Excursion on June 1, 2014 from Lexington, KY to Oneida, TN, and return. In these shots taken in Oneida, the Consolidation has just been turned for the return trip to Lexington as the carmen check the train from the platform and tender.

Photo taken with a Nikon D300.

HONORABLE MENTION PROTOTYPE PHOTOS

Right: Darcy Elliott, "Diamonds in the Rough."

This Shot, taken at the Griffith (IN) Diamonds in early November (Trainfest bound) shows CN/IC 2462 "Blue Devil" working hard as the second unit in a consist traveling from CN's Kirk Yard.

Taken with a Canon T3i DSLR with a 55-250 lens.



Left: Rick Geerts' "Madison Railroad."

Madison Railroad switcher #5 is heading back to Madison (IN) from North Vernon. This switcher is used daily for taking cars from the Jefferson Proving Ground to North Vernon where CSX takes them and then returns to the proving ground.



HONORABLE MENTION PROTOTYPE PHOTOS

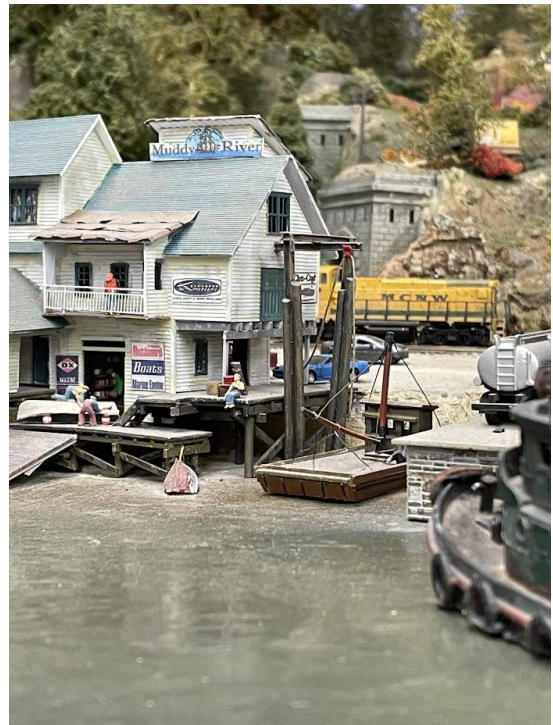
Left: Kevin Jones' "RGS #20 at the Colorado Railroad Museum."

RGS 4-6-0 #20 pulls a special passenger train for registrants of the 2023 National Narrow Gauge Convention at the Colorado Railroad Museum located in Golden, Colorado.

FIRST PLACE MODEL PHOTOS

Right: Rick Maloney's "Muddy River Boat House."

This is a photo of the Muddy River Boat House that Rick scratch built for his N-scale home layout. In the background is an MP15 that he painted and decaled for his freelanced Midwest Central & North Western Railroad.



SECOND PLACE MODEL PHOTOS

Below: Russ Weis's "L&N Helper."

Must be some heavy tonnage today as this L&N train needs "Big Emma" 1954 as a helper.





THIRD PLACE MODEL PHOTOS

Left: Bob Frankrone's "Rusting Boxcar."



HONORABLE MENTION MODEL PHOTOS

Right: Rick Geerts's "Coney Island."



HONORABLE MENTION PROTOTYPE PHOTOS

Above: Mark Norman's Sperry Railcar SRS 124.

Right: Al Goodman's "Metal Freight Train Set." This is a locomotive with four cars metal-formed train kit that Al assembled from a *Metal Earth Models* kit.



Above: Kevin Jones's "Train on Jim Key's Sn3 Red Mountain Rail."

SEPTEMBER MEETING REPORT

The September meeting was held at 2 PM on Saturday September 16, at the Jeffersontown Branch Library and virtually on Zoom. Attendance was 30, with 21 attending in person and 9 attending virtually on Zoom. Ron recognized one visitor, Bruce McKeown, one of our presenters for the meeting.

Ron announced the nominating committee for the 2024 Elections: Stan White Chairman, and members Chris Broughton, and Mark Norman. Ron said all officer positions and one trustee position are up for election. Ron noted that all of the incumbent officers and the trustee, with the exception of the Clerk, have agreed to run for reelection.

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.



Left:
Charlie Keeling Model Contest Chairman Barry Christensen presented Rick Maloney MMR® with his certificate for taking first place in the September Contest-Model Photos. First place for Prototype Photos was a tie between Mark Norman and Bob Frankrone. Mark and Bob were not present to receive their certificates.

Photo by Barbara Soward



There were two presentations at this meeting.

Right:

Barbara Soward appears to be all ready to present her summary of the 2023 National Model Railroad Convention in Grapevine, TX at the Division 8 September meeting. Unfortunately, her vocal cords didn't get the memo and were unavailable, so Fred Soward came to her rescue and gave the presentation for her. (See page 9 for Barbara's photo summary of the convention.)

Photo by Fred Soward MMR®

Below:

The second presentation was by Bruce McKeown, "Detailing and Weathering an ATSF Class One Model Works depressed center flatcar." (Photo by Barbara Soward)

Both of these presentations can be watched on the Division 8 YouTube Channel.

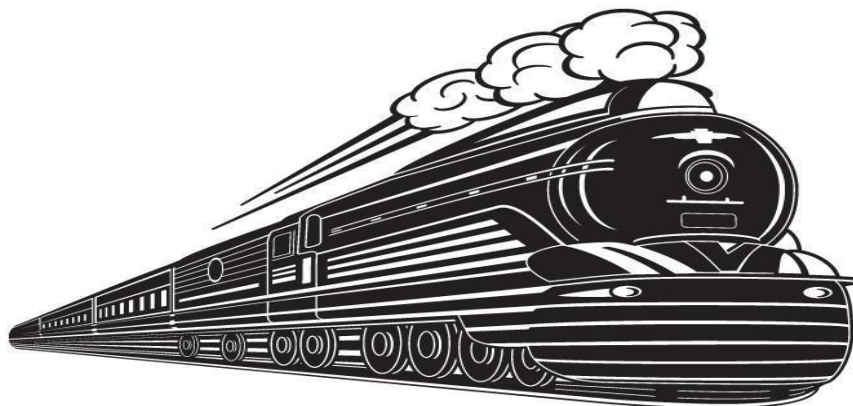


In his presentation, Bruce described how he straightened out the deck of the flat car and mounted the load.

Photo by Bob Dawson

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2024 DIVISION 8 ELECTION INFORMATION

Any regular (voting) member of Division 8 is eligible to run for and hold elective office. The Superintendent has appointed a Nominating Committee. The committee is Stan White, Mark Norman, and Chris Broughton. If you wish to run for Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Treasurer, Clerk, or Trustee, send an email to Division 8 – division8.mcr.nmra@gmail.com or call (502) 653-5371. One of the Nominating Committee members will get back to you.

The current Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Treasurer and 1 Trustee have all agreed to serve another 2 year term or in the case of the Trustee another 6 year term. The current clerk is stepping down at the end of the term.

FROM THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

By Fred Soward MMR®, Division 8 Assistant Superintendent

We didn't get much completed on the basement model railroad during the past month. Barbara and I did hustle to finish painting the backdrop sky and blended horizon before leaving for the NMRA National Convention in Grapevine, Texas, in August. With a bit of touch-up after our return, that much is behind us. Now it's time for me to run some bus wires before we start laying down plywood to support the roadbed and track.

Speaking of running bus wires, Russ is nearing completion of the next phase of his installation of the Dispatcher's panel and remote control of main line turnouts on his layout. The signals are pretty much complete. I was called into action a few days before the end of September to help him run a pair of wires all the way 'round the layout. Not that he couldn't do it himself, but it sure made it easier having someone hold the spool while he pulled wire.

While Russ was pulling that wire, I was reminded of how much we support each other through our model railroading adventures. It's fun to work on our layouts, to build structures, buildings, rolling stock, locomotives, scenery, and to run trains. I've found that it's a whole lot more fun when we involve others in the hobby. That was especially true when Barbara & I were on our summer excursion. If you have not watched the YouTube video of her presentation, (<https://youtu.be/WGwmWVTkOkI>), be sure to set aside some time soon and make that happen. I'm sure you'll see what I'm talking about when you do.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

By Mark Norman MMR®, AP Chairman

As some of you might know I spent my 20's and early 30's in north and central Florida working in UPS delivery operations. This area has a high concentration of seasoned citizens. It quickly became evident that these seniors fell into two broad groups. One got out of the bed each morning with purpose and drive. The other group lived in the past and slowly decayed mentally then physically. It was an insight that I keep front of mind – make your choice early. Recently I read an article about 10 keys to lifespan, both quantity and quality. It seems to me that model railroading checks 4 of the ten boxes. Model railroading is not only fun, it's good for you!

1. ✓Cultivate curiosity
2. ✓Stay social
3. ✓Keep moving
4. Understand your health
5. Consider intermitting fasting
6. Prioritize your sleep
7. Get your minerals and fat-soluble vitamins
8. Consider taking cold showers
9. Be mindful of what and how much you eat
10. ✓Connect to your purpose

MEMBER WELFARE REPORT

Mike Berry Member Welfare Chairman

A get-well card and gift card were sent to Rick Wehr after a recent hospital stay. As always, be sure to let the Member Welfare committee or one of the officers know if you hear of any member with a hospital stay or death in the family.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Stan White Membership Chairman

As of the last report received from Mid Central Region, we have 120 active members. We have three new members, Jason Acree, Miles Eberle, and Jackson Thomas. There is one rerail, Lee Kichoff, and five renewals: Claudia Brock, Kevin Gilman, Rudy Licandro, Mark Norman, and Al Oswald.

OCTOBER 2023 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: Anonymous-\$100; Kent Westphal-\$50. Thank you!

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.

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PHOTO SUMMARY OF THE 2023 NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD CONVENTION

By Barbara Soward (photos by author unless indicated otherwise)



Left:
Bob Frankrone represented his talent and Division 8 by taking First Place in the Photo Match competition, and taking the Model Contest Chairman's Award for the second year in a row.

Right:

Our neighbor to the northeast, Russell Schneider, from Division 7, brought a modular switching layout to the convention.

Photo by Fred Soward



CONVENTION SUMMARY (continued)



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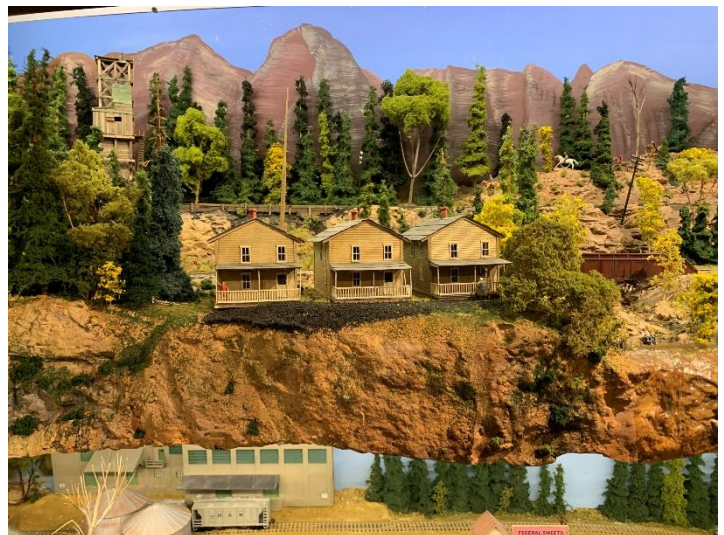
Barbara Soward running a train on the Free-moN layout at the scheduled time for Women in Model Railroading. *Photo by Fred Soward*

Below:

James Knabb previously presented two clinics virtually to Division 8. He called Fred so they could meet in person during the National Train Show.

Below left:

One of Barbara's favorite features of the layouts visited during the LDSIG layout tour was this passageway under the layout for ease in troubleshooting and fixing any issues that might occur while operating on the layout. *Photo by Fred Soward MMR®*



Right:

Another impressive layout detail was the way Lee Bangman, MMR, made the fascia on the upper and lower decks of his railroad blend into the scenery by creating sculptured rock facings.

CONVENTION SUMMARY (continued)



Left:

Cole Rash taught a clinic on creating Loblolly Pine trees, a technique using dowels, wire, and scenic material. Lengths of wire are twisted into branch-like shapes, attached to a dowel prepared to look like a tree trunk, then completed with scenery materials.

Right: What's a road trip without railfanning? We are always on the lookout for repurposed rolling stock so that Fred can keep refreshing his "Repurposed Rolling Stock" clinic.

Below:

A visit to MMRs Fran & Miles Hale's Kansas City layout revealed some unfinished projects by Louisville friends Bob, Eric, & Russ.





2023 Christmas Party

Saturday December 2, 2023

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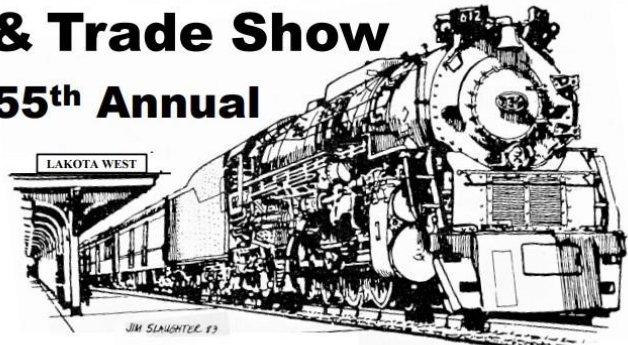
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