# The Pie Card



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#### FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

It's that time of year again. It seems like it was just here. It was – but then again; it's been 12 months. The Division 8 Train Show & Sale is over, and the Christmas Party is just ahead. Time to think about what we are thankful for, say some thank yous, and

review what we've accomplished this year.

First the Train Show. It was another barn burner. As I write this, the financial report is still coming together. But we know the attendance was another record for us. We'll have a full reporting at our next Membership Meeting on January 18th. We had 50 more attendees than at the Spring Show, which was also a record. And we had more participation from members as staff, and members as Club and Layout volunteers. For that, I thank our members profusely.

For the core volunteers who produce the Show, it can sometimes feel like a thankless job. But there are always good things that come with all the work. One attendee wrote in the Comments section of a door prize card, "I love a model train city! Brings me joy to visit a train show." To me, that's why I do this. To bring joy by sharing model trains. And you don't have to be a hobbyist to feel the joy! Model Trains make people happy. Especially around the holidays. Enjoy yours!

## TIME TABLE

Dec 7, Sat, Div 8 Christmas Party, Corner Café, Lyndon, KY.

Dec 28, Sat 5PM, NMRAx, Virtual YouTube & Facebook.

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

Jan 18, Sat, NMRAx, Virtual YouTube & Facebook.

Feb 15, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting, Jeffersontown Library and Zoom.

Feb 22, NMRAx, Virtual YouTube & Facebook.

Mar 8, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting,

Jeffersontown Library and Zoom.\*

Mar 15, Sat 10AM-3PM. Div 8 Train Show and Sale, Safin Center, Holy Family Parish.

Mar 22, NMRAx, Virtual YouTube & Facebook.

Apr 12, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting, Jeffersontown Library and Zoom.\*

Apr 26, NMRAx, Virtual YouTube & Facebook.

\*March and April meetings are on the second Saturdays of the month.

Thank you to all the Division 8 members who volunteered at the Show. We sent Show Staff a thank you note. And if you were with a Club or Layout, we asked your leader to forward a copy of that same thank you note. We hope you received the message that we are grateful for your time!

The Division 8 Christmas Party is this coming Saturday, December 7th. A few tickets should still be available but today at midnight is the last day to purchase a ticket – there's a link later in *The Pie Card*. It's the Model Railroading social event of the season. We gather at 4:30 to socialize with a buffet dinner at 5:30 followed by a short program reviewing 2024 at Division 8. Many members are bringing their spouses who we often only see at the Christmas Party. We look forward to seeing everyone. Don't forget your badge so spouses will know who you have been talking about all year.

Finally, membership in Division 8 increased in 2024. We started the year with 120 members. We won't receive the end of December report from NMRA HQ until early February. But as of September 30th, we are 132. We know of 2 new members joining in November. And the Southern Indiana Railroad Club has voted to become a 100% NMRA Club. Some SIR's are already NMRA members but some more will join. SIR will be the only 100% NMRA Club in Indiana and of course the 2nd 100% Division 8 Club along with the K & I.

We're going to start 2025 strong. Get ready for the Spring Train Show & Sale on March 15th, the Mid Central Region Convention in Columbus, Ohio in mid-May and the National Convention in Novi, Michigan in mid-July, the 90th Anniversary celebration of the NMRA on Labor Day weekend. And much, much more.

## DECEMBER 2024 CHARLIE KEELING HYBRID MODEL CONTEST

By Barry Christensen, Contest Chairman

**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)

October Steam locomotives

November Displays (no size limit)

For November, the 2024-2025 Charlie Keeling Hybrid Model Contest had five entries in the displays category, no size limit. Displays can include modules, dioramas and any scenes in a layout that previously have been a separate display. One of this month's entries had won first place in this category during a previous model contest year so it was disqualified per our new contest rule #4.

Honorable mention goes to Rick Maloney for Skovby Sand Co. and to Barbara Soward for The Boxcar Children. Third place goes to Fred Soward for Neighborhood Picnic. Second place goes to Paul Downs for Butchertown. First place goes to Bob Kuchler for Ttrack Country Store. Congratulations to our display builders!

The revised point totals are now: Bob Frankrone with 9; Russ Weis with 8; Steve Lasher with 7; Rick Maloney with 5; Bruce DeMaeyer, Bob Kuchler and Eric Waggoner with 4 each; Paul Downs with 3; Al Goodman and Fred Soward with 2 each; and George Ronn and Barbara Soward with 1 each.

The December Contest is all virtual and the category is *HIGHWAY VEHICLES*.

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

- December 7th First day to submit entries
- December 14th Last day to submit entries
- December 19th Members will receive the Contest Ballot
- December 19th & 20th Voting in the Contest Ballot ends @ 10:00 PM on the 20th
- December 21st Winners announced online by email - 1st, 2nd and 3rd
- January 4th First day to submit January contest entries *FREIGHT CARS*



## **NO MEETING IN DECEMBER-CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The January Division 8 meeting is 2 PM **Saturday January 18, 2025** 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. Charlie Buccola is presenting, "*Railway Preservation from Full Scale to Model to the Printed Word*"

**CONTEST** (continued from column 1)

Contest has never been easier.

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

To enter the December Contest, use the **Contest Entry Form** on the Division 8 website here → Contest and just follow the simple instructions included in the form. Entering the

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*.

## **MEMBER WELFARE**

By Mike Berry Member Welfare Chairman
We have three of our members on our list this
month: Steve Lasher had shoulder surgery, spent a
night or two in the hospital and is home
recuperating. Bob Frankrone had a hip replacement
as outpatient surgery and is likewise home getting
better. Both gentlemen received get-well cards from
the Division and Steve also received a \$25 gift card
because of his overnight stay.

On another note, we want to report that Mark Hedge is now in a nursing home due to receiving dialysis 3 times a week. Give him a call when you can. The Member Welfare Fund fiscal year donations remain - Anonymous-\$100; Charlie Keeling family-\$200

And don't forget to keep us posted on any other members in need.

**NOVEMBER CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST** *Photos by the Modelers unless indicated otherwise.* 



**FIRST PLACE:** Bob Kuchler's "T-TRAK COUNTRY STORE"

Left:

This is a double N Scale T-TRAK module with a number of buildings highly modified and partially scratch built. Many details throughout including hand painted figures and vehicles. Most appropriate details are visible including power lines to the buildings, signage and weathering of buildings and roads. The land is contoured and covered with many scenery materials. There are workers in the ice cream shop and many small details to complete the scene.

**SECOND PLACE:** Paul Downs' "BUTCHERTOWN"

Right:

A detail from Paul's N Scale Diorama. It includes scratch-built stockyards, elevated railroad viaduct, "shotgun" and "camelback" houses. He used styrene for construction. Many details are scratch built, including electrical meters, fencing, mailboxes.





**THIRD PLACE:** Fred Soward's HO "NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC"

Left: This was built several years ago for the "Division 8 Superintendent's 1x1 Boxcar Challenge." The intent was to create a fun display with several mini-scenes. The boxcar is embedded upside down into the middle of the foam, creating a swimming pool for the picnic attendees. The ground cover is a mix of several manufacturer's grass/ground foam/dirt/ballast products. The trees and bushes are also a mix of several manufacturer's products with additional ground foam and foliage applied. The Classic Metal Works truck received a back roads treatment of mud and grime.

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## **NOVEMBER CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST** (continued from page 3) **HONORABLE MENTION**



Left:

Barbara Soward's HO "THE BOXCAR CHILDREN"

## Right:

Rick Maloney's N Scale "SKOVBY SAND CO."





Left: "Show and Tell" table at the November Meeting. Photo by Bob Dawson

### **NOVEMBER MEETING REPORT**

By Rick Maloney MMR®, Division 8 Clerk

The Division 8 November Meeting was held on Saturday November 9, 2024. It was a hybrid meeting with 24 members in person, 6 members on Zoom, and 2 guests present. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 and over at 4:12. Ron welcomed our 3 new members and our guests before reminding everyone to sign the volunteers sheet for the upcoming show. We learned that two of our members had been hospitalized but were now recovering at home. AP Chairman Mark Norman MMR® presented Cecil Stewart with four merit award certificates for "cars" and presented Stan White with a merit award for "structures." Congratulations to Bob Kuchler who took first place in the November Contest. Darcy Elliott told us about Trains at the Tree Christmas show at the Green Tree Mall running November 29th through December 15th. He said that Division Members can sign up for time slots if they are interested in running trains or just helping out. The business portion of the meeting was followed by Fred Soward's presentation and demonstration on building turnouts using Fast Tracks tools (right). *Photo by Barbara Soward* 



## **DIVISION 8 FALL 2024 TRAIN SHOW AND SALE**

Here are some photos from our November 16 Fall Train Show and Sale. Photos were taken by Theresa Berry and Barbara Soward.

Photos by Theresa Berry:





Left:

Two wild and crazy "Bobs."

Below: Mike on TV!











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## **DIVISION 8 FALL 2024 TRAIN SHOW AND SALE** (continued from page 5)

Photos by Barbara Soward



Left: Contest Chairman Barry Christensen presented Bob Kuchler (left) with his first place model contest certificate from the November Division 8 meeting.











### FROM THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

By Fred Soward MMR®, Division 8 Assistant Superintendent

Other than our own Division 8 Train Show & Sale, there wasn't any layout visiting or train shopping for us this month. Just too much on the calendar to make that happen. With many thanks to Ron Ellison and Russ Weis for their help, we did, however, make quite a bit of progress with the layout in our basement.

In last month's column, when writing about the layout, I suggested we might make it into Santa Cruz with the sub-roadbed before Thanksgiving. We reached that milestone almost two weeks earlier than we'd hoped. So, now it's time to start laying down homabed from Watsonville Junction into Santa Cruz and putting in track in Watsonville Junction Yard. We'll probably put three temporary bridges in place so we can run trains beyond the yard becuz I know it's going to be quite a while before I get the final bridges in place (one kit-built girder bridge and two scratch built wood trestles).

Since I made the announcement last month, I've had a few people sign up for next year's visits to Bob Weinheimer's Pennsylvania Southern model railroad in Charleston, WV. If you're at all interested, I suggest you reach out to me very soon as several of the seats for the 2025 trips are already filled.

Lastly, the offer I made during the "Building Turnouts with Fast Tracks Tools" presentation during the November 2024 Division 8 meeting still stands. I'm available to coach any Division 8 member through the requirement to scratch build the three pieces of track work. I'll have all the tools, equipment, and supplies available for you to use at my home. Just contact me directly to set it up and we'll make it happen. All I ask is that you reimburse me for the cost of the materials (\$6.00 for a single turnout/\$30.00 for all three pieces of trackwork – the equivalent of making 5 individual turnouts).

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Stan White, Membership Relations Chairman

As of the last report received from the Mid Central Region, we have 131 active members. We had three new members (George Williamson, James Feeney II, Sean Britt). We had twelve renewals (Chris Broughton, Bruce DeMaeyer, Wesley Gardner, Al Goodman, Duke Green, Greg Heck, Natalie McKee, Tyler McKee, Paul Sturgeon, Debora Sturgeon, Richard Wehr). One expired member (Kenneth Pettit).

### **ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM**

By Mark Norman MMR®, Achievement Program Chairman

There has been an uptick in Achievement Program submissions of late. It is a pleasure to see the incredible modeling being done. It never ceases to amaze me how talented we are as individuals and as a group. We learn from one another. As an example, after our November business meeting Rick Maloney and I were evaluating Stan White's Modern Concrete Bridge. It is truly a well thought out and executed model. New member Jackson Thomas asked if he could observe and participate. Of course! Eveyone is welcome. Besides, younger eyes see better than older ones. He was provided with the appropriate evaluation matrix referred to in last month's column. He closely observed what the two 'old hands' were evaluating and how we determined the scores to be given in each of the categories. The process was interactive and cooperative. The reasoning was explained to Stan who seemed satisfied. Jackson took the time to sign the paperwork also. Officially, he is an 'evaluator in training' while he gains more experience. Permit me to mimick the cheesy TV ads. Wait, there's more! He took his enthusiasm to the Southern Indiana Club and advocated for joining the NMRA – which they

did. He brought his mother to the Train Show and introduced her to Stan who built the bridge and myself who helped in the evaluation. Please thank and congratulate all parties for making this happen. That was just one of many wonderful things that happened at the Train Show.

### Left:

AP Chairman Mark Norman MMR® presented Cecil Stewart (center) with four Merit Awards "Cars" category for four passenger car models he submitted.

Cecil's wife, Brenda, assisted in holding his certificates.

Photo by Barbara Soward





# **2024 Christmas Party**

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## **WEST VIRGINIA LAYOUTS**

By Fred Soward MMR®, photos by the author

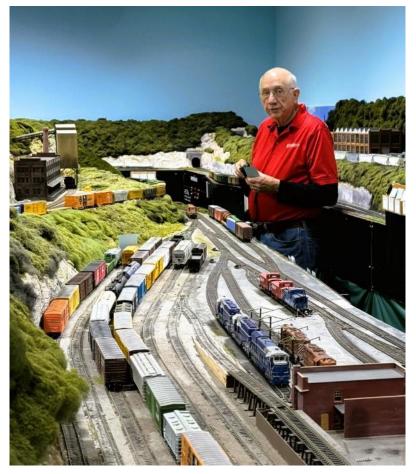
Three Division 8 members, Bob Dawson, Fred Soward MMR®, and Eric Waggoner, took a three-day trip to Charleston, WV, to operate on Bob Weinheimer's MMR® HO scale Pennsylvania Southern model railroad. The layout is a proto-freelance railroad set in 1980, running north and south from just above Pittsburgh, PA, to Chattanooga, TN. The modeled portion of the layout is the northern division of the railroad. Bob started building the layout when he lived in Louisville and was a member of Division 8 in the 1980's. Bob and the layout have since moved to Pennsylvania and now West Virginia. The group also took a detour on the way home, visiting David Oliverio's N scale B&O layout.



Above; Eric Waggoner is running a train through Bridgeville while Bob Weinheimer MMR® pulls duty as the conductor on the Pennsylvania Southern. Below: Fred Soward MMR® works the Pittsburgh yard, which is the primary classification yard on the on the Pennsylvania Southern layout.



## WEST VIRGINIA LAYOUTS (continued from page 9)

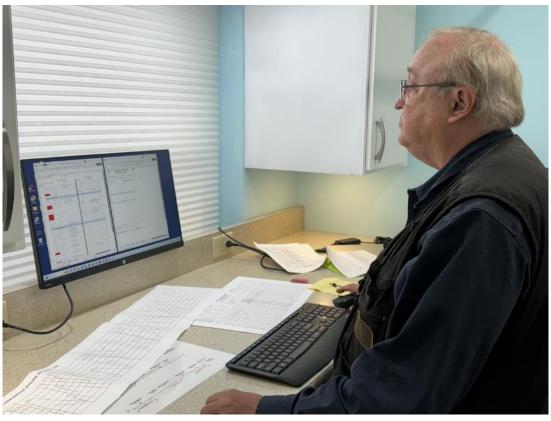


## Left:

Bob Dawson is running a train up the grade past the Canonsburg sidings, overlooking the Washington yard on the Pennsylvania Southern.

## Below:

Eric Waggoner racking up hours as the Dispatcher on the Pennsylvania Southern.



**WEST VIRGINIA LAYOUTS** (continued from page 10)

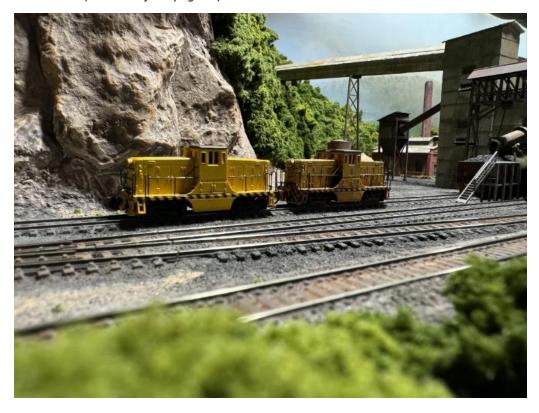


Above: Bob Dawson and David Oliverio posing for a picture near the entrance to David's B&O layout while Bob Weinheimer MMR® and Eric Waggoner take a look at the layout in the background. The layout sits on top of some mighty fine looking cabinetry.

Below: One of several coal dumps on David's B&O layout.



## WEST VIRGINIA LAYOUTS (continued from page 11)



Above: Local power at one of the coal mines on David's B&O layout.

Below: One of several coal mines on David's B&O layout.



## **WEST VIRGINIA LAYOUTS** (continued from page 12)



Above: Loaded coal hoppers sitting on a siding, ready to be picked up by a train, in front of miner's houses near one of the coal mines on David's B&O layout.

Below: This tunnel on David's B&O layout has an extra hole. On the side of the tunnel facing the aisle. David decided to do this in the event there was a derailment in the tunnel. As long as it is, being situated on a curve, if there was ever a derailment in there, no one would ever be able to reach in from either end to clear it, so he decided to just open it up and model the inside of the tunnel.





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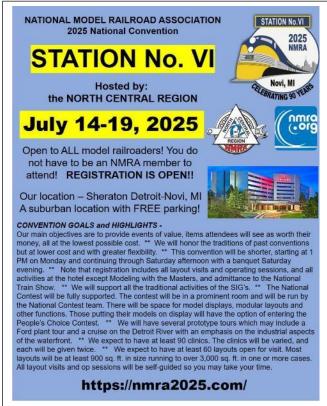
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