

# The Pie Card

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Mid Central Region, National Model Railroad Association



## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

By Ron Ellison



The Division 8 Board of Directors and the committee chairpersons, together known as the Throttle Committee, work in the background to make your model railroading experience seamless and we hope enjoyable. That's what you pay us the

big bucks for. We've just held elections and you can read the results in this edition of *The Pie Card*.

In the background is where we belong and where we shall remain. Because your experience should be seamless. However, if you're not getting what you need, you should let us know. Our contact information is always in *The Pie Card*. We work for the good of all our members and not just for the perennial squeaky wheel – we've all heard those go by when railfanning. But if we don't hear otherwise, we think we're giving you what you want.

Thank you to member Rick Maloney for stepping up to take on Clerk responsibilities. Rick will have some very large shoes to fill taking over for Bob Dawson who has been our Clerk since he took over from the previous Clerk, Eric Waggoner, in May of 2012.

More about Bob in a future Superintendent's column before he leaves office in May. Bob will continue to edit *The Pie Card*. And I'm sure he will continue to volunteer whenever and wherever help is needed. Bob has been a Division 8 and NMRA member 49 years – since 1975. And I might say – he continues to amaze me with his knowledge on so many topics. His contribution to Division 8 is – **H U G E**.

And I should take a moment to **thank** the rest of our Board for their continued service to Division 8. Fred Soward, Mike Berry, Russ Weis, Stan White and Tom Guenther. All these members put in countless hours and do so much to keep Division 8 moving down the tracks. I couldn't be your Superintendent without the assistance of these members.

So, as we continue into the new year, we have our usual events scheduled. The Train Show & Sale in March, the Picnic and Contest awards in July, the fall Train Show & Sale, and the Christmas Party in December. Check the Timetable and get those events onto YOUR calendar.

We wanted to let you know we've come up with something NEW. **Division 8 Train Day 2024** will take place on April 13, 2024. See the flyer in this edition of *The Pie Card* to reserve a seat and order a box lunch. That's the regular day of our Membership Meeting. But in addition to the regular meeting presentation, we'll have 3 more. All presented by Rich Mahaney, President of the North Central Region, a hazardous materials expert and of course, a model railroader. It should be a **GREAT TRAIN DAY!**

Please join us for the February Membership Meeting on the 17th in person or online.

## TIME TABLE

**Feb 17**, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting, Jeffersontown Library and Zoom.

**Mar 9**, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting, Jeffersontown Library and Zoom.

**Mar 9**, Sat, Div 7 Flea Market & Train Show, Lakota West Freshman Campus, West Chester, OH.

**Mar 16**, Sat. Div 8 Train Show & Sale.

**Apr 13**, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting, Jeffersontown Library and Zoom.

**Apt 13**, Sat 10AM-5PM, Division 8 Train Day, Jeffersontown Library. See the flyer in this issue.

**May 11**, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting, Jeffersontown Library and Zoom.

**May 16-19**, Thu-Sun, North Coast Limited MCR Convention, Cleveland, OH.

**Jun 8**, Sat 2 PM, Virtual Bull Session

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

**Jul 20**, Sat, Div 8 Picnic TBA

**Aug 4-11**, NMRA National Convention, Long Beach, CA.

**Aug 17**, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting, Jeffersontown Library and Zoom.

## JANUARY 2024 CHARLIE KEELING HYBRID MODEL CONTEST

By Barry Christensen, Contest Chairman

<b>February</b>	<b>Non steam motive power</b>
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)
December	Highway vehicles
January	Freight cars

For January the topic of the Charlie Keeling Hybrid Model Contest was freight cars and there were six entries.

Honorable mention goes to Eric Waggoner for his "L&N PS-1 50-FT Boxcar," Steve Lasher for his "B&O 40 Foot Boxcar," and Ron Ellison for his "3-Bay Covered Hopper."

Third place went to Rick Geerts for his "CSX Coil Car," second place to Bob Frankrone for his "Loaded Boxcar," and first place to Rick Maloney for his "Modified Narrow Gauge Flatcar." Congratulations to our freight car modelers!

The revised point totals are now: Rick Maloney with 21, Bob Frankrone with 13, Rick Geerts with 12, Steve Lasher with 7, Mark Norman and Russ Weis with 5 each, Kevin Jones, Fred Soward, and Eric Waggoner with 2 each, and Bruce DeMaeyer, Darcy Elliott, Ron Ellison, and Al Goodman with 1 each.

NOTE - After February, the contest dates will be early for March, April, and May. This is due to the Train Show in March, Easter in April, and the MCR Convention in May. The 1st day to enter the contest for these months is:

02/24/2024 - March  
03/30/2024 - April  
04/27/2024 - May

The February Contest is **NON-STEAM MOTIVE POWER** (Diesel, Electric, Gasoline, Horse)

(See page 5 of this issue for Contest Timelines for February.)



## FEBREUARY MEETING INFORMATION

The February Division 8 meeting is 2 PM **Saturday February 17th** 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. Fred and Barbara Soward are presenting, "Prototype Rails 2024 & a little bit more."

## 2024 DIVISION 8 ELECTION RESULTS

Bob Dawson read the Nominating Committee's report at the January meeting, followed by the floor being opened for any additional nominations. There being none, the slate of nominees for Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Treasurer, Clerk, and one Trustee's position presented by the committee were elected by acclamation as specified by the Division 8 Bylaws. The electees for 2024-2026 are as follows:

- Superintendent, Ron Ellison
- Assistant Superintendent, Fred Soward
- Treasurer, Mike Berry
- Clerk, Richard Maloney
- Trustee, Russ Weis.

Congratulations to all. They will take office in May following the conclusion of the Mid-Central Region Board of Directors meeting. Thanks to the Nominating Committee: Chairman Stan White, members Chris Broughton and Mark Norman.

## MEMBER WELFARE REPORT

Mike Berry Member Welfare Chairman

The holiday season was a bit tough for some of our members this year. We had six of our folks hospitalized in December and early January. Get well cards and gift cards were sent to Rick Wehr, Tom Guenther, Mike Shane, John Helton, Greg Gephart, and Rick Tipton. Best wishes on speedy recoveries to all. And don't forget to let the Member Welfare committee know when one of our members or their family has a medical issue.

(See page 5 of this issue for more reports, and the January meeting report.)





**FIRST PLACE**

Left: Rick Maloney’s “Modified Narrow Gauge Flatcar”

Rick took a G gauge flat car and constructed a stockade area using styrene. He distressed the car and stockade using a knife, saw blade, and coarse sandpaper to give the appearance of old wood. The bedding in the bull’s stall was made from pine needles and dirt. He used twine for ropes, and constructed a crate from wood stirring sticks, and added a bull, worker, a crate full of chickens and a seed bag that he found at a doll house store. He finished by weathering the model.

**SECOND PLACE**

Right: Bob Frankrone’s “Loaded Boxcar”

Bob used an Athearn 50' double-door box car from the 'blue box' days. He weathered it with an airbrush and painted the floor, trucks, and wheels. He loaded the box car with various scenic accessories from SceneMasters and other vendors. He painted the crates, and glued tiny pieces of paper on them to represent bills-of-lading.



**THIRD PLACE**

Left: Rick Geerts’ “CSX Coil Car”

Rick Started from an Atlas kit weathering it with pan pastels and AK stains. The Graffiti was all hand drawn and painted from the picture. Sharpies were used for the letters, reflector strips, etc. No decals were used at all. Finally, the model was clear coated.



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**HONORABLE MENTION**

Left: Eric Waggoner’s “L&N PS-1 50-FT Boxcar”

This is an unmodified model. It represents a series of boxcars delivered in August and September of 1957 from Pullman Standard to the L&N.

**HONORABLE MENTION**

Right: Ron Ellison’s “3-Bay Covered Hopper”

This a Proto 2000 Series model. Kadee couplers were installed and the car lightly weathered.

Ron says “you may notice there is no graffiti. That’s because on MY railroad, there are no graffiti artists. There are only vandals, who if caught, are forced to remove their vandalism with their toothbrush, and thereafter, incarcerated for a minimum of 30 days, a \$10,000 fine, and 2,000 hours of community service. Graffiti ceased to be a problem after I instituted these steps. And this saves a great deal of time when readying a car for the layout”.



**HONORABLE MENTION**

Right: Steve Lasher’s “B&O 40 Foot Boxcar”

Steve built this car from Cannonball Car Shops kit .

He replaced the kit ladders with new scale ladders along with scratch-built grab irons and stirrups

Car was painted, decaled with K4 decals, and weathered.





**JANUARY CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST** (Continued from page 4 )



Left:

Contest chairman Barry Christensen presented Rick Maloney with his certificate for taking first place in the December contest “Highway Vehicles.” Rick was also presented a certificate for his first place entry in the January Contest, “Freight Cars.”

*Photo by Barbara Soward*

**FEBRUARY CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST TIME LINES**

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

- February 3rd - First day to submit entries
- February 10th - Last day to submit entries
- February 15th - Members will receive the Contest Ballot
- February 15th & 16th - Voting in the Contest Ballot ends @ 10:00 PM on the 16th
- February 17th - Winners announced at the meeting - 1st, 2nd and 3rd
- February 24th - First day to submit March contest entries **STRUCTURES**

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

To enter the February Contest, use the **NEW Contest Entry Form** on the Division 8 website

here → [Contest](#) and just follow the simple instructions included in the form. Entering the Contest has never been easier. 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)

We will publish the Contest timeline dates each month in *The Pie Card*.

**JANUARY MEETING REPORT**

*By Bob Dawson, Division 8 Clerk*

The January meeting was held at the Jeffersontown Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library on Saturday January 20, 2024 at 2 PM. This was a Hybrid meeting with members attending in person at the library, and remotely using the Zoom conference platform. All of the officers were present. Attendance was 32, with 20 attending in person and 12 attending on Zoom.

Member Welfare Committee Chairman Mike Berry read his report for December and January, and said he had just received notification that Division 8 and K&I Club member Don Copley has passed away.

Programs and Meetings Chairman Russ Weis reported on upcoming events and programs. Fred and Barbara Soward are presenting “Prototype Rails 2024 and A Little Bit More” at the February 17 meeting. Bob Frankrone is the presenter for the March 9 Meeting. April will be “Division 8 Train Day 2024” in conjunction with the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Rich Mahaney, North Central Region NMRA President, will be presenting programs in person throughout the day including during the Division meeting. There will be a catered box lunch for those attending all day. See the flyer for this event in this issue.

The primary business conducted at the meeting was the Nominating Committee’s report and election of officers and trustee for 2024 by acclamation. See election results on page 2 of this issue.

Charles Bogart gave the January program presentation, “A Milk Can Goes to Market,” describing the journey of a milk can by rail from a farm in Kentucky to a creamery in Cincinnati, OH and its return empty to the farm.

**FROM THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

*By Fred Soward MMR®, Division 8 Assistant Superintendent*

With help from Chris Broughton & Ron Ellison, we installed new LED light fixtures over the Santa Cruz & Felton layout we're building in the basement. They're eight feet long, with four LED strips per light fixture. They really brighten up that room. There were some challenges getting them from Amazon. Out of the three boxes ordered, two were not what was ordered, one of those two arrived damaged, and the third box contained more light strips than ordered. Returns have been accepted, money refunded, and new fixtures ordered & installed.

Russ Weis has pretty much finished the work to fully signal his layout and provide the dispatcher total control over all mainline turnouts. He's wrapping up the work to give the dispatcher control over the arrival and departure turnouts in all three staging areas as well. When that's complete, and when the dispatcher is comfortable with making it all work, it will greatly reduce Russ' time and effort managing staging during operating sessions. It will also reduce the number of people working in the East Buffalo Yard area.

Chris Broughton hosted his first post-Covid operating session in January. One of the more noticeable updates in the layout room is the layout lighting, and that's where I got the idea to upgrade our own layout lighting. He's also updated his car cards. Russ and I ran two turns with the new cards, and we really like them! Eric Waggoner and Mark Norman had a great time running a couple turns on Chris' Vandelay Industries Inglenook layout. Later in the month, Chris extended the switching lead beyond the edge of the Inglenook itself by adding a "fiddle stick."

I know at least two other folx have been actively working on their layouts. Bob Kuchler has the basic scenery down for the last bit of his layout to the point where he was able to lay track in that area. The last I saw it, there were track feeders just waiting to be connected to the layout bus. And Rick Maloney is in the midst of rewiring and maybe even reworking some of the trackwork on his layout.

So, what have YOU been working on lately?

**ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM**

*By Mark Norman MMR®, AP Chairman*

Long ago, I was taught that feedback is a gift. At least it can be a gift if given in kindness and accompanied by thoughtful observations served up with helpful feedback and insights. Let's come around now to the Achievement Program judging/evaluations. These are intended to be friendly, constructive encounters. When ready or even if you're not ready but want feedback, let me or someone else know. Having your paperwork complete is appreciated. Briefly tell the model's 'story' – is it straight from the factory, a dozen years in service, transition or modern era, etc. The forms are clear but you need to explain what you did, added, et al. Be concise, there isn't time to read a dissertation. You might consider taking a photograph or several and judging your own model versus the standards. The camera doesn't lie. We will strive to provide constructive feedback explaining why the scores were given and what can be done to improve them. In fact, you can make improvements and have us look again. Feedback is a gift.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

*By Stan White Membership Chairman*

As of the last report received from the Mid Central Region, we have 120 active members. We have two expired memberships, Steve Lasher, Jacob Schiess. There were nine renewals, William Arnold, Barry Christensen, Don Copley, David Duncan, Don Fowler, Karen Fowler, David Mertz, Robin White, and Rick Williams.

**50 YEAR MEMBER KEN PETIT**

Right: Division 8 member Ken Pettit was presented with a certificate of appreciation recognizing his 50-years as an NMRA member by NMRA Central District Director Fred Soward, MMR®, and former Division 8 Superintendent Russ Weis during the recent Southern Indiana Railroad club layout open house."

*Photo provided by Fred Soward MMR®*



**FEBRUARY 2024 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. And, when you are sick or recovering from a hospital stay, it's nice to hear from friends.

Donations fiscal YTD: Anonymous-\$100; Darcy Elliott-\$25; Eric Waggoner-\$25; John Czerwinski-\$20; Keeling Family-\$200; Kent Westphal-\$50. Thank you!

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. 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 a trip to the post office and the bank. We are a volunteer staff. So please help us save some of our time which is an increasingly scarce commodity. We need to spend it wisely.

We are a 501(c)(3) Non-profit. Your donation may be tax deductible depending on your own tax situation.



Left: Ed Brennan checks the train he was running during the K&I Model Railroad Club's open house on December 29, 2023.

The club hosts open houses from time to time at their "World Headquarters" on South Fourth Street in Louisville.

Check their website at <https://kandimrr.com/>

*Photo by Bob Dawson*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE MARCH TRAIN SHOW**

If you would like to volunteer with the March Train Show & Sale on March 16, 2024, just email [division8.mcr.nmra@gmail.com](mailto:division8.mcr.nmra@gmail.com) or call/text (502) 653-5371. We'll acknowledge your commitment by return email, call or text. We need volunteers to

- 07:00 AM to assist our dealers unloading
- 09:00 AM to assist with various Show tasks during the show
- 03:00 PM to remove any trash from the show and clean the tables

**NOTE** – If you didn't know, we no longer set up or take down the tables and chairs at the Holy Family Parish Saffin Center. That's now done by Holy Family Parish staff. We just need Division 8 volunteers to help with the 3 tasks above.

If you can give us an hour or two of your time, you'll be giving back to the Model Railroading Hobby. And support Division 8 so we can raise funds for everything we do for our members and the communities we operate in.

**MODEL RAILROAD CONNECTIONS**

*By Barbara Soward, photos by the author*

It never ceases to amaze me how connected the world of model railroading can be if you just take advantage of the opportunities. Seems like everyone you talk to “has a guy” to help with whatever layout issue faces them. You meet these “guys” (I say “guy”, but it could just as well be a “gal”) at hobby shops, local NMRA Division events, other local model railroad club events, regional and national model railroad conventions, and other activities--you fill in the blank. Most modelers are friendly and eager to show off their layouts and share their talents with fellow modelers, regardless of where you meet them. Regional and national conventions allow you to make connections outside your normal “stomping ground”.

If you have read past Assistant Superintendent columns that Fred has written, you have heard about some of these model railroad connections that were made because of meeting folks at NMRA regional and national conventions, and the layout visits that were made possible because of those encounters.

Two of the fellow modelers that we met at the 2022 NMRA National Convention in St. Louis, MO were Frank Troccia (from Akron, OH) and Brad Joseph (from the St. Louis, MO area). Brad has a daughter who lives in Louisville, so he contacted Fred about doing a layout visit when he was visiting her. Since our model railroad is in its infancy, and since we were out of town at the time, Fred connected Brad with Russ Weis who graciously opened his layout up to a total stranger for a look-see. Frank Troccia found himself with some use-or-lose time off, and contacted Fred to see if there were any model railroad activities he could get involved in during his unexpected windfall vacation. Fred connected Frank with Dan Hinel, MMR® (Carmel, IN), Bob Weinheimer, MMR® (Charleston, WV) and also planned a couple of days for him in Louisville, visiting and operating on local layouts, including those belonging to Rick Maloney, MMR®, Bob Kuchler, MMR®, Chris Broughton, MMR®, Bruce DeMaeyer, and Russ Weis. Because of this “connection”, Frank was also able to operate on Bob Weinheimer’s layout and complete his requirements for the NMRA Achievement Program’s Chief Dispatcher Certificate.

During the 2023 NMRA National Convention in Grapevine, TX, three of the modelers we met were Joe Bohannon (from Grapevine), Greg McComis (MACRAIL) (from Grapevine) and Don Irace (from Sebastian, FL). Fred had heard about Joe’s layout on the “Around the Layout” podcast and was scheduled to operate on it in Grapevine. Thermometer readings of 113° and a failed AC unit cancelled that event, but Joe graciously took the scheduled operators out to dinner instead. Joe is an over-the-road truck driver, and he contacted Fred when he was in our area between dropping a shipment and picking up a shipment and had some time to kill. Fred was scheduled to take a cab ride at The Kentucky Railway Museum during that time and was traveling down there for that with Bob Dawson, Ron Ellison and Rob Toler. They met up with Joe at a truck stop and made a day of railfanning in the area. Another time, Greg was in town for a business meeting, and had only a limited amount of free time, so Fred sent him off to Scale Reproductions and Roundhouse. Who knows? Maybe we’ll see MACRAIL products for sale at Scale Reproductions or Roundhouse in the near future as a result of that visit. Keep reading for the Don Irace “connection” as it intermingles with others!

Not all “connections” are with model railroaders—some folks are just curious about what it is we do in the hobby. Anna, a friend from church, was in Charleston, WV for the Ringo Starr concert at the same time Fred and a crew from Louisville were having a weekend “op til you drop” session at Bob Weinheimer’s. She ventured up the mountain to Bob’s house and was totally enthralled with what she saw. A very familiar “I had no idea!” was uttered multiple times as she watched in amazement at the operations and observed the scenery details. Similarly, Becky, another friend from church, approached me about seeing “trains”—her four-year old grandson is a big fan, and she wanted him to be able to see some. Since there is nothing really special that a four-year old could appreciate on our layout which is still in the early stages of development, I approached Russ Weis about letting them take a look at his layout. Russ graciously agreed, and mom, dad, grandma and especially the four-year old grandson had a grand time watching trains. There were several more of those “I had no idea!” moments that evening thanks to Russ for sharing the hobby, again with total strangers.

At the 2017 NMRA North Central Region Convention in Grand Rapids, MI, Fred became acquainted with Rich Mahaney. Rich presented a clinic called “Second Lives of Cabooses”. Fred really enjoyed the clinic and chatted with Rich about doing his own take on the general “repurposed” theme. In his clinic, Fred credits Rich with the inspiration. Rich attended Fred’s clinic at the 2019 NMRA Mid Central Region Convention in Boardman, OH, and afterwards they discussed the different approaches each of them take to the repurposing theme. In 2022, Fred once again traveled to Michigan for the  
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NMRA NCR convention. It was here that Rich mentioned to Fred that he had never presented clinics in Louisville and offered to come down and present a clinic. From that “connection”, Rich will be presenting a day of in-person clinics for us on April 13. Since he is willing to make the long trip, it was decided that we’d take advantage and make a day of it. Lunch will be offered for a nominal fee. Look for the notice in this edition of *The Pie Card* and stay tuned!

For three years now, we have combined a trip to the Prototype Rails RPM Meet in Cocoa Beach with friends and family visits, and I think the tradition will continue. The first destination of the trip is Hilton Head Island, SC, where we visit my childhood friends Amy and Lisa. We then travel to Cocoa Beach where I drop Fred off at the RPM meet and then travel an hour south to Vero Beach to visit my Aunt Joyce. At the conclusion of the RPM meet, I travel to Cocoa Beach to retrieve Fred and we head back to Vero Beach. This year, on the way to Vero Beach, we stopped for an on-the-way-home layout visit to Marty Megregian, MMR®, Merrit Island, FL. His railroad is a 2-rail O scale layout.



**Above: Fred looks intently as Don Irace shows him how to acquire a different locomotive on the ProtoThrottle.**

Al Sohl, MMR®, and emailed him about a visit. In his reply to Fred, Al included some other modelers in the area. One of the other modelers included in that email was Chip Pescere, in Vero Beach. Fred made arrangements to see Chip’s N scale railroad, and we ended up having a delightful brunch with him at a restaurant that was new to us, but obviously not new to the locals as it was a very popular spot. We’ll definitely go back there.

Chip is a regular operator on Al Sohl’s railroad; somehow after our visit to Chip’s railroad, our layout visit to Al’s railroad became pizza and a mini-ops session with Chip and another of Al’s regular operators. While Fred and the others ran trains, I spent the evening talking to Al and getting a tour of his incredible On30 layout.

All of these “connections” were made possible by membership in the NMRA---especially in-person attendance at local, regional, and national events. It’s one of those intrinsic benefits of belonging to an organization supporting a hobby that you love. It’s hard to put a dollar value on all the wonderful connections we have made in the model railroading community since joining the NMRA in 2010!

Be sure to attend the February 17 Division 8 meeting to hear more about our model railroading adventures in Florida.

Remember Don Irace from the Grapevine connection? Fred had heard Don on the “Around the Layout” podcast and talked to him in Grapevine, telling him about our annual excursions to Florida, and expressing interest in finding model railroads to visit in the area. Fred contacted Don before our Florida trip and made arrangements for us to see his HO scale layout in Sebastian, FL. While there, Fred ran a train with Don’s Iowa Scaled Engineering ProtoThrottle and decided at once that he had to have one! Don then connected us with his neighbor, John Farrington, also a modeler Fred was familiar with from “Around the Layout”, to view his current HO scale layout. His previous layout was featured in “Great Model Railroads 2024” but was already gone and replaced due to a move by the time we visited.

Fred, always on the hunt for another model railroad to see (and hopefully operate!), and another modeler to meet, Googled the area for model railroads and also checked FaceBook. There he found



**Above: Al Sohl shows Fred a super detailed rail car, similar to a Galloping Goose.**



DIVISION 8 TRAIN DAY 2024

**SATURDAY APRIL 13, 2024**

**JEFFERSONTOWN BRANCH LIBRARY**

Our presenter for each presentation will be Rich Mahaney. Rich is NMRA North Central Region President and resides in Gobles, Michigan, northwest of Kalamazoo. His background is corporate and plant level loss control, emergency response, hazardous materials, emergency management, and training programs for the past 52 years. And of course, a model railroader.

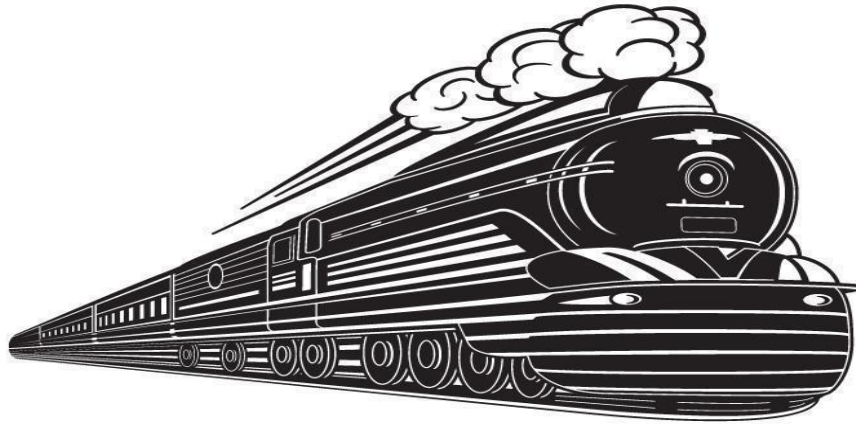
10:30 TO 11:30	TANK CARS 101 FOR MODEL RAILROADERS
11:30 TO 12:30	LUNCH - BYO or ORDER A BOX LUNCH
12:30 TO 1:30	SELECTING INDUSTRIES FOR YOUR MODEL RAILROAD
1:30 TO 2:00	BREAK + MEET & GREET with RICH MAHANEY
2:00 TO 2:30	DIVISION 8 MEMBERSHIP MEETING
2:30 TO 3:30	TANK CAR INDUSTRIES
3:30 TO 3:45	BREAK
3:45 TO 4:30	IMAGINATION – TECHNIQUES TO FILL IN THE DETAILS
4:30 TO 4:45	FINAL COMMENTS, QUESTIONS & CLEANUP

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