

The Pie Card

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Mid Central Region, National Model Railroad Association



FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

By Ron Ellison

It's May 2025. This year we are a quarter of the way through the third millennium under the Gregorian calendar. Or if you want to get technical – we'll be there January 1st. But I'm calling it close enough. Derby is in a few days. After that, La

Grange Rail Fest 175. Then the Mid Central Region Convention THE BUCKEYE EXPRESS 2025 in Columbus, Ohio. In July there is the National Convention just up the road in Detroit. The fancy boys up there like to call it Novi – but it's near Detroit. And right after that in July is the subject at hand – the 2025 Division 8 Summer Picnic on Saturday July 26, 2025. The scale modeling picnic event of the summer!

This year the Picnic lunch will be at the Woodford County Agriculture Resource Building. There is a map link on the flyer. But it's directly across the road from the [Bluegrass Scenic Railroad and Museum](#). So we'll gather starting at 11:30 and then have a catered lunch at 12:00 followed by the 2024/2025 Contest awards, first, second, and third. Then walk or drive across the road and we'll board the train for a ride at 2:00 PM.

We're pulling out all the stops and doing a catered lunch this year. BBQ pork with 3 BBQ sauces, BBQ Roasted chicken, Hawaiian buns, Southern-style Coleslaw, Potato salad, Southern-style green beans, and assorted cookies (chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, peanut butter) for dessert. Wash that down with 3 beverages (lemonade, tea, & citrus water).

All this PLUS a train ride for \$10.00 per person.

Later in this edition of *The Pie Card*, you will find the flyer with a link to reserve a place at the picnic table and pay for your lunch.

Our train ride is supposed to be on an air-conditioned coach. But you might bring along a sun hat just in case. We all know railroads and old equipment. And it will be late July so if you have them, time for the seersucker stripped overalls or train theme shirt. Seats for the train ride and the picnic table are limited to the first 50 reservations.

At our picnic, we'll also be paying homage to the 90th Anniversary of the NMRA. That's what the logo is all about you see next to this column on top of our Timetable.

Just a reminder that if you show up at the Jeffersontown Branch Library on May 10th, you'll have access to some of the great books at the library – But your friends and fellow Division 8 members will be in La Grange for the meeting at our regular time 2:00 PM at the La Grange Community Center during Rail Fest 175. The meeting will be open to the public and so our meeting format will be changed to welcome visitors who may have an interest in prototype and scale model trains. This will also be the Division 8 Annual Meeting as called for in our Bylaws.

We hope to see you at La Grange Rail Fest 175. And of course, at the 2025 Division 8 Summer Picnic.



TIME TABLE

May 10, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting, **La Grange, KY** and on Zoom.

May 15-18, Buckeye Express, MCR Regional Convention, Columbus, OH.

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

Jun 28, NMRAX, Virtual YouTube & Facebook.

Jul 14-19, NMRA National Convention, Novi, MI.

Jul 26, Sat. Div 8 Picnic, Bluegrass Railroad Museum, Versailles, KY.

Aug 2, NMRAX, Virtual YouTube & Facebook.

Aug 16, Sat 2PM, Div 8 Hybrid meeting, Jeffersontown Library and Zoom.

Aug 30, NMRAX, Virtual YouTube & Facebook.

Sep 3-6, National Narrow Gauge Convention, Collinsville, IL.

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

Sep 27, NMRAX, Virtual YouTube & Facebook.

May 2025 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 |
| 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 |

For April, Division 8's Charlie Keeling Hybrid Model Contest category was passenger cars. There were nine entries in this very popular subject, with some outstanding modeling efforts in view.

Honorable mention goes to Bob Frankrone for Catskill Mountain Scenic RR, Jody McNutt for NRV Tours, Cecil Stewart for TN&O Diner #907, and Eric Waggoner for L & N Tavern Lounge Car.

According to scoring rule #7, third place goes to Ed Brennan for L & N Heavyweight Observation, Randy Griggs for Union Pacific LYNN NYSTROM combination tool/baggage car for its steam heritage fleet, and Bob Kuchler for Milwaukee Road coach/bunk car. Second place goes to Bruce DeMaeyer for BNSF Skagit River Track Measurement Car. First place goes to Steve Lasher for MCRR No.10. Congratulations to our modelers for presenting some wonderful and varied passenger rolling stock.

The revised point totals are now: Bob Kuchler with 18, Bob Frankrone with 16, Ed Brennan with 15, Steve Lasher with 12, Randall Griggs with 11, Russ Weis with 8, Bruce DeMaeyer with 7, Eric Waggoner with 6, Rick Maloney with 5, Chris Broughton, Al Goodman, and Jody McNutt with 4 each, Paul Downs with 3, John Helton and Fred Soward with 2 each, and George Ronn, Barbara Soward and Cecil Stewart with 1 each.

Please note that the Division 8 monthly meeting will be on the second Saturday in May. So, the first day to enter the contest will be April 26.

The May Contest is **CABOOSES**

We will send out a reminder but below is the Contest timeline for May:

**MAY MEETING INFORMATION**

The May Division 8 meeting is **2 PM Saturday, May 10, 2025. The meeting will be held at the James T. Beaumont Community Center:**

**307 West Jefferson Street
La Grange, KY.**

This will be a hybrid meeting, both in person and on the Zoom Conferencing Platform. 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. Program: Russ Weis presenting "Introduction to Model Railroading", and Bob Dawson presenting "Other Rails to La Grange, The Louisville & Interurban Railroad." This will also be our Annual Meeting as required by the Division 8 Bylaws.

CONTEST TIMELINES *(continued from column 1)*

- April 26th - First day to submit entries
- May 3rd - Last day to submit entries
- May 8th - Members will receive the Contest Ballot
- May 8th & 9th - Voting in the Contest Ballot ends @ 10:00 PM on the 9th
- May 10th - Winners announced at the meeting - 1st, 2nd and 3rd
- June 7th - First day to submit June contest entries **OPEN LOADS**

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

To enter the May 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 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

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

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APRIL CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST

Photos by the Modelers

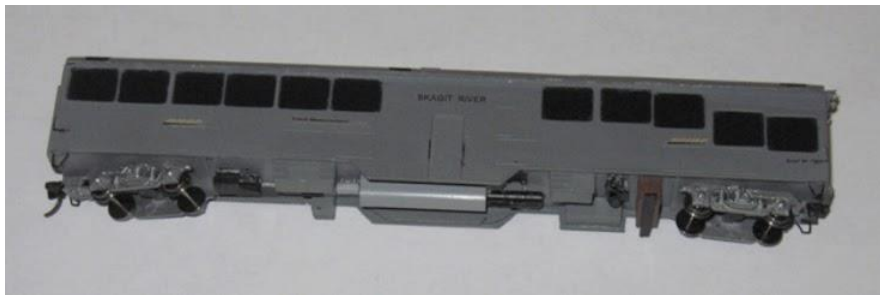


FIRST PLACE

Left: Steve Lasher's HO "MCRR No.10" Michigan Central Railroad Business Car. Steve detailed and modified a Hallmark Models MKT business car. It has appeared in an article in the New York Central Historical Society's Modeler's Magazine.

SECOND PLACE

Right: Bruce DeMaeyer's N Scale "BNSF Skagit River Track Measurement Car." Bruce began with a Con-Cor Amtrak car for the subframe and top. Bruce made scale drawings from research he made to have some of the parts made.



THIRD PLACE (one of three, there was a three way tie for third place):

Left: Ed Brennan's HO "L & N Heavyweight Observation car." Ed detailed and modified a Rivarossi car. He stripped, repainted, and decaled it for Louisville & Nashville RR. Many detail parts were added including markers, grab-irons, and a drumhead.

THIRD PLACE (two of three)

Right: Randy Griggs' S-Gauge "Union Pacific LYNN NYSTROM combination tool/baggage car for its steam heritage fleet. Randy designed and 3-D printed the majority of the parts on this model. Except for the pinstriping, he developed all of the decals he used.



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APRIL CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST (continued from page 3)



THIRD PLACE

Left: three of three

Bob Kuchler's N-Scale "Milwaukee Road coach/bunk car"

Bob kit-bashed, detailed, and modified an Overland coach, converting it to a Maintenance of Way bunk car.

It was disassembled and repainted and some windows were partially plated over. He added some scratch built parts. He decaled it and weathered it using Pan Pastels.

HONORABLE MENTION

Left: Bob Frankrone's HO "Catskill Mountain Scenic RR." Built from a kit with scratch built parts and detailed.



Left: Jody McNutt's HO, "NRV Tours"
Detailed and Modified

Right:

Eric Waggoner's HO "L & N Tavern Lounge Car."

L & N Churchill Downs Cafe-Bar-Lounge.
Not modified.



PHOTOS FROM THE APRIL MEETING

Photos by Barbara Soward unless noted otherwise

Several members were recognized at the meeting for their achievements:



Left:

NMRA Central District Director Fred Soward MMR® (left) presented Bob Dawson with a certificate from the NMRA Board of Directors recognizing him for being an NMRA member for fifty years.



Right: Bob Kuchler MMR®, standing in for Achievement Program Chairman Mark Norman MMR®, presented Barbara Soward with her Certificate of Achievement for Model Railroad Author.

Photo by Fred Soward



Left: Bob Kuchler MMR® presented Cecil Stewart with a Merit Certificate in recognition of superior craftsman in the “Cars” category.



Left: The “Show and Tell” table in the meeting room. Models in O, S, HO, and N scales were exhibited.

Above: Al Goodman checks out the East Bluefield roundhouse during Bob Frankrone’s layout open house following the meeting.

Photos by Bob Dawson



APRIL MEETING REPORT

By Rick Maloney MMR® Division 8 Clerk

Division 8 held its monthly meeting on Saturday April 12, 2025, at the Jeffersontown branch of the Louisville Free Public Library. It was a hybrid meeting with twenty-nine attending in person, including three guests. Seven attended on Zoom including our presenter Norm Logan, Division 6, North Central Region, for a total of 37. All guests were NMRA members.

Ron Ellison Called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

Ron welcomed new member Steve Blandford to his first meeting. Some of use may have met Steve at our Christmas Party, as he joined the NMRA in December. He also greeted guests Al Askerberg and Matt Ahlbrand from the CID of the Midwest Region, along with Doug Helton from Division 7 MCR.

We were pleased to hear from Mike Berry that once again there were no members on the Member Welfare report this month.

Fred Soward presented Bob Dawson with a Board of Directors Award, a 50-Year Membership Certificate, congratulations to Bob.

Bob Kuchler presented Cecil Steward a Master Builder Cars, Merit Award for his T&NO 60-D1 Diner #907. Congratulations to Barbra Soward for earning her Model Railroad Author Certificate, she is one step closer to becoming an MMR. This month's Model Contest had nine entries. Steve Lasher took First Place with his model of Michigan Central Railroad Observation Car #10. Our contest next month will be Cabooses. The show and tell table had models in N, HO, S and O scales.

Russ Weis introduced our speaker, Norm Logan, who presented "Producing a Museum Quality Backdrop for your Layout." Russ said that next month our meeting will be at La Grange RailFest 175 where he will talk about an Introduction to Model Railroading, and Bob Dawson will tell us about The La Grange Trolley Cars and Interurbans. Following the meeting, Bob Frankrone's layout was open for a tour.

FROM THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

By Fred Soward MMR®, Division 8 Assistant Superintendent

How was YOUR April? I'm pretty sure April was a super busy month for just about everyone:

- Russ Weis continued work on electronics (those darn electrons!) and structures for his layout.
- Bob Kuchler, as usual, moved along with building and super detailing lots of structures for his layout.
- Tom Guenthner, Bob Dawson, Eric Waggoner, and I ran a bunch of local jobs in preparation for operating sessions on Tom's layout. We're also working on developing a timetable (sequence of operations).
- Rick Maloney tells me he's continuing to tidy up the layout, getting ready for a small group to visit and help him get setup for future operating sessions.
- By the time y'all read this edition of The Pie Card, I'm pretty sure the K & I will be fully moved into their new facility. Looking forward to the first open house!
- Barbara & I took a day in early April to travel to Carmel, IN, where we attended the Central Indiana Division's "Modeler's Meet." That's their all-day version of a Division Meeting.
- Ron Ellison, Duke Green, Russ Weis, and I made an overnight trip to West Virginia to operate on three layouts and visit another one. More on that elsewhere in this edition of The Pie Card.
- Ron Ellison, Bob Kuchler, Rob Toler, and I participated in this year's CIRROPS (Central Indiana Rail Road OperationS) event in and around Indianapolis, IN. We missed the cutoff for photos for this month's Pie Card, so probably a few next month.

Somehow through all this, we managed to work on the Santa Cruz & Felton Railway layout we're building in our basement, too! All the turnouts up to Felton have been built and installed. Thanks to Russ Weis for all the help installing all those turnouts. That's where we stopped building benchwork, pending installation and successful testing of South Staging. Trackwork is fully in place and the first trains have found their way in there, so now we're in test mode for that area of the layout.

So, how WAS your April? Let us know what you have to add to this list by sending an email to the Division 8 Groups.IO email list.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Stan White Member Relations Chairman

As of the last report received from the Mid Central Region, we have 150 active members. We had fourteen renewals (Philip Alley, David Burris, Tim Coyle, Louis Franconia, Dan Huneke, Carl Krull, Rebecca Krull, Cathy Kuchler, Robert Kuchler, Owen Miller, John Snyder, Ron Steilberg, Lauren Theobald, John Wesson) Zero expired members. Three new members (David Gray, Robert Larger, Mike Riordan).

MEMBER WELFARE

By Mike Berry Member Welfare Chairman

This was a very good Member Welfare month with no one hospitalized. Let's see how long we can keep this up! Don't forget to let us know if you do hear of a member or their family with an issue. The Member Welfare Fund this fiscal year has donations from the Charlie Keeling family (\$200) and an anonymous \$100 donation.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

By Mark Norman MMR®, Achievement Program Chairman

What The Matrix Revisited - Evaluators, like Neo, need to see beyond the obvious. A very few meetings ago, another 'older' member of the division and I were getting ready to evaluate a few structures. A new and young member joined the process. Wonderful! Younger people getting involved is thrilling. New blood brings new ideas, provides sharing of knowledge, and more. Instead of being a passive observer, he jumped right in, shared observations, then signed the form... in ink! At first, I was taken aback. Fortunately, a neuron fired off – "You did ask for involvement, didn't you?" "Well, of course!" The rest is history, the present, and the future. Thank you!

The first thing evaluators look at is your paperwork. Tell the 'story' about the model. Keep it factual and succinct. If it's too long, I'll have to read it in the latrine! Think like a reporter –

- Where
- Why
- When
- How

A member showed me a car and asked for comments. Turning it over I noticed no air lines. That was challenged. Answer: It was Civil War era. Air brakes were not in use. *Era should be part of your story.*

In an earlier column, I wrote about the matrices we use. These matrices are the NMRA Guidelines that are used when evaluating your models. A link is provided on the Division 8 website. Click on the Achievement Program tab. At the very top of the page below my contact information is the link - <https://www.nmra.org/sites/default/files/2006-judging-guide-lines.pdf>.

The matrices are simple. Along the top is the Complexity Row – Little Scratchbuilt on the left, Completely Scratchbuilt on the right. Complexity Column – Simple, Moderate, Complex. Are relevant details found – meters, gutters, foundation, weathering, etc. The evaluators look at the model, discuss it, and individually arrive at 'the number' for each criterion. We are generally close to one another. If not, we discuss and look again. We talk to the member for clarity, then reach a consensus.

Join us for an evaluation at our next meeting and learn how to become a better modeler.

MAY MEETING INFORMATION

By Fred Soward MMR®

A reminder, we're moving the location of the May Division 8 Membership Meeting! And, we're moving it a week early! But just for one month. The May 10, 2025 Division 8 Membership Meeting, including the presentation, will be at the James Beaumont Community Center, 307 West Jefferson Street, La Grange, KY 40031. We will start at the same time as always - 2:00 PM. No need to fret about parking. There's plenty of FREE parking within a 2-minute (or less) walk of the entrances to the building.

The event organizers have added our meeting to the list of activities that'll happen during La Grange Rail Fest 175 on Saturday, May 10, 2025. Because we will be part of the event, we will be able to share what we do with the general public. And, we will have a few layouts running in the same facility all day that day as well as a few dealers selling model railroad stuff. There are a LOT of activities happening that day. So, be sure to come out EARLY and STAY LATE!

A VISIT TO THE COAL DIVISION

By Fred Soward MMR®, photos by Fred Soward

Early April 2025, Division 8 members Russ Weis, Duke Green, and Superintendent Ron Ellison, led by Assistant Superintendent Fred Soward MMR®, took a two-day trip to West Virginia to visit layouts owned by members of Division 9, the “Coal Division.”

David Oliverio’s N-Scale B&O Railroad

First up was an operating session on David Oliverio’s N Scale B&O Railroad in Charleston, WV. David put a lot of thought and effort into the layout design and construction. He has just recently started running operating sessions. In a 3-hour period, the group ran 16 trains and moved 250 cars! That included 2 passenger trains, 1 mail & express train, 9 freight trains, including 2 coal trains, and 4 local freights. The layout ran flawlessly.



Left:
Russ Weis with David Oliverio



Right:
Duke Green (l) and Ron Ellison ((r) operating on David’s layout.



Above: Some scenes on David Oliverio’s N Scale B&O Railroad.

Above left: One of the coal mines on David’s Railroad

Above right: A B&O 2-8-8-4 “Yellowstone” pulls a coal drag.

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A VISIT TO THE COAL DIVISION *(continued on page 8)*

Bob Weinheimer's MMR® Pennsylvania Southern Railroad

After a lasagna dinner in the Pennsylvania Southern Dining Car (home-cooked meal by Bob Weinheimer MMR®), the group was joined by members of Bob's regular crew to run trains on the HO scale Pennsylvania Southern layout. After 4 hours moving freight across the layout, it was time to call it a night. Next morning after breakfast, the group was up and running trains for a couple hours before heading to their next stop.



Left:

Duke Green and Russ Weis with Bill Grosse, one of Bob's regular operating crew at Washington, PA Yard.



Right:

Transfer caboose at Pittsburgh Yard. This caboose was scratch built for Bob by Fred Soward MMR®.

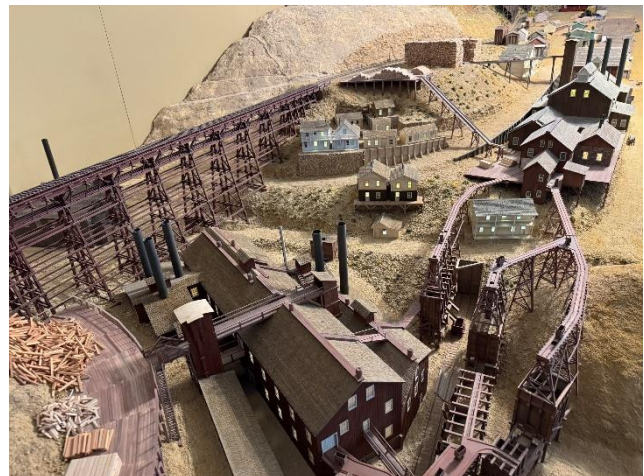
Don Cipolla's MMR® Virginia & Truckee Railroad

It was just a 30-minute layout visit at the HO scale Virginia & Truckee layout of Don Cipolla MMR® in Hurricane, WV. The layout looks like it's going to be museum quality when completed. Several scratch-built wood structures, long scratch-built wooden trestles, stub switches, and more, all following the general layout and practices of the Virginia & Truckee in the late 1800's. We can hardly wait 'til Don's ready to host operating sessions.



Left:

Ron and Russ checking out Don's railroad.



Right:

A silver mine on the Virginia and Truckee.
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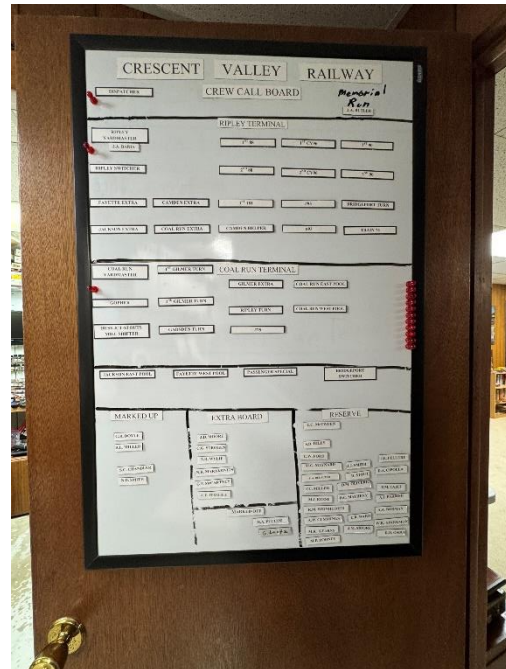
A VISIT TO THE COAL DIVISION (continued from page 9)

Jerry Doyle's HO scale Crescent Valley Railroad in Huntington, WV

The last stop before heading home to L'ville was a 3-hour operating session on Jerry Doyle's HO scale Crescent Valley Railroad in Huntington, WV. The layout is multi-deck with plenty of operations on every level of the layout.



Above:
Duke Green operating on the Crescent Valley RR.
Right:
Crescent Valley Crew Call Board.

**WHY DOES DIVISION 8 SUPPORT T-TRAK N MODULARITY?**

By Bruce DeMaeyer

Most of you who regularly attend the twice a year Division 8 Train Show & Sale know that at each show for the last 8+ years, the N-Scale T-TRAK N layout has been a part of the show. Fewer of you know the history of T-TRAK from its beginning in 2001 when Jim Fitzgerald and Lee Monoco built the first three American built T-TRAK modules and displayed them sitting atop an NTRAK module at the Gateway 2001 National Convention and National Train Show in St. Louis, Missouri in July 2001. The initial modules were built using art boards that Jim and Lee had acquired in Japan.

Since that time the concept of small tabletop modules with stringent interconnection standards has grown into a very large part of the model railroading hobby.

In 2006, KSONS (Kentuckiana Society Of N Scalers) was preparing for the N Scale Convention here in Louisville in 2008. Paul Downs asked Joe Martin to explore other portable layout formats that they could invite to set up for the Convention. He found FreeMo and T-Trak.

Also in 2006, KSONS was at the New Albany Library and while Joe was there, another member (who is no longer active) was talking about smaller modules since it seems like the older we get, the heavier the N Trak modules became. Joe suggested KSON use the T-Trak standards.

Late 2006/early 2007 – several of the KSONS met and discussed doing T-Trak and presenting it to the KSONS organization as an option for one day shows and/or smaller venues. Unfortunately, Joe is the only active T-TRAK participant remaining today.

The first layout demonstration was done at the KSONS April 2007 meeting. The reception was mixed. Joe had two corners and two doubles to start.

Then in November 2007 – KSONS first setup T-TRAK at the Division 8 Train Show & Sale.

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WHY DOES DIVISION 8 SUPPORT T-TRACK-N MODULARITY? *(continued from page 10)*

Also in 2007, a couple of members of the Radcliff Model Railroad Association (RMRA) also got into T-Trak. So, starting in 2008, the layouts at the Division 8 shows were joint KSONS/RMRA layouts until the KSONS disbanded, after which it was under the RMRA umbrella.

From then on until Joe joined the NMRA in 2018, we were doing layouts at the show.

Bruce DeMaeyer, while he was an active member of Division 10 in Lexington, introduced T-TRAK to that division in 2016 as they tried to find a way to easily show the railroad modeling universe (particularly to people who did not have home or club layouts) what could be done with a little bit of modeling and not a lot of money. Division 10 used some of the profits from their 2015 Convention, and various members, a mix of N and HO modelers built six modules, four corners and two straight singles, to create a division owned traveling layout. The first use of this layout was at a Christmas party held at a December monthly meeting in 2015. They used ideas presented as video segments published by Model Railroader Magazine displaying how several staff members of MRR could easily build the modules. The original layout was powered by a borrowed DC transformer controller but very quickly the wiring was changed to DCC. The division then purchased Digitrax DCC components and they were installed in a commercial toolbox along with a specially wired bus cable.

Bruce presented the idea of having an invitational T-TRAK layout became a part of every Mid Central Region Convention and the Board of the MCR approved the idea. The very first MCR Convention in 2018 at Boardman Ohio took place with 50 modules from 9 of the 12 divisions. T-TRAK has been at the conventions ever since and including the Indy Junction 2022 multi-regional convention. The layout is managed from within the contest section of the convention and MCR members can bring their modules for display and, if they choose, that can be evaluated in the scenery category.

When Bruce moved from Lexington to Louisville in 2020, the efforts of Division 8 and 10 were joined together under his leadership.

Between the two divisions there are now over 25 modules that show up at the Division 8 Train Show & Sale and Lexington Trains Day at the Library. Recently, with the advent of smartphone throttles, both Divisions have begun a new program started at the 2023 Trains Day at the Lexington Library allowing youngsters the opportunity to “drive a train” and that success has been expanded into the Division 8 Train Show & Sale.

At the Spring 2025 Division 8 Train Show and Sale, over 50 youngsters participated in the program each earning a signed certificate identifying them as Junior Engineers.

So now you know the history.

T-TRAK-N PHOTO GALLERY

Photos from Bruce DeMaeyer's Collection unless indicated otherwise.

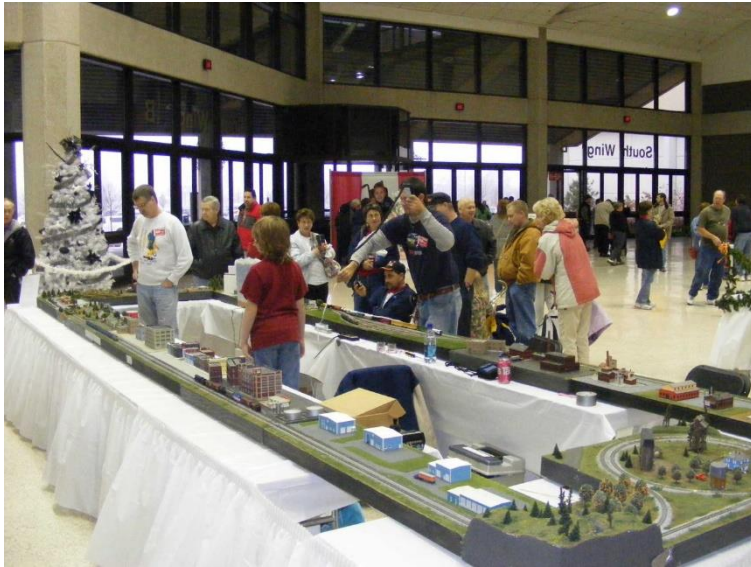


Left:

First set up of T-Trak (T-Trak-N) in May of 2007. This was set up at the preserved Southern Railway Train Buechel Depot in Louisville. Joe Martin is seen at the left in the photo.

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T-TRAK-N PHOTO GALLERY (continued from page 11)



Left:

T-Trak-N made its pubic debut in December 2007 at the Louisville Christmas Gift and Decore Show at the Kentucky Exposition Center. Several model train groups set up in the lobby at this show.



Right:

T-Trak-N is a regular exhibitor at the Division 8 Train Show & Sale.

Photo by Bob Dawson



Left:

The "Junior Engineer" program is a regular feature at shows that T-Track participates in. Each participating youngster earns a signed certificate identifying them as Junior Engineers.

At left Bruce DeMaeyer is showing a child how to run a train. This child has a special connection to Division 8. He is the grandson of our late AP Chairman Joe Fields. With him is Sue Fields, his grandmother.



Right:

Larry Smith MMR® from Division 10 MCR is setting up a corner module. *Photo by Barbara Soward*

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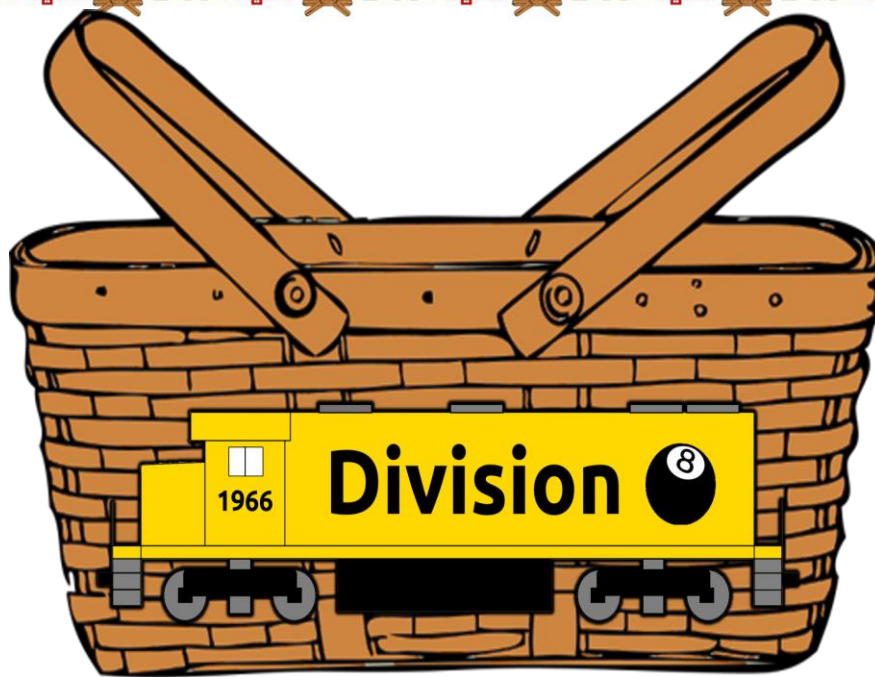
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DIVISION 8 PICNIC

SATURDAY JULY 26, 2025

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Versailles, KY 40383

[MAP LINK to LUNCH VENUE](#)

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About Our Event!

Thank you for your interest in exhibiting at the 2025 National Train Show® in Novi, Michigan! The National Model Railroad Association® (NMRA®) is excited to bring together model railroad enthusiasts, retailers, manufacturers, and hobbyists for this premier event at the Suburban Collection Showplace on July 19-20, 2025. As one of the industry's most anticipated shows, the NTS offers unique opportunities to showcase products, connect with dedicated enthusiasts, and share the joy of model railroading with the public.

Event Highlights

- Demonstrations LIVE** ◀
Multiple manufacturing demonstration: Woodland Scenics, Craftsman corner for the hands on experience and so much more!
- Product Announcements & Vendors Market** ◀
yes, you will be able to buy all of the things
- NMRA 90th Anniversary Celebrations** ◀
Help us celebrate our 90th anniversary with several events throughout the show.
- Over 25+ layouts** ◀
Over 25 layout of ALL scales and counting

Oh and did we mention that THOMAS is coming? Bring the kids!



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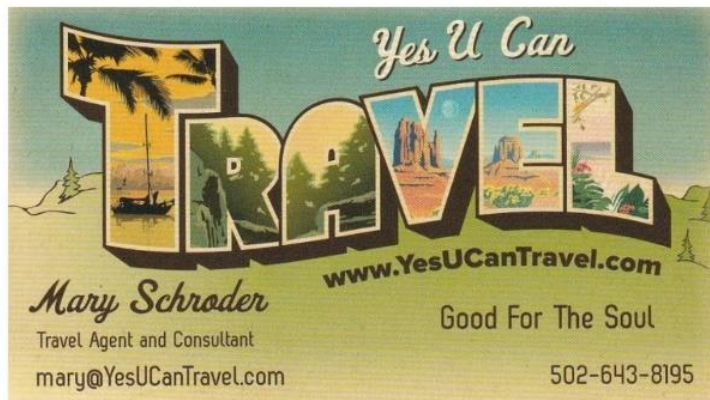
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