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From the Superintendent's Desk...

Four years of articles in the Pie Card, missing only two, and those were just recently. Not a record but some fine writing by a dummy. At least I thought so, then my wife of 40 years started pointing out my grammar and sentence structure..and it was really bad. Oh well sometimes it comes and sometimes it goes.

I would like to thank all those who worked in the swap meet making it a resounding success as usual. It seems as if it is the same ones every year but they also enjoy what they are doing. I only spotted one sneaking in this year, and it was the same fellow who did it at the fall meet. He knows who he is as I brought it up to him, he threatened to leave if I made him pay. My comments to him were BIG DEAL you don't pay anyhow, so why does it matter. Some people think that they are owed a free ride but I don't think so.

Hopefully I can get my stuff together in the next few weeks or days and get the paperwork finished for my MMR. Now that I am able to go up and down the steps again, Beth forced me into buying a new laptop computer and having to learn to use it.

One more month and you will have a new Super, Mark keeps asking for a recount and I keep telling him he is out of order.

I have one or two more medical procedures to go through, depending on the decisions of the Doctors, one is scheduled—the other is on hold. Beth is finished with hers and is doing very well.

Our prayers go out to the Dawson family due to the loss of Bob's mother on one of the worst weekends this winter. Snow and ice everywhere.

Thanks for being you

Jerry



TIMETABLE

Call an officer if you have any questions

(Phone Number on the last page)

Apr 19, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Meadowview Church

May 15-18, MCR Convention, Independence Ohio.

May 22, Div 8 Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 PM, TBA

May 24, Open House, Swift Creek RR, Greenville, IN.

Jun 21, Div 8 Meeting, Swift Creek RR, Greenville, IN

Jun 25-29, Derby City Express, National N-Scale Convention, Lou. Convention Center

Jun 28-29, World Greatest Hobby Show, Lou. Convention Center

Jul 13-19, NMRA National Convention, Anaheim, CA



John Kelly, Bob Kuchler, Mark Norman, Cecil Stewart, Eric Waggoner, Herman Weir, Bob Frankrone, Ron Rauchmiller

March: Mike Berry, Jack Diehl, Don Fowler, Bruce Goreham, Jim Harrington, Bob Kuchler, Mark Norman, Eric Waggoner, Ron Rauchmiller, Ron Montgomery, Bob Johnson, Mark Hedge

April: Mark Norman, Eric Waggoner, Bob Johnson, Jim Finley

May: Eric Waggoner, Bob Johnson

June: Bob Johnson

July: Bob Johnson

Model Contest

APRIL

PASSENGER CARS

May	Cabooses
June	Open Loads
July	No Contest
August	MOW Equipment
September	Photos
October	Steam Locomotives
November	Displays/Dioramas
December	No Contest
January	Freight Cars
February	Diesels
March	Commercial Structures

Contest Chairman Bill Lynch is looking forward to your entries.

DIVISION 8 ACHIEVES

Ivan Baugh, Division 8 Achievement Chairman

Superintendent Jerry Ashley is completing his paper work for his last certificate. When that is accepted, he will earn his Master Model Railroader certificate. Several members have other certificates in progress. Chris Broughton is awaiting word on his electrical; Rick Maloney has his electrical ready to submit. Ed Brennan has structures and scenery in progress; he will submit some of his structures for merit awards enroute to completing that certificate. Bob Sobotka is

MAINTENANCE TIE FUND

Do you enjoy the color pages in each issue of the Pie Card? It costs \$ 44 a month to bring them to you. The maintenance tie fund helps defray the cost of the color printing. To support this fund please give your contribution of \$ 5.00 or more to the Pie Card editor, Bob Dawson.

January: Charlie Keeling

February: Mike Berry, Jack Diehl, Don Fowler, Bruce Goreham, Jim Harrington,

3 working on cars. Bob Widman continues work on his electrical paper work. Yours truly continues working on scenery and structures. These two often go hand in hand as structures are needed to complete scenery. Structures can be used in scenery without earning merit awards; the individual structures may be submitted later for merit awards and accumulated to have enough merit awards to earn the scenery certificate.

I look forward to submitting other applications for merit awards and for certificates. Let us know if you have questions about completing your paper work or for finishing a certificate. Our goal is 8 MMR in Division 8 in 2008! Help us make that happen!

DIVISION 8 ELECTIONS

Congratulations to the new officers of division 8: Mark Norman, Superintendent; Bruce Goreham, Assistant Superintendent; Jim Ward, Treasurer; Eric Waggoner, Clerk; and Bob Frankrone, Trustee. They will take office at the May meeting.



APRIL MEETING INFORMATION

The April meeting will be Saturday April 19, 2:00 PM, Meadowview Presbyterian Church, 2944 Breckinridge Lane. Program: Patrick Hardesty: "Naming your Model Railroad. Refreshments: Bobbi Hedge.

Thank YouFROM BOB DAWSON

Thanks to the members of Division 8 for your expressions of sympathy upon the death of my mother.

Thank You.....FROM THE K & I MODEL R.R. CLUB

Jerry: Express the K&I's thanks to the Div 8 for coming to our open house and using our meeting room for their meeting. Although we are all Div 8 members, speaking for the K&I, we enjoyed having them and appreciate all the generous donations. They were unexpected and will help us to keep our room functioning.

We also appreciate the Div 8 renting room in the "firehouse" for its library. It will be good to see members using the "reading room". We now have a large screen TV and will be looking at yard sales this summer to pick up good used VHS and DVD players at great prices. People can then watch the videos.

The K&I has some plans in the works to try and bring other clubs, the Div 8 and hobby shops closer together for the benefit of model railroading. Our feeling is last Saturday was the first step in this direction

We want all to know everyone is welcome to visit any time they want to. There is usually someone at the room on Tuesday nights. Thanks again and just let us know if the Division ever wants to use the room again for a meeting.

Wooden Grade Crossings

By Gary Metcalf, MMR

Materials.

- In HO scale I use 3/32 X 3/32 square pieces of balsa wood for code 100 rail. It will take 9 pieces of wood cut to a length a bit longer than the width of the road. It will take five pieces to fit between the rails and four for the outsides. For other scales use a small or larger size of wood. The wood should be close the width of a tie but not larger than.
- You will also need Elmer's white glue or testers glue. Either works and neither sticks the wood to the tie where it can't be removed at a later date if you decide to change the road to another location.
- On occasion you may need some straight pins to hold the wood in place while drying. For example where the crossing is on a curved piece of track.

Single edge razor blade and a fine grit sandpaper.

Track Preparation.

- It's best that there be no nails through the ties at the point where the crossing will be. Next using a pencil mark the boundaries of the road approaching the track on both sides. If your track has already been ballasted clean all the ballast off and above the ties. The wood pieces have to sit flat on the ties.

Wood Placement.

- Test fit 5 pieces of wood between the rails making sure there will be flange way space next to the rails.
- Glue them in place by putting the glue on each piece of wood and placing on the ties. After all 5 pieces have been placed check the centering where they extend a short piece beyond each side of your road.
- Use stick pins to hold them in place if needed. Place the pins in the flange ways and or at the ends. Do not put the pins through the wood.
- Next, glue the outside pieces in place, notice that the pieces next to the rails on the outside will sit a bit higher since they are on the tie plates and spikes. This is normal and the single edge razor blade will help with this after they have dried in place. Again use straight pins if needed. Wait 24 hours for all to dry.

Final Shaping.

- This next step is the key to a good crossing. First we need to shave down the two pieces that stick above the rails on the outside. Using the razor blade shave it in small bites. If you try to cut it off in one easy stroke from end to end the grain of the wood may cause the razor blade to cut through the piece of wood as it pries the entire piece of wood off the ties. No big deal if this happens—and it will, just glue some more pieces back down and wait for them to dry before trying again. It's best if you take small strokes towards the end from a quarter to half inch back from the end. Then come back another quarter inch

and remove a bit more. Once you have gotten more than half way start from the other end and repeat till the wood is smooth with the top of the rail. Repeat with other side.

- Next will be to do the wood between the rails, using the same method as with the outside pieces. Once there is no wood above the rails it's time to shape the 5 inside pieces. Bevel the ends so that any coupler pins hanging down won't snag. Then bevel inwards the corners at the flange ways. Then sand smooth.

Final Step.

- Once the shaping is done it's time to stain it. I use burnt umber acrylic paint with a wet brush. I have used brown boot polish with some black over that. The paint last longer though. If you want oil stains just add a light amount of black paint or alcohol diluted ink. Black boot polish will work good and give it a bit of a shine like oil.

Gary presented this clinic at the February Division 8 Meeting.

CHARLIE BUSCHMAN TO HOST OPERATING SESSION APRIL 18.

Charlie Buschman will be hosting an operating session on his layout, Friday April 18 beginning at 7 PM. Charlie's address is 3900 Stone Mill Ct., Crestwood, KY. From I-71 take Exit 22 (LaGrange/Ballardsville), go south towards Ballardsville 2.2 miles to Clark Point Dr. Turn right onto Clark Point and right onto Clark Ct. This is a chance to operate a railroad in a prototype manner. For information call Charlie at: 502-225-4296.

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT ATTENDING THE 2008 MID CENTRAL REGION CONVENTION IN MAY?

Several Division 8 Members will be attending the 2008 Mid Central Region Convention., May 15 thru 18 in Independence, Ohio near Cleveland. If you would like to car pool and/or share a room, contact Mark Norman at 502-254-9249. You should have already received registration and information in a special convention issue of the *King Pin*. If you have misplaced it, the same information is on the Convention Web Site at <http://www.div.4.org>.

SWIFT CREEK RAILROAD OPEN HOUSE

Harry Munzer will again be hosting three open house dates this year. The Memorial day run will be Saturday May 24th, the Celebration of Trains Saturday July 5th and his Autumn Special on Saturday September 6th. Founded and constructed by Bob Irmscher, it comprises five operation G-gauge train line in a garden setting. The railroad will be open each date beginning at 5 PM until after dark. Located in Greenville, Indiana, the Swift Creek will be the site for our June Division 8 Meeting. More information, including directions, will be in the May Pie Card.

THE DERBY CITY EXPRESS 2008

If you didn't know, the KSONS is hosting the National N-Scale Convention in Louisville in 2008. The dates are June 25-29, and it will be held at the Louisville International Convention Center, downtown. For more information contact Paul Downs at 502-895-6578 or email him at pauldowns@insightbb.com.

Division 8 MCR 15-March-2008 Meeting Minutes

Superintendent Jerry Ashley, called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM, at the K&I Club; Buckner, KY

Election: A last call for ballots was made before calling the meeting to order. The Teller retired to count the ballots.

Host: K&I Club, Ohio Valley Model Railroad Club

New Members and Guests: None

Treasurers Report: The treasurer submitted the February reports for audit.

Minutes: The February minutes were approved.

Members:

- Bob Dawson's mother passed away. In lieu of flowers a donation is being made to St. Vincent de Paul. Bill Poteet was in the hospital. Jean Baugh is home. Beth Ashley has completed her radiation treatment. Jerry Ashley is again able to wear shoes.

Old Business:

- A permanent home for the Library is needed. It was approved to spend \$20 per month to rent a secure room at the K&I Club.
- Only three of the building kits remain available..

New Business:

- None.

Committee Reports:

- The 19-April meeting will be held at Meadowview Church.
- The 22-May meeting will be at Airport Industrial Center
- If you have a star on your *Pie Card*, this is your last issue.
- AP. Bob Cooper has earned a certificate.
- The Swap Meet is 29-Mar.

News for the Good of the Hobby:

- 0-6-0 will be at the World's Greatest Hobby
- K&I, is having their open house and hosting this meeting.
- Southern Indian has their layout set up.
- K-Sons are actively involved in the N-Scale Convention. Volunteers are needed.
- Bobbie Hedge is looking for a venue for the Christmas Party able to seat 80+ people.

Program:

- Open House.

Election Results:

- Superintendent – Mark Norman
- Assistant Superintendent – Bruce Goreham
- Treasurer – Jim Ward
- Clerk - Eric Waggoner
- Trustee – Bob Frankrone
- Achievement Program Chair: Ivan Baugh has resigned effective May-08, Jerry Ashley has agreed to fill this role.

Contest:

- Commercial Structures, Rick Maloney won. Thank you all participants.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Norman, Clerk

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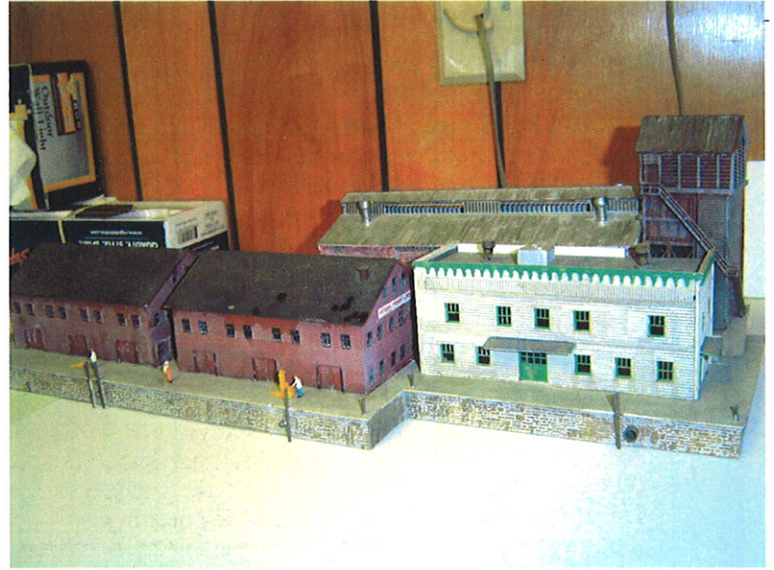
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MARCH CONTEST



The subject for the March Contest was COMERICAL STRUCTURES. Above Left: Several excellent models were entered. Above right: The winner was Rick Maloney with his N-Scale Warehouse Complex.



Division 8 member Rick Williams of Bowling Green wasn't able to attend the March Meeting and enter the contest, but he sent this photo of his "Commercial Structure". This is his model of place of a "business" that operated in Bowling Green for many years, Pauline's. If you are not familiar with the history of Pauline Tabor's institution, ask a long time Kentucky resident. This model will be installed on the museum layout at Bowling Green's restored L & N depot.

MID CENTRAL REGION MODEL PROJECT

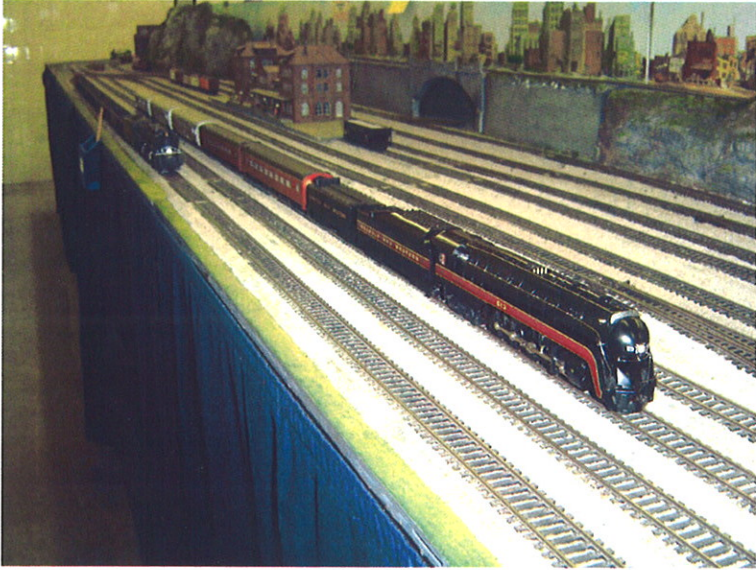


The Mid Central Region is offering a series of prototype, laser cut building kits. The first in the series is a model of the South Lebanon, OH Little Miami Freight House. The kits are available in N, HO, O and S scales. Division 8 member Charlie Keeling built this HO version.

OPEN HOUSES

March was a month for open houses. The K & I Club showed off their new location in Buckner, Kentucky; and the KSONS were set up in Indiana at the New Albany Floyd County Library.

K & I Model Railroad Club



K-sons



PIKE SHOWCASE



The details count. Top left: John Bowling's L & N layout in Danville, KY. For more pictures of John's layout check out the August 2007 issue of Model Railroader magazine. Top right: A scene on Bob Frankrone's Louisville Southern. Above left and right: Two scenes of Thurmond, WV on Bob Bergman's spectacular O-Scale layout.

TRACKSIDE KENTUCKIANA—CORRECTION

The wrong picture was sent to the printer for the March edition of Trackside Kentuckiana. The correct picture should have been the one far right. This is the interurban bridge at Anchorage, KY. The picture that ran was a view of the Southern Railway Bridge on Preston Highway. The tracks to the left under the Preston Hwy. bridge were those of the Okolona Interurban. Probably this picture was taken for an article about the removal of the interurban tracks and widening of the roadway. Those familiar with this location today will notice that the railroad bridge has been replaced at some later time. Both photos are from the Herald-Post Collection and date from around 1935.

