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From the Superintendent's Desk...

As I write my first column as Superintendent, allow me to extend to each and everyone one of you a heartfelt thanks for having confidence in me. It is a humbling experience. I will endeavor to live up to your expectations, and God willing, exceed them. Equally important to thanking you, my fellow modelers, a word of thanks is in order to my wife Kelly for supporting me in this and other endeavors. Without her, it wouldn't get done.

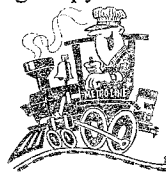
Each superintendent builds upon the successes of those who went before them. Over the years, we have seen division eight grown in many measurable ways. It is my objective to continue and expand this growth as your servant and elected leader. Said differently, "it is time to lay new track". Thank you Jerry for all that you have done.

Before laying track, a railroad, or division, would be well advised to do a survey and determine where it is heading. To that end, the Throttle Committee will meet to discuss and agree upon specific, measurable goals for the division. As this goes to print, we should have held our first meeting. In turn, these goals will be reviewed at our next division meeting for input from everyone. This is your division after all. I just need to get things written down so I can remember what I'm supposed to be doing. To lay new track will require each of us to take a turn on one of the track gangs. We will have fun doing it though.

Speaking of track laying, the track has been put down for Sophia's layout, the Moon Mountain Railway. It is a modest affair consisting of three 3' x 8' sections arranged in an L. It's encouraging to see younger folks getting involved in the hobby.

Your ideas are welcomed and encouraged. You can reach me by email at: Mark_Norman@insightbb.com. There is an underscore between my first and last name. If you call, try to do so before 9 P.M. unless

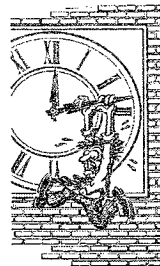
You wish to be greeted by a grumpy man. With any luck, you will find me working on the layout
Mark



TIMETABLE

Call an officer if you have any questions

(Phone Number on the last page)



Jun 21, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday 2 PM, 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 12, Div 8 Picnic, Saturday, Buechel Depot

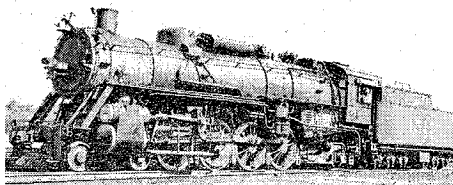
Jul 13-19, NMRA National Convention, Anaheim, CA

Aug 9, Saturday, Summerail, Cincinnati, OH

Aug 16, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, To Be Announced

Aug 24, Sunday, Model Train & Railroadiana Show, Carrollton, KY

Sep 20, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, Taylor's Madison, IN



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, 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, Dale Bradley, Herman Weir, Cecil Smith
- June:** Bob Johnson, Dale Bradley, Herman Weir, James Kuzirian
- July:** Bob Johnson, James Kuzirian

Model Contest

JUNE	OPEN LOADS
July	No Contest
August	MOW Equipment
September	Photos
October	Steam Locomotives
November	Displays/Dioramas
December	No Contest

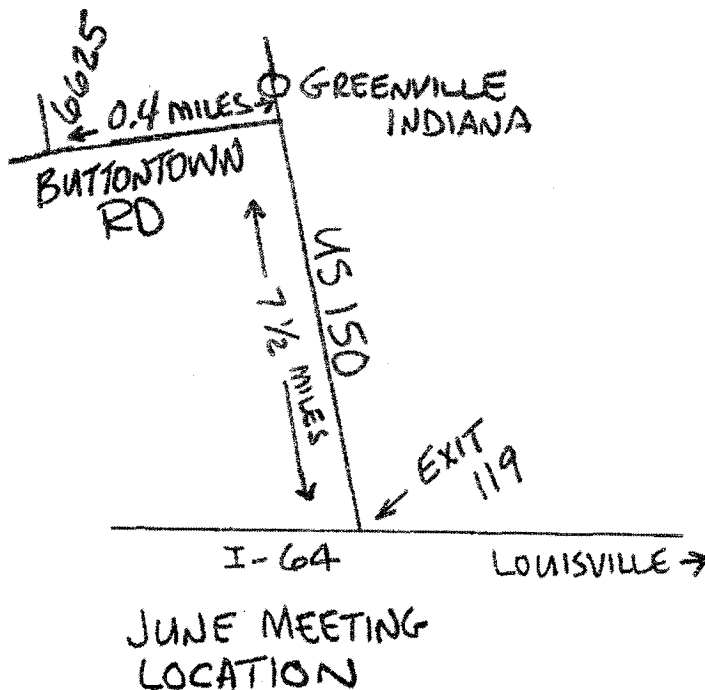
January	Freight Cars
February	Diesels
March	Commercial Structures
April	Passenger Cars
May	Cabooses

Contest Chairman Bill Lynch is looking forward to your entries.

DIVISION 8 ACHIEVES

Keep the items coming in to be judged if you do not want to hear me complain...you stop and I will get louder, yelling and screaming if I have to. Right now I have a passenger car from Bob Sobotka to judge and will get to it this week. Let me know, I will travel to your place just about anytime and anywhere.

Jerry Ashley MMR, Div. 8 AP Chairman



The June meeting will be Saturday, June 21, 2008, 2:00 PM at Harry Munzer's Swift Creek Railroad, 6265 Buttontown Rd. in Greenville, Indiana. Mark and Bobb Hedge will provide the refreshments. Harry has a large landscaped outdoor garden layout as well as an HO and O Gauge layout in his house.

Directions from Louisville: Take I-64 east to Exit 119 (Greenville, US 150). Follow US 150 for 7.5 Miles (you are almost there when you see the car dealer and L & N Caboose on the left). Turn left onto Buttontown Road (there is also a sign that says "Park Entrance" at the intersection). Travel 0.4 Miles turn right into the driveway for 6265 Buttontown Rd. Park in the grass along the driveway.

THE DERBY CITY EXPRESS 2008, STILL TIME TO ATTEND

The KSONS is hosting the National N-Scale Convention in Louisville this month. The dates are June 25-29, and it will be held at the Louisville International Convention Center, downtown. There is still time to register. You don't have to be in N-Scale to attend. Clinics will include prototype modeling, scratch building, operations, and railfan subjects presented by modelers and manufacturers. In addition to clinics the convention will feature contests, a swap meet, layout tours, and what is planned to be the world's largest N-Scale Modular Layout. You can register via the Convention Web Site. Go to <http://www.nscale.net> and click on 2008 Convention. Or contact Paul Downs at 502-895-6578 or email him at pauldowns@insightbb.com

Division 8 MCR 19-April-2008 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM, by Jerry Ashley in Building 91 Conference Center, Airport Industrial Center (former Naval Ordnance Station Louisville). 19 Members were present. There were no visitors. In-coming Treasurer was absent. Jim Herrington broke his leg in three places, blamed the dog. Ivan Baugh had shoulder surgery. Bob Frankrone is the host for the building. Bill and Ruth Lynch provided refreshments.

Meeting Minutes accepted as presented in the May issue of the "The Pie Card".

Treasurer's Report. \$2,284 made at the swap meet. Income of \$1,228, expenses \$258, Balance \$17,143. An audit committee has been formed to audit the books

as Stan retires from the Treasurer's position. Treasurer's Report accepted.

Superintendent Ashley adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM. New Superintendent Mark Norman called the meeting to order at 8:40 PM

Old Business. None.

New Business. None.

Committee Reports:

- **Meetings and Programs.** Bob Dawson reported that next month's meeting is scheduled for Saturday June 21st at 2:00 PM, Harry Munzer's. Additional information will be in the Pie Card. Harry would like us to bring our own refreshments. Bobbi Hedge volunteered to provide refreshments. The R. J. Corman Steam Engine will leave 7:30 AM on Saturday Morning with six cars full of sand plus a caboose full of dignitaries.
- **Local Layouts and Clubs.** The National N-Scale Convention is at the end of June 25 to 29, 2008 in Louisville, Kentucky. There will be over 725 layout modules, the largest assembled at one time. The 0-6-0 club will be in the World's Greatest Hobby Show.
- **Convention Report, Cleveland, Ohio.** Two MMRs were earned and presented at the Banquet. Jerry Ashley was one of the awardees. The contests were poorly attended while the Silent Auction was exceptional. The 2009 Convention is on Kentucky Derby weekend in Columbus, Ohio. In two years it will be in Charleston, WV.
- **The AP Program.** Chris Broughton has earned his electrical engineer certificate. Ivan Baugh is working on his scenery certificate. Jerry is MMR No 411 after receiving his Master Builder – Structures award. Ivan has decided to step down as AP Chairman Jerry Ashley is our new chairman.
- **News for the good of the hobby:** There have been changes in staff at Scale Reproductions.
 - The Picnic is scheduled for July 12th, 2008 at Southern Railway Buechel Station, start gathering at noon, cooking at 2:00 PM, serve food at 3:00 PM.
 - We are currently looking for a place to have the Christmas dinner. Bobbi Hedge has again agreed to coordinate the event. She said O'Charley's may not be available this year. Some recommendations were the Mellwood Art and Entertainment Center, Clifton Center (St. Francis Church) and KYANA Car Club. In all these cases a caterer will be necessary. It was decided to discuss this at the June Meeting.
 - June Contest: Bob Kuchler's Milwaukee Road Transfer Caboose was the winner.

- Eric Waggoner is the new NMRA MCR Division Eight clerk and he will resume circulating an attendance list at the next official meeting.
- Bob Frankrone moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Mark Norman. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM, followed by refreshments and a program presented by Bob Dawson, "Warther Museum, Steam Engines carved in Wood".

Respectfully submitted, Eric Waggoner, Clerk

What is really important to us?

Bob McKay

The energy spent by the model railroading community of Division 11, the 1-80 Group, is a critical asset. Motive power, rolling stock, track and trackside modeling reflect our interests, talents and priorities, defining our passion for this hobby. Similarly, our social interconnects, helping and sharing, reflect the importance of our enjoying, improving and fulfilling the ambition of our hobby dreams. Each one of us has a substantial investment in what we buy, build, and bring to share with other modelers at our monthly division meetings.

Is it the meetings that are important? Or do all those gatherings do something for each of us? Is it the NMRA or the MCR or the Division that is important? Or are those enabling paths for us to connect, learn, encourage, appreciate, and expand our common interest? And what do we have in common? Is it the same railroad, or the same era, or the same gauge, or the same operating premise, or the same level of anything? Each person, each layout, each interest is unique, yet a wonderful contribution to the whole of this diverse hobby.

So who has the right way of doing things? Thirty years ago, if you did not have brass, you didn't have squat. If you didn't use L girder, don't bother talking to real modelers. Then came DCC, radio control, sound.... What is really important here? My way is best for me, at this present time, and I really like to learn what else may work even better. But it has to work for me. Each of us has our own hobby, so to speak. What we dream or build or make happen is our own passion enabled by our own energy and resources.

Division 11 is headed towards election of new officers. We can continue to have fresh ideas and continue to enjoy old ones too. The 1-80 Group belongs to all its members, who each have their own interests and priorities. We can continue to enjoy our hobby, our fellowship, and our events. Officers of the division must serve that common bond. We do not deserve to have our interests demeaned, or finances inaccessible, our ideas ridiculed, or our efforts threatened. What is really important here? It is ourselves, and our common interest. It is our ability to connect, share, appreciate, learn, and enjoy this marvelous scale world of model railroading.

Bob McKay is past superintendent of Division 11, MCR. This article appeared in their news letter, The Keystone Corridor prior to the Division Elections.

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