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From the Superintendent's Desk...

On the railroading front, it's been a quiet month at the Norman household. The family took a two week vacation out west to visit friends, watch whales, and generally relax. A bit of armchair railroading was done consisting of reading a couple of books and working on layout out design. There was no television.

Returning to Louisville, work commenced almost immediately on Sophia's Moon Mountain Railway. Sophia was grinning ear to ear while mixing modeling plaster and pouring rock castings. Of course, there was plenty of plaster on her as well! That's all part of the fun. What a wonderful hobby we share where young and old can come together and share in friendship and knowledge. This is truly the world's greatest hobby.

A word of thanks goes out to everyone who made the division picnic a success. The variety and tastiness of the dishes is still a fragrant memory. While everyone pitched in one way or another two people in particular need to be acknowledged. Don Fowler and Jerry Ashley arrived early, cooked over the fires on a hot summer's day, and then stayed late to put everything away. Thank you gentlemen! Be sure to give them a pat on the back when you next see them.

It will soon be fall and thoughts turn to goals. On the one hand, there are the goals to be found on either end of the gridiron and the ever popular basketball goals. There are two other goals I would ask you to consider. First, set a personal goal. Where are you on the path to becoming a Master Model Railroader? What certificate can you begin making progress on - *now*? Let's keep the progress coming. For those of you who have achieved MMR, what are you doing to help others develop themselves? Second, I would ask that we each set a goal of inviting at least one potential member to one of our functions by

the end of October. We are having far too much fun to keep it to ourselves. The absolute best marketing tool available to us is ourselves. By bringing others into the fold, we grow the division, share the fun, and sustain the hobby and hobby shops. Let's keep laying new track out there.



Mark

TIMETABLE

Call an officer if you have any questions

(Phone Number on the last page)



Aug 16, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Meadowview Church

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

Aug 30,31, Sep 1, KRML & N 152 running.

Sep 6, Saturday, 5 PM to dark, Sift Creek RR open house.

Sep 20, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Taylor's Madison, IN

Oct 18, Div 8 Meeting, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Meadowview Church

Nov 15, Div 8 Train Show & Sale, 10-3, Highland Post American Legion

Nov 20, Div 8 Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 PM, Southern Indiana RR Club, Jeffersonville, IN

Dec, NO MEETING, Holiday Party, TBA

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, Charlie Fackler

Aug: Charlie Fackler, Bob Kuchler, Bob Sobotka, John Ottman

Sep: Charlie Fackler, Bob Sobotka, Ed Brennan, Kathy Bracewell

Oct: Charlie Fackler, Bob Sobotka, Ed Brennan

Nov: Charlie Fackler, Bob Sobotka, Ed Brennan

Model 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
June	Open Loads
July	No Contest

Contest Chairman Bill Lynch is looking forward to your entries.

DIVISION 8 ACHIEVES

No Achievement Program report this month, the Chairman is on vacation.

JERRY RESIGNS AS PRESIDENT OF MID CENTRAL REGION.

Citing health reasons, Jerry Ashley has resigned as President of Mid Central Region. Mid Central Region Vice President Dick Briggs will move up to fill the vacancy.

DON FOWLER IS NEW DIVISION 8 TRUSTEE

The Division 8 Board of Directors met in a special meeting on July 12, 2008 to appoint Don Fowler to fill one of the Trustee Positions. The trustee position became vacant due to the resignation of Stephen Taylor. Steve cited personal reasons, and his inability to attend the Throttle Committee meetings. Don will fill the unexpired remainder of Steve's term. Steve will continue to serve on the Train Show and Sale Committee.



The August meeting will be Saturday August 16, 2:00 PM, Meadowview Presbyterian Church, 2944 Breckinridge Lane. The chief item of business will be a vote for acceptance or rejection of the proposed amendments and changes to the Division 8 By-laws. A summary of these proposed changes have been mailed to Division 8 members for review. Only Regular, Associate, Student, and Life members in good standing with the National Model Railroad Association are eligible to vote. Persons holding a Family Membership are not eligible to vote. The official membership roster received from NMRA immediately prior to the meeting will determine eligibility. You must be present at this meeting to vote.

The September meeting will be Saturday September 20 at Steve and Karen Taylor's in Madison, Indiana. Details and Directions will be in the September Pie Card.

SWIFT CREEK RAILROAD OPEN HOUSE

Harry Munzer will have his Swift Creek Railroad open to the public again on Saturday, September 6th. The fun begins at 5 PM and continues until dark. Harry advertises his railroad as "On the Main-Line of Outdoor Railroading." The Swift Creek Railroad is located at 6265 Buttontown Rd., Greenville, Indiana. Directions from Louisville: take I-64 to Exit 119, US-150 Greenville. Follow US 150 West for 7.5 miles. Turn left onto Buttonwood Rd. Travel 0.4 miles, turn right into 6265.

MODEL TRAIN SHOW ISWAP MEET, CARROLLTON, KY

A model train and railroading show and swap meet will be held at General Butler State Park Conference Center, Carrollton, KY, Sunday August 24, 2008. Hours are 11 am to 5 PM. For information call: Chris Pape, 502-743-5414.

DECALING AND PAINTING R J CORMAN SAND GONS

By Jerry Ashley, MMR

Recently the advent of the uprising of steam in the area by RJ Corman made a lot of us take notice that we are the only state in the Union that had two operating steam engines that day pulling passengers and freight. One was #152 at the Kentucky Railway Museum and the other was the RJ Corman steam engine running from Louisville to Lexington Ky.

After viewing the cars and the engine at Dorsey Lane I decided to make some cars to haul sand like Mr. Corman has....I already had the GP 38-2 Atlas Corman engines so I had the motive power to move them around. I purchased 10 Accurail Hoppers and Highball Graphics decals from Scale Reproductions. The cars were painted tuscan red, which is not what Mr. Corman has so I painted mine with Colonial Red Satin from Home Depot in a spray can. Each car received one or two coats of paint. Then the white decals were applied....I had to cut out each letter to fit them between the ribs of the car.

When using these decals you have to be really quick when working with them, as they come loose from the paper backing really quick like....you dip them in cold water and then take them out and lay them on a paper towel, for a few seconds then pick them up with your tweezers and lay the backing and decal on the surface where you are going to apply it....take a tooth pick and move the decal off of the backing and line it up where it goes. Let it dry somewhat and then apply the Solvaset to make the decal snuggle down in each and every little crevice....let it dry completely and then overspray it with Testor's Dullcoat. When you are panting or dullcoating, make sure you have outside vents open or do it outside in the open air. This stuff sure stinks and stops up your lungs.

INDIANA RAIL EXCURSION PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER

Brian Banta of Edinburg, IN is planning another rail excursion on the Indiana Railroad this year. He is planning a round trip from Switz City, Indiana, across the Wabash River into Illinois. The date will be Sunday, November 9th, 2008. Rain date will be November 16th. He promises a full refund if you can't make the rain date.

The train will depart from Switz City at 9:00 AM, return at approximately 5:00 PM (freight trains will have priority.)

Cost will be \$ 65 per person. No credit cards will be accepted, make check out to "Banta Train". Mail to Banta

June Contest & Trackside Kentuckiana

Since we didn't have a July meeting, our last contest was at the June Meeting, "Open Loads." There were six entries, Bob Frankrone, garnered the most votes with his concrete pipe load inspired by the July 2008 Model Railroader Magazine Cover. The August Model Contest will be Maintenance of Way Equipment (MOW). Here is an example of prototype MOW equipment. L & N Steam Wrecker 40010 is preserved at the Kentucky Railway Museum in New Haven, KY. Built for the US Army in 1952, it was acquired by the L & N in 1968. It had the distinction of being the last oil-fired steam wrecker on the L & N.



World's Greatest Hobby Train Show:

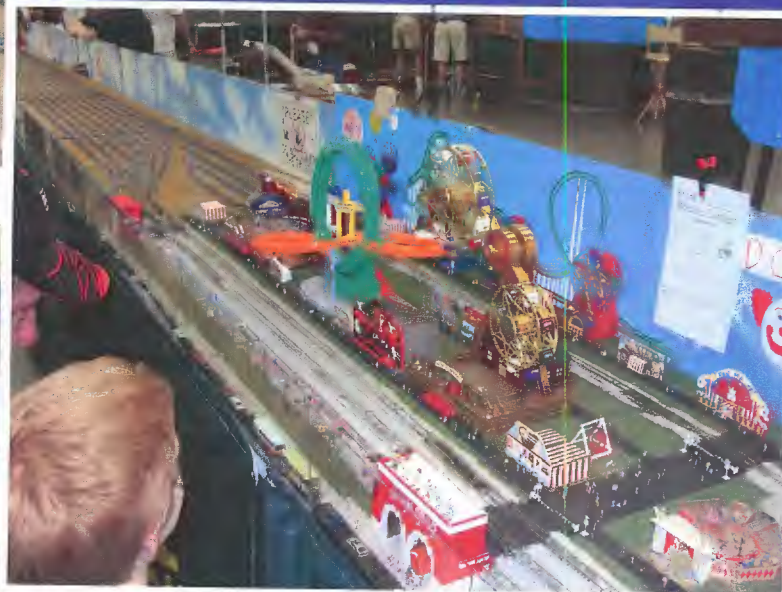
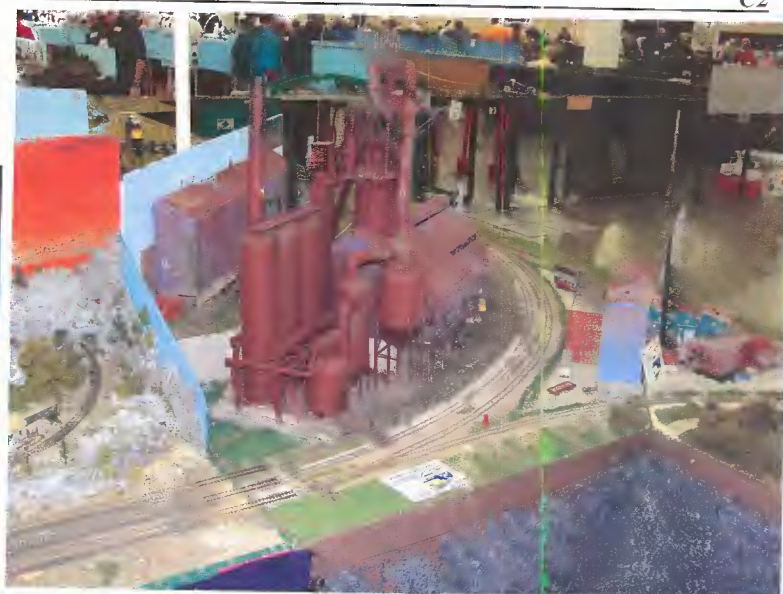
The following 4 pages will show some of the layouts and quality of work that was displayed at this years World's Greatest Hobbies Train Show.



Here is a picture of the Radcliff Logging layout, and a picture of the O-Scale layout. Below is a picture of a baseball field and a Nascar track that was viewable at the show. Even though there was nobody playing on the baseball field, I could still imagine what it would look like with 2 teams and fans. The Nascar track was very entertaining. The vehicles were moving around in a circle.



Here are some photos of some very detailed and amazing track work. Also, look at the inside staging photos. Just imagine doing something like this in HO or O scale. The Tulsa Interchange below was very impressive



You could see the largest steel complex, an airfield, or even an amusement park. This show had something for everybody. I was very impressed with the modelers, to put forth as much time as they did to create some of these awesome modules.

The top 5 pictures are dedicated to the great work of Alan Schappell

