

**NMRA MCR Division 9
The Coal Division**

January 13th, 2007 Meeting Minutes

The business meeting of Division 9 was held at a WV Hobby and Craft in Teays Valley, WV.

Members present were Nathan Robinette, David Robinette, Ed Keith, Bill Wadsworth, Dwight Sherman, Jim Heilmann, Larry Langford, Jim Trivett, Joe Faulisi, Anthony Parrish, George Holtzapfel, Mark Maynard, Mark Rooney, Bob Weinheimer, and Greg McCartney.

Visitors present were Bill Grear and Joe Marakovits.

Assistant Superintendent Bob Weinheimer called the meeting to order at 2pm.

Division Clerk Report read by Bob Weinheimer.

December minutes were read and accepted by the membership.

Currently we have \$57.52 in the Treasury. Cost of mailing our first newsletter was \$17.94.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Bob Weinheimer reported on website statistics since January 1st, 2007. Our website has had 167 visitors, and 287 page views. Only 13 of these visitors came from a known link that they clicked. On January 12th, 2007, the website had 38 visits, with 50 page views, none from a known link. Speculation was made that these could be newsletter readers typing in the web address to take their first look.

Remember that the Mid Central Region Convention will be held April 12-15th, 2007 in Louisville Ky. Bob will be presenting a clinic on his Pennsylvania Southern Railroad during the convention. For further details, there is a link on our Division website.

Achievement Program

Division AP Chairman Ed Keith presented Greg McCartney with the Certificate of Chief Dispatcher.

“Up the Holler” Editor Report

Greg McCartney reported that our first newsletter had been mailed at the first of the year. It was reported that not all members received a copy. Extras on hand were distributed to members who did not receive one. Several members elected to receive their newsletter on line next time. Discussion was made on the importance of getting the newsletter out in a timely fashion. Recommended changes and additions to the newsletter included adding a classified section and re-activating the hyperlinks in the online version. Finally a request for articles was made.

Old Business

Jim Trivett had nothing new to report on looking into making and selling a Division freight car.

New Business

Motion was made and passed to give WV Hobby and Craft space in the Pike Ad section of the newsletter for advertisement in return for allowing us to use the classroom.

Announcements

Train Show at Greenbo State Park will be held on March 16th-18th.

Future Meetings and Clinics

February 10th, WV Hobby and Craft. Clinic will be decal application by Greg McCartney.
Contest: Diesel Locomotives.

March 10th, WV Hobby and Craft. Clinic will be weathering by Ed Keith. Contest: Freight cars

April 21st, WV Hobby and Craft. Clinic will be painting clouds by Mark Maynard. Contest: Passenger Cars

Future clinic ideas include: Bending Atlas turnouts by Jim Trivett and Switch Machine Installation by Mark Maynard.

Contest Winner

Contest winner this month was Anthony Parrish with his Midland Atlantic transfer style caboose receiving 8 of 12 votes.

Clinic

Introduction to Airbrushing, by Mark Maynard

Respectfully submitted, Greg McCartney NMRA MCR Div 9 Editor