

**NMRA Mid-Central Region Division 9
Minutes
January 10, 2009**

The business meeting of Division 9 was held at the WV Hobbies & Crafts.

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Lin Young at 2:00 PM.

Attendees introduced themselves.

Those attending: Bob Weinheimer....., 19

Clerk Report: Minutes were read by Asst. Super Bob Weinheimer. Cash remains at approx \$1025. Minutes were approved. Treasurer's report approved.

Assistant Superintendent: We have received an offer to have a table for membership promotion at the CP Huntington Railroad Club train show April 3 -5 in Dunbar, WV. We have participated in this show the past the past two years and I recommend we do so this year as well. I'll pass the paperwork to Shelby Young for further action.

Webmaster

Recent activity:

September	1925
October	2457
November	2873
December	2727

For all of 2008 we had 31,799 page views.

This continues the higher level of activity we see during the colder months of the year. Dan Gross's note on the Model Railroad Hobbyist forum generated about 20 hits on the newsletter article about Tony Puccini's helix. The photo section continues to get many hits.

Super Report:

Membership Chairman: not present. The issue of members not receiving their renewal notices was discussed. Several members mentioned this was the case for their membership.

Achievement Program: Nathan Robinette and David Robinette received certificates from a 2004 contest. Gary Burdette received his Chief Dispatcher certificate. Gary has also received word that his Master Modeler – Motive Power Statement of Qualifications has been approved. In my view, this is one of the more difficult certificates to earn. Congratulations, Gary! That makes four with three to go. I know Gary is working hard on several more certificates.

I also noted in reviewing our collective activity that each certificate except Prototype Models has been earned by one Division 9 member or another. That means there is someone to talk to about every certificate. I fully expect Gary to nail Prototype Models in the near future.

Newsletter: The newsletter is close to being published, some material is still needed. Articles are needed for future issues. The deadline is January 24 for the Winter issue.

2010 Convention: We had a budget meeting prior to this meeting. We are aiming for an early registration price of \$60 with a later fee of \$70. When to end the early price is still a subject of discussion. At the moment, our breakeven point is 143 full registrations. We hope to control costs to keep that number where it is. We also hope to bring in many more people than that. For our budget purposes, we are not including revenue from the company store, raffle, or silent auction. Prior convention managers have suggested that tactic as a way to cover any unexpected and unbudgeted costs. If we can control the costs well, those revenues will turn into profits. The current issue of the Kingpin has a supplement for the May MCR convention in Columbus. A side note Bob Weinheimer is a candidate for Region Secretary, the election deadline is April 1. A logo designed by Ed Keith was shown.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Dan Mulhern had an idea that we track contest results and award points for first, second, and third. At the end of the year the member with the most points for the year will receive a plaque donated by Dan.

Announcements:

Division 6 will meet on January 25 at the Columbus Model RR Club at the Buckeye Castings plant. They have just completed conversion to NCE DCC.

Division 3 will meet January 11 at Wright-Patterson AFB. Allen McClelland will be giving a clinic.

March 21 there will be a Jamboree in Pittsburgh.

Future Meetings

February

Clinic Jerry Doyle Diesel Locomotives

March

Clinic Gary Burdette Scratchbuilding

April

Clinic Mark Maynard Car Repair

May

Clinic Joe Fugate Quality of the Run

Raffle netted \$26 for an NS clock and G&G Sweathshirt.

Respectfully submitted, Jerry Doyle, NMRA MCR Division 9 Clerk.

