

Division 9 "The Coal Division"
Mid Central Region NMRA

Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:01PM by Div. Super Lin Young. Present were seventeen members and two guests.

INTRODUCTION: All members and guests introduced themselves as is our practice.

READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Not available at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There is approximately \$2,400.00 in the treasury.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Lin discussed how the Region is broken into Divisions. It was also reported that the MCR newsletter, *THE KINGPIN*, would begin to be distributed via electronic mail. All members must indicate to the Region whether they want to receive an electronic copy or a paper copy. Shirts for the MCR Convention we are sponsoring in 2010 will be available. Members will purchase the shirts and wear them while "on duty" at the Convention. Lin discussed the September Division meeting to be held at Mark Maynard's home in Portsmouth OH. Mark will need a number of guests for food preparation purposes. The Division annual flea market will be part of the meeting. All proceeds from sales will have a ten percent deduction for the Division. Neighboring Divisions have been invited, and will likely attend as happened last year. The contest will be a photo contest. Finally, Lin had some kind words for Tony Puccini who has been called to spend a year with the security forces in the Egypt/Gaza border area. A warm round of applause for Tony ensued.

ASST. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Bob reports that there were 3600 hits on our Division website in July and great interest was being shown in our upcoming Convention.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: No report submitted; however, Lin states we are up two members.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM: Larry Richards has completed his "Structures" requirements and just needs to submit the paperwork. Dan Mulhearn has completed his "Chief Dispatcher" work and Bob W. reviewed his paperwork today. Gary Burdette is just about finished his "Car" work and will no doubt be our next MMR. Mark Maynard just needs paperwork done to complete his "Electrical" certificate.

UP THE HOLLER: Greg says he really needs some articles.

COAL FIELDS EXPRESS: Several tours were in the planning stage. A trip to the New River Gorge via bus has been finalized and prices set. Other tours in the discussion phase are to Walker Machinery, The AEP John Amos Plant, Tamarack and the Beckley

Exhibition Coal Mine. Tony P needs to be replaced as registrar due to his being recalled to duty by the State Dept. Gary B is asking for potential clinicians to firm up their plans. The Division Convention Host shirts will be available for \$20.00. There will be a seventy five minute headway on seminar/clinic room set up. Bob W. is continuing his "Road Show" promoting our Convention to other MCR Divisions and even outside the Region. Bob W states he needs all information for the Convention issue of *THE KINGPIN* at the earliest possible date. We need to prepare letters for product donations to our raffle program. Staffing will be firmed up in the near future. It is hoped that the work load will be spread evenly enough so that all Division members will have an opportunity to relax and enjoy the Convention. There will probably be some layout tours featuring "op sessions" on Thursday evening before the Convention. We will have layout tours on Sunday after the Convention close. All members are urged to consider opening their pride and joy to our guests. The layout does not have to be finished.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Hocking Valley tourist train operation will have a "Ride for a Cure" charity event on Saturday, August 22nd.

CONTEST: This months contest was "traction". The winning model was Bob Johnson's inspection car. Second place went to Gary Burdette's electric mine loco.

Respectfully submitted;

Dan Mulhearn; acting secretary