

DIVISION 9 MCR: NMRA
Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2009

WELCOME: The October, 2009 Division meeting was held at the home of Clint Foster in Ronceverte, WV on the 10th of the month. The meeting was called to order at 1:00PM by Division Superintendent Lin Young. Present were seven Division members and three guests, those being members of Clint's regular operating group. Each member and guest introduced himself, as is our regular practice.

DIVISION CLERK REPORT: It was reported that there was approximately \$2,600.00 in the treasury, a great deal of which is registration funds for the 2010 MCR convention in Charleston. The reading of the minutes of the September meeting was dispensed with.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Lin Young reported that he and Bob Weinheimer were prepared to travel to Columbus OH for the MCR Region Board Meeting.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT/WEBMASTER REPORT: Bob reports that we have had more "web hits" than ever before and many people are checking out the 2010 Convention info.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN REPORT: Shelby Young is ill and was not present. No report was submitted.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM: Dan Mulhearn has been awarded his Chief Dispatcher certificate (his first) and Gary Burdette has completed the requirements for his scenery and car certificates. Gary is in line to be our next Master Model Railroader.

UP THE HOLLER: Greg McCartney announced that due to work and family commitments he was unable to continue producing the UTH publication. This is complicated by the fact that there are a limited number of articles available from the members. Dan Mulhearn will be assuming the duty of publishing the monthly meeting notice and hopefully this will be combined with a modified form of the "Up The Holler" newsletter. Greg and other members have agreed to help Dan with his computer skills in the hopes of making this new newsletter a positive presence in the Division.

COAL FIELD EXPRESS MCR CONVENTION REPORT: Bob W reports that registrations continue to flow in and we are in a position to put on a good convention. The bus company has been firmed up for the field trips and we are looking forward to an enjoyable time.

NATIONAL/REGIONAL REPORT: Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The winner of the September contest with his photo of an abandoned railroad bridge in Pennsylvania was Dennis McGeeney. Second was Dan Mulhearn's photo of a CSX GP30 at Maysville KY.

The members noted that Bill Wadsworth had eye lens surgery and that Shelby Young had also had surgery (Sadly, since the meeting we have been notified of the passing of Shelby. He will be missed.)

CONTEST, OPEN LOADS: No models submitted.

CLINIC: Members and guests present enjoyed an operating session on Clint Fosters circa 1953 C&O New River Division layout. A good time was had by all and the Division thanks Clint for his hospitality.

NEXT MEETINGS: November 14, 2009 at the Youth Center in Bluefield WV during the Pocahontas Chapter NRHS annual railroad and model train show. The contest will be non-revenue equipment and Charlie Venable will present a clinic on tree building. The December meeting will be 12/12 at West Virginia Hobby and Crafts in Teays Valley. The contest is "modelers choice" and the clinic is to be determined. (again on a sad note, Shelby Young had offered to do the December clinic, but has since passed away.) The January meeting will be 01/09 at Teays Valley and the contest will be "cabeese". Again, the clinic is to be determined.

Respectfully submitted;

Dan Mulhearn, Acting Division Clerk