

**NMRA MCR DIVISION 9
THE COAL DIVISION**

**January 8, 2011
Minutes**

Welcome and Introductions Meeting was called to order at 2:05 by Supt. Bob Weinheimer.

Special welcome today to Dale Smith, co chair of the Rails of Ages convention. Dale gave a presentation on the 2011 MCR convention.

Division Clerk Report

Minutes approved as in the newsletter.

Treasury no financial statement was available due to the holiday.

Superintendent Report

Congratulations to Dan Kennedy on his article in the NMRA Magazine. In a most unfortunate coincidence, Dean Freytag passed away on Christmas Day, about the time Dan's article was arriving in our mailboxes. Dan attended the funeral. The service was well attended and a nice eulogy was read. There will be a memorial service for Dean January 29 in Ashland, Ohio. This will include a lunch, RSVPs are due January 24, the cost is \$12. Lin Young is coordinating a trip to the service.

Kingpin with full convention details should be out in the next week or so. This will be a hard copy issue with convention registration forms and the officer election ballot. Lin Young, chair of the nominating committee, gave details on the election.

The Kalmbach index is back up and running at trains.com. You must register but do not need to be a subscriber to access the index. Most of the model railroad print magazines are indexed. No electronic publications or historic society publications are included.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Gary opened his comments with "go do things." He mentioned the online museum, additional activities such as library displays and presentations. He showed the brochure of Thurmond as an example of something we could do to promote the historic aspects of our region. He mentioned some items to possibly sell in the company store.

Webmaster

Web site activity is up for last month with 5700 page visits in December vs. 4500 or so the last several. We had several hundred hits on the Coalfield Express pages. We don't know just who is visiting but they are archived for anybody to study. Since our convention was a success, others might want to steal our ideas. Beyond that, the layout photos continue to be the most popular.

Achievement Program

We have certificates for Paul Lapointe and Ron Blessing.

A team of judges will be heading over to Dan Kennedy's after the meeting to judge his structures, scenery, rolling stock, and whatever else we can find.

Nominations Chair

Membership Chair

A couple of members have let their membership expire, remember that you cannot participate in events such as our modeling contest if you are not a member! John presented designs for name badges. One was selected and members ordered their badges.

“Up The Holler” Editor Report

Costs seem to be in line for printed version, no bad surprises so far.
Pike Ad payments for 2011 are due, please remit \$10 to Jerry.

Old Business

New Business

Announcements

Next Meetings

February 12, West Virginia Hobbies and Crafts
March 12, Lin Young and the Grafton and Greenbrier
April 9, West Virginia Hobbies and Crafts
May 14, Dave Stout

Contest

Cabooses

Clinics

Dale Smith 2011 MCR convention.

Gary Burdette modeling coal mine railroad operations.