

**NMRA MCR DIVISION 9**  
**The Coal Division**  
**NRHS Pocahontas Chapter Train Show**  
**Bluefield, West Virginia**  
**November 12, 2011**

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

A welcome was extended to all by our Super, Bob Weinheimer, and a special thank you given to Charlie Venable, Dan Mulhearn, and Kelley Massey for setting everything up for us.

Paul Lapointe travelled the furthest from home at 200 miles and 3 and 1/2 hours.

DIVISION CLERK REPORT

The clerk was absent but the superintendent called for and received a motion and second to approve the October minutes as printed in the newsletter. Minutes were approved.

No treasurer's report was available, however Bob stated that no major expenses were noted and finances remain about the same as previously reported.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Bob mentioned the upcoming dues increase as reported in the NMRA Magazine and suggested renewing memberships early for a savings.

The Privacy Policy requires permission from the member for us to use his name in the newsletter or otherwise release it to the public. Officers are listed in the newsletter. Lists are not available to the membership as a general informational source.

The MER Convention was attended by four of our members. Three gave clinics. All had a great time.

Division 3 has been very active on Facebook finding it a supplement to their web site.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT

John is finishing up the name tag orders. He noted he needs an assistant as he has been pressed for time of late. He has been contacting those who need to re-up their membership.

Travels with Dennis- With the success of several rail fan outings, Dennis surveyed the crowd about a possible weekend trip on the Potomac Eagle, WM at Elkins, etc. in June. All in attendance were interested.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

As several guys have done clinics, we looked at the specs. for the Author's Certificate. Photos of your layout on our web site, clinics, articles in UTH, educational videos and how-tos are noted on the NMRA site. The C&O Historical Magazine (and others) cry for articles. Getting biographies in the newsletter as we have previously done would be a start. (Either write your own or Dennis will submit a story about you under his byline.) We can advise you!

BOY SCOUT PROGRAM

Dennis has given Tony and Gary a web address for the Reading Railroad History Museum whose members already have a merit badge plan in place.

Tony reported on the notebook, class scheduling, possible testing, etc. Mark has advised scouts down Portsmouth way, and it was suggested that members from around the division may wish to sign up to work in your own area using the plan we are developing. (More to come.)

## WEB MASTER

The site is still "under improvement," so no real data is available.

## ACHIVEMENT PROGRAM

John Harris has Association Volunteer paperwork in the works.  
Dennis McGeeney is scheduled to have his scenery judged.  
Clint Foster has had his scenery successfully judged,  
We have discussed other's status and will be working with them.

## NOMINATION CHAIR

Bill Wadsworth and two assistants (Dennis McGeeney and Dan Mulhearn) will run the election. The committee will report a slate of candidates at the January meeting at which time nominations may still be made from the floor. After that time, nominations are closed. At this time the committee may accept nominations. At the end of February a paper ballot must be mailed out and votes received by the March meeting.  
(Bill will explain procedure in the newsletter.)

## RAFFLE

Paul Lapointe reported all going well with a \$40.00 amount collected last month. We will not hold raffles when we have our own flea market or at the train show so as not to compete with these activities. The multiple choice format has been well received, so feel free to donate items to keep up the supply.

## "UP THE HOLLER" EDITOR'S REPORT

All is going well. Dan is looking for input, articles, and feedback. He needs volunteers for clinics (remember author or volunteer points are available here.) He is looking for thoughts on different categories for our contests. (ie.: the Columbus guys had STOCK CARS, The Pittsburgh crew had a STEEL MODELS theme.) We are looking for someone to photograph all the entries for inclusion in UTH. It was also mentioned that the guys in Division 2 hand out 1st., 2nd., and 3rd.place certificates after each contest. Dan is looking at possibly preparing a stack for future use.

## OLD BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

None

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

## NEXT MEETING

December 10, 2011 at West Virginia Hobbies (Contest- Modeler's Choice)  
(Clinic - Tent. Insurance)

## CONTEST

Non-revenue - no entries

## CLINIC

Enjoy the train show.

Respectfully submitted by Gary J. Burdette, Asst. Super.