

**NMRA MCR DIVISION 9, The Coal Division**  
**Teays Valley, West Virginia**  
**December 10, 2011**

The December 10, 2011 meeting of Division 9 was called to order at 2:02 PM by Division Superintendent Bob Weinheimer. The meeting location was West Virginia Hobbies and Crafts at Teays Valley. The meeting was begun with a welcome to all and attendees introducing themselves.

**Division Clerk Report:** The minutes of the November meeting of the Division, as published in this newsletter, were accepted on a motion by Charlie Venable, seconded and passed. There was no treasurer's report in the absence of Jerry Doyle. Bob Weinheimer did mention that we have had very little Division expenses in the past month.

**Superintendent's Report:** Bob discussed the passing of Lin Young and thanked all those who were able to travel to Gallipolis for the viewing or funeral. It was mentioned that the National dues are going up in 2012 and it would behoove those who expire next year to save a few bucks by renewing before the end of the current year. Bob also filled us in on the fact that NMRA Board meetings are held at NMRA expense and while some meeting locations may seem exotic; they are chosen because good group rates are obtainable. The North Carolina narrow gauge convention was discussed and those attending had nothing but good things to say about it. Finally, Bob reminded all members that the MCR convention was coming up in April. Several members expressed interest in attending.

**Assistant Superintendent's Report:** Gary discussed his philosophy that he never met a train he didn't like. He urged all members to expand their interests through research, doing and sharing. Gary made the announcement that, thanks to the generosity of Beverly Young, the G&G will continue to have monthly op sessions for the foreseeable future. Beverly feels that Lin would have wanted it that way after all the work he and his "employees" put in to the railroad. Gary discussed the educational opportunities we have to learn from one another and to share knowledge on railroading, real and model, with the many tools available to us. Last but certainly not least; Gary introduced us to the latest step in technology. He presented a demonstration of a how to web article on A C&O caboose project in order to illustrate how we might utilize our web site for education. Gary's computer was the latest disposable cardboard model and we think the manufacturer was WESTVACO.

**Boy Scout Program:** Tony reported that we are waiting for the Boy Scouts to complete background checks and issue certification to our participating members.

**Achievement Program:** Bob W reported that Dennis McGeeney had his scenery judged and qualified for the Scenery Certificate. The paperwork has been submitted for John Harris' Volunteer Certificate.

**Nominations Chair:** Bill Wadsworth mentioned that nominations would be made from the floor at the January Division meeting for Division Officers. Persons interested in running for office should make this known to Bill or any other member of the Nominating Committee.

**Travels With Dennis:** Dennis reports he has begun making arrangements for a Division trip to the Potomac Eagle tourist train out of Romney WV. This trip will be on a Saturday in June at a cost of approximately \$42.00 per passenger. Further details will be provided as the trip firms up.

**UP THE HOLLER Editor Report:** Dan reports always looking for short how-to type articles or other input for the newsletter. Also, clinicians are needed for upcoming meetings. Lastly Dan is looking for members thoughts on contest categories, perhaps combining some categories and eliminating others.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** Motion by Larry Richards seconded by Tony Puccini and passed to reimburse Dennis McGeeney for the flowers sent for Lin Young's family. Motion by Dan Mulhearn seconded by Tony Puccini and passed to name Lin Young as Superintendent Emeritus of Division 9.

**Contest, Modelers Choice:** There was a tie for first place between Larry Richard's motorcycle dealership and Kenny Day's gas station. Second place went to Dan Kennedy's coke plant charging larry. Third place was Dan Mulhearn's

photo of UTAH and UP locomotives in the yard at Provo, UT.

**Clinic:** Dave Stout presented a clinic titled *Quick, cheap and in a hurry:* which was also useful and amusing. Dave scrounges various items from car dealerships, packing materials, plastic pipe, old computer and disposal camera parts along with a plethora of other items. He then converts these items to loads for his cars, machinery, oil refinery pipe, and a number of other parts and pieces; limited only by his fertile imagination. I particularly liked the very inexpensive retaining wall made from a length of reversed plastic floor molding!

Submitted by Dan Mulhearn, Acting Clerk