

NMRA MCR DIVISION 9
The Coal Division
Teays Valley, WV
October 13 2012

The October 14, 2012 meeting of Division 9 of the Mid-Central Region was held at West Virginia Hobby and Craft in Teays Valley. It was called to order by Superintendent Bob Weinheimer.

The sign-in sheet was passed around and visitors Bob Lee, Superintendent, from Division 6 and local, prospective member, Gus Drum were introduced.

The Minutes published in the newsletter were approved as written after a motion by John Harris was made and seconded by Larry Richards.

The Treasurers Report was unofficial due to the absence of the clerk, but it was noted we have had no expenditures and there has been no change since the September report.

The Superintendent's Report was submitted by Bob Weinheimer. An update on the health of David Robinette was given and a card for his upcoming birthday was circulated for the members to sign. Bob summarized the Board of Directors meeting held in Columbus. The King Pin is scheduled to arrive soon and all is proceeding for the operations oriented MCR Convention in Dayton this spring. The 2014 National Convention will be in Cleveland, Ohio, thus there will not be a Regional Convention that year. It was announced that the 2015 Regional will be held in Lexington, Ky.

Gary Burdette presented the Assistant Superintendent's Report discussing David Robinette's G Scale model of the Hocking Valley Coal Dock located in the depot of the HV Scenic Railroad and the status of the NMRA Education and Training Committee's work. Also, he presented sample "paste-ups" or "screens" and a site map for the possible use as educational information on the coal division web site.

Travels With Dennis provided us with some information Dennis McGeeney received from our member and Hocking Valley locomotive engineer concerning a summer 2013 outing on the scenic line. Look for more in the newsletter in upcoming issues.

Achievement Program: Frank Koch has indicated to the chair that Dan Kennedy has been approved for Master Builder-Scenery and Tony Puccini for Chief Dispatcher.

Newsletter: Going well. There was one small mistake in the latest issue.

Clinics: Still need people to sign up. The December clinic will be a visit to Dan Kennedy's steel mill layout near the hobby shop. The January meeting hopes to find our new member Matt Crouch giving the history of the C&O St. Albans Depot, on site!

Membership: John Harris has been busy with a number of important items. First, he had plans for, and will be completing, the Division, a portable backdrop to be used as shows, exhibits, and at our new "clubhouse" at the depot. It will have a beautiful blue banner like the "header" of our web site, black cloth background, and removable 8 ½ inch by 11 inch panels with photos of layouts, models, and anything else we may wish to display (Send your photos to John in fairly large format.) Black bunting will be on the table to spruce-up displays, pamphlets, the NMRA Magazine, registration forms, etc. See it a Bluefield. Also, he will be contacting old members and those we haven't seen for a while to invite them to join the "new era" at the depot beginning in January.

Facebook: Tony Parrish is starting up Facebook as a bonus to our membership. Send him photos, information, etc.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Announcements: Appalachian Model Railroad show will be at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena in Huntington Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Thanksgiving weekend. Also, the Wheeling and Lake Erie RR is rumored to be purchasing the line from Benwood, West Virginia to New Martinsville. The move to the St. Albans depot will be permanent.

Next Meeting: Bluefield, West Virginia (see sheet). Please turn out!

Respectfully submitted by,
Gary J. Burdette, Assistant Superintendent