



UP THE HOLLER

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FROM THE HEAD OF THE HOLLER

Dan Mulhearn, Superintendent

I am searching for a word to describe my reaction to the results of the square foot challenge at our December meeting. The word that came to mind is flabbergasted, the completed projects were just amazing. It was especially remarkable that at least one of the modelers related that the project was his first attempt at doing scenery. Congratulations to all who submitted projects, the challenge was, and will be, a tribute to the memory of Gary Burdette.

This is being written on New Years Day, so best wishes for a fresh new year for the Division and its members is in order. It is no secret that the long term illness and passing of my wife diminished my zest for life. That extended to my enthusiasm for our hobby. I am so grateful to all the members for their support during that time.. I am especially thankful for the support and enthusiasm of our Assistant Superintendent, Bob Osburn. You couldn't ask for a better back up. Having said all that, it is time for me to get on with life. A big part of that will be getting more involved in our hobby again. I hope to be more of an asset to the Division in the coming year.

The bitter cold weather is a good reason to hunker down in the train room and get some projects done. I am hoping to get the bench work up for my version of the joint N&W/L&N yard at Norton VA in the next month or two. I would enjoy hearing about, and seeing pictures of, your projects in the newsletter.

Are you signed up for the upcoming Region Convention? It's always a great time and much more reasonably priced than the National Convention. That's not to say anything negative about the National, I've thoroughly enjoyed all the National Conventions I was able to attend. Let's plan on meeting at the Region; bring your contest entries, work up a clinic, volunteer some hours, it's all good. Most of all it is a time to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow modelers and railroad enthusiasts.

Looking forward to a good turnout at our January 13th meeting at Saint Albans. Bring your models for judging, contest entries, and items for the raffle and for the company store.

From the Office Down the Hall **Bob Osburn Assistant Superintendent**

The Square Foot Diorama Challenge was a huge success and a great way to end 2017 for the Division. I would like to thank all those who participated and organized the challenge—Great Job!! Talk is already going around about making this an annual event with different themes but still being a challenge and not a contest. Again thanks for making this so successful.

Where has 2017 gone? It seems the older you get the faster time goes. I look back at some of the New Year's Resolutions I made last year and I can almost keep the same list for 2018. One resolution I will add and keep for this year is to become a better mentor for our hobby. Last week I lost a dear friend who was my earliest mentor. He spent endless hours patiently showing me, a young 11 year old boy, how to build Radio Controlled Aircraft in his basement. He never expressed any indications that I was a pest or sent signals to me to go home. He was always

there to teach, explain, and help. This friendship has lasted over the years and I will never forget the things I learned and the respect I have for him and his wife. Bill Nolte was 92 years old when he passed away just before Christmas, I will dearly miss him.

On a lighter note, I have finished work on the east end of my attic with only a little décor work to do. Repairing the track work has begun and I hope to have the mainline running soon. Work on the west end of the attic will also begin soon. I have also found a fitting home for the N-Track modules I have had stored for several years. It appears the recipient of these modules will put them to good use. I have also found a new home for the former layout I was working on. It will also go to a good home as soon as I can complete the requirements for my Electrical AP.

Here's wishing you a Happy New Year!

Upcoming Clinics **Bob Osburn, Clinic Manager**

Mark Maynard has agreed to present the Clinic for January—Car Repair 101. He will also be displaying and explaining some rolling stock he has modified for track cleaning.

David Oliverio will present the Clinic for February—Carved Styrofoam Rock Formations.

I am looking forward to both clinics; they should be very interesting and informative.

David Oliverio is also interested in presenting a future

clinic featuring ALLRAIL computer software. Bob Weinheimer has offered to team up with David and demonstrate the software he uses for creating track plans.

Remember, the Company Store will be open for the January meeting. If you have something to sell please bring and add to the collection.

Since the Contest for January is Modeler's Choice, it is only fitting to have the theme for MADD to be any models, artifacts, displays, or discussions of your choice.

2018 Elections

Bill Wadsworth, Elections Manager

It is time to prepare for the 2018 elections. According to our Constitution we need at least one candidate each for Superintendent and Asst. Superintendent. The candidates are to be reported at the January meeting at which time nominations can be made from the floor. The ballots are then prepared and mailed out to the members in early February and must be returned by the March meet-

ing. (For 2018 this is March 10.)

If you know of someone who is willing to serve in one of these positions, please contact me – preferably by or at the January meeting. Thank you. Bill Wadsworth, Nominations Committee.

Mid Central Region Facebook Page

With the help of Matt Goodman of the Buckeye Division and Christina Ganzer Zambri, NMRA Marketing Consultant, the Mid Central Region launched a Facebook page in early August. The goal is to share with the rest of the Region the activities of the various Divisions. Newsletter availability will be posted as well as promotion for train shows sponsored by the Divisions. Click [here](#) to see the page if you are already a Facebook member.



Coal Division
Monthly Railfun Event
“Modeler’s Choice”

Saturday January 13, 2018

- 1:00 - Depot open
 Buy raffle tickets, etc.
 Socialize
 Contest: Modeler’s Choice so bring anything!
- 2:00 - Superintendent’s Briefing
- 2:30 - MADD Discussion of any subject
- 3:30 - Raffle results, contest results

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

The goal of the newsletter team is to have this document reach you by email or snail mail at least one week prior to our meetings. We typically start the layout work the Monday 12 days before the meeting. This allows a day of review by the officers and a proofreader before the electronic version is issued, usually on Wednesday. The paper version is mailed Thursday or Friday. For this to happen reliably, we need all items for publication by that

Monday 12 days prior to the meeting. If we don’t get it on time we can’t print it. Please help us give you the most up to date information possible. Here are the deadlines for the next few issues

February	January 29
March	February 26
April	April 2

NMRA MCR DIVISION 9 *THE COAL DIVISION*

St Albans Depot
St Albans, WV
December 9, 2017
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Superintendent Dan Mulhearn at 2:00 p.m.

David Olivero and Bob Weinheimer will possibly do computerized car routing in April.

Division Clerk Report

November Minutes approved
Treasury Balance is \$8,846.97
Pike Ads \$0
Raffle Revenue \$58
Company Store Revenue \$10+\$2
Jerry Doyle mentioned the possibility of the Division becoming a 501(c)(3) organization using a new expedited process with the IRS. Bob Weinheimer mentioned there should be a status update on national efforts by the NMRA at the February board meeting. Jerry will do some additional research to present at a future meeting. Bob will report what is discussed at the BOD meeting.

Librarian

Bill mentioned the addition of Gary Burdette's videos to the library. He reminded everyone that the coverage in the collection is broad and to check on topics of interest to members.

Bill is also chair of the nominating committee and the nomination process is just around the corner. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to run for office.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Superintendent Report

Dan thanked everyone for their patience and friendship in the past few months. He was pleased with the turnout for the Square Foot Challenge.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Bob Osburn thanked everyone for making the effort to travel to the meetings. He expressed optimism for the Division in the coming year.

Newsletter - Up the Holler

Bob Weinheimer is always looking for new material.

Achievement Program

Dale Osburn is close to scenery and Bob Osburn is close to electrical.

Membership

John Harris reported membership is at 49, we gained one new member recently.

Contest

Larry Richards announced the January contest would be modeler's choice. The Square Foot Challenge will be repeated in some form again next year.

Clinic

Mark Maynard volunteered to do a clinic on reliable rolling stock at the January meeting.
David Olivero -- scenery in February
Jerry Doyle -- layouts in March

Announcements

Tom Harris mentioned the Kanawha Valley Railroaders open house today. He invited others to accompany him. He also suggested that the displays brought for the Square Foot Challenge be available for use in other displays.

Sam Delauter mentioned he brought magazines that are free for the taking.

The idea of having a display at the KVRC open house was discussed.

Dan mentioned the possibility that the Bluefield train show might not be held next year.

Bob Weinheimer mentioned that early registrants for the 2018 MCR convention should be have received a mailer for preferred registration for operating sessions and other activities. He also mentioned the possibility of a "meet the NMRA leadership" session at this convention.

There were seven displays completed for the Square Foot Challenge. The modelers each told a little about their display and their inspiration for the model.

Future Meetings:

January 13 – St Albans Depot

February 10 – St Albans Depot

Meeting adjourned at 2:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Doyle, Division 9 Clerk

CONTEST

Photo by Bob Weinheimer

As noted by Dan Mulhearn and Bob Osburn, the entries in the Square Foot Challenge were numerous and outstanding. Photos here show the results of the members' labor.

The January contest is Modeler's Choice so bring anything that isn't mentioned in other contests or anything else.



Dale Osburn HO Scale



Bob Osburn N Scale



Herb Parsons, N Scale

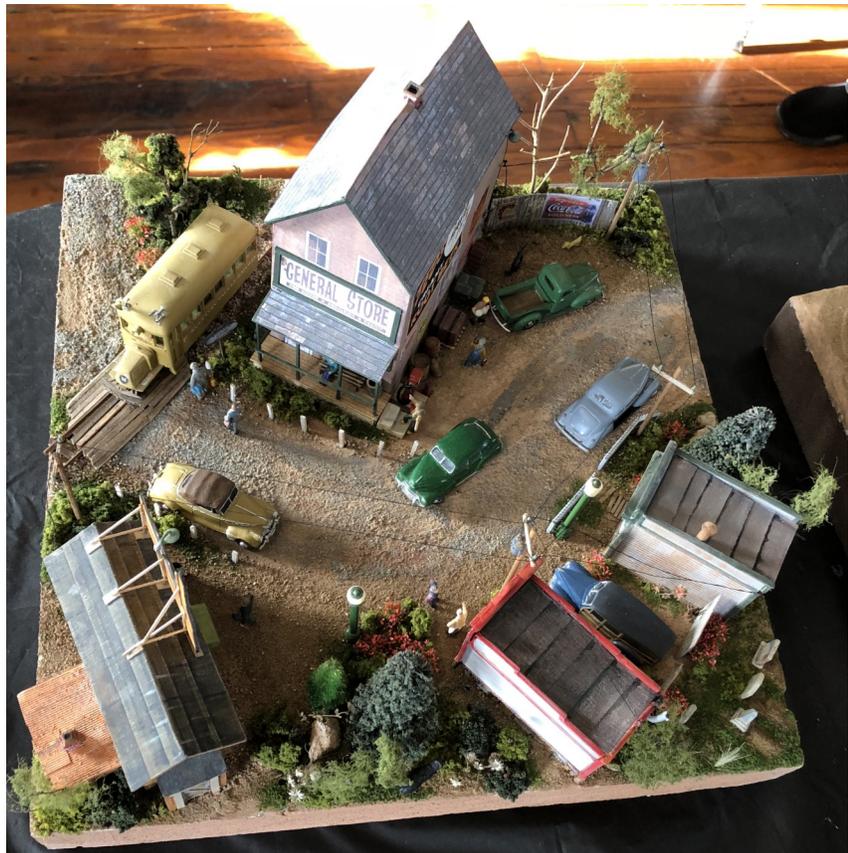
Tom Harris, HO Scale





Bill Wadsworth, HO Scale

Larry Richards, HO Scale





Sam Delauter, Z Scale

MY WORD Bob Weinheimer, Editor

As noted elsewhere, the Square Foot Challenge was a fantastic event. All the entries were great and deserve the relatively large photos in this issue. Of course, that leaves me with only a small space to fill.

You will shortly be receiving the convention issue of the Kingpin, as Dan Mulhearn suggests in his column strongly consider attending the convention, the folks in Cincinnati are putting on a splendid show.

You will also be receiving, either by snail mail or email, ballots for NMRA elections. All of us will be voting for the NMRA President and the two Vice Presidents as well as the At Large North American Director. Those residing in West Virginia will also be electing an Eastern District Director. Both of these directorships have two candidates so choose carefully. There is only one candi-

date for the President and each of the Vice President positions

Note that the current and incoming Presidents (Charlie Getz and Pete Magoun) as well as Vice President of Special Projects Gerry Leone will be at the MCR Convention. Also attending will be Chief Financial Officer Frank Koch and World Wide at Large Director (and former NMRA President) Mike Brestel. There will be a special Meet the Leadership event, this will be your opportunity to ask lots of questions of NMRA leaders, do not be bashful.

I'll close here as the text box fills up by wishing all of you a Happy New Year. May you achieve all of your modeling goals for the year.



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- Meet & Greet w/ Wine Tasting
- Water Aerobics Class

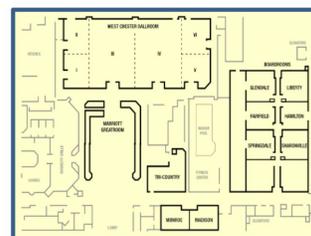


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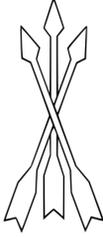
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