



# UP THE HOLLER



DIVISION 9, MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA

June 2021

## IN THIS ISSUE

Head of the Holler	1
Contact List	2
Meeting Agenda	2
Virtual Meeting Details	3
From the Office Down the Hall	4
Meeting Minutes	5
Contest	6
Clinics	6
Passenger Manifest	7
St. Mary's Railroad Switcher	8
Editor's Comments	9
Pike Ads	11
Upcoming Meetings	12

## FROM THE HEAD OF THE HOLLER Bob Osburn, Superintendent

It's been a long 14 months since our last meeting in St. Albans but that is going to change this June! With the recent changes made by the CDC and the COVID-19 vaccination widely available, it is now possible to safely have an in-person meeting. We are unsure of the conditions at the Depot and also need to reestablish our relationship with the City prior to once again meeting there. This being the case; our June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will take place at the St. Albans Historical Society building adjacent to the Depot. The Historical Society maintains their facility very well, affording us with a clean and comfortable place to meet. It also offers us a building that is handicapped accessible meeting the needs of several of our members. As guest of the Historical Society, we certainly want to follow the current CDC guidelines while attending the meeting in-person (if you have been fully vaccinated—no mask required, if you haven't been vaccinated—please protect yourself by wearing a mask). We are all still in this together so please do what you feel necessary to protect yourself and others.

For the June meeting, we are going to attempt a hybrid meeting (in-person and virtual). This will give those who cannot attend or are not yet comfortable attending an in-person meeting the opportunity to participate. In the future this will also allow clinicians to present remotely. Jerry Doyle and Bob Weinheimer have been hard at work researching and obtaining the necessary equipment for a hybrid meeting to be feasible. A combination in-person and virtual meeting will require a learning curve similar to when we first started our Zoom meeting in April of 2020 so please be patient while we work through the process.

The Company Store will be open during the June meeting. If you have something to sell, please bring it and add to the collection. Remember to mark each item with asking price and your name with 10% of the sale going into the Division Treasury.

Tom Harris will once again conduct a raffle at the meeting and Bill Wadsworth will have videos available from the Division library. Tom is always glad to receive donated items for the raffle and Bill is always looking for new videos. If you have anything to donate for the raffle or library please bring them along.

Since the Contest for June is Non-Revenue, the theme for MADD will be anything relating to this topic (models, artifacts, displays, or discussions). Also, please bring your 2020 Gary Burdette Challenge creation to display during the MADD portion of the meeting.

I think we are all looking forward to a new normal and meeting in-person is a starting point for that process. It won't be long before we'll be attending all the railroad events we have missed and enjoying each other's company. **The doors open at 12:30 and the meeting starts at 1:00 Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> ---it will be great to see you again.**

**DIVISION OFFICERS**

Superintendent  
Robert Osburn  
[super@coaldvision.org](mailto:super@coaldvision.org)

Assistant Superintendent  
Sam Delauter  
[asstsuper@coaldvision.org](mailto:asstsuper@coaldvision.org)

Clerk— Jerry Doyle  
304-638-2826  
[clerk@coaldvision.org](mailto:clerk@coaldvision.org)

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Achievement Program Chairmen  
Ed Keith MMR  
740-867-5264  
Bob Weinheimer MMR  
304-343-1428  
[ap@coaldvision.org](mailto:ap@coaldvision.org)

Clinic  
Sam Delauter  
[clinic@coaldvision.org](mailto:clinic@coaldvision.org)

Contest  
Dale Osburn  
[contest@coaldvision.org](mailto:contest@coaldvision.org)

Education  
Vacant

Election  
Bill Wadsworth  
304-768-3266  
[nominating@coaldvision.org](mailto:nominating@coaldvision.org)

Membership  
John Harris  
[membership@coaldvision.org](mailto:membership@coaldvision.org)

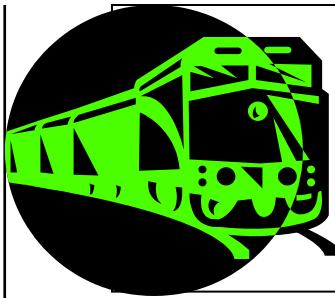
Raffle  
Tom Harris  
[raffle@coaldvision.org](mailto:raffle@coaldvision.org)

T-Trak  
Sam Delauter  
[samdelauter@gmail.com](mailto:samdelauter@gmail.com)  
304-514-8302

**DIVISION STAFF**

Editor  
Bob Weinheimer MMR  
[editor@coaldvision.org](mailto:editor@coaldvision.org)

Webmaster  
Bob Weinheimer MMR  
[webmaster@coaldvision.org](mailto:webmaster@coaldvision.org)



# Upcoming Coal Division Monthly Railfun Events

**Saturday June 12**

**1 PM**

**Hybrid Division Membership Meeting**  
**St. Albans Historical Society**  
**404 Fourth Avenue, St. Albans, WV**  
**(next door to the depot)**  
**Also available via Zoom**

- Welcome and Call to Order (Acknowledge members present)
- Approval of Minutes from the last meeting
- Treasurers Report
- Superintendents Report
- Assistant Superintendent Report
- Committee Chairs Reports
- Bring and Brag: Anything Non Revenue Related
- Open Discussion/Questions (One at a time please)
- Adjourn Business Meeting
- 5 Minute Break
- Clinic: Installing Interiors in DPM Kits by Robert Osburn

**Next Event**

**Saturday July 10, 2021**

**Zoom? In Person? Both?**

## JUNE HYBRID DIVISION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Jerry Doyle**

We've all been doing our part for COVID-19 isolation measures. The end, however, is in sight and our June meeting will be in person as well as via Zoom for those who cannot attend in person.

Our June meeting will be held at the St. Albans Historical Society (next door to the depot) in person and remotely using Zoom. Zoom is very easy to use. You can use a laptop (provided it has a webcam), tablet, or smart phone. Just use the link provided below. You'll be prompted on how to connect with your particular device.

You can also join with a voice-only connection by calling one of the numbers listed.

We are planning to conduct a short business meeting followed by show-and-tell where you can show everyone what you've been working on. There will also be a railroad related clinic and possibly more.

Our meeting will be Saturday May 8 at our regular time of 1 p.m.

*Please bear with us as we learn our way around producing a hybrid meeting.*

### NMRA MCR Division 9 June 12 Meeting

**Join Zoom Meeting**  
<https://zoom.us/j/94137400916>

**Dial by your location**  
**+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)**

#### First Time Users

- On a computer: The **FIRST TIME** you open a Zoom meeting link you will be asked to download a small Zoom application file. Follow all the typical steps and allow anything requested by the app as it installs.
- On a smart phone or tablet: **BEFORE** you open the Zoom link, go to the app store and download the Zoom Cloud Meetings app from Meet Happy (the app publisher).

#### To join a Zoom meeting:

- See the meeting invitation above
- Open that link 10 minutes prior to the meeting
- Accept any requests for video and/or microphone
- MUTE your microphone

#### Other pointers

- Make sure you connection is strong
- If you have a weak connection, disconnect other devices from your home network
- For your first time, don't wait until the last minute to join
- Use the **Chat** button to view and make comments or post questions
- Click the **Invite** button to send meeting information to others
- If everything freezes, click **Leave Meeting** and rejoin using the original invitation
- You do not need to create a Zoom account to participate in a Zoom meeting

Thanks to Paul Downs of MCR Division 8 for these tips.

## FROM THE OFFICE DOWN THE HALL

### Sam Delauter, Assistant Superintendent

I hope that everyone is well and that May has been a better modeling month for you than it was me. If you couldn't tell from my first comment, this month has not gone well for me. It seemed that no matter what I did, it did not go well. I'd like to talk about failed projects and frustration this month. Before I get into my woes of models gone awry, I want to say that while it can be frustrating, not everything in this hobby will always go as planned. That's OK though because it will make us better modelers and hopefully there will be a better finished product in the end.

Although not everything has gone wrong this month it sure seems like it. On the bright side, I got body mount couplers installed on a handful of N scale cars and made some progress on some HO rolling stock kits. Even while making progress, the bad seems to outweigh the good.

For those interested in what has given me great grief this month, I'll talk about each project and the issues that have arisen. I am writing about this in hopes that other modelers that may be frustrated with various projects realize that other people sometimes also have similar issues.

I guess I'll start with mistakes on my end and move on to the ones that really did not go my way. In my ongoing effort to body mount the couplers on my N scale rolling stock, I placed a large order of coupler boxes from Micro-Trains. I had planned on cutting the truck mounted couplers off and using the actual couplers in the new boxes. I should have paid more attention to which couplers are used in the truck mounted coupler boxes. While they work in these boxes, they are a bit long for the purpose that I need them for. I'll be putting in another order with Micro-Trains to get an appropriate amount of short shank couplers.

When I ordered my Micro-Trains coupler boxes, I ordered a handful of other parts to fix various pieces of rolling stock. One of those was a tri-level autorack that had taken the plunge off the counter to the floor. The frame broke in a couple of places which led to a new frame since I was putting in an order. I was delayed further waiting on Scalecoat paint. I wanted to try their grimy black for underframes and trucks. The frame sat for a couple of weeks waiting for paint to come in. Once painted I tried to install the new frame. I was trying to get the frame to snap in place and it didn't want to go. In the process, many of the side posts came out of place and several broke off. Unfortunately these parts flew off into the abyss. The autorack is now in my parts box.

This third one was of no fault of my own. We recently had to hire an electrician to fix a wiring problem. The electrician was able to come a couple days earlier than expected. Once he got to the house, the family moved

one of my T-TRAK modules. In the process two locomotives were damaged. One of them was a Union Pacific SD40, its cab had substantial damage. The other was my C&O SD40 that I painted. The front handrail was completely snapped off and was nowhere to be found. Luckily I had a spare shell sitting around that could be put on one of the locos and the UP shell could be used for parts for the C&O. The handrails are now waiting for the next time I have the airbrush out.

I saved the best for last. This one is the most frustrating. For a while now I have been working on rehabbing a brass Lackawanna caboose to run with my HO Erie Lackawanna locos. I got a good deal on the caboose since it needed some rehab work. Among the issues were the steps. On one end of the caboose they were angled inward really horribly. They were far enough in that the caboose wouldn't run on straight track. When I tried to straighten them the whole end platform came off and the end of the caboose got bent really badly. I have since gotten it all straightened back out.

I had planned on replacing the factory roof walks with see through brass roof walks. This meant patching a couple of holes. This is where the most recent problems happened. Coming from the musical instrument repair business, I was used to patching holes. My attempts did not go well with the caboose as the holes did not want to patch. I wasn't trying for a super clean soldering job, I was just trying to fill the holes. The roof is rounded so there was going to be some filing involved. The solder would not stick and wound up inside the car and on the bottom of the roof. I made quite a mess of it and in the process the roof came off. At some point the caboose took a tumble to the floor. I'm not truly sure how it happened but when the caboose hit the floor it landed on the roof that was still attached. The overhang now has one side that is dented pretty badly.

While I haven't done much modeling this month due to frustrations I will hopefully get back to these projects before too long and with any luck actually finish them. The only one that I think is unfixable is the autorack as there are too many broken parts for which it will be hard to match the paint. I think the worse one will be the caboose but I don't think that it is out of the realm of possibility to complete. I wrote this article in hopes that it helps someone that's frustrated with current projects realize that it happens to all of us at some time or another. Unfortunately mine has seemed to happen the entire month of May. I look forward to seeing everyone in person at the June meeting and I sure hope that I have a better time modeling in June than I did in May.

**NMRA MCR DIVISION 9  
THE COAL DIVISION**  
**Virtual Meeting  
Using Zoom  
May 8 2021  
Minutes**

Members discussed the current supply chain issues affecting our hobby and life in general.

Meeting called to order by Superintendent Robert Osburn at 1:00 p.m.

**Division Clerk Report**

April minutes approved.  
 Treasury Balance is \$8,425.35.  
 Company Store \$0.  
 Raffle \$0.Pike Ads \$0.

The status of our bank account has been changed to eliminate the monthly service charge. We will be making our annual IRS filing shortly as required.

**Superintendent Report**

Robert Osburn thanked some members for working behind the scenes to develop a hybrid model for future meetings.

**Assistant Superintendent Report**

Sam Delauter expressed his approval for moving to in-person meetings.

**Newsletter - Up the Holler**

Bob Weinheimer reminded everyone the deadline for the next issue is May 31.

**Achievement Program**

Nothing new to report.

**Library**

Bill Wadsworth: nothing new to report. He reminded members about the content available on the NMRA website [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org).

**Contest**

Dale Osburn: today's contest is was Steel-related models. There were no entries. June will be non-revenue.

**Clinic**

The clinic for today was postponed.

**Membership**  
 No report.

**Raffle**  
 No raffle today.

**T-TRAK**

Sam Delauter noted that T-TRAC is a viable way to have an operating layout for our meetings.

**Education**

No report.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Robert Osburn discussed future meetings using a hybrid model (in person and also online using Zoom). He proposed using the St Albans Historical Society building which will cost \$35. We will adhere to current CDC guidelines for COVID compliance. Jerry Doyle and Bob Weinheimer have been working to facilitate this. Robert moved we do this for the June meeting, this passed unanimously.

**Announcements**

Sam Delauter mentioned that the Huntington Model Railroad show is being planned for Thanksgiving 2021 at the Huntington Civic Arena.

Also, on June 5 from 9 to 4 there will be a display by the Kanawha Valley Model Railroaders at the Fraternal Order of Police car show in Cross Lanes, WV.

**Future Meetings:**

June 12 – St Albans Historical Society (next to the depot) and also via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Doyle, Division 9 Clerk

## CONTEST

### Dale Osburn, Contest Chair

The May Zoom meeting was short due to low turnout. I'm sure that everyone is looking forward to our June in-person meeting. The contest for the month of May was Anything Steel Related. We did not have any entries for the contest. The June contest will be Non-Revenue.

As the contest chair, I keep logs of the monthly contests. At the end of the year, we will review the monthly voting records and try to keep the contest renewed with topics that the Division members find interesting.

Finally, please bring your 2020 Gary Burdette Challenge creation to display.

2021	Monthly Model Contest
January	Modeler's Choice
February	Steam Locomotives
March	Locomotive Other Than Steam
April	Kitbashing/Scratch Built (Anything Railroad Related)
May	Anything Steel Related
June	Non Revenue
July	Structures
August	Electronics of a Railroad
September	Photo, Model or Prototype
October	Open Loads
November	Passenger Cars
December	Fifth Annual Gary Burdette Memorial Modeling Challenge

## CLINICS

### Sam Delauter, Clinic Chair

Although we had a May meeting, we did not have a clinic. We decided to keep the meeting short and sweet with plans to resume in person meetings in June. We decided to table the clinics pushing them a month down the road. Therefore the June clinic will be given by Robert Osburn on putting interiors in DPM buildings. At the July meeting Jerry Doyle will be giving

the clinic.

I am very much looking forward to seeing everyone in June. I would like to start filling the open slots for clinics for our live and in person meetings. As always, if you have any suggestions or would like to give a clinic, please drop me a line.

## SPAM BUTTON MISUSE

It has come to the attention of the NMRA's IT department that many NMRA members do not receive NMRA email publications (*Turntable*, *eBulletin*, *Dispatch*) because **other** members use the Spam button.

If the publication is not of interest, simply delete it. If you no longer want to receive **any** NMRA email publication, please use the Unsubscribe link which is safe and secure. Never use the Spam or Junk button. If too many people do this, service providers such as Yahoo will block all people from ever seeing the emails. Most NMRA members want to keep in touch. Don't ruin it for them.

Please note that Unsubscribe will apply to all NMRA email publications, including the Turntable, eBulletin, special eBulletins, and Dispatch. Note that it does *not* apply to Up The Holler.

## PASSENGER MANIFEST

### John Harris, Membership Chair

As a follow up to my April Passenger Manifest article and our discussion at the following membership meeting, I was tasked with reaching out to past members to find out the “why and why nots.” As a result, I put together the survey below in an attempt to see if there was anything we could do to bring those who had recently dropped their membership “back into the fold.”

*As membership chairman for the Coal Division of NMRA, I see that you have not renewed membership. You are one of several that has not renew during the challenging past year. I trust you are still receiving the Up the Holler newsletter and invite you to join us for the next virtual membership meeting on June 12th.*

*Meanwhile, we are looking to improve membership and have prepared a survey in an attempt to see why folks are no renewing. All questions will be kept confidential and only used determine if there is anything the local division can do to improve retention. We will not share individual answers or try to persuade you to rejoin. Simply reply to this email with the question number and the appropriate letter response to each question. If more than one answer applies, feel free to list multiple answers in order of priority.*

1. *What first motivated you to join NMRA?*
  - a. discounted "Rail Pass" membership offer
  - b. overall interest in model railroading
  - c. interest in clinics and education
  - d. attendance in national or regional conventions
  - e. fellowship with fellow modelers
  - f. none of the above
  
2. *What was reason for not renewing your NMRA membership?*
  - a. no longer interested in the hobby
  - b. membership did not provide perceived benefit
  - c. cost of membership did not provide value expected
  - d. local division did not provide activities that interested me
  - e. educational opportunities were not as expected
  - f. none of the above
  
3. *What changes in NMRA might make you consider renewing membership?*
  - a. more educational experiences
  - b. more "How to Clinics"
  - c. more interesting articles in NMRA Magazine
  - d. more local activities
  - e. lower membership dues
  - f. other incentives (please specify)
  
4. *Did COVID 19 play a role in dropping membership?*
  - a. yes
  - b. no
  
5. *Would you consider renewing membership after COVID 19 concerns are no longer an issue*
  - a. yes
  - b. no

In looking over the past or inactive membership roster, I opted to only reach out to those whose membership had expired within the last 5 years. Many of those were a one and done. Still, that generated a list of 27 former members. Of those sent the survey, 5 were returned immediately undelivered as inactive or incorrect email addresses. I suspect that the same happens to the newsletter as Bob would have the same email address on record.

Hopefully by the time we meet for our June membership meeting, I will have at least some insights into what keeps some from renewing. While some of those reasons might be beyond our control, we might see areas that we can improve retention and even add some members. The goal of course is to do a better job reaching and keeping fellow modelers.

On a positive note, we are now at 43, so no more bleeding. Keep modeling and be safe. Hope to see you soon!

## SAINT MARY'S RAILROAD SWITCHER

### Tom Harris

You might remember the Saint Mary's switcher I was working on for Ron Rogillio which was the subject of much discussion a few division meetings back. Ron tells us this project started in 1984 as a potential science fair project for his son while living in St. Mary's, Georgia. It never was completed and Ron's son passed away in 2019 inspiring Ron to get the engine finished. However, since Ron is kept plenty busy with his teaching at Bridge Valley, he turned the locomotive over to me, figuring he might not have the skill set needed to bring the project home.

The Saint Mary's switcher is finally complete, as the accompanying photos attest. This began life as an

Athearn blue box SW1200 locomotive. It was internally rebuilt with a new motor, new drive shafts and flywheels, new wheels, new LED lighting, and a DCC sound decoder and speaker. The engine also received Kato handrails and was fitted with sun shades. The paint job was completed with much discussion and input from division members, friends, many reference photos, and many bottles of green, orange and yellow paints purchased at much expense by Ron. Both the green and yellow-orange required paint colors required custom mixing.

Then decals became the problem. I looked online figuring to locate an appropriate decal set for the locomotive but quickly found, excepting those for 50 foot boxcars, there are no commercial decals available for Saint Mary's Railroad. Undaunted, I proceeded to make up the



needed decal set on my computer, but how to print them on decal stock? Several different tries at conventional printing yielded decals far too transparent to use. Silk screen printing could work, but the orange and yellow inks required would have cost \$200 to purchase. Adding charges for making a screen, and subsequently printing with it would have tacked on at least \$100 more to the bill. Unwilling to tell Ron \$300 would be needed for one set of decals, I let the project sit on my workbench for a few months while I cast about for a printing solution.

Finally though, a lucky break occurred. Wayland Moore, a modeler and friend from Charlottesville, VA, visited my layout and saw and inquired about the unusual unfinished model. He quickly referred me to a great fellow modeler from Gainsboro, VA, Mat Thompson. Mat

happens to own one of the fabled ALPS printers, the printers that can actually print even opaque white. Contacting Mat, I learned the ALPS printer was still in good working condition. At no expense to Ron or myself, Mat printed the Saint Mary's locomotive decal file on his printer and shipped them to me. With the needed decals in hand, the project was finally completed.

This is a model of special significance to its owner, and it was brought to fruition by the efforts and inputs of many modelers along the way. It was truly a collaborative effort to produce a unique result.



May 18-22, 2022

**Four Full Days  
Three Regions  
Two Day Train Show  
One Convention  
and the RPM Conference**

facebook.com/IndyJunction2022

**Indy Junction**  
**2022**  
MWR NCR MCR  
RPM Conference

[www.IndyJunction2022.org](http://www.IndyJunction2022.org)

#### MY WORD

**Bob Weinheimer, Editor**

The ad just above this article promotes our next Region convention, something we have missed for two years in a row. This is, however, a BIG convention as we are joining with the Mid West Region and the North Central Region as well as Chicagoland RPM for Indy Junction 2022 in Indianapolis in May. I find it truly amazing that we can get an affordable hotel for a convention in Indianapolis that ends seven days before the Indianapolis 500. As events develop with more details, be sure to keep going back to the web site for updates. We are all convention starved and this should be a great way to solve that problem.

Speaking of problems, it looks like everything Sam Delauter touched in May led to problems. At times I think we all run into streaks like that and I thank Sam for letting us know even very good modelers can make mistakes. Few of us like to admit we can be like that Thumbs character from the old NMRA Bulletin.

While there is not a National convention this year, there is a virtual event that will strive to offer the closest thing to an in-person event. Check it out at [pcrnmra.org/nmra2021](http://pcrnmra.org/nmra2021). Clinics are all prerecorded to avoid live technical issues but there will be live question and answer sessions with the presenter following each clinic. There will also be provisions for conversations similar to those one might have in the hallways or the hotel bar. There is a \$49 charge as I understand there are some software and other costs that will have to be covered. The event runs from July 6 through 10 so time is running short to sign up. If you do pay to attend but find you cannot attend all the

sessions, they will be available for viewing for two weeks following the meeting.

The NMRA Annual General Meeting will take place Sunday August 15 virtually. You must sign up in advance to gain access to the meeting, registration opens July 8 and closes August 1. During that period you can send a note to [vpresident@nmra.org](mailto:vpresident@nmra.org) to register.

At the Division level, as you have seen elsewhere in this issue, we will be meeting in person in June! Jerry Doyle and I proofed out a method of using a cell phone hot spot as an internet source and successfully hosted a Zoom meeting with a mutual friend in Texas. We did this right outside our June meeting venue so we sure hope it works just as well inside the building as it did outside. If you are unable to attend in person, use the Zoom link on page 3. but please be patient if things are not as smooth as usual.

Operations on the Pennsylvania Southern have resumed. We started with an Op til you Drop meeting with Fred Soward and Bob Dawson from Louisville as well as Tom Harris. Overall, things went pretty well although we found some issues that had not plagued me while running through the schedule twice during the down time.

We followed with the normally scheduled May session where things went fairly well. We are almost all the way through the schedule and the next session is on Thursday June 10. If you are fully vaccinated, come join us and leave the mask in the car unless you still wish to wear it. If you are not fully vaccinated, bring that mask in with you for your own protection.



## PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

NMRA members can log in and click on the **Benefits** tab to view the **NMRA Partnership Program**. Please patronize all of our partners for some fantastic discounts as an NMRA member!

**Bear Creek Model Railroad, LLC**  
**CatzPaw Innovations**  
**Clever Models, LLC**  
**CMR Products, LLC**  
**Daylight Sales (Merchandise)**  
**Deepwoods Software**  
**Deluxe Materials**  
**Digikeijs**  
**East Coast Circuits**  
**Gatorfoam**  
**Great Decals!**  
**Green Frog Productions**  
**Hot Wire Foam Factory**  
**K.I.S.S. Method, Inc.**  
**LaBelle Woodworking Co.**  
**LARC Products**

**Logic Rail Technologies**  
**Micro-Mark**  
**Mine Mount Models**  
**Miniprints**  
**MinuteMan Scale Models**  
**Model Railroad Benchwork**  
**Model Train Catalogue**  
**Modelers Decals & Paint**  
**Motrak Models**  
**MRC (Model Rectifier Corp)**  
**Nick and Nora Designs**  
**NScale Works by Mike Holly**  
**Old West Scenery**  
**Ram Track**  
**RR-CirKits**  
**Rusty Stumps \*\*\***  
**Scale Model Plans**

**Scalecoat Paint**  
**Scenery Solutions**  
**Showcase Miniatures**  
**Team Track Models**  
**The N Scale Architech**  
**The Old Depot Gallery**  
**Tichy Train Group**  
**Train Installations, LLC**  
**Train Show, Inc.**  
**TSG Multimedia \*\*\***  
**Trainmasters TV/Model Railroad Hobbyist Store**  
**UGEARS**  
**Unreal Details**  
**USA Airbrush Supply/ Badger Airbrush**  
**WiFi Model Railroad, LLC**

Nov 2020

[ New Partners in **RED \*\*\*** ]

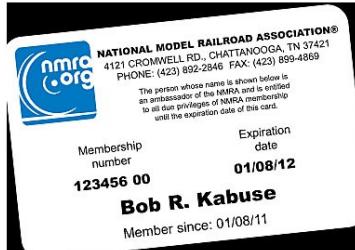
**Improve your modeling with a few sheets of paper.**

That's exactly what happens when you participate in the National Model Railroad Association's Achievement Program. One Merit Award here, another there, and pretty soon you're on your way to becoming a Master Model Railroader. All the while learning and having a ton of fun.

The Achievement Program is modelers helping modelers become better modelers and get the most out of their hobby. And it's yet another benefit of NMRA membership.

Visit [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org). Then improve your skills. And your hobby.

We make it even more fun.  
[www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org)  
 4 2 3 - 8 9 2 - 2 8 4 6



**The best gift card you'll ever give.**  
 (Or receive!)

When you give the gift of an NMRA membership, you're giving someone a gift they can use all year long. From accessing our online photo archives to getting special deals on books, to attending Division and Region meets, an NMRA member has a wealth of benefits to take advantage of.

We'll send your new member a membership card, then bill you separately. Call HQ for details and ordering. Allow 4 weeks for processing.

Perfect as a gift for holidays, birthdays, graduations, Fathers Day, Mothers Day...even Valentine's Day!

This year, give a card they'll treasure all year!



We make it even more fun.  
[www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org)  
 4 2 3 - 8 9 2 - 2 8 4 6



**Midland Atlantic**  
**Anthony Parrish, CEO**  
**[tony765@aol.com](mailto:tony765@aol.com)**

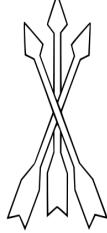
**NORFOLK AND WESTERN**  
  
**PIPESTEM BASEMENT  
DIVISION (HO)**  
**DAN MULHEARN**  
**304-466-9188**  
**[danmulbearn@gmail.com](mailto:danmulbearn@gmail.com)**



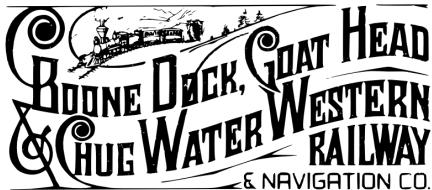
**CRUSTY MOUNTAIN  
AND WILOBY  
SPRINGS R.R.**  
**Mark Maynard, President**  
**Portsmouth, OH**



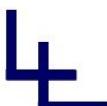
**CRESCENT VALLEY**  
**Jerry Doyle, President**  
**Barboursville, WV**



**THREE ARROWS  
RAILROAD**  
**Tony Puccini, President**  
**6 Garwood Drive Huntington, WV 25705**  
**[puccinibaj@hotmail.com](mailto:puccinibaj@hotmail.com)**



**BOONE DECK, GOAT HEAD  
& HUG WATER WESTERN  
RAILWAY  
& NAVIGATION CO.**  
**Ed Keith, MMR**  
**Assistant Superintendent**  
**Chesapeake, OH**




**LAKESIDE LINES RAILROAD**  
**Thomas K. Harris, President and CEO**  
**274 S. Wye Rd., Wytheville, VA 24382**  
**[tharris@va.net](mailto:tharris@va.net)**  
**(276)620-3493**  
**[www.lakesidelines.com](http://www.lakesidelines.com)**



**SHAMOKIN DIVISION**  
**DENNIS MCGEENEY ROAD FOREMAN**  
**SUMMERSVILLE, WV**  
**304-872-7262**



**HINTON DIVISION**  
**Gary Burdette - Superintendent**  
**Point Pleasant WV**

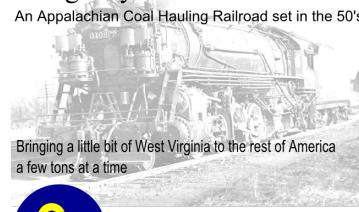


**WESTERN MARYLAND RAILWAY  
THOMAS SUBDIVISION**  
**RUSSEL MILLER - SUPERINTENDENT**  
**[RUSSEL22@MSN.COM](mailto:RUSSEL22@MSN.COM)**



**NEW RIVER GORGE  
SUBDIVISION**  
**Clint Foster Superintendent**  
**Ronceverte WV**

**Alleghany & New River Road**  
An Appalachian Coal Hauling Railroad set in the 50's

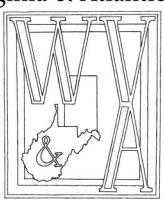


Bringing a little bit of West Virginia to the rest of America  
a few tons at a time



**John Harris, Chief Engineer**  
**[AandNRR@aol.com](mailto:AandNRR@aol.com)**

**West Virginia & Atlantic Railroad**



**[www.deww.edu/center-railway-tourism](http://www.deww.edu/center-railway-tourism)**  
**Davis & Elkins College**  
LEADING THE WAY



ROBERT WEINHEIMER MMR  
398 MOUNT VIEW DR  
CHARLESTON WV  
25314-1041

## Upcoming Coal Division Events

If you received this newsletter via the US Postal Service and have an email address, please let us know so we can save printing and postage costs. Send a note to [editor@coaldvision.org](mailto:editor@coaldvision.org) to get onto the email distribution list for Up The Holler.

**June 12**  
**St. Albans Historical Society and Zoom**

**July 10**  
**In Person or Virtual?**

**August 14**  
**In Person or Virtual?**