



UP THE HOLLER



DIVISION 9, MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA

November 2021

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Bob Osburn, Superintendent

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1 Finally we are seeing a decline in the COVID-19 positivity rate and the CDC has started lifting some of their recommendations for safe gatherings. We feel that this now gives us an opportunity to safely meet again in-person. With that said, our November 13th in-person meeting will be at the St. Albans Historical Society building. The meeting will also be available via Zoom for those who can't attend and for those who are uncomfortable being in a group setting at this time.

2 Our virtual October meeting featured 2 guest speakers. Fred Soward from Louisville presented a promo for the upcoming 2022 Indy Junction convention. A lot of thought and effort is going into this convention to make it interesting and affordable. The other virtual guest was Bob Frankrone presenting a clinic titled "Open Loads". These are two great examples of how our virtual world has changed our capability to enhance our meetings with high quality presentations and clinics. Thank you Fred and Bob for joining our meeting and giving the outstanding presentations.

4 This year a wooden trestle bridge kit is being offered for the 2021 Gary Burdette Challenge. Twelve HO and five N Scale kits have been produced for this year's project. I hope those who have already received you trestle kit have had a chance to look it over and maybe even get started with construction. Only 2 HO and 1 N scale kits are still available, if you haven't signed up and want to participate in the 2021 challenge let Dale Osburn (304-840-4366) know. If you signed-up for a kit and have not received it, Dale will have them available at the November meeting.

13 The November contest features Passenger Cars. For those who don't attend the meeting and still would like to enter the contest, please send me a photo (super@coaldivision.org) and we will make sure your submission is shown.

14 Tom Harris always needs additional items for the raffle. He is getting low on quality raffle items especially in N scale. If you have something you would like to donate for the raffle, please bring it along to the meeting. We now use the proceeds from the raffle to pay the rent (\$35.00 each month) for the use of the Historical Society building.

Thanks to everyone for your patience while we navigate thru the pandemic. Safety of our members is our first priority and hopefully we will soon be back to some sort of normal. I hope to see you in person November 13th.

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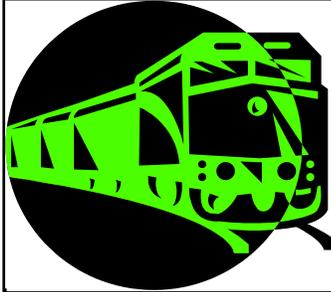
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Coal Division Monthly Railfun Event

Saturday November 13

1 PM

Virtual Division Membership Meeting

- **Welcome and Call to Order (Acknowledge members present)**
- **Approval of Minutes from the last meeting**
- **Treasurers Report**
- **Superintendents Report**
- **Assistant Superintendent Report**
- **Contest: Passenger Cars**
- **Adjourn Business Meeting**
- **5 Minute Break**
- **Clinic: JMRI by Greg McCartney**

Next Event

Saturday December 11

Location to be determined

NOVEMBER **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 November meeting will be in person as well as via Zoom for those who cannot attend in person.

Our November 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 November 13 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 November 13 Meeting

The Coal Division is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: MCR Division 9 November 2021 Meeting

Time: Nov 13, 2021 12:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87621592257>

Meeting ID: 876 2159 2257

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 your 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

FROM THE OFFICE DOWN THE HALL

Sam Delauter, Assistant Superintendent

Today, as of this writing, was the first time that I had been to the Kanawha Valley Railroad Association in about three months. Since I was going to be running on the club layout, I had to do a little preparation. Most of my HO stuff hasn't been run since before COVID. I wanted to pick motive power that I knew ran well and that had clean wheels so I decided to take my Erie Lackawanna SDP45/SD45-2. These are both newer Athearn Genesis locos with Tsunami and run really well. Next, I started going through my car cases to decide what I would run. Not all of my rolling stock will fit in my cases so there can be a bit of rearranging depending what I want to run. While I was going through my cases, I saw a handful of cars that either needed some minor repair and a couple that I could probably sell.

With that being said, this might be the best time of year to either repair some rolling stock or sell some things we may not need. Since this is the beginning of November, we are finally through summer but not quite into the Holiday season. During the summer and fall we often have to devote time that would otherwise be spent modeling to many chores. Likewise, once Thanksgiving time hits, we are well into the Holiday season. We might be in the best time of the year to knock out a lot of small rolling stock projects. It may also be a good time to sell some stuff that we may not need. With the holiday season, trains shows and the typical online haunts like eBay are good places to move some stuff that we may not need anymore.

Speaking of quick and easy projects that will help the looks of your rolling stock is to paint the wheels and trucks. I have been painting the ones on the kits I build and on rolling stock I modify. This became even more obvious that I should be doing this after seeing the contrast of painted verses unpainted. Very simply put, the factory gloss of the trucks and the shiny metal wheels really stand out when in a consist when next to cars with painted trucks and wheels. While it will take some time to paint these if you have a large collection, this can be an easy project if you take one piece of rolling stock a day. My method is to paint the trucks and wheels with a grimy black. While this may not be as refined as actually weathering them, it does give a nice worn in look. When painting wheels, I use a wheel masking jig such as the ones made by American Model Builders. This aids in painting wheels quickly because it not only holds the wheels for painting, it masks the treads. This allows me to spray paint the wheels instead of having to hand paint them.

If you have taken time to go through your collection to find small projects to do, I would love to hear about them. If you found anything in your collection, the company store at the November meeting would be another great place to put them up for sale. I'll see everyone at the November meeting and as always: be kind to yourself and even better to others.

CLINICS

Sam Delauter, Clinic Chair

The October meeting saw another great clinic by Bob Frankrone. This time around it was on "open loads" which went with the contest for October. The November clinic will be by Greg McCarthy on JMRI. This will be the

final clinic of 2021. I don't have much scheduled for 2022 yet. If you have any interest in giving a clinic or have any suggestions, please let me know.

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:

December	November 29
January	December 27
February	January 31
March	February 28

NMRA MCR DIVISION 9

THE COAL DIVISION

MEETING VIA ZOOM

October 9 2021

Minutes

Robert Osburn thanked everyone for attending today. Fred Soward and Bob Frankrone were guests today. Attendees introduced themselves.

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

Division Clerk Report

September minutes approved
Treasury Balance is \$8,424.35.

Superintendent Report

Robert Osburn reported that Ed Keith suffered a fall and has been hospitalized for several weeks. He announced that the Kanawha Valley RR Association will be having a show March 12 and 13 at the Charleston Civic Center. The other upcoming show is the Annual Huntington Model Railroad Show. A decision will be made on November 1 whether the show will be held due to the COVID outbreak. Work is being done at the St Albans depot for the October festival. We are moving the grill to the SACOM building at the request of the city.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Sam Delauter hoped everyone enjoyed his modeling article in the current *Up The Holler*. He updated everyone on current T-TRAK activities. We have decided not to participate in the Huntington show due to the uncertainties of COVID and availability of people to staff the display. There has been a call for modules for the Indy 2022 convention. Sam sent a listing of modules available to use for this display. We will need to firm up who is going and what modules will be taken at some point.

Newsletter - Up the Holler

No report today.

Achievement Program

No report today.

Library

No report today.

Contest

Today's contest is open loads. We had three entries. Next month's will be passenger cars.

Clinic

We had two presentations today. One by Fred Soward about the Indy Junction 2022 convention and RPM conference to be held May 18-22, 2022, in Indianapolis, Indiana. The second was *Open Loads* by Bob Frankrone.

Membership

We have picked up one new member recently. John has reached out and invited them to participate in our activities.

Raffle

No raffle today.

T-TRAK

See the Asst. Super Report.

Education

No report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Announcements

None.

Future Meetings:

November 13 location TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15.

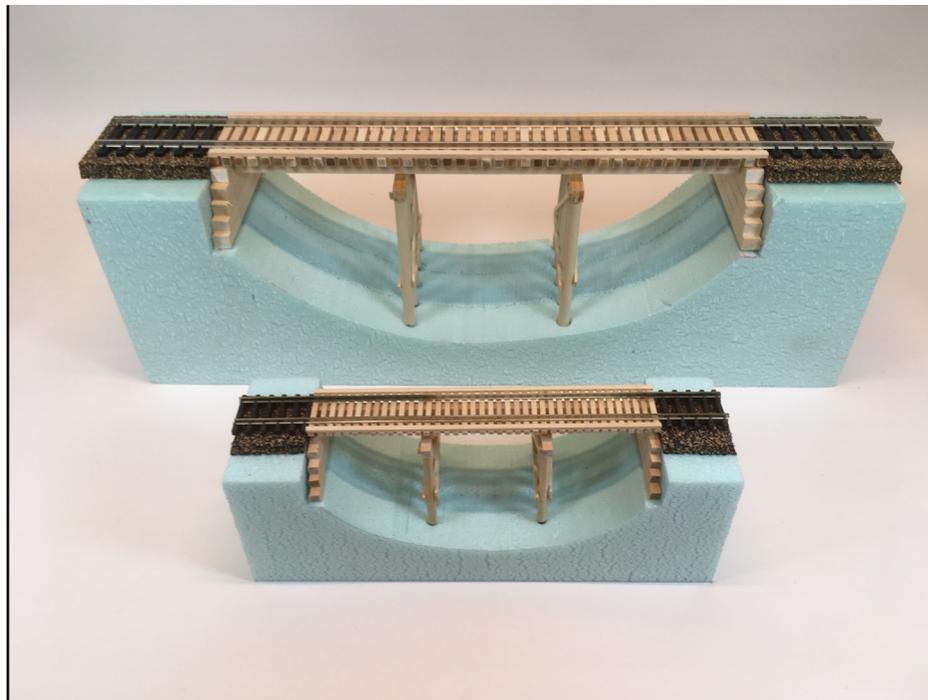
Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Doyle, Division 9 Clerk

CONTEST
Dale Osburn, Contest Chair

FIFTH ANNUAL GARY BURDETTE MEMORIAL MODELING CHALLENGE

As noted in his column, Robert Osburn has prepared a number of kits for this year's challenge. They are available in N and HO scales. See Dale Osburn if you have not already requested a kit. Robert sent the photo of the two kits all built.



The contest for the month of October was Open Loads. We had two first place winners (see below).

First Place

Bob Frankrone
 Steel Structure Load on Depressed Center Flatcar

Robert Osburn
 Slag Pot on Depressed Center Flatcar and Gondola with Stools and Ingot Molds.

Second Place

Sam Delauter
 Pennsylvania FM Flatcar with Wood Load Kit.

Great modeling efforts by all three entries!

Next month will be Passenger Cars. Looking ahead to December will be the Gary Burdette Challenge. There have been 13 wooden Trestle bridge kits distributed so far. There is a very limited amount left. If interested, please give me a call at 304-840-4366.

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

Photos by the Modelers



First Place Tie: Robert Osburn

The inspiration for my model came from an article in the May 2018 issue of the *NMRA Magazine*. The article “*Love Those Loads*” by *Bob Frankrone* featured an HO Scale depressed center flat car with a slag pot as a load; I decided to do my own version of an N-Scale flat car carrying a slag pot.

The depressed center flat car was no problem. A few searches on the internet yielded just the rolling stock I needed. The slag pot was another problem. N-scale slag pots are very hard to obtain. My only choice was to try and scratch build one. I first looked throughout the house and work shop for anything that resembled a slag pot—no luck. So out came the miniature lathe and in a little while I had produced a pattern so I could use a vacuum former to form the body of the slag pot in styrene. The details applied to the pot are mostly styrene strip formed by a little cutting and filing. The trunnions were made from N-scale truck pivot pins and the support cribbing was fashioned from some scale lumber. Eye hooks were added to the flat car and sewing thread was used for tie-down cables.



First Place Tie: Bob Frankrone

This steel structure load was scratch-built from styrene components of various shapes and sizes. I drew up my own plans by taking measurements from a photo and scaling them appropriately for an HO model. I used tiny nut and washer castings, 88 in all, to detail the steel structure. I designed the mounting fixtures and I scratch-built them using scale lumber. I also used scale lumber and thread to make the two tie-down fixtures. I weathered the flatcar with chalks and I applied a few decals to the load for added visual interest.



Second Place: Sam Delauter

Pennsylvania FM flatcar with Owl Mountain Models wood load kit

- Flatcar built from Funaro and Camerlengo kit
- Painted with TCP and weathered with pastels
- Wood load is made of plastic and is molded in layers
- Base coat of Tamaya deck tan
- Individual boards hand painted with acrylic paint where visible
- Dunnage built in a similar fashion

MY WORD

Bob Weinheimer, Editor

I have a little more space this month than last so let's see what I can do to fill it.

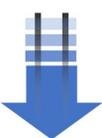
I can't say much now but look for a couple of interesting things to come to NMRA members in the coming months. I hope you received the email survey sent to all members with an email address on file October 21. If you didn't get it, does the NMRA have your email? If you got the survey email, were you able to access the sample NMRA digital magazine? If not, that means you never signed up to access the members only part of the web site.

If you could not answer yes to both questions, I cannot urge you strongly enough to do something about that. The NMRA has a very strict privacy policy that means your email address cannot be used for something other than official business, that includes this newsletter. The members only part of the web site has many attractions ranging from clinic videos to a layout directory to details about how to access the discounts in the Partnership Pro-

gram. See the ad on page 11 of the digital version of Up The Holler.

In the meantime, operating sessions are returning to some sort of normalcy. My Pennsylvania Southern has been up and running with real crews for a few months now and even the Grafton and Greenbrier has been active. I even hosted a couple folks from Louisville for an op til you drop couple of days in October. My normal operating night is the second Thursday of the month and Jerry Doyle has been hosting the G&G sessions on other Thursday evenings. Let us know if you want to participate but be aware that we only accept fully vaccinated operators. No shots, no ops.

Finally, note all the promotion for Indy Junction 2022 in this issue. It's getting very real and is only a few months away. Want to give a clinic? Look at the clinic page for a link. Registration is open but the price goes up January 1 so sign up soon!


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GO HERE now - <https://www.indyjunction2022.org/>

If you've registered for a lot of conventions, you can probably wing it. But if you're a "manual reader", the Registration Committee has provided some great instructions. And we suggest you read through the instructions before you get started.

If you run into any problems, the Registrar is standing by to help you. He's a person so he'll get back to you within 24 hours. (Likely sooner if you make contact during day-light hours.) Here's the contact link if you need help registering - registration@indyjunction2022.org

As a reminder, the only way to register for **Indy Junction 2022** is online and through the website.

We shared the Convention fees before, but here they are again.

- **\$85.00 Early Registration** - Opening Registration to December 31, 2021
- **\$95.00 Registration** - January 1, 2022 to April 27, 2022
- **\$110.00 Late Registration** - April 28, 2022 to May 21, 2022
- **\$25.00 additional Family Member(s) Registration** - any date
- **\$40.00 Saturday May 21 ONLY**, Individual Registration (One-Day includes Train Show)

And while you're on the site, get a room reserved. We strongly suggest you use the link on the website to reserve your room. Marriott is experiencing some staffing problems for telephone support. They give you some outstanding help once you connect - but there can be some extended hold times to speak with someone on the phone. (We're not kidding - wait times can run from 10 to 30 minutes. Everyone in hospitality is experiencing labor shortages.)

Marriott East Indianapolis Room Rate
\$132.00 per night plus applicable taxes

One final registration tip - If you are accessing the Indy Junction 2022 webpage on your mobile device, phone or tablet, you'll need to click the menu icon on the top of the homepage to see all the pages.

Share this update with someone who hasn't yet signed up for updates on the Indy Junction 2022 website - <https://www.indyjunction2022.org/>

Indy Junction 2022 Marketing Committee

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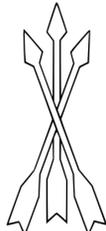
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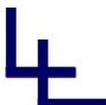


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November 13
Hybrid In Person and Zoom

December 11
In Person or Zoom?

January 8
In Person or Zoom?