



UP THE HOLLER

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FROM THE HEAD OF THE HOLLER
Dan Mulhearn, Superintendent

Hello November, traditionally Model Railroading Month. For many of us this is the month we turn from outdoor activities to the train room. Perhaps it harks back to childhood memories of the trains around the tree. None the less, for many of us our model railroad juices are renewed. Our November event will be held at the model train show at Bluefield. Although this venue is at the far southeastern end of our geographically large Division, I hope you will plan to be there. There will be many dealers and displays and it will be well worth your while to attend. I am looking forward, also, to our December meeting to see the results of our Gary Burdette Challenge. I am still amazed at last year's results. Hoping to see you at Bluefield.

30th Annual Model Train Show

Bluefield Youth Center, 1780 Stadium Drive
 (next to Mitchell Stadium) Bluefield, W.Va.

Saturday November 10, 2018

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- 12:00** **Arrive for lunch – maybe a hot dog with chili.**
- 1:00** **Standard Social Time – Mixing/Viewing**
- 2:00** **Superintendent's Briefing**
- 2:20** **Contest Voting (Passenger Cars)**
- 2:30** **Contest Results**

FROM THE OFFICE DOWN THE HALL

Bob Osburn, Assistant Superintendent

I have always been drawn to craftsmanship and seeing what others have built or created with their own hands. It could be a contest entry, a T-Trak module, something appearing in a model magazine, or any number of things.

When I pore over the details of a project, I ponder how some of the fine details were created or what the inspiration was to take on the project. Enviously, with some of the projects, I wonder to myself if I might be able to create something similar with my own hands.

That leads me to thinking that it would be nice to have the skills needed to take on the project or the knowledge to complete the project successfully. However, a quote by Jim Rohn might put things into perspective: "Don't wish it were easier, wish you were better."

The path to getting better at something is through

good instruction, practice, and research. If your focus is on becoming a better modeler you have at your disposal many tools to accomplish what you wish to achieve. Our members are a wealth of information and I've never been turned down when asking a fellow modeler, "How did you do that?" The clinics, division library, monthly contest, and MADD sessions are at our disposal for ideas and inspiration.

For me, participation in the yearly Square Foot Challenge and my involvement in T-Trak have helped. Both of these activities offer you a chance to create, experiment, research, and learn without a huge outlay of money or time. Always remember, you cannot accomplish becoming better at something until you give it a try.

UPCOMING CLINICS

Bob Osburn, Clinic Manager

There will not be a clinic or formal MADD session during the November meeting at the Bluefield Train Show. The MADD session will again appear at the December meeting and focus on the Square Foot Challenge projects.

Mark Maynard and Tom Harris presented the October clinic on installing tortoise switch machines. From the

discussions and questions asked during the clinic, I believe the interest level for this particular clinic was very high. Thanks, Mark and Tom—very well done.

The Company Store will not be open for the November meeting (instead look for all those must have bargains during the show). The Company Store will reappear at the December meeting at St. Albans.

MONTHLY MODEL CONTEST

2018 SCHEDULE

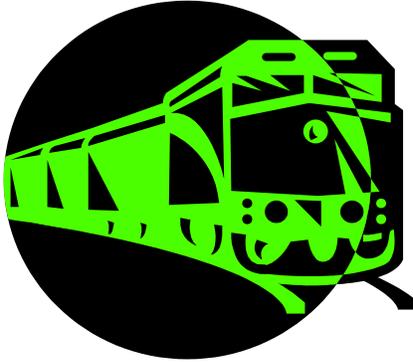
January	Modeler's Choice	August	Freight Cars
February	Steam Locomotives	September	Photo, Model or Prototype
March	Locomotives Other Than Steam	October	Open Loads (flats, gondolas, hoppers)
April	Cabooses	November	Passenger Cars
May	Anything Steel Related	December	Second Annual Gary Burdette Memorial Challenge. Details and kick off in October
June	Non Revenue Except Cabooses		
July	Structures		

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 26
January	December 31
February	January 28
March	February 25
April	April 1



Coal Division
Monthly Railfun Event
“Coal Division in the Coal Fields”

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Enjoy the Show!

Probably the easiest access for most would be the WV Turnpike and I-77 to exit 1 just before the tunnel at Bluefield WV. Then follow John Nash Blvd to US 460 West. Take 460 west until you hit the WV/VA State line. At the first traffic signal after you enter the State of Virginia; make a right turn onto Leatherwood Lane. You will then come to another traffic signal at a “tee” intersection with College Ave. Make a left turn onto College Ave then immediately prepare to make a right turn onto Stadium Drive. You will see a used car dealership to your right and Bluefield (VA Baptist) College in front of you as you are turning onto Stadium Dr. Follow Stadium Drive to the show.

Traffic Alert: Construction on I-77 may back up traffic north of exit 1. If your GPS or other traffic monitor says this is happening, use exit 9 to US 460 and follow instructions above.

NMRA MCR DIVISION 9

THE COAL DIVISION

October 13, 2018
Minutes

The clerk says his computer ate the minutes. He has not been able to locate the minutes or a backup. If found, they will be included in the December issue.

MY WORD

Bob Weinheimer, Editor

It looks like I missed a good contest at the October event. It's not often we see the top three vote getting models, all done by three different modelers, in N scale. I did have a good time at the Cincinnati Division train show that day so all was not lost.

As you can see on the event page, we are good to go for Bluefield. The show has a different organizer this year so it took a little effort by Dan to make sure we would have a spot to meet. Last year's turnout by the membership was small, I even won the uncontested contest. Don't let that happen again, get to Bluefield and bring your passenger car models for the contest.

The latest issue of the Mid Central Region newsletter is out. I know several Coal Division members have not shared their email address with National so they didn't receive the email with the link. For them, and others who

receive this newsletter, here's the link: http://archive.midcentral-region-nmra.org/NewsLetterFold/MCRNFLFold/18C_Kingpin201810.pdf Editor Dave Williams has included the reports to the MCR board by the committee managers and Division superintendents. He has also included a review of the Kansas City convention and lets us know how MCR members did in the modeling contest.

This issue is a little thin. As noted in the Minutes section, something went wrong and they are lost but I do hope they are found eventually. There are no feature articles because nobody wrote them. If you have something to share, be it a layout update, a modeling tip, or even an editorial opinion, please let me know. If writing is not one of your skills, we can help.

T-Trak Update

Sam Delauter

As I write this article, I am decompressing from two weekends at Hinton's Railroad Days. I spent both weekends running trains on the Hinton Rail Museum's large N scale layout. While running 100 car trains on a large layout is great, most people, myself included, do not have the space for such a large layout. That is where T-Trak can make a difference between having a model railroad or not. As we make progress on our models, let's keep in mind that by showing quality modeling on these small modules we are showing the general public that they can make a nice layout in a small space.

Now for a little housekeeping. At our last meeting we discussed methods to make the modules uniform to each other. We decided that we would leave a strip of green ground foam at the ends of each module. We will also use brown paint for the undercover applied as a base before scenery. This doesn't mean that we can't add trees,

bushes or other things, but just what will be the scenery base. I am including the paint and ground cover item numbers at the end of this article.

The Huntington Train Show will be held Thanksgiving weekend. At last the meeting, we discussed taking the T-Trak to the show. Having our modules at this show will be very beneficial to our group as it will give us a chance to setup the modules at a show before we host other groups from out of town. I will be making calls very soon to see how many modules we will have. We will not have any space issues as Bob Osburn has confirmed that we have space reserved.

DecoArt Crafters acrylic Cinnamon Brown Paint
#DCA12 or similar brown paint
Woodland Scenics Blended Turf Green Blend #T1349

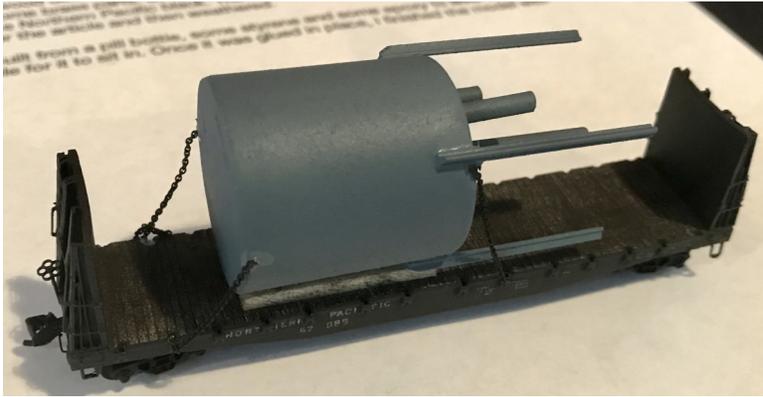
CONTEST

Photos by Jerry Doyle

The contest for October was open loads and there were several entries with a three way tie for first place. Congratulations to Sam Delauter, Herb Parsons, and Bob Osburn. Larry Richards finished fourth. Note that all of

the top three finishers are in N scale while Larry's is HO.

The November contest will be passenger cars so bring your models to Bluefield.



Left: Sam Delauter's N scale tank on a flat car.



Right: Herb Parsons' N scale moving day at the logging camp.



Left: Bob Osburn's N scale slag pot



Right: Larry Richards' HO scale fire truck

61st ANNUAL MODEL RAILROAD SHOW

Big Sandy Superstore Arena
One Civic Center Plaza Huntington, WV 25701
(Third Avenue and 8th Street East)

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

November 23, 24 & 25, 2018



Friday 5pm – 9pm
Saturday.....10am – 8pm
Sunday Noon till 4:30pm

Model Railroads – Hobby Shops
Memorabilia Sales – Railroad Books
New and Used Model Train Equipment

Adults \$6.00 Children Under 12 \$1.00



Special Guest - Santa
(Bring your camera)

Friday 6pm – 8pm
Saturday..... 10 am – 8pm
Sunday Noon till 4pm

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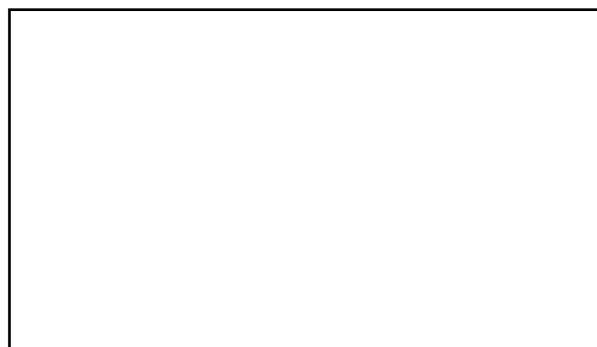


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Upcoming Coal Division Events

**November 10
Bluefield, WV**

**December 8
St. Albans Depot**

**January 12, 2019
St. Albans Depot**

**February 9
St. Albans Depot**

**March 9
St. Albans Depot**