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FROM THE HEAD OF THE HOLLER

Dan Mulhearn, Superintendent

It's a cliché for sure, but none the less true; 2018 is behind the markers on our train ride through life. Here's hoping it has been an enjoyable, healthy year for you. It is to be hoped that our Division and the hobby in general have been rewarding to you. 2018, in my case, was rather rocky in several categories; but thanks to our members and old friends in the hobby there was a bright side. Thank you to all our members who are active at our events. A special thanks to Bob Weinheimer, Tom Harris, and Bob Burke who extend to me the privilege of being part of their operating crew.

I hope you will indulge me in a little nostalgia regarding my life long love of model railroading. Maybe my musings will stir your memories of the hobby. It all started over sixty years ago; Uncle George Henglein at the House Of Mulraney Trainworld always had a used Athearn or Varney freight car for the fifty three cents this thirteen year old boy had in his pocket. In 1966 I was working six at night to two in the morning as a New York City police officer. I asked uncle George if he knew any model railroaders who got together during the day due to working nights. I was introduced to Richie Toby who was a mechanic on the hoot owl shift at the phone company. He introduced me to Andy Breyer, a movie projectionist, who had the Little Penn RR in East Rockaway, NY. The third member of our merry band was Jimmy Byington who had been an RPO clerk on the Long Island but was working as a letter carrier after the Post Office killed the RPOs. We became the Tuesday afternoon train club that meets on whatever rotating day off Jimmy had. Richie and Jimmy have passed since that time but Andy and I are still in touch all these years later thanks to the hobby. In 1969 I was a member of the Connetquot Model RR Club, a group which never really got off the ground. It was there I met John R Taibi, just home from Vietnam, and now a life long friend. Not only did we share a love of model railroading but John was a very talented photographer who taught me a lot about light and composition. Together, he and I photographed trains in all 48 contiguous states.

Over the years, especially after I joined the NMRA in 2005, I have met hundreds of fine people through the hobby. I wouldn't trade the experience for the world. So, we go into 2019 looking forward for another rewarding time through our hobby. I look forward to the journey and hope you do also.

FROM THE OFFICE DOWN THE HALL

Bob Osburn, Assistant Superintendent

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Let's hope 2019 brings us lots of good news and good times with our families and the model railroad community. The end of 2018 is in the record book, and for most of us, it's a time of reflection and a time to make our New Year's Resolutions. For myself, looking back during 2018 I saw many positive things happening within the Division. More members participated in the monthly contest, many very good clinics were presented, the company store was introduced, interesting discussions were held during the MADD sessions, the Gary Burdette Challenge was conducted, and the T-Trak group was organized, just to name a few. Most of all, after reviewing the meeting sign-in sheets I have noticed an increase in the number of members attending the meetings. We can look back at our accomplishments for 2018 and conclude it was a successful year for Division 9.

As for the New Year's Resolutions, first I hope you continue your support of the NMRA and Division 9. Next, my approach to resolutions or goals is a little different. Yes, I have set goals but sometimes they can be broad and almost unrealistic. Instead I try to break down a goal into steps, the steps being more attainable. As an example, my ultimate goal is to become an MMR but I need to break it down into smaller steps. Obtaining one

or two AP certificates during 2019 is a realistic approach to my ultimate goal. Next year I can still have my goal listed but I know if I can continue with small steps, becoming an MMR is attainable.

Bringing in New Members. Growing our membership should always be one of our most important goals. Our membership population is aging. The youth is an area we should always be looking at, but the baby boomer bubble is working its way into and through retirement. In the early stages of retirement, people look for hobbies to fill the time they spent working and they should be a good source of new members. Another area we can look to reengage modelers are the empty-nester stage (ages 50-67). At this stage in life, they have extra resources and a little extra time. The NMRA has done much to attract new members but we also have an obligation for recruiting new members for the NMRA and our Division. One of the best ways to encourage all age groups is through mentoring. Personally, I would not be where I am today without mentors. Mentors become your friends for life. Please, take the time and reach out to someone and become a mentor. It is something you and they will never forget.

UPCOMING CLINICS

Bob Osburn, Clinic Manager

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who presented clinics during 2018. The clinics were diverse and very interesting. I received many comments from members saying how much they enjoyed your presentations, again, thanks!

The January clinic will be a series of mini presentations highlighting different modeling techniques and processes. Bob Weinheimer will explain how he makes his own ballast, Dale Osburn will go over several techniques and tools he uses, and I will give an overview of different adhesives used during model building.

The clinic for February will focus on JMRI Operations, a computer generated train manifest for your rail-

road. Many members have shown interest in knowing more about JMRI and David Oliverio has agreed to present the clinic. The clinic for March will be presented by Jesse Smith featuring modeling passenger cars. I am looking forward to both upcoming clinics; they should be very interesting and informative.

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.

MONTHLY MODEL CONTEST

2019 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	Third Annual Gary Burdette Memorial
June	Non Revenue Except Cabooses		Modeling Challenge. Details and kick
July	Structures		off in October



**Coal Division
Monthly Railfun Event**

Modeler's Choice

Saturday January 12, 2019

**NOTE THE NEW WINTER MEETING TIMES
AGREED TO AT THE DECEMBER MEETING:**

12:00 - Depot open

Buy raffle tickets, etc.

Socialize

Contest: Modeler's Choice so bring anything!

1:00 - Superintendent's Briefing

1:30 - MADD Discussion of any subject

2:00 - Mini Clinics

3:00 - Raffle results, contest results

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

March

April

January 28

February 25

April 1

NMRA MCR DIVISION 9 *THE COAL DIVISION*

St Albans Depot
St Albans, WV
December 8, 2018
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Superintendent Dan Mulhearn at 2:06 p.m.

Raffle

Tom Harris is out of town today. Dan Mulhearn managed today's raffle.

Division Clerk Report

October and November Minutes approved
Treasury Balance is \$8,579.35.
Company Store \$6.
Raffle \$34.

Old Business

None.

New Business

It was suggested the May meeting be moved to avoid conflict with the MCR convention and Mother's Day.

Bob Osburn brought up the idea of a Christmas dinner in December for 2019. Bob thought it would be a good idea to show appreciation to the membership. Several members made suggestions.

Superintendent Report

Dan Mulhearn thanked everyone for their enthusiasm this year and especially for the T-Track efforts. He wished everyone a happy holiday and especially Bob Osburn for fixing coffee today.

John Harris mentioned the idea of a trip for members for the summer of 2019. Several members expressed interest in the idea. John will do some research into options available.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Bob Osburn thanked everyone for braving the cold today to attend the meeting. He thanked those who helped with the Huntington show. We will have a display at the upcoming Kanawha Valley show as well.

Dale Osburn asked if there was interest in moving the meeting time up one hour for the winter months to accommodate people traveling long distances. The motion was approved unanimously.

Newsletter - Up the Holler

Bob Weinheimer reported that the November issue was the biggest issue ever. He thanked Sam Delauter for the coverage of the Huntington Show.

Announcements

Kanawha Valley Model Railroad Show February 23, 24.

Kanawha Valley Railroad Association Open House, Coonskin Park Saturday/Sunday each weekend in December.

Achievement Program

Bob Weinheimer was finally able to present Dale Osburn with his Golden Spike award.

Future Meetings:

January 12 – St Albans Depot

February 9 – St Albans Depot

Librarian

Bill Wadsworth had the library available to checkout today.

Meeting adjourned at 2:34.

Contest

There is no formal contest today but instead a "non-contest" with dioramas for the Gary Burdette Modeling Challenge. Larry presented certificates to last year's participants.

Respectfully submitted,

Clinic

January – Mini-Clinics on various topics
February -- David Olivero – Using JMRI

Jerry Doyle, Division 9 Clerk

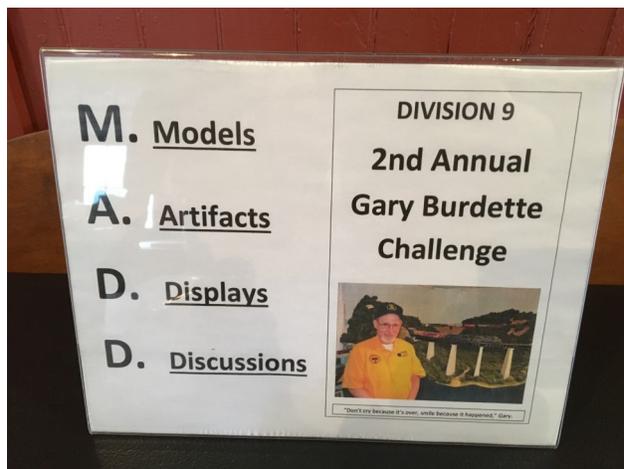
Membership

No new members to report. John Harris will be ordering new name badges, we need a minimum order of three.

SECOND ANNUAL GARY BURDETTE MEMORIAL MODELING CHALLENGE

Photos by David Oliverio and Sam Delauter

This December event drew a large number of entries in three different scales, the most diverse set of entries to date. David and Sam took lots of photos, more than could possibly fit here. Enjoy!



Above by Sam Delauter, to right an overview of the entries by David Oliverio



Sam Delauter's entry is, not surprisingly, N scale and is a T-Trak module. Photos by David Oliverio.



Bob Osburn used N scale to model a jointly operated station used by the two railroads that cross in front of the station. The photo on the left is by Sam Delauter, the one on the right from a different angle is by David Oliverio.



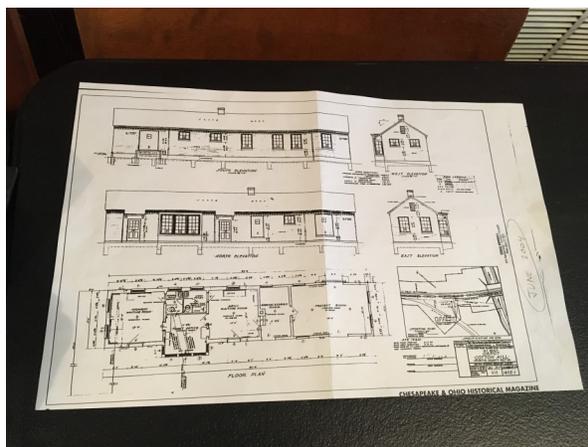
Dale Osburn, in HO scale, worked several structures into his one square foot of modeling effort. Photos by David Oliverio.



Herb Parsons, modeling in N scale, created a railroad museum. Photos by David Oliverio



Larry Richards created a model in HO scale. In addition to the station, there is quite a lot of other detail that looks just right on one square foot. Photos by Sam Delauter



Jesse Smith used C&O plans to adapt the station kit supplied to entrants to build a model of the Cotton Hill, WV C&O depot. The model is in O scale which leaves little empty space on a one square foot base. Photo of structure by David Oliverio, photo of plans by Sam Delauter.



Bill Wadsworth's entry is in HO scale. Photo on the left by Sam Delauter, photo on the right by David Oliverio.

MY WORD Bob Weinheimer, Editor

I thank David Oliverio and Sam Delauter for taking many photos of the entries in the December modeling challenge. I was certainly impressed by the skills of the Coal Division members. It was also interesting to see entries in N, HO, and O scales.

Tom Harris is working on a series of articles about the signals on his railroad. We are trying to determine just how to break things up and how much to publish in each of the upcoming issues. This should be very interesting. It's a reasonably complex subject but Tom makes it understandable.

The Kanawha Valley Railroad Association will be holding their annual show February 23 and 24. They now have a new

and much larger venue, the Arena Event Center at 6400 MacCorkle Avenue in St. Albans, WV. This was most recently a furniture store so you can imagine how big this must be compared to their old venue, the lodge at Coonskin Park.

I mention this not only to spread the word on their behalf but to point out that this show will be the public debut of our T-Trak efforts led by Sam Delauter. We will be joined by at least part of the Lexington Division's group, the rest of their group will be at another show in another city that weekend. Clearly, this gives us an excellent opportunity to spread the word about T-Trak and the NMRA.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Bob Weinheimer MMR

It was a pleasure to recognize Dale Osburn with his Golden Spike Award in December. Achievement Program activity in our Division has been quite low for some time and Dale's accomplishment is the only activity in recent months.

I see that the AP is on the mind of at least one member: Bob Osburn notes in his column that he hopes to earn one or more this year. I also know that at least two members are getting close to the number of certificates needed to become a Master Model Railroader. One already has five certificates, is working on the Civil Engineering certificate, and is figuring out just how to tackle Master Builder Cars. The other has four certificates but I can see a fifth and now that he is getting serious about building a layout, Civil or Scenery might come his way. There is still the choice that all of us face: Cars or Motive Power. I realize some modelers can build wonderful structures but fret about scratch building a car. Think of it this way: a car is nothing but a structure on wheels. Perhaps that can help get you past that stumbling block.

Nobody says that earning an AP certificate is easy. They do say, however, that you will learn something and improve your modeling skills. Use the beginning of a new year to resolve to earn an AP certificate.



Bob presents Dale with his Golden Spike Award

T-Trak Update

Sam Delauter

As I write this, the new year is upon us. I hope everyone had a great end to their year. For those that missed the December meeting, you missed a good meeting. Not only was there good turnout for the meeting, there was a good turn out for the square foot challenge. Following suit with the rest of the meeting, the T-TRAK meeting was a good one too. There was much discussion including adding to our standards.

I am now looking forward to our January meeting. We are gearing up for the Kanawha Valley Railroad Association show that is held at the end of February. Although the show in November went well, we should always strive for improvement. Please be thinking about the upcoming show and what we can do make things go even better. With the KVRA show in about a month and a half, keep

up the good work on your modules and be thinking to the future. If we keep working, we can have the fully scened T-TRAK layout that we have been working to complete.

At this point, everyone should have received an email about the T-TRAK layout at the regional convention. I hope that everyone is considering taking their completed modules to the convention. If anyone has any questions about T-TRAK at the convention, please let me know.

Starting with the January meeting we will be having all of the members of Division 9 vote to approve the changes we make within the group. As we discussed, we feel that this will greatly improve the validity of the group and streamline our functionality within the Division and the region.

14th Annual

Kanawha Valley
Model Railroad Show

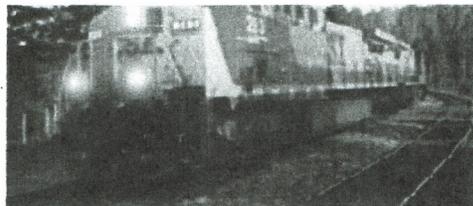
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Kanawha Valley Railroad Association

New Location!

THE ARENA EVENT CENTER

6400 MacCorkle Ave., Saint Albans, WV



FEBRUARY 23 & 24, 2019

Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and
Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Vendors, layouts and clinics!
Free Parking, Refreshments Available

ADMISSION: \$5.00; Children under 12 free!

VENDOR TABLES - \$25.00

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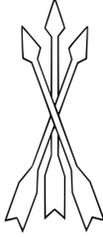
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