



# UP THE HOLLER



DIVISION 9, MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA

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Hot slag dump on Dave Stout's railroad.!

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## FROM THE HEAD OF THE HOLLER

### Dan Mulhearn, Superintendent

Steel is still king! We had our annual sojourn to Parkersburg, WV for our annual steel industry related event. Special thanks go out to Paul Lapointe and his bride for opening their home and layout to us. It was good to see the progress on Paul's layout extension with all his innovative ideas for bench work, LED lighting, etc. Very special thanks also to Dave Stout and family for opening his layout to us, setting up our meeting space, and providing a wonderful lunch. I could spend days looking over Dave's layout and find wonderful new mini-scenes within the overall scene. The day was topped off by enjoying the hospitality of the Mid Ohio Valley group at their amazing multi-layout facility. Attendance was good, we even had visitors from Division 2. Thanks to all whom attended, if you couldn't you missed a good one.

If and when I ever get my home layout beyond the small bit I've built so far; one of the things I really want to have is a working signal system with a CTC control board. The NMRA's Layout Command Control system is intriguing but a little beyond my computer skills. I had mentioned to Bob Weinheimer that I wished someone would publish a book or a series of articles on LCC providing information to us neophytes. Lo and behold, the June, 2019 issue of *Railroad Model Craftsman* has an article on building an interlocking with LCC. It gave me a lot of information and also demonstrated how lacking my knowledge is in some areas. The article assumes a working knowledge of JMRI Panel Pro and I am finding that a steep learning curve. Time for a little brain stretching. One very useful bit of information is that there are two on line sources for LCC users: <http://tinyurl.com/lccusers>, and [openlcb.org](http://openlcb.org).

I had a big surprise the other day. I had mentioned to Chris Wiley that I was interested in building a couple of T-Trak modules. A package arrived from Chris containing a large assortment of Radical Flats N gauge buildings and roofing materials. These are photos of real buildings printed on heavy paper and make neat background buildings. Thanks Chris! Next time AEP sends you to Pipestem for a meeting, I owe you dinner.

Our next event will be our train ride out of Elkins on June 8. Hope to see you there.

**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

July	June 24
August	July 29
September	September 2
October	September 30
November	October 28
December	December 2
January	December 18
February	January 20

## FROM THE OFFICE DOWN THE HALL

### Bob Osburn, Assistant Superintendent

I have never met a model railroader that wasn't a railroad historian to some degree. It seems we have a fascination for past and present historical railroad items and places that have caught our attention. An old structure, engine, bridge, or a piece of rolling stock seems to start something ticking in our mind and we want more information, hoping to be able to capture it in a model. That is probably why it is called *MODEL* railroading. In a recent conversation with Tom Dixon from the Chesapeake & Ohio Historical Society, he expressed how important model railroaders are to the history of all railroads. "A picture can say a thousand words, but an accurate model can say a lot more. It's really up to those model railroaders to preserve in models all that is lost or will be lost forever," was Tom's comment. Several members of Division 9 have built wonderful models of historic railroad structures and rolling stock or captured prototypical scenes. Their efforts need to be recognized for they have preserved something historic for others to learn from and enjoy.

I am very fortunate to live in an area with lots of rail history and an endless source of modeling possibilities. Raceland has the car shops, Russell has the large classification yard, and Huntington has the locomotive shops. The NS runs across the Ohio River and along the Big Sandy River. There is never a dull moment for rail watching, yet it seems something often leads to a new local rail discovery. Several months ago I purchased a piece of script from a local coin dealer. What really caught my attention

was it came from the AC&I RR (Ashland Coal and Iron Railroad) which eventually became part of the C&O. Next, I found out that the AC&I Company Store still exists in Ashland and is being used as a farmers supply store. What a wonderful model it would make. Another hobby I have is metal detecting. While searching a yard in Catlettsburg I found a token from the Ashland & Catlettsburg Street Railroad. After some research, I found out this was a horse drawn trolley that traveled on rails between Ashland and Catlettsburg. Its main purpose was to provide transportation to and from Clyffeside Park located on the boarder between Ashland and Catlettsburg. An electric trolley system operated on the streets of Ashland, my mother rode a rail bus from Willard to Grayson on the Eastern Kentucky Railroad, and a logging tram railroad (the CC&OH Railroad) ran from Olive Hill to Carter Caves and used Shay locomotives. I wonder what else I will find in this little corner of Eastern Kentucky.

I guess what I'm really getting to is the fact that we all have so much history and modeling possibilities in our own backyards. We are the ones who can preserve in models something that may be gone forever. Choose something from your list of projects that fits into the historic category and add it to a diorama or layout.

In closing, unfortunately I haven't been able to attend some of the recent meetings. I was really looking forward to the annual trip to Parkersburg and the outing at Elkins but prior commitments must be kept—hope to see you at the Depot in July.

## CLINICS

### Sam Delauter, Clinic Chair

Although we did not have a clinic this past meeting, the layout tours were enough to suffice. Many thanks to our hosts Paul Lapointe, Dave Stout, and the Mid Ohio Valley Model Railroad Club. Looking forward, we do not

have a clinic this coming month as we will be on our excursion trip. As of writing this article, we still need a clinic for August and for October. If you have a clinic you would like to give, please let me know.

## 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 Modeling Challenge. Details and kick off in October
June	Non Revenue Except Cabooses		
July	Structures		



**Coal Division**  
**Monthly Railfun Event**  
*“Ride the New Tygart Flyer”*

***Saturday June 8, 2019***

**315 Railroad Avenue**  
**Elkins, WV**

- 10:30**     **Arrive no later at depot**
- 11:00**     **Train departs (per web site, error in previous newsletter)**
- 3:00**     **Train returns to Elkins**

**T-Trak Update**  
**Sam Delauter**

While there isn't much going on currently with T-TRAK, I'd like to take this time to look back on the last year and a half. A year and a half ago, I was speaking with a few individuals about the potential of starting a small T-TRAK group. After an organizational meeting, we decided to bring the group into the NMRA.

At that meeting, we had a grand total of one module that was somewhat completed. Since then we have retained our membership and even gained a few members. We have gone from one 1 foot module and now collectively have about 30 feet of modules, many of which have scenery completed.

Since the T-TRAK group has been formed we have participated in train shows in Morehead, KY, Lexington, KY, Huntington, WV, and St. Albans, WV. Many of our members had their modules included at the regional NMRA convention in Boardman OH. At our meeting in Parkersburg, I mentioned that Bob Osburn had won best of show in T-TRAK at Boardman. I would like to mention that honor again. Congratulations to Bob. Thank you for all of your support of our group and congratulations for winning best of show at Boardman.

**NMRA MCR DIVISION 9**  
***THE COAL DIVISION***  
**Steel Is King**  
**Dave Stout's Home**  
**Parkersburg, WV**  
**May 18, 2018 (sunny 81°)**  
**Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Superintendent Dan Mulhearn at 1:20 p.m.

Dan thanked Dave and Rhonda Stout for hosting today's meeting.

Members introduced themselves.

**Division Clerk Report**

April Minutes approved  
 Treasury Balance is \$8,737.35.  
 Company Store \$0.  
 Raffle \$0.

Jerry Doyle updated everyone on the Division progress towards 501(c)(3) status. Some minor changes will be needed to the website to better showcase our educational and community outreach efforts.

**Superintendent Report**

Dan shared some thoughts on the Achievement Program. He would like to make this a focus for our division. He mentioned that there are several members who have the work done, they just lack the paperwork. Our AP chair is available for any member needing guidance with writing up their application for an AP certificate.

**Assistant Superintendent Report**

Bob Osburn was attending the N Scale convention in Columbus, Ohio.

**Newsletter - Up the Holler**

Bob Weinheimer mentioned upcoming features. Bob encouraged C&O modelers to contribute a picture for the mast head. He also noted the new format has additional space and encouraged members to contribute.

**Achievement Program**

Bob Weinheimer reported on the efforts by the MCR to encourage activity in the Achievement Program. He echoed Dan's comments about several members being close to having completed work for certificates.

**Librarian**

The library was not available today.

**Contest**

Dale Osburn asked members to provide a short write up for entries.

**Clinic**

June – D&GV train excursion  
 We need presentations for July and October.

**Membership**

The June meeting will be in Elkins, WV. We will be riding the Durbin & Greenbrier Valley. We have reserved the parlor car and the cost will be \$78. Checks should be made out to the D&GV. It's not too late to sign up for the trip but the deadline is fast approaching.  
 Local lodging is available.

**Raffle**

None today but we will be resuming in July. As always items are needed.

**Old Business**

Additional details were provided for the June trip. Due to the logistics involved there will be no contest or business meeting in June.

**New Business**

Sam Delauter mentioned that Bob Osburn received Best of Show for the T-Trak and Herb Parsons won first place in black & white photography at the recent MCR convention.

Dale Osburn moved that we move the cookout at the depot to August to allow sufficient time for planning. Motion passed unanimously.

Jerry Doyle updated members on an operating agreement for the St Albans depot.

**Announcements**

None

**Future Meetings:**

June 8 – Excursion Durbin & Greenbrier Valley  
 Elkins, WV

July 13 – St Albans Depot.

August 10 – Picnic on the Platform St Albans Depot

Meeting adjourned at 1:49.

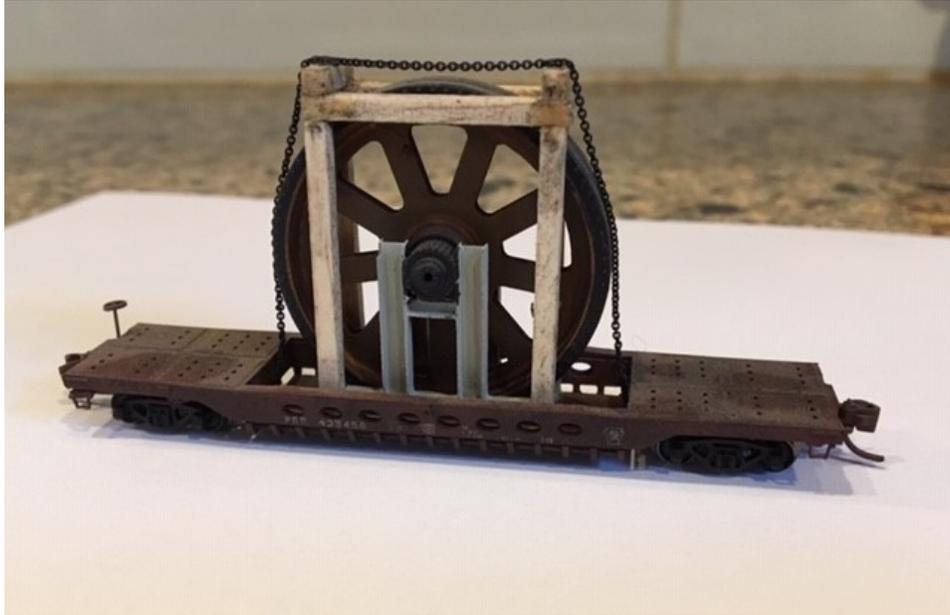
Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Doyle, Division 9 Clerk

## CONTEST Dale Osburn

First place at the May contest went to Sam Delauter for his Pennsylvania F49 Well Car. Second place was Jerry Doyle for his Athearn Gondola with loads. Third Place was a tie between Mark Maynard for his DTI 9630 Gondola and David Stout for his Coil Loader.

There will not be any contest for June due to the Rail Fan trip to Elkins on the Durbin and Greenbrier Valley Railroad. Looking ahead, July contest will be Structures.



First Place: Sam Delauter  
Pennsylvania F49 Well Car 435458

Pennsylvania F49 well car #435458 is an Eastern Seaboard model which was weathered and given a steel wheel load. The wheel was seen in a prototype picture of a well car of this design. The model of the wheel is 3D printed. The model was painted the wheel brown color and then hand painted all of the other detailed colors. The wood bracing and the chain were added based off of prototype pictures of these style of loads. The loaded car stands at 21.5' in height. Photo by Sam Delauter



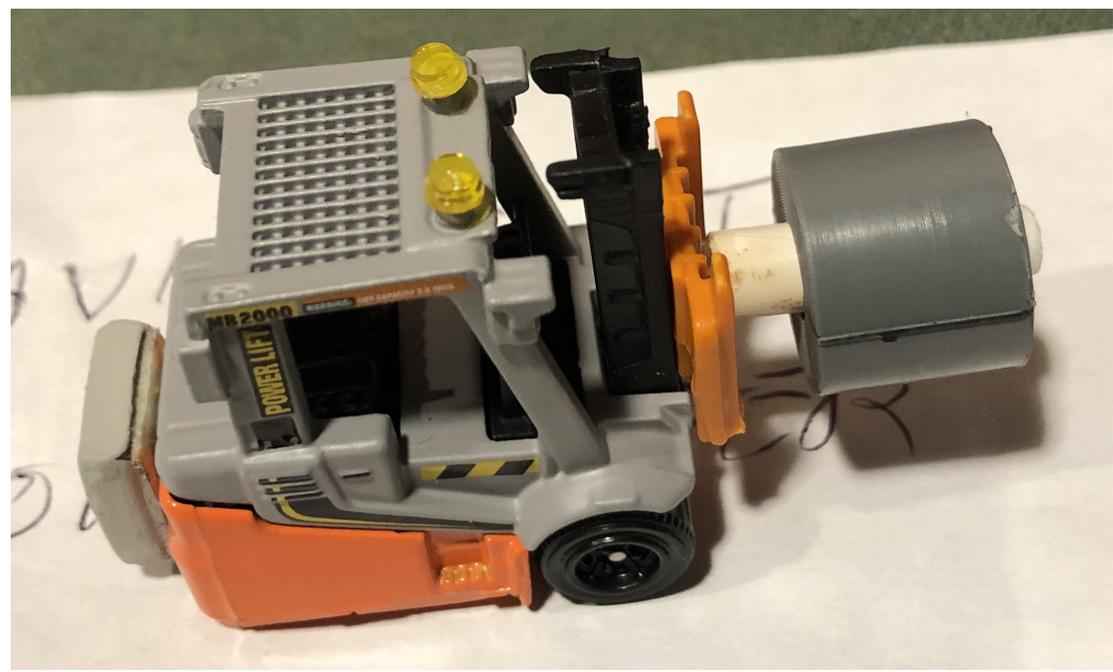
Third Place: Mark Maynard  
DTI 9630 Gondola

The model was painted, decaled, and weathered, with hand built removable loads.



Second Place: Jerry Doyle  
Athearn Gondola

The Athearn gondola was heavily weathered and detailed. Loads were added to each gondola.



Third Place: David Stout  
Coil Loader

The model was detailed and was hauling a coil load.

## MY WORD

### Bob Weinheimer, Editor

Once again our hosts in Parkersburg, Paul and Pat Lapointe and Dave and Rhonda Stout, rolled out the red carpet for our visit. Paul had lots of progress to show us and we even had an idea to help him with a staging yard issue. Dave has also made a few additions to his railroad including a hot slag dump. See it in the cover photo.

Next up is the New Tygart Flyer on June 8, I hope to see many of you there. I've had the opportunity to take this trip in the parlor car and look forward to doing so again.

Coming up in future issues of Up the Holler will be an article by Tom Harris on Helicon Focus, a way to dramatically increase depth of field in model photos. Also, Sam Delauter has an update on his Z scale modeling.

This is the third issue with the new cover page. While N&W motive power certainly reminds us of the Coal Division's geography, I am still hoping that some of the C&O modelers will be upset enough with the competition to come up with a suitable C&O image. When that happens, get with me for details on the size and we can alter-

nate between N&W and C&O.

After the June 8 train ride the next big thing for me is Salt Lake City and the NMRA National convention. While Dan is going to take his chances with Amtrak, I plan to take several days to drive there. Part of that time will be spent on US 30 driving across Nebraska and Wyoming right next to the Union Pacific main line. I also plan a side trip into Colorado to see the new Caboose hobby shop near Denver and the Colorado Model Railroad Museum in Greeley.

In 2020 the National convention and the National Train Show will be in St. Louis, after that it is not clear when it will be so close again. In 2021 it will be in California and in 2022 it will be in England. Both should be interesting places but they are not very close to the Coal Division.

On a less pleasant note, I write this the day after hearing of tornadoes that did considerable damage in the greater Dayton, Ohio area. I have not heard of any issues with NMRA members and I sure hope they all fared well.

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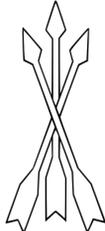
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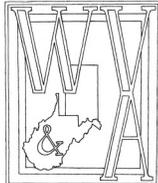


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**June 8  
Railfan Trip**

**July 13  
St. Albans Depot**

**August 10  
St. Albans Depot**

**September 14  
Portsmouth, OH**

**October 12  
St. Albans Depot**