



UP THE HOLLER



DIVISION 9, MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA

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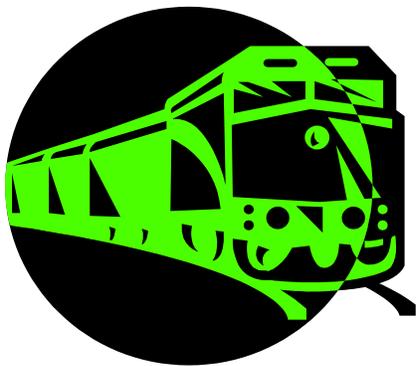
Division members really stepped forward last month to make February a huge success. The regular meeting attendance was again very good, we had a great clinic by Bob Weinheimer, the contest entries were excellent, and we were even able to keep the business meeting short! Next on our agenda was the Kanawha Valley Model Train and Craft Show. John Harris coordinated the set-up and manning of the Division's NMRA booth resulting in a multitude of questions being answered about model railroading and the NMRA. Hats off to those members who volunteered to share time at the display. Several membership applications were given to prospective members as well as invitations to attend our next meeting. T-TRAK was again a great success thanks to the efforts of Sam Delauter, our T-TRAK coordinator. Several clinics were presented by Bob Weinheimer (decoder installation), Mark Maynard (ballasting track and adding scenery), and Randy Allio (weathering with Pan Pastels®). All the clinics were well attended and it gave us a great opportunity to reach out to prospective members. I would like to thank everyone for their support and participation in making February a great success for MCR Division 9.

While at the KVRA, show I took some time to observe the different groups of people that came through our area. At the NMRA booth, the display showing the progression of scenery was a big hit with those in their 30s. I assume, from the questions asked, they have an interest in model railroading, but haven't started a model railroad yet. The next group was older and asked questions about the structures and the Z scale diorama. They seemed to have some knowledge of model railroading and in this group some interest in the NMRA was evident. The T-TRAK layout got lots of attention from both groups. Younger visitors walked through with just a passing view of the dioramas while older, more seasoned model railroad veterans took more time looking at the details of each module and asking questions. It was very curious that the women who viewed the modules seemed to pick-out a lot more of the fine details and communicate their findings to others with them. As for the children, they just love to watch trains run! The clinics seemed to draw the most serious model railroaders. This presents a great opportunity for prospective members. With this thought in mind, maybe we should saturate a Saturday at other shows with almost non-stop clinics and videos. This would take some effort, but it could really payoff by getting those serious model railroaders familiar at what we are all about, EDUCATION. I hope we can discuss this endeavor at the monthly meetings.

Finally, I am starting to clean out my Desk Down the Hall and getting ready to move to The Head of the Holler in May. Dan was not really ready to move but he thought that with his current health conditions, it would be in the best interest of the Division. Thanks, Dan, for all you have accomplished! I really appreciate the support and confidence members have in me stepping into Dan's position and will try to do my best, but remember we all need to work together as a group to accomplish our goals.

HAPPY MODELING!

Cover: Randy Allio working at the booth during the KVRA train show.
Photo by Bob Weinheimer



Coal Division
Monthly Railfun Event
Locomotives
other than steam

Saturday March 14, 2020
C&O Depot, St. Albans, WV

- 12:00 Doors open
 Set up and view the contest entries
 Buy raffle tickets, etc.
 Socialize
- 1:00 Superintendent's Briefing
- 1:30 Contest discussion
- 2:00 Contest and raffle results
- 2:15 Clinic by Fred Soward on repurposing
 freight cars

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

March	March 1
April	March 30
May	April 27
June	May 27
July	July 1
August	July 29
September	September 2

NMRA MCR DIVISION 9
THE COAL DIVISION
Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2019

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

Lapointe's home layouts will be open before and after the meeting.

Members introduced themselves.

We will also have multiple clinics running at the St Albans show February 22 & 23.

Division Clerk Report

February Minutes approved
 Treasury Balance is \$8,496.35.
 Company Store \$25 (school house kit).
 Raffle \$0. Pike Ads \$20.

Membership

John Harris passed around a sign-up sheet for manning the booth at the St Albans show this month.

Jerry Doyle updated everyone on the Division's progress towards 501(c)(3) status. We have received approval from the IRS. We are awaiting confirmation of our status as a non-profit by the state. We will be required to now file an annual tax return with the IRS by May 15 each year and renew our status with the WV Secretary of State by July 1.

Raffle

Tom Harris reminded members that proceeds support the continuing operations of the depot.

Status as a 501(c)(3) organization comes from our purpose to promote the history and heritage of railroads and model railroading. Tax-exempt status means we can accept donations that are tax deductible for the donor. Tax-exempt organizations are also exempt from income taxes on earnings.

T-TRAK

We will have a display at the St Albans show. Sam Delauter invited members who don't have modules to come out and participate too.

Superintendent Report

Dan Mulhearn was unable to attend today.

Old Business

None.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Bob Osburn promised a short business meeting. He knows people come for the clinics. He mentioned the idea of having work parties at the SACOM model railroad building.

New Business

Bob Weinheimer moved that the Division authorize the T-TRAK display at the St Albans Show as a Division 9-sanctioned event.

He also moved that we move the May meeting to May 2 to allow for Mother's Day the following weekend.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Newsletter - Up the Holler

Bob Weinheimer mentioned upcoming features. He is always looking for good images for the front page and a new mast head.

Announcements

St. Albans show February 22 & 23.

AMRS KYOWVA Mall show March 14 & 15.

SACOM C&O Modelers Weekend at Hawks Nest March 27-29.

Bob Weinheimer has been elected to the national NMRA Board of Directors.

Achievement Program

Bob Weinheimer noted that Sam Delauter is getting close to enough points for Association Volunteer.

Librarian

Bill Wadsworth had the library available to checkout today.

Future Meetings:

March 13 – St Albans Depot

April 11 – St Albans Depot

May 18 – Steel is King Parkersburg, WV.

Contest

Dale Osburn mentioned some ideas for this year's Gary Burdette modeling challenge. He has contacted Bar Mills models about having kits donated. Next month's clinic will be locomotives other than steam.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Clinic

Today	Bob Weinheimer – JMRI
March	Fred Soward – Repurposed Rolling Stock
April	Bob Osburn – Scratchbuilt Street Lights
May	Steel Is King – Dave Stout and Paul

Jerry Doyle, Division 9 Clerk

CONTEST
Dale Osburn
 Photos by Dale Osburn

In February, we had a tie for first place between Larry Richards and Tony Parrish.

The March contest will be locomotives other than

steam. The April contest will be Cabooses.

Please be thinking of ideas for the Gary Burdette Memorial Modeling Challenge.



First Place (Larry Richards)

Tank type 0-6-0 converted to 2-6-0

New boiler made of ABS tubing.

Two wheel pilot made of styrene with wire braces using N-scale wheel-sets.

HO scale details included metal generator, air pump, air tank and brass headlight.

Cab was lengthened using canvas curtains made from used tea bags.

Tender is a N-scale type which has been shortened with extended fuel bunker, wood deck, filler for water and backup light was added.

First Place (Tony Parrish)

GVRR 251 Loosely based on a NKP and C&IM prototype. Added or replaced the following.

Bell

Marker lights

Dual air pumps

Low water alarm

Exhaust muffler

Generator

Scratch built tool box for pilot

Whistle

Tender is stock Broadway Limited. The following were added.

Backup light

Dog house

Re-railer



CLINICS Sam Delauter

I am still working on filling the 2020 clinic schedule. Although I don't have all of the spots filled yet, I do have some clinics that are still in the works.

We have been asked to do some mini clinics at the Kanawha Valley Railroad Association's show in February. We have been asked to do five clinics that are at least 15 minutes long each.

If you have any interest in giving a clinic at our meeting or at the KVRA show, please let me know. Also if you have any ideas for clinics let me know as I may be able to find someone to give a clinic on the topic.

March	Fred Soward from Louisville will present a clinic on repurposing freight cars as well as showing us photos of the Division 8 Box-car Challenge
April	Making Mountains by Tom Harris
May	Steel is King in Parkersburg
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	Visit the Crusty Mountain in Portsmouth
November	Bluefield Train Show
December	4th Annual Gary Burdette Memorial Square Foot Challenge

MONTHLY MODEL CONTEST 2020 SCHEDULE

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

PASSENGER MANIFEST John Harris, Membership Chair

A special thanks to all those who volunteered to man the NMRA MCR Division 9 booth at the Kanawha Valley Model Railroad in St. Albans in February. From my observations during the times I was there and the feedback I received from those volunteers, we had some very engaged visitors to our display and some very good prospects for future membership. I believe the combination of our presence at the show along with the T trak modules and the clinic offerings offers a great opportunity to promote NMRA and encourage membership. Time will tell if these seedlings bear fruit.

As we look to the future, I continue to be pleased with the percentage of overall Division members who make it to our monthly meetings. With the geographical challenges of this spread out division, we are still typically approaching 50% participation at our monthly meetings. I think that is due in part to the dedication of the membership to the hobby. But, it is also in no small way the quality of the clinics and activities we offer. Kudos to the leadership and committee chairs that continue to provide quality benefits to the members. Let us all continue to support these efforts and develop new initiatives to improve these moving forward.

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KVRA TRAIN SHOW ACTIVITY



Mark Maynard presenting his clinic on track ballasting. Photo by John Harris

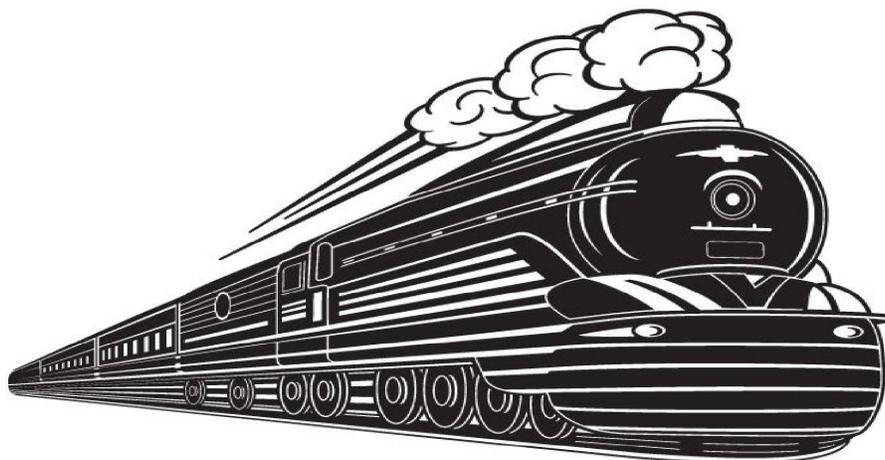
Randy Allio and Robert Osburn sharing their knowledge on the use of Pan Pastels®. Photo by John Harris



A view of the T-TRAK display. Photo by Bob Weinheimer

TRAIN SHOW & SALE

OUR 30TH YEAR



SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Holy Family Parish Saffin Center
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- Operating Layouts and Displays
- Retail Sales
- Information Stations
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- Great Food & Beverages
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ADMISSION

\$6.00 Per Person – Children 12 and under free with an adult
NMRA members can enter the show at 9:00 AM
with your current membership card in hand

Dealer Tables available - \$30 per table

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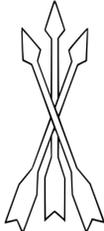
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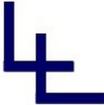


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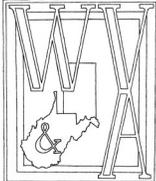


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