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FROM THE HEAD OF THE HOLLER

We must sadly let you know that Nina Mulhearn, wife of Coal Division Superintendent Dan Mulhearn, and also a Coal Division member, passed away the night of May 26.

Services will be Thursday June 1 at Memorial Funeral Directory, 654 Athens Road, Princeton, WV. Visitation will be from 4PM to 6PM with the funeral at 6PM.

Please keep Dan in your thoughts and prayers.

At the recent Mid Central Region convention the late Gary Burdette, MMR was recognized with a Directors' Award. This is an award presented annually to the MCR member who has rendered outstanding service to the Region. We were pleased that Gary's wife Janie and his daughter Anna Frazer were able to join us in Louisville for the presentation of the award. Jerry Doyle made the presentation and Dave Williams took the photograph.



From the Office Down the Hall

Bob Osburn

As many of you already know, I have been involved with Radio Control Aircraft for many years. My local flying club (The Skyhawks) is sanctioned through the Academy of Model Aeronautics and all Club Members must have current membership with the AMA. This is how we maintain liability insurance for our club activities. Just like the NMRA, a monthly publication is available for members. In a recent issue of the AMA magazine an article caught my eye entitled "Our Industry is Struggling". The author talked about how many small hobby shops have gone out of business, the number of participants and vendors are down at trade shows, and even the number of advertisers in the AMA magazine is fewer. He also noted the number of airplane kits available is at an all-time low; members are opting to purchase almost ready to fly models instead of building from kits or plans.

I share this observation with you because the same things are happening to a certain degree in the model railroad world. Many newbies to model railroading come from a world almost foreign to us old fogies. Their desire is for instant gratification whether buying a first house (must have open concept, walk-in closets, granite counter tops, and stainless steel appliances) or taking this same approach to modeling. Have you noticed how many already built structures, highly detailed rolling stock, pre-weathered structures and rolling stock, and ready to install accessories (vehicles with working headlights, water tanks

with sound and operating spout, etc.) are now available? I'm not saying this approach is wrong, but it shows a real change in our hobby. Young couples have a lot more on their plate time wise than we had when we were their age. To them they may have the desire to get into model railroading but time seems to be a real factor. Computers and smart phones are a necessity in their lives and it's natural for them to search the web for information and products they desire.

I think we need to be very aware of these changing trends and do some serious thinking on how we can nurture their interest so they can grow into seniors that enjoy model railroading.

We need to be aware the local hobby shop is probably a dying breed. If you have a local hobby shop, please support it. A hobby shop is a great entry point for people to get into our hobby and find out how to connect with others locally who also participate. Its staff is also a great resource for knowledge and assistance.

Tell people about our hobby. Invite them to visit your layout and/or invite them to our monthly meeting. Let them experience the thrill we get out of model railroading and the great comradery we share as a group!

We can all support and be ambassadors of our great hobby.

CLINICS

Bob Osburn, Clinic Chair

The amount of progress Paul Lapointe has made on the Pittsburgh & Western RR was very evident during our May meeting *Steel is King* at Parkersburg, WV. We got to view first hand his use of LED strips to solve the lighting problem for the lower decks of his railroad.

Paul has graciously agreed to present the June Clinic detailing how he used LED strips to solve the lighting problems on the P&W. His clinic should be very informative covering materials needed, installation tips, and some hands-on practice using LED strip lighting.

Since we will be having *The Picnic on the Platform* at the July Meeting, the MADD Program (Models, Artifacts, Displays, and Discussions) will take the place of our normal monthly clinic.

Ideas are need for future clinics. If you would like to present a clinic or have ideas for one please let me know.

LIBRARY CORNER

Bill Wadsworth

Recently there has been some more interest in our Div. 9 DVD library, which is really great as there is some great modeling information that the members can take advantage of. I'm still looking for any DVDs that the members would like to donate/lend to the library. Any contributions will enhance the library and make it useful to all. I will strive to bring the DVDs to all the "home" meetings (St. Albans depot), but returns or donations are welcome anytime.



Coal Division
Monthly Railfun Event
“Non Revenue Equipment”

Saturday June 10 2017

- 12:30 Depot Open**
- 1:00 Social Time, bring in contest entries:**
Non revenue equipment except cabooses.
- 2:00 Superintendent’s Briefing**
- 2:30 Contest Results**
Raffle
- 3:00 Clinic: “LED Layout Lighting” by Paul Lapointe**

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 26
August	July 24
September	August 28
October	October 2
November	October 30

NMRA MCR DIVISION 9

THE COAL DIVISION

Steel Is King

Dave Stout's Home
Parkersburg, WV
May 6, 2017 (cloudy 52°)
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Assistant Superintendent Bob Osburn at 1:55 p.m.
Members introduced themselves.

his MMR.

Division Clerk Report

Treasury balance is currently \$9,147.17
April minutes were approved.
Pike Ads \$0.
Raffle Revenue \$0.

Newsletter Chair

Bob Weinheimer welcomes any materials.

Clinic Chair

June will be LED layout lighting, July MADD, August is open.

Contest Chair

We had one entry in today's contest.

Superintendent Report

Dan was unable to attend today's meeting.

Membership Chair

No report.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Bob Osburn, our new Assistant Superintendent, chaired today's meeting. He mentioned the MADD program which was near and dear to Gary Burdette's heart. The upcoming picnic was proposed for the July meeting. In lieu of a clinic we will have hands-on activities. The June clinic will be by Paul Lapointe on LED lighting for layouts. We have the joint meeting with Division 6 that is usually held in September in Portsmouth, Ohio at Mark Maynard's house. Bob is putting together a flyer on the Ohio-Erie Canal. The canal is located close to Mark's house. Bob mentioned that it's important to support our local hobby shops.

Raffle

No raffle today.

Library Report

The library will be available in June at the depot.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Bob Weinheimer moved that we provide approximately \$260 for convention expenses for Janie Burdette, motion carried unanimously.

The NMRA Digital Timetable project was mentioned. The purpose is to provide a clearing place for events and information related to model railroading. Bob mentioned that volunteer points might be involved. Paul Lapointe asked about the old national listing of layouts. Bob Weinheimer said it is in the process of being resurrected. Bob Osburn mentioned the recent column regarding the retention of new NMRA members. He suggested that we make an effort to welcome and acknowledge them and possibly provide them with a packet of information. Bob Weinheimer mentioned we currently we do receive a new member listing from the NMRA National that would be a good starting point for this effort. The current project for a discount program is directed at providing more value to members.

Announcements

Bob Weinheimer mentioned the very last Ringling Brothers circus train will be leaving Charleston Monday for New York.

Future Meetings

June 9 – St Albans Depot
July 14 – St Albans Depot

Contest – Steel is King.

Meeting adjourned 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Achievement Program

Bob Weinheimer again challenged Jerry Doyle to earn

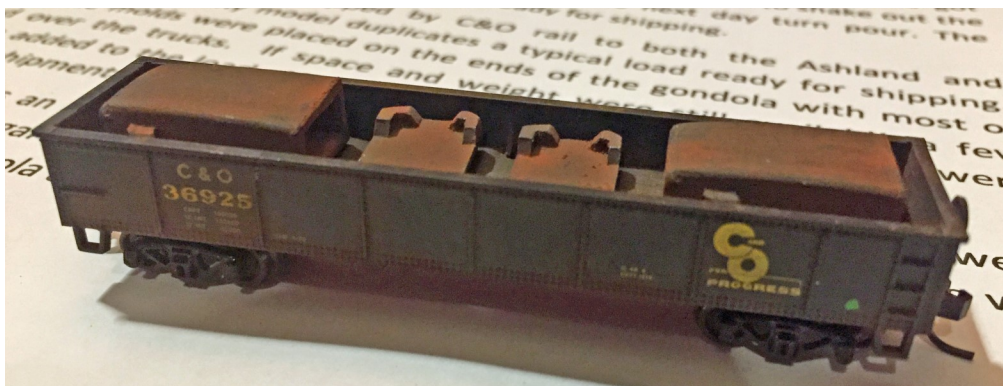
Jerry Doyle, Division 9 Clerk

CONTEST

Photo by Bob Weinheimer

There was but one entry in the Steel is King contest. Bob Osburn won with a very nicely done N scale gondola. The lighting was not good and the photo does not do it justice.

June's contest will be Non Revenue Equipment. Caboosees are excepted this month as there will be another contest dedicated to cabooses.



MY WORD

Bob Weinheimer, Editor

If you didn't make the trip to the Mid Central Region convention in Louisville you missed a good time. We had the usual clinics, tours, contest, white elephant sale, and the like. One of my clinics was opposite Tony Koester and I thought I'd be speaking to an empty room. I was wrong, there was a pretty good crowd that asked lots of questions.

This convention saw two things happen that I don't recall taking place during the last ten years. Saturday morning the fire alarms were activated and we all had to leave our clinics and whatever activities we were engaged in to evacuate the hotel. We got to see the Louisville Fire Department respond to what the scuttlebutt said was a small issue in the hotel kitchen. We shortly returned to our roles as convention attendees.

The other event took place at the banquet. What you don't see in the photo on the front page of this issue

is the standing ovation Gary Burdette received from the attendees. I can't say I have ever seen a standing ovation at any of our banquets. We always knew that Gary meant a lot to the Coal Division, now we know how much he meant to the Mid Central Region.

The convention ended Sunday with the usual self guided layout tours. Jerry Doyle documented his visit to three layouts, those photos are on the following pages. His visits include layouts in N, O, and HO scales.

The convention next year will be hosted by the Cincinnati Division. The layouts there are numerous and very well done, mark the dates now: May 17-20, 2018.

With the convention having taken place most recently, let's not forget the great time we had at Steel is King. Paul Lapointe has made great progress on his layout and Dave Stout had updates on his as well. The weather wasn't great, cloudy and in the low 50s per the meeting minutes, but that didn't interfere with lunch. Dave and Rhonda did a great job of feeding us, I know I didn't even bother to eat supper that night. Thanks are due to Paul, Dave, and Rhonda, and their crews for showing us a great time.

My Pennsylvania Southern has its next regular operating session Thursday June 8. You are welcome to come to see what operations can be about but you will be expected to run a train or two under the direction of a regular operator. You can also see what's new with the layout including steps being taken toward expanding some of the staging. Let me know if you plan to attend.



This is a selection of photos by Jerry Doyle of Chris Broughton's N scale layout. Chris took home a number of contest awards for his steam and diesel locomotives.



Greg Bergman has a wonderful O scale version of Thurmond, WV. Greg has also built a large scale model of the German submarine U505. Jerry said the U-boat was too large to photograph properly so we can't show you what it looks like.



Tom Guenthner models the coalfields of eastern Kentucky in HO scale. His layout is up to date with all the detection equipment that allows him to do a great job of dispatching his layout. In one of these shots he's showing Tony Puccini the computer screen with the layout schematic.





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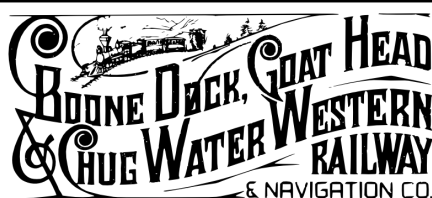
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