



# UP THE HOLLER



**DIVISION 9, MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA**

**October 2021**

## **FROM THE HEAD OF THE HOLLER**

**Bob Osburn, Superintendent**

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It was great to be back at Mark Maynard's for a wonderful late summer September meeting. We always enjoy our gathering at Mark's that includes a joint meeting with Division 6. This event is always well attended with lots of trains to run, good food, and plenty of fellowship. Mark and his wife always go out of their way to provide us with an enjoyable time. Since our last outing there in 2019 Mark has had a lot of time to work on the Crusty and his efforts were very noticeable, I really enjoyed the poster he had made noting all the improvements he had accomplished. Thanks Mark, for hosting us, we all enjoyed a great visit.

Our number one objective is to still have a meeting but also keeping everyone safe. With the rise in the COVID19 Delta variant many members have voiced concerns about meeting in person. It has been decided to err on the safe side for the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting by going back to a virtual format. As we continue to monitor the situation; hopefully things will start to improve. As counties get out of the red zone and the virus level plateaus we hope to be back to an in-person meeting at St. Albans this November.

Our virtual October meeting will feature 2 guest speakers. Fred Soward from Louisville will present a virtual promotion for the upcoming 2022 Indy Junction convention. October's clinic will be presented virtually by Bob Frankrone titled "Open Loads". You may recognize his name as Bob writes the monthly article in the NMRA magazine titled "Love Those Loads" and many of you have attended his clinics at NMRA events. Please join us on Zoom for the October meeting.

This year a wooden trestle bridge kit is being offered for the 2021 Gary Burdette Challenge. Twelve HO and five N Scale kits have been produced for this year's project. Only 2 HO and 1 N scale kit are still available, if you haven't signed up and want to participate in the 2021 challenge let Dale Osburn know at 304-840-4366. Dale had planned to distribute the kits at the October meeting but because we will be meeting virtually that process has changed. Dale will contact you in the near future so you can obtain your kit. Some kits will be mailed, some will be delivered in person, and Dale will notify you of locations and times for pick-up of the remaining kits much like he did last year.

In closing; please understand we are making some difficult decisions on how to conduct our meetings. Everyone wants to be together again and it's really hard not to meet in-person after being together for the last several meetings. Hang in there, we'll be back together soon. Please join us virtually October 9<sup>th</sup>.

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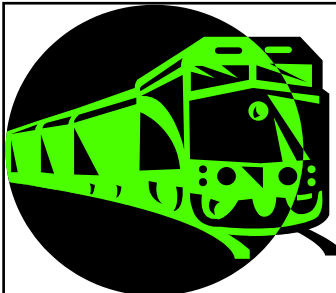
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## Coal Division Monthly Railfun Event

**Saturday October 9**

**1 PM**

### Virtual Division Membership Meeting

- **Welcome and Call to Order (Acknowledge members present)**
- **Approval of Minutes from the last meeting**
- **Treasurers Report**
- **Superintendents Report**
- **Assistant Superintendent Report**
- **Indy Junction 2020: presentation by Fred Soward**
- **Contest: Open Loads**
- **Adjourn Business Meeting**
- **5 Minute Break**
- **Clinic: Open Loads by Bob Frankrone**

**Next Event**

**Saturday November 13**

**In Person or Zoom?**

## OCTOBER VIRTUAL DIVISION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Jerry Doyle

We've all been doing our part for COVID-19 isolation measures. The end, however, is in sight and our June meeting will be in person as well as via Zoom for those who cannot attend in person.

Our October meeting will use Zoom, there will be no in person meeting this month. Zoom is very easy to use. You can use a laptop (provided it has a webcam), tablet, or smart phone. Just use the link provided below. You'll be prompted on how to connect with your particular de-

vice. You can also join with a voice-only connection by calling one of the numbers listed.

We are planning to conduct a short business meeting followed by show-and-tell where you can show everyone what you've been working on. There will also be a railroad related clinic and possibly more.

Our meeting will be Saturday October 9 at our regular time of 1 p.m.

### NMRA MCR Division 9 October 9 Meeting

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89001438512?pwd=cUVVUCt5RTFwZm5SVkxwV0lzemliUT09>

Meeting ID: 890 0143 8512

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#### First Time Users

- On a computer: The **FIRST TIME** you open a Zoom meeting link you will be asked to download a small Zoom application file. Follow all the typical steps and allow anything requested by the app as it installs.
- On a smart phone or tablet: **BEFORE** you open the Zoom link, go to the app store and download the Zoom Cloud Meetings app from Meet Happy (the app publisher).

To join a Zoom meeting:

- See the meeting invitation above
- Open that link 10 minutes prior to the meeting
- Accept any requests for video and/or microphone

- MUTE your microphone

Other pointers

- Make sure your connection is strong
- If you have a weak connection, disconnect other devices from your home network
- For your first time, don't wait until the last minute to join
- Use the **Chat** button to view and make comments or post questions
- Click the **Invite** button to send meeting information to others
- If everything freezes, click **Leave Meeting** and rejoin using the original invitation
- You do not need to create a Zoom account to participate in a Zoom meeting

## FROM THE OFFICE DOWN THE HALL

### Sam Delauter, Assistant Superintendent

The September meeting was hosted by Mark Maynard, the owner of the Crusty. It's been a couple of years since we have been able to visit the Crusty so it was nice to visit again and to see what Mark has been up to for the last two years. While it was nice to see the members of the Coal Division, it was also nice to fellowship with our friends from Division 6. On top of visiting the Crusty and visiting with our NMRA members, I got to get a first hand look at Robert Osburn's scratch built coal mine. While it isn't noticeable at first glance, Robert went as far as to modeling the cribbing under the floors and the rafters in the roof. It was really great to get to see this model, you often don't see this kind of quality in N scale. Robert's eye to detail was top notch.

I have not been doing a lot of modeling for the last couple of months. While I would have liked to have spent more time modeling, I just haven't been doing so. This lack of modeling time has come from a combination of work, being busy with the family, and the heat of late summer. Even though I haven't been modeling much, it doesn't mean that I haven't been making progress on projects that I have been working on. Recently I got a brass Erie Lackawanna caboose and an Arrowhead Models PRR hopper ready for weathering.

I picked both of these models up at good prices. While it did have to be painted and decaled, the prototype paint scheme of this era was pretty simple. It had a red car body and roof with black ends and under frame. Part of the under frame is visible from the side, it looks like it has a black band along the bottom of the car. The decals were pretty spartan also, hence these have been called EL spartan scheme. Much like the EL caboose, the Arrowhead hopper was pretty spartan on extra decals. I really only added the ACI plate.

Both of these cars needed new trucks but for different reasons. While the EL did roll well with the factory trucks, I was wary of shorts developing. I have had this happen with other

brass rolling stock before. I swapped the trucks with a set of Atlas caboose trucks. The Arrowhead car rolled well from the factory but the trucks weren't of the proper type. I remedied that with a set of Tahoe Model A3 trucks. These give a much better representation of the trucks used on these hoppers. While they both had different levels of work done to them, even at this reduced amount of work I was able to get them close to completion over the last few weeks.

For this last part of my article, we need to go back to when I was considering joining the Kanawha Valley Railroad Association. It was early, 2017 and I had decided that I would join the KVRRA if I were able to find the kits that I needed to model the Erie and if I were capable of building these kits. As I started to research what was available in HO I decided to go ahead and join since I already owned some HO equipment.

Some time within the next year, I started to buy the kits that I needed. In some cases I bought quite a few kits. I think I ended up with nine F&C Erie Stillwell coach kits. Others I bought as few as one. For example, one of these kits was the Bethlehem Car Works Erie C9 Baggage car. Many of our members may remember this car as the wood Erie baggage car that I entered into the contest at Bluefield a couple of years ago. While this kit was quite a challenge to build, I always hoped to have several of these cars. For years now I have been on a search to find at least one more of these kits. I have checked online and called many shops looking for another of these kits. I even spoke with the manufacturer and was unable to find any leads on another kit. Much to my delight, one recently came up on eBay. Although I doubt I'll find another one of these kits, I am happy to have a second one of these cars.

While we are all looking for that rare kit to build or to add to our collections, I hope that this gives you hope of finding yours or that you at least enjoyed hearing about mine. And as always: Be kind to yourself and even better to others

## CLINICS

### Sam Delauter, Clinic Chair

Many thanks to Mark for hosting us at the September meeting. In place of a formal clinic, the members of the Coal Division got to enjoy fellowship with members from two Divisions and got the opportunity to run some trains.

The clinic at the October meeting will be on Open Loads by Bob Frankrone. Many of you may be familiar

with his articles on open loads in the NMRA magazine.

October	Open Loads - Bob Frankrone
November	JMRI - Greg McCartney
December	Square foot challenge

## T-TRAK

### Sam Delauter

We will not be participating in the Huntington Train Show this year. There are two reasons that we are not going to be participating. At this time there are lots of concerns due to Covid. Due to these concerns, I am not

sure if we will have enough people to man the layout for a three day show. Since we will not be participating, I am going to hold off on releasing my plan for allowing the general public to run on T-TRAK until a later date.

## NMRA MCR DIVISION 9 *THE COAL DIVISION*

**Mark Maynard's Home  
West Portsmouth, Ohio**

**September 11, 2021  
Minutes**

Robert Osburn thanked Mark Maynard for hosting the meeting and Division 6 members as well. Attendees introduced themselves.

Dale Osburn discussed this year's Gary Burdette Challenge model. The kits are nearly ready. Seventeen people have signed up for kits this year.

Meeting called to order by Superintendent Robert Osburn at 1:30 p.m.

### **Division Clerk Report**

July minutes approved (there was no August business meeting)

Treasury Balance is \$8,456.35.

Net from August activities \$72

We reimbursed Robert Osburn \$60 for supplies for our August picnic.

Proceeds from company store \$8

### **Superintendent Report**

Robert Osburn expressed thanks to Mark for hosting today's meeting. Currently we are planning to have the October meeting in person in St Albans.

### **Assistant Superintendent Report**

Sam Delauter brought up the issue of COVID and the November Huntington train show. There is a lot of uncertainty regarding whether people will be willing to man the display. It was decided to revisit the issue at the October meeting.

### **Newsletter - Up the Holler**

Bob Weinheimer reminded everyone the deadline for the next newsletter will be September 27. He appreciates everyone getting their materials in on time.

### **Achievement Program**

Robert Osburn had a structure judged today, it scored 118/125.

### **Library**

Bill Wadsworth did not bring the library today. He reminded members about the content available on the NMRA website [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org).

### **Contest**

Today's contest is photos. October will be open loads.

### **Clinic**

The clinic for today is Operations on the Crusty Mountain & Wiloby Springs. October will be open loads by Bob Frankrone. November will be DCC by Greg McCartney. Bob Weinheimer told attendees about a recent road trip to California. The highlight of the trip was the Model Railroad exhibit at the California State Railroad Museum.

### **Membership**

No report today.

### **Raffle**

No raffle today. Tom Harris expressed the need for new items for future raffles.

### **T-Trak**

No Report.

### **Education**

No report.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

October 23 "Rails-Train Day Celebration" at St Albans.

### **Announcements**

Division 6 show in Cambridge, Ohio October 17.

### **Future Meetings:**

October 9 St Albans Historical Society or Virtual.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Doyle, Division 9 Clerk

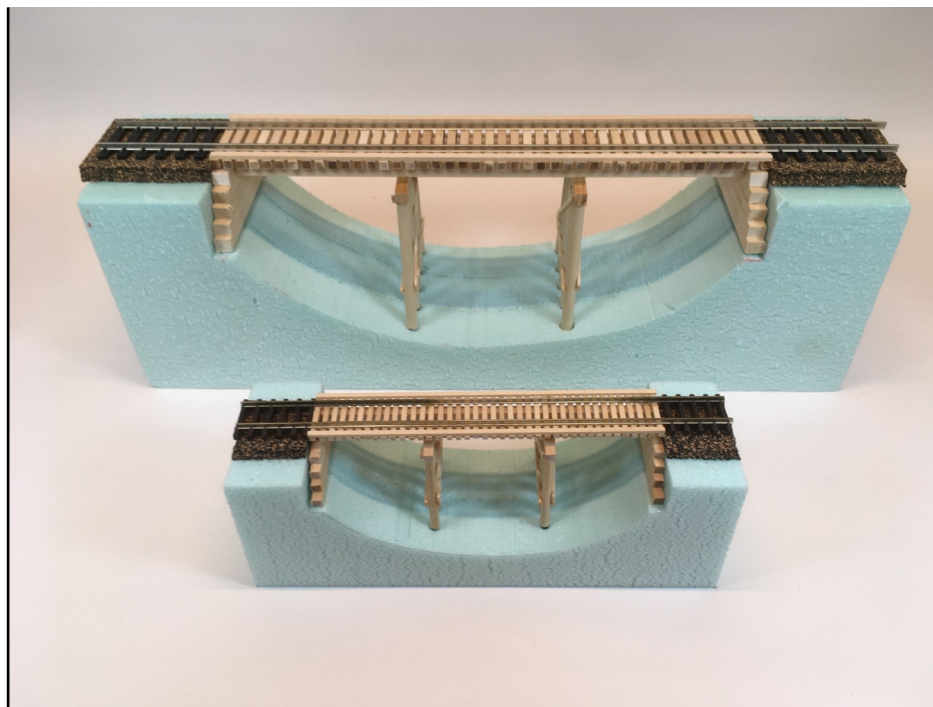


## CONTEST

### Dale Osburn, Contest Chair

#### FIFTH ANNUAL GARY BURDETTE MEMORIAL MODELING CHALLENGE

As noted in his column, Robert Osburn has prepared a number of kits for this year's challenge. They are available in N and HO scales. See Dale Osburn if you have not already requested a kit. Robert sent the photo of the two kits all built.



The September contest was Photo, Model or Prototype. Bob Weinheimer took first place. Second place was a tie between Jerry Doyle and Tom Harris.

First Place: Tehachapi Loop Photo was taken on July 23, 2021 on an iPhone by Bob Weinheimer.

Second Place: Coal Train meet in Eastern Iowa Photo was taken on May 2016 by Jerry Doyle

Second Place: Amtrak at Soggy Bottom Photo was taken of the Lakeside Lines HO scale railroad (built and photographed by owner, Tom Harris).

The October contest is Open Loads. Due to the October meeting being on Zoom, please send all contest entries such as pictures and text to Robert Osburn [su-per@coaldivision.org](mailto:su-per@coaldivision.org)

Please keep in mind that there is a very limited amount of Wooden Trestles kits available for the December Gary Burdette Memorial Modeling Challenge. If you are interested in building a kit, please let me know by email no later than October 9th.

2021	Monthly Model Contest
January	Modeler's Choice
February	Steam Locomotives
March	Locomotive Other Than Steam
April	Kitbashing/Scratch Built (Anything Railroad Related)
May	Anything Steel Related
June	Non Revenue
July	Structures
August	Electronics of a Railroad
September	Photo, Model or Prototype
October	Open Loads
November	Passenger Cars
December	Fifth Annual Gary Burdette Memorial Modeling Challenge



Bob's photo at the Tehachapi Loop



Jerry's coal train meet





Tom's Amtrak at Soggy Bottom

## PASSENGER MANIFEST

### John Harris, Membership Chair

Here we are starting the 10<sup>th</sup> month of 2021. I was expecting to be back to normal but most of us have been forced to redefine normal. Attending a conference or convention seems like so long ago. Still, I look forward to the being able to attend one in person soon. Meanwhile, the Huntington show next month offers perhaps the first opportunity to attend an actual in person event. Hopefully this event will be well attended and afford us the opportunity to expose the community to NMRA and the benefits of membership. At least it should give us an opportunity to show off the T Trak modules and display some of the modeling skills of our Coal Division members. As a reminder, I am still looking for photos of any of your layouts or dioramas.

Moving forward, I have started looking ahead to possible outings similar to our Tygart Flyer trip back in 2019. While some of you might be scheduled to venture out on the upcoming New River Fall excursion later this month, I

am looking a little further out. (ed. note: this year's New River trains were recently canceled.) One possibility could be the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad running between Cumberland and Frostburg MD. As perhaps many of you fellow C&O fans may know, they have refurbished former C&O 1309 H-6 Mallet 2-6-6-2 to operating condition. Trial runs began last winter and have continued this summer. Perhaps by next summer, this massive articulated steam engine will be in regular service. This might prove to be an interesting outing, particularly to those of us who love steam. It is too early to know details but not too early to see how many might be interested in this member activity. More discussion to follow.

I plan to join our October meeting via ZOOM as Cathryn and I will be in Florida for the month. While I enjoy the beach, I will miss the fall colors. It is always a great time for railfanning.

In the meantime, stay safe.



## OUR DAY AT THE CRUSTY

Photos by Jerry Doyle



Mark showed us some great hospitality. Above you see the layout's main yard being worked. At left it is clear that it was not all train running, we ate like kings thanks to Mark and his wife.

Mark notes that he is missing a visitor switch key from the recent meeting. I would like it back if found.

### MY WORD

Bob Weinheimer, Editor

Well, if I don't use this little space, I have to fill two full pages. As noted elsewhere, we had a great time at Mark's. At the National level, we are working hard on a

few things that may be formally introduced in the coming months, stay tuned to the NMRA email blasts and Facebook Page.. That's all that fits here!



Four Full Days  
Three NMRA Regions  
And the RPM Conference  
Three Day Train Show  
One Convention  
May 18-22, 2022



Clinics  
Layout Tours  
Ops Sessions  
Prototype Tours



[www.IndyJunction2022.org](http://www.IndyJunction2022.org)



**RPM**  
CONFERENCE





We've promised you Registration would be open soon. Well at long last, soon is NOW. Registration is OPEN. You can register for the Convention, and while you're on the website, make a room reservation.

**GO HERE now** - <https://www.indyjunction2022.org/>

If you've registered for a lot of conventions, you can probably wing it. But if you're a "manual reader", the Registration Committee has provided some great instructions. And we suggest you read through the instructions before you get started.

If you run into any problems, the Registrar is standing by to help you. He's a person so he'll get back to you within 24 hours. (Likely sooner if you make contact during day-light hours.) Here's the contact link if you need help registering - [registration@indyjunction2022.org](mailto:registration@indyjunction2022.org)

As a reminder, the only way to register for **Indy Junction 2022** is online and through the website.

We shared the Convention fees before, but here they are again.

- **\$85.00 Early Registration** - Opening Registration to December 31, 2021
- **\$95.00 Registration** - January 1, 2022 to April 27, 2022
- **\$110.00 Late Registration** - April 28, 2022 to May 21, 2022
- **\$25.00 additional Family Member(s) Registration** - any date
- **\$40.00 Saturday May 21 ONLY**, Individual Registration (One-Day includes Train Show)

And while you're on the site, get a room reserved. We strongly suggest you use the link on the website to reserve your room. Marriott is experiencing some staffing problems for telephone support. They give you some outstanding help once you connect - but there can be some extended hold times to speak with someone on the phone. (We're not kidding - wait times can run from 10 to 30 minutes. Everyone in hospitality is experiencing labor shortages.)

Marriott East Indianapolis Room Rate  
\$132.00 per night plus applicable taxes

One final registration tip - If you are accessing the Indy Junction 2022 webpage on your mobile device, phone or tablet, you'll need to click the menu icon on the top of the homepage to see all the pages.

Share this update with someone who hasn't yet signed up for updates on the Indy Junction 2022 website - <https://www.indyjunction2022.org/>

Indy Junction 2022 Marketing Committee



# Third Annual NMRA Division 6

## Train Show

### Cambridge Ohio

**Sunday**

**October 17, 2021**

**10 am to 4 pm**



**Easy Access from I-70 and I-77**

**Pritchard Laughlin Center**

**7033 Glenn Hwy**

**Cambridge OH 43725**

**Free Parking**

**ADMISSION \$5**

**Kids 12 and under are free**

**\$1 Discount for NMRA Members**

**Tables only \$15 Each**

**OPERATING  
MODEL TRAINS**

**HANDICAP ACCESS**

**ALL SCALES**

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**SCENERY**

**HOBBY TOOLS & SUPPLIES**

**Check out our website for a listing of local hobby shops offering  
discounted admission coupons and for more information:**

**<https://div6-mcr-nmra.org/trainshow.html>**

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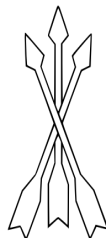
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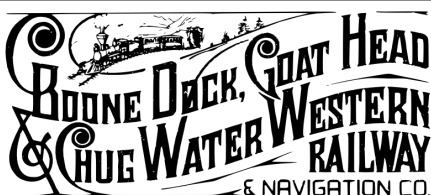
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 a few tons at a time



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**October 9**  
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