



# UP THE HOLLER



DIVISION 9, MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA

January 2022

FROM THE HEAD OF THE HOLLER  
Bob Osburn, Superintendent

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2021 is now in the record book and I think all of us are looking forward to a more normal 2022. Last year saw many ups and downs with our meetings and outings. The good news is we were able to have several in-person meetings: a visit to Mark Maynard's, our picnic on the platform, and the Christmas Luncheon. The bad news is with a new variant of COVID-19 there is still some uncertainty going into a new year. Hopefully the Coal Division will be given the chance to have a near normal year of activities.

What a great way for us to end 2021 with our December Christmas Luncheon and the Memorial Challenge. Diehl's Restaurant afforded us a great December meeting place and featured a large selection of wonderful food to choose from. Their management was happy to see us again after a two years absence and hopes we will be able to return in 2022.

Of course, the main focus of the December meeting was to display our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Gary Burdette Memorial Challenge projects. I must say, we certainly have a wonderful group of very talented modelers. I'm going to rephrase that and say what a wonderful group of artists we have within the Division! So much creativity and thought was portrayed with the trestles and dioramas making them true works of art. As each participant described their project it was nice to hear statements like "I have never done this before", "I have always wanted to do this kind of scene", or "I really enjoyed the challenge". I am glad this wasn't a contest and only a challenge for every diorama was a winner!! Thanks to all who attended the luncheon and to those who displayed their challenge projects. Surely Gary is looking down on us with a big smile.

In closing, I want to thank everyone for sticking with us during another difficult year. It's too early to make any calls on what is in store for us during 2022 but hopefully we can continue with our regular in-person meetings, outings, and activities. Have a Happy New and hope to see you at the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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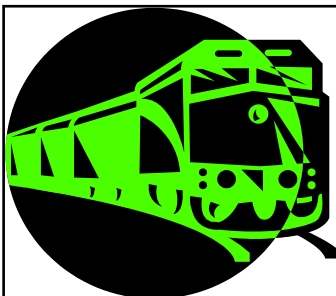
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## Coal Division Monthly Railfun Event

**TO LIMIT COVID OMICRON  
SPREAD THE USE OF FACE MASKS  
IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**

**Saturday January 8, 2022  
1 PM**

### 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**
- **Contest: Modeler's Choice**
- **Adjourn Business Meeting**
- **5 Minute Break**
- **Clinic: Jerry Doyle "Crescent Valley Update"**

### Next Event

**Saturday February 12**

**Location to be determined**

## JANUARY **HYBRID** 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 January meeting will be in person as well as via Zoom for those who cannot attend in person.

Our January meeting will be held at the St. Albans Historical Society (next door to the depot) in person and remotely using Zoom. 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 device.

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 January 8 at our regular time of 1 p.m.

***Please bear with us as we learn our way around producing a hybrid meeting.***

### NMRA MCR Division 9 January 8 Meeting

Topic: NMRA MCR Division 9 January Meeting

Time: Jan 8, 2022 12:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85946176478>

Meeting ID: 859 4617 6478

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## FROM THE OFFICE DOWN THE HALL

### Sam Delauter, Assistant Superintendent

In December of 2019, we held our meeting at Diehl's Restaurant. In 2020, we were not able to hold an in person meeting. When we started looking at the possibility of holding an in person meeting again in December of this year, we started talking about once again holding the meeting at Diehl's. Both years that we have held our meeting at Diehl's, we have had not only a great time and a great meal, we have also had great service from the staff at Diehl's. I have been the contact both years that we have had our meeting at Diehl's. They have always been very easy to work with and more than willing to give us the space that we need for our meetings. Something that you may not know about our December meeting is that they had four members of the wait staff call off that day. Even

shorthanded, Diehl's gave us top notch service.

Also at the December meeting, we had the results of the square foot challenge. I don't need to go into detail about the individual entries as there will be photos of each of the entries later in this issue, I will say that we had quite the collection of entries. The creativity and quality of this group always amazes me. We saw everything from a detailed and varied bridge model to very detailed dioramas. Gary would be very proud of what the Square Foot Challenge has become.

I hope that everyone had a great holiday and will have a happy new year. I'll see you at the January meeting and as always: Be kind to yourself and even better to others.

## CLINICS

### Sam Delauter, Clinic Chair

Looking back at 2021, there were many great clinics. I am including a recap of the past years' clinics. Looking forward to 2022, I am have a couple of months clinics scheduled. I am in need of clinics for 2022. Please let me know of any clinics that you may like to see this year.

#### 2022 Clinics

January Jerry Doyle: An update on the progress on his Crescent Valley

February Bob Weinheimer: Highlights of a trip out west this past summer

#### 2021 Clinics

January Jerry Doyle: Layout Tour

February Jerry Doyle: C&O Steam

March Bob Frankrone: Making a Scene in 15 Easy Steps

April James Knabb: Modelers of the Future

May no clinic

June Robert Osburn: Installing Interiors in DPM Kits

July Jerry Doyle: Cabooses

August Picnic on the Platform

September Run the Crusty

October Bob Frankrone: Open Loads

November Greg McCartney: JMRI

December 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Gary Burdette Memorial Challenge

## T-TRAK

### Sam Delauter, T-TRAK Chair

It has been quite some time since there was any activity with our T-TRAK group. Back before the pandemic, we had been planning to participate in the KVRA show in St. Albans. The show will be making its return this year except that it will be

held in Charleston at the Civic Center. I feel that this is a good chance to pick up where we left off. At our January meeting I would like to meet with the T-TRAK group to discuss doing this show.

## ELECTION TIME

### Bill Wadsworth, Nominations Chair

It is time to prepare for the 2022 elections. As discussed in the November meeting we need at least one candidate each for Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent. The candidates are to be reported at the January meeting at which time nominations can be made from the floor. The ballots are then prepared and mailed out to the members in early February, and must be

returned by the March meeting.

If you know of someone who is willing to serve in one of these positions, please contact me, preferably before or at the January meeting. Thank you. Bill Wadsworth (304-768-3266), Nominations Committee Chair.



**NMRA MCR DIVISION 9**  
***THE COAL DIVISION***  
**Minutes**

**No minutes this month as there was not a business meeting at the December event. Minutes from the last meeting, November, are in the December newsletter.**

**CONTEST**  
**Dale Osburn, Contest Chair**

December found us all at Diehl's Restaurant for the Division 9 Christmas luncheon. I think we all had a good time. As always, Sam Delauter did an outstanding job putting this together for the group.

This year, the Gary Burdette Challenge had the most participation than any years past. The Division had 13 members who entered the challenge (see pictures). Everyone received a Certificate of Participation for their modeling efforts. We had a few members who could not be with us because of some bad weather in the area. We want to encourage others that could not be with us to bring their models to the January meeting. We will set aside time to review each person's bridge. We will have your certificate waiting for you!

A big "thank you" to Herb Parsons for taking pictures of the challenge; he always does an excellent job.

We have already been trying to come up with next year's challenge. Here are just a few ideas: Water Tower, Kitbashing an industry and

3-D printing was also a topic. Here is your chance to be a part in the next Challenge by bringing your ideas to the January meeting. We hope to have at least three projects to vote on as a group in the upcoming months.

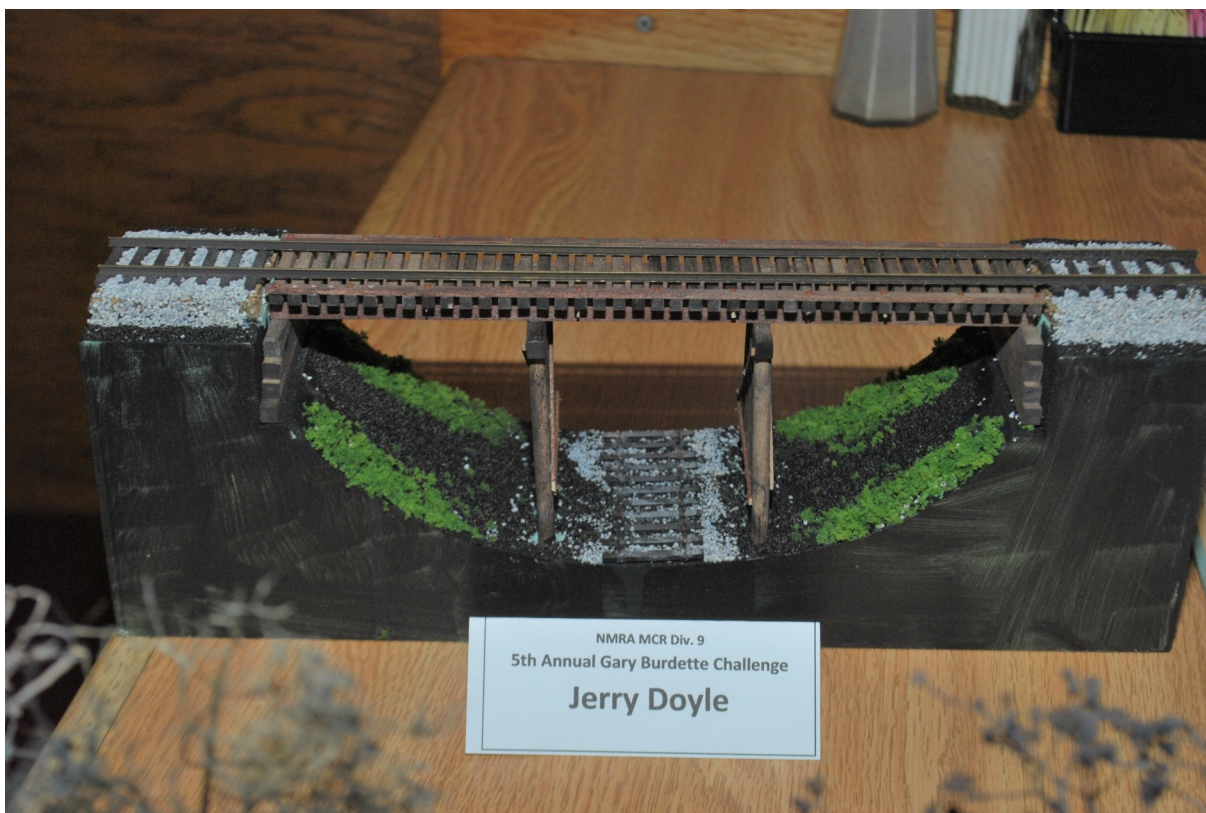
Remember, the January contest will be Modeler's Choice. This can be anything model railroad related so let's think a little out of the box; maybe a small manageable part of your layout or some new 3D printed version of a model or item that would help make life easier around the layout room.

Let's start looking ahead to February; the contest will be Steam Locomotives. We really need you steam folks to be thinking what you can bring to the February contest.

Lets challenge each other in our monthly contests in 2022!

<b>2022</b>	<b>Monthly Model Contest</b>
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

**Challenge photos are on the following pages, zoom in for good close looks. Except where noted, the photos were taken by Herb Parsons.**



Model by John Harris





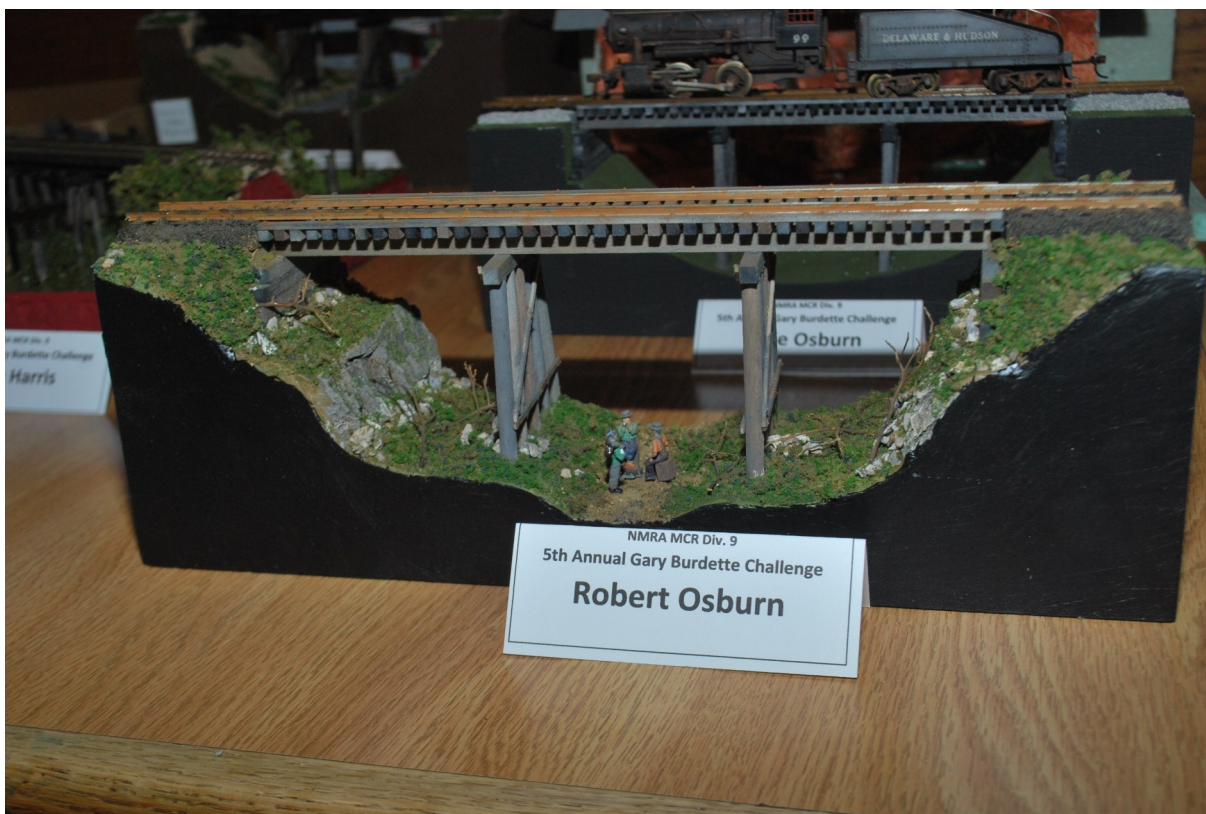
Model and photo by Patrick Miller



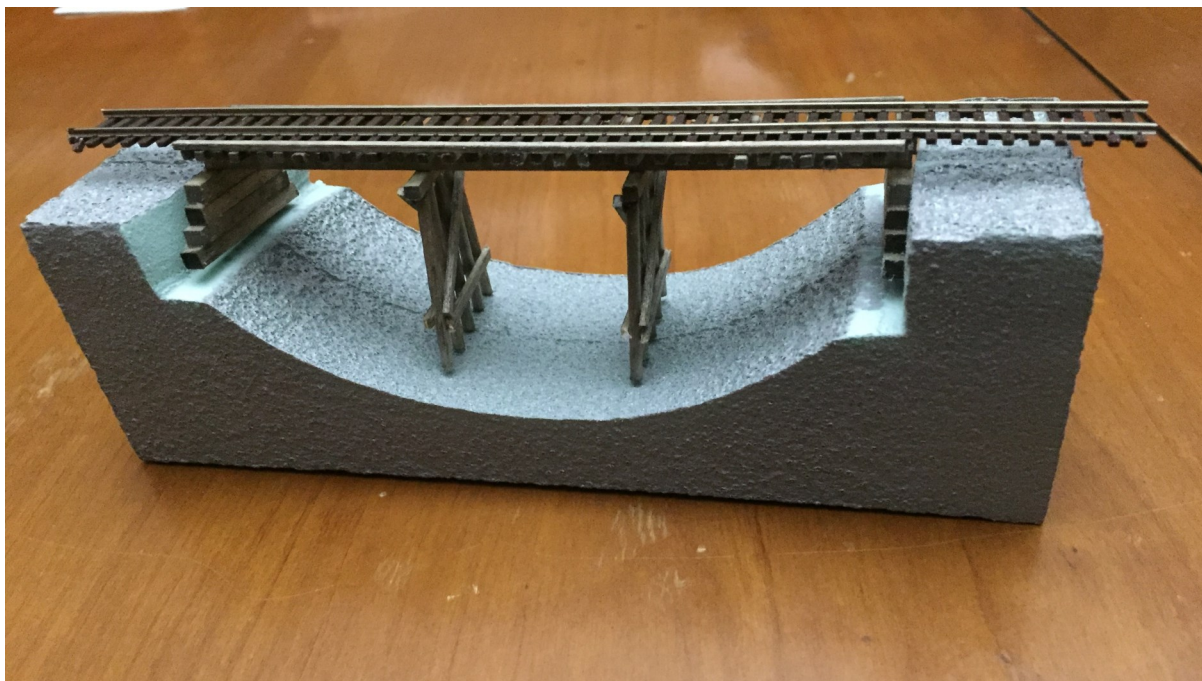


Model by David Oliverio



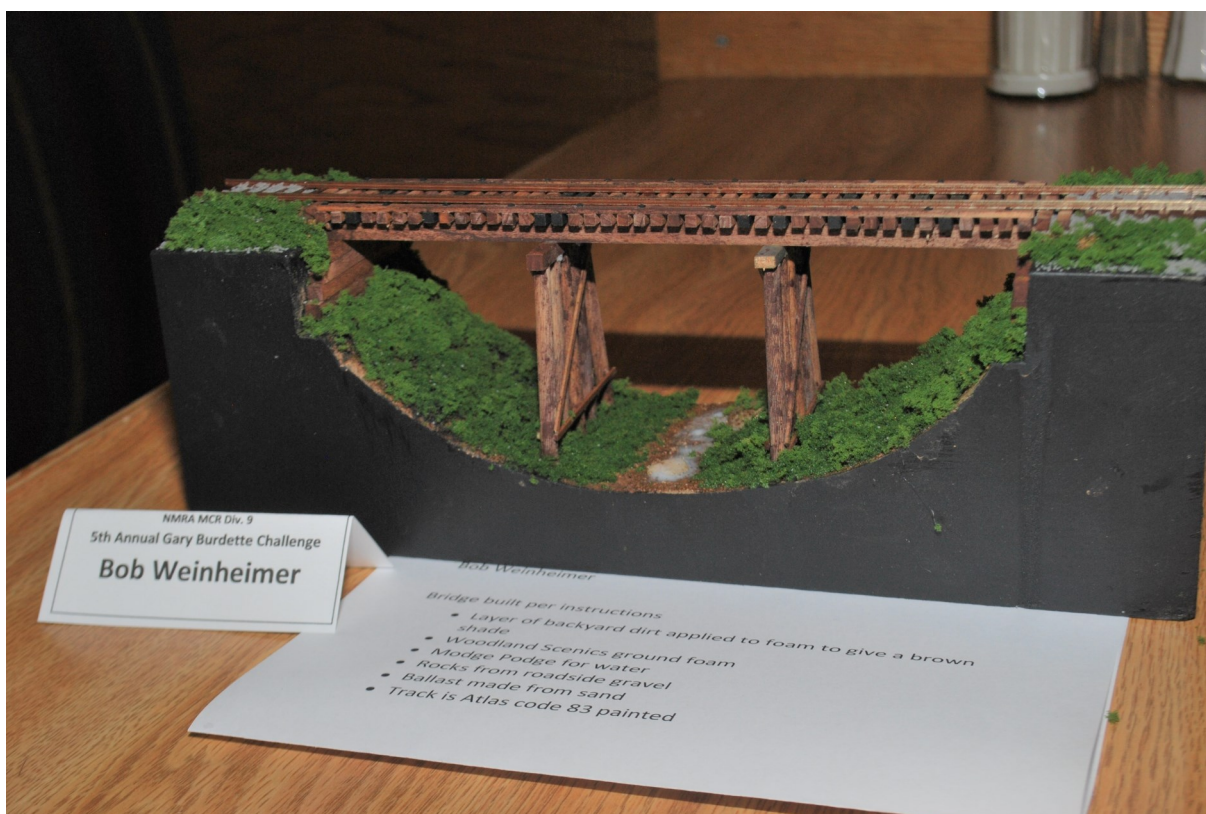
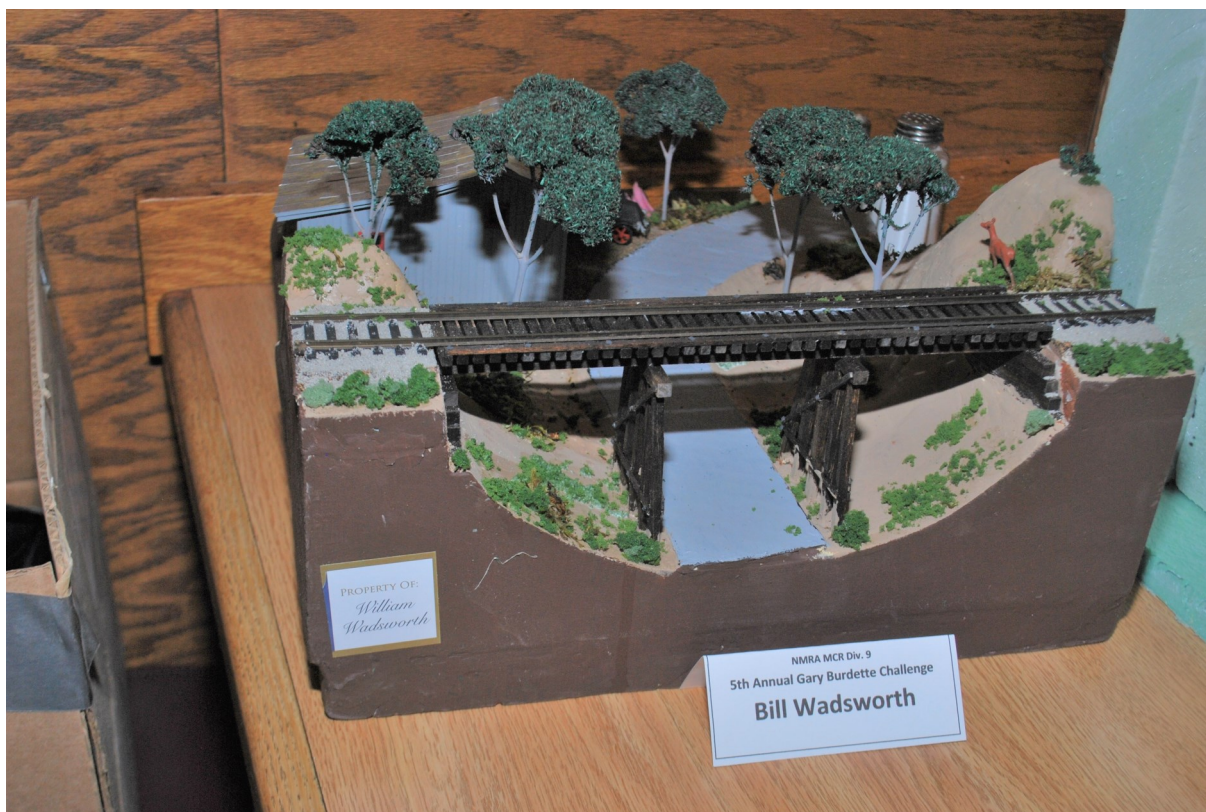






Model and photo by Tony Puccini





## PASSENGER MANIFEST

### John Harris, Membership Chair

The Division 9 luncheon was a tremendous success. The wait staff did a great job of getting orders out in a timely manner and with what seemed to be great accuracy. I for one enjoyed the food and service. But the highlight of the day was the presentations of everyone's Gary Burdette Memorial Challenge entries

It was great, not only see so many submissions, but also the diversity in approach to the challenge that everyone took. Several took the approach to faithfully stay with the straight trestle on the supplied base. Workmanship on these models were great and each would easily drop into just about anyone's home or club layout with not problem. even within these examples, some chose to position the trestle over a road, while others spanned a stream, while one extended the trestle over and abandoned railroad right of way.

Others took the square foot guidelines of previous challenges and used a 12x12 base. This perhaps allowed for a little more flexibility in scenic approach and as a result there was tremendous diversity in appearance. One captured the red rock feel of Utah and the west, while another chose to reduce the height of the trestle and span the low country swamp of Virginia. Another got out of their comfort zone and modeled their scene capturing the feel of a cold winter day. While most were HO, N scale was also represented. For those not able to be there, I hope the pictures help to show the quality of the work represented.

Regardless of approach taken, I believe Gary would have been well please with the outcomes. Gary was always about the doing. Trying something different, learning something new, and getting out of one's comfort zone. Gary was always looking for a way to model using a little

different technique or materials. He was always inventing a way of capturing a scene using materials that most of us did not necessarily think of using. And he was always the educator. Using his skills as a teacher to pass along those skills to others was always his passion.

Accordingly, I believe this particular challenge allowed all of us who participated to learn something new. Thanks to the efforts of Robert Osburn in creating a craftsman kit with all the tools, I learned some very handy methods of construction that I had not considered. I found the tools provided will certainly come in handy with future projects and even some current projects on my work bench. Already I have modified how a lead to a coal loading facility will be constructed. While I learned some new techniques from the doing, it was great to see how others used the same materials and created a completely different look. I was very much impressed with the results.

I continue to believe that efforts like this is perhaps out most significant member benefit. Learning how to do some of these things is one of the main reasons I joined NMRA thirty years ago. I wanted to improve my modeling skills and replicate some of the things I was seeing in *Model Railroader*. By continuing this emphasis on education, I think we can continue to attract new members. To this end, Tom Harris donated his challenge module to the Division to be used with our display as an example of what can be done to capture a realistic railroad scene.

I look forward to the spring KVMRA show and the opportunity to show off these efforts and perhaps challenge "newbies" to join in on the fun. After all, isn't that why we do what we do? Meanwhile, keep modeling and be safe. I hope to see everyone at the next meeting!

## MY WORD

### Bob Weinheimer, Editor

As others have noted, the December Luncheon was a resounding success. I, too, was amazed by the creativity shown by our members. Herb Parsons did a good job of capturing these efforts. If you are looking at this on an electronic platform, consider zooming in on the images to enhance your appreciation of them.

During July 2021 I spent some time wandering around the country with a few days in California. I visited the Magic of Model Railroading exhibit at the California State Railroad Museum and took a bunch of photos, I plan to share them with you as a clinic at the February meeting. If you ever find yourself anywhere near Sacramento I urge you to drop in and see the exhibit and, indeed, the entire museum. It's well worth the time.

In addition to the California State Railroad Museum, I also visited the Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden and

the Colorado Model Railroad Museum in Greeley. If time permits I'll show photos from there as well. If not, perhaps that could be a program for another meeting.

In addition to the museums, I also spent time watching trains in Fort Madison, Iowa, Kansas City, and the Tehachapi Mountains in California. I chose my routes of travel to follow significant rail lines including the former Rio Grande across Colorado and Utah as well as the former Santa Fe main line from California through Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas.

Finally, I sure hope you are making plans to attend the convention in Indianapolis in May. The planners are working hard to bring us a true first class event that you do not want to miss. See the promos elsewhere in this issue for details.





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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.)

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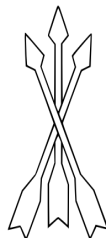
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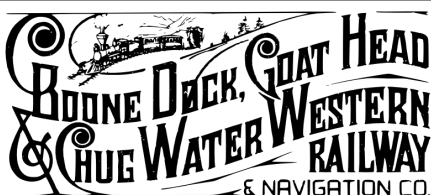


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