



UP THE HOLLER



DIVISION 9, MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA

July 2022

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FROM THE HEAD OF THE HOLLER

Bob Osburn, Superintendent

Prior family obligations kept me away from our June gathering but I hear our Assistant Superintendent did a great job of conducting the meeting. Thanks Sam Delauter for a great job, it's time to get your feet wet!

Our next meeting will be July 9th at the St. Albans Historical Society building. This meeting will be both in-person and virtual. I will be presenting the clinic for July explaining the process I use when building DPM building kits. Over the years I have developed some techniques and processes (and copied some) that may be useful to you while building these types of structures. Different states of construction will be discussed including assembly, painting, adding interiors, lighting, and weathering. I hope this information will be interesting and useful to you.

Also at the July meeting we will be finalizing plans for the August "*Picnic on the Platform*". We always have a great turnout for the picnic and no one ever goes away hungry. It's also a great time to just sit around and catch up on what everyone is doing. Your help is always appreciated in making this a special outing.

Progress is being made toward the 2022 Gary Burdette Memorial Challenge. If things go well we will feature a chance for you to create something with servo animation. Coal Division members have approached me with this idea for some time and it seems to be a possibility. There will be no complicated electronics involved, just a plug and play type of project but you will have to apply your creativity to what you want to animate. We may even have a hands-on clinic to introduce you to the servo and controller package and talk about what and how you can create your project when we hand out the packets at the October 8th meeting.

Hope to see you July 9th.

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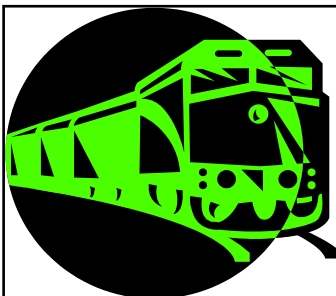
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Coal Division Monthly Railfun Event

Saturday July 9 1:00 PM

Division Membership Meeting

- Welcome and Call to Order (Acknowledge members present)
- Approval of Minutes from the June meeting
- Treasurers Report
- Superintendents Report
- Assistant Superintendent Report
- Contest: Structures
- Adjourn Business Meeting
- 5 Minute Break
- Clinic: DPM Interiors

Next Event

Picnic on the Platform

Saturday August 13

St. Albans, WV

JULY **HYBRID** DIVISION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

Our July 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 July 9 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 July 9 Meeting

Topic: July Meeting
Time: Jul 9, 2022 12:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81463487004>

Meeting ID: 814 6348 7004

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

As members of the Coal Division we have had a lot of great and exciting things going on recently and even more to come. While not solely related to the Coal Division, the new digital app for the NMRA magazine is pretty cool. While I was not a subscriber to the paper magazine, I am excited about the app with digital access to the magazine. Not only is there the ease of access at home or while working on projects, I can access the magazine on the go. I don't typically spend a lot of time on my phone so I am looking forward to reading the magazine while I am at work on my lunch break. I hope that everyone has access by now but if you don't, make sure to ask another member. I would hate for another member to not have access because they didn't know how to make the technology work. Another benefit that we haven't talked about for awhile is the NMRA discount program. If you are ordering from any of the numerous vendors that participate, you could be saving money on every order. If you are not familiar with the program, take a look at it on the website. There are some really great discounts that you may not realize are offered for just being an NMRA member.

Something else that isn't necessarily new is the Division's push for more education at the meetings. In addition to the monthly clinics, there have been a number of mini clinics or discussions at the meetings. I would love to see this continue. The more discussion that we have at the meeting, no matter the topic, will not only benefit the membership but make the meetings more fun. Looking at the clinics for the rest of the year, we have a great group of clinics by a great group of clinicians. There are a number of different topics that I am sure everyone can find something that helps them in their modeling.

The first of the Mini Clinic Events will be in October. At this event we will see a number of clinicians giving mini clinics on a number of different topics. These are really exciting events as we can learn a bit about each of a handful of topics in a very minimal amount of time. We still need a few great clinicians to fill out these clinics. Remember this a great chance to talk about something that wouldn't merit an entire clinic. Keep in mind if we don't fill these with clinicians, I will be forced to talk about the Pennsylvania RR for an hour or even worse, the Erie RR. In all seriousness though, this will be a great chance for all

of us to learn a lot in a short period of time.

On the horizon we have a few events that will be of great interest to the membership. We will have the "Picnic On the Platform" again this year. This was a big hit with the membership last year. It was our first year back at this event following COVID. Dale Osburn, Robert Osburn, and everyone else involved did a real great job with the event. In September we will have our annual visit to the Crusty Mountain. Mark has always been a very gracious host and I'm sure this year will be no different. Every year we look forward to not only getting to make the visit and have the fellowship of our fellow modeler but also to the great meal that Mark provides and to seeing what he has gotten accomplished over the past year. I personally have enjoyed car pooling with Bob Weinheimer and crew and can't stress how much fun and how much comradely you can gain on an event like this. As the year winds down we have one last event. The Gary Burdette Memorial Square Foot Challenge. This event was one of Gary's ideas to help promote education within the Division. I am not sure what the square foot challenge crew has come up with for this year but I am sure, based on past years, that it will be really great. All of the people involved in planning this have done such a great job over the past few years.

We really need to commend them for not only helping us learn something new but also to try something that we may not have previously had the opportunity to. The past number of years, with the exception of COVID, we have typically met at Deihl's Restaurant. The staff at Deihl's has always been top notch. That, combined with the completed modules, has always led to a very memorable meeting. Hopefully this year we can meet there again and keep up the momentum that the Division has going for us.

After resuming in person meetings, I feel the Division has gained a lot of momentum. I look forward to not only seeing everyone at the upcoming meetings but I also look forward to the comradery of the group and to learning as much as we can from all of the great events that we have coming up.

NMRA MCR DIVISION 9
THE COAL DIVISION
St. Albans Historical Society

July 11, 2022

Minutes

Members introduced themselves, several members were attending virtually.

Meeting called to order by Assistant Superintendent Sam Delauter at 1:00 p.m.

Division Clerk Report

April minutes approved.

Treasury Balance is \$8,510.35. We paid \$105 for use of the venue for three months today. There will be an annual filing fee of \$25 for our WV incorporation with the WV Secretary of State.

Company Store \$0.

Raffle \$45.

Pike Ads \$0.

Superintendent Report Robert Osburn was away today.

Assistant Superintendent Report Sam Delauter asked for some discussion on DCC decoder installation tips.

Newsletter - Up the Holler

Bob Weinheimer noted the deadline of June 27 for the July newsletter. The address for contributions is [edi-
tor@coalddivision.org](mailto:editor@coalddivision.org).

Achievement Program

Bob Weinheimer mentioned that Don Cipolla is probably ready to have some structures judged.

Library

Bill Wadsworth reported on the content available in the members-only section at nmra.org.

Clinic

Today's clinic is a presentation by Bob Weinheimer on accessing the new online *NMRA Magazine*. We have several mini clinics planned for the next few months. Dale Osburn will give a clinic on making ground foam in August. Sam suggested a clinic on building car kits sometime next year.

Contest

There were no entries in the contest today.

Membership

John Harris reported that membership is holding steady around 50 members.

Raffle

Tom Harris thanked members for recent donations. We had several N Scale items in the auction.

Education

No report.

Old Business

No report.

New Business

Dale Osburn brought up August picnic planning. Bob Weinheimer mentioned that NMRA National will provide some financial support for recruiting events such as our picnic. Jerry Doyle suggested we invite SACOM and St Albans Historical Society members as well.

Announcements

Jerry Doyle announced the annual MCR membership meeting will be June 24 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

The MCR has an opening for a region contest chair. He also reported on the Indy Junction 2022 Tri-Region Convention in Indianapolis.

John Harris noted that Ed Keith joined the NMRA 1-1-1951. There was some discussion about Ed's numerous models and their high quality. Bob Weinheimer mentioned the Ed was his mentor in the MMR process.

There will be a show in Parkersburg October 29 at WVU Parkersburg.

Future Meetings:

July 9 – St Albans Historical Society

Meeting adjourned at 1:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Doyle, Division 9 Clerk

CONTEST

Dale Osburn, Contest Chair

The June contest was Non Revenue. We did not have any entries in the contest.

The July contest will be Structures. Remember this can be any type of structure kit, kitbash project or just a really good plastic kit.

Jumping ahead to the August contest will be Electronics of a Railroad. We will talk more about what can be entered in the August contest.

Contests for the remainder of the year are listed in the table to the right.

2022	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

CLINICS

Sam Delauter, Clinic Chair

As it has for many years, technology is constantly changing the way that we receive information. The latest is the way that we access the NMRA magazine. At the June meeting, the clinic was about how to access the *NMRA Magazine*. This is new to all of our members as it is now digital and every member will have access to it. Bob Weinheimer gave a very informative clinic on the topic. Hopefully everyone in the Division will now be able to access the magazine. If you were unable to attend the meeting or are still having trouble accessing the magazine, don't hesitate to ask for help from Bob or our membership. I am sure that any of our members would be more than willing to help you. Many thanks to Bob for helping our Division gain access to the magazine.

It looks like we have all of the clinics scheduled for

the remainder of 2022. There has been talk at recent meetings about the mini clinics. I still could use a few volunteers for these dates. These mini clinics are a great opportunity to speak on a topic that would not fill a whole clinic or even half of a clinic. The other great thing about these mini clinics is that we can learn a little bit about several topics in a short period of time.

July	DPM Interiors
August	Making Ground Foam
September	Crusty Mountain
October	Mini Clinics 1
November	Mini Clinics 2
December	Square Foot Challenge

MY WORD
Bob Weinheimer, Editor

This issue is a little thin due to the lack of pictures from the contest. I do hope to see more contest activity in the August issue.

Sam Delauter noted the clinic on accessing the NMRA Magazine. I want to thank him for noting a point or two that I had not made clearly. Also, it had not occurred to me that some of the cell phone carriers had data signals that were not strong enough to be picked up reliably in the meeting room. Without access to Wi-Fi that proved to be a problem although a few members stepped outside to get better connections. If you still need help, I'll be glad to work with you. This newsletter goes to many past members but only current members can access the digital magazine. This may be an incentive to renew your lapsed membership!

Sam also noted the NMRA's Partnership Program. The full details along with the access codes are available

by clicking [here](#). Again, this is a benefit only for current members and it is in the Members Only part of the NMRA web site. The discounts will save you money, in some cases it might be enough to recover the cost of your membership. Give it a try, you might be in for a surprise.

Another highlight of the meeting is shown below. After the meeting adjourned, but before the clinic began, a train passed by. This train was led by a locomotive that is something of a celebrity. I've seen it on Virtual Railfan but seeing it person made a much bigger impression. Thanks to Jerry Doyle, you can see CSX 911 leading a coal train past the St. Albans depot.

The Gateway 2020 National Convention in St. Louis is drawing near. This is as close as a convention has been for a while, next year's will be in Texas with 2024 likely way out west.



We had a surprise visitor during our June meeting. The CSX First Responder commemorative engine came through town heading west with 220 empties in tow. CSXT 911 is an ES44AH built in July 2008 by General Electric. It was repainted into its special paint scheme in May 2019.

Photo by Jerry Doyle



Gateway 2022
ST. LOUIS NMRA

**Gateway 2022
NMRA Convention**

**St Louis, Mo
August 7-13, 2022**

St Louis Marriott Grand Hotel

**Registration and details at
gateway2022.org**



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Sept 2021

Partnership Program

NMRA National Convention & Train Show

Sun, August 07, 2022 08:00 AM — Sat, August 13, 2022 06:00 PM (CDT)



Gateway 2022
NMRA 2022 Convention
St. Louis, Missouri
August 7 – 15, 2022
gateway2022.org



- Modelling with the Masters
- Layout Tours
- Self Drive Tours
- Prototype Tours
- Operating Sessions
- Non Rail Tours
- Clinics
- Contest
- National Train Show

Banquet with Michael Gross



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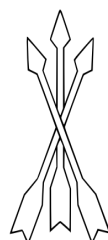
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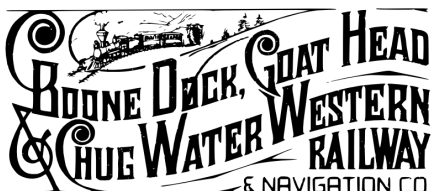


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