

DIVISION 9, MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA

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## FROM THE HEAD OF THE HOLLER Sam Delauter, Superintendent

I hope the last couple months has treated everyone well. Whether you have been traveling, working on projects, or spending time on other activities, I hope it has been a good couple months. We have a lot to discuss so we'll start with the July meeting. Randy Allio was

kind enough to offer to host the Coal Division for our July meeting. We met at Randy's home and got the chance to see his On30 layout. Randy is well on his way to earning his Master

2 Model Railroader® and much of what he has completed was on display. While On30 is not a common scale, Randy also runs his layout via dead rail. For those who have not seen this

combination before, it is really interesting. Randy also gave a clinic on painting with pan pastels. While Randy has given this clinic before, this was an updated clinic with a lot of new

3 techniques that he has developed since last giving the clinic a couple years ago. Last but not least, Randy and his wife provided lunch for the division. Many thanks to Randy and his fami-

ly for a great meeting.

In August we were back at the St. Albans Historical Society for our annual Picnic On the Platform. Every year the Coal Division comes together to put on a cookout for our membership and to invite potential new members. This year was no different as the Division pulled

4 together to make this a success. We had a couple of visitors from SACOM, Nick and Jesse Smith, and also the CSX B&O heritage unit made a visit. While the picnic is always the main

attraction, we did have a small business meeting. I gave the clinic on "Building a Prototypical Rolling Stock Fleet", and Robert passed out the modules for The Memorial Challenge. I be-

lieve that everyone was there to pickup their module at the meeting, if not, reach out to Robert. We will make sure you are able to get your module with enough time to finish it before

7 December. I would like to thank everyone who helped to make this event a success.

As I mentioned above, at the August meeting Robert passed out the modules for The
Memorial Challenge. I would like to applaud Robert for his efforts every year in making this a
success. We are really lucky to have this as part of our Division. This is not something that
most Divisions do and it gives us such a great chance to try something new or learn something
new.

In new business, we did discuss a couple of things that were noteworthy. A couple of members expressed interest in visiting SACOM after a meeting. The members of SACOM were gracious enough to offer to host an operating session after the October meeting.

November 16th and 17th there is a new multicultural festival in Hurricane. While this festival is not necessarily a railroad or modeling festival, there will be people there interested in modeling and possibly model railroading. This is a great event for us to attend since we are a non profit and would allow the public to see our organization and what we do. I will have more info as we get closer to this event.

Our next meeting will be held at Mark Maynard's home on September 21st. If you haven't done so already, make sure to mark your calendar as this meeting is held a week later than our normal date. Make sure to bring your appetite and a photo for the contest. Mark will have his layout open early, so come early and run some trains.

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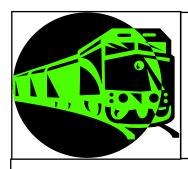
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# Coal Division Monthly Railfun Event

## Saturday September 21

# Mark Maynard's Home West Portsmouth, OH

(see page 3 for details and directions)

- 8:00 AM: Layout opens if you wish to run trains on the Crusty.
- 11:00 AM: Things really get rolling. Visit the layout, set out items to sell, and socialize
- 12:30 PM: Lunch
- 1:00 PM: Social time, Coal Division contest is photographs
- 2:00 PM: Superintendent's Briefing
- 2:40 PM: Contest results
- 3:00 PM: Continue running trains and socializing

Next Meeting
October 12
In Person and Zoom

#### SEPTEMBER EVENT RUNNING THE CRUSTY ROAD

As he has for the past several years, Mark Maynard has graciously agreed to host us and to provide lunch and beverages.

A big part of the day is the flea market sale. Bring any of those things you thought you couldn't live without but now realize you don't need. In particular, consider items that you might think too valuable for the raffle. Make sure your name is on it or the packaging, set a price, perhaps do some haggling, and be rid of it. We hope to have somebody to handle the money and bookkeeping but if you make a sale privately, please don't forget to pay the 10% fee due from the seller.

The contest will be photographs so bring those pictures of trains or other railroad subjects, prototype or model, black and white or color.

While those who wish to operate the Crusty are welcome at 8:00 AM, the other parts of the event start around 11AM. Lunch will be available around 12:30. The

business session will start at 2. While Portsmouth is a long distance for most of us to travel, car pooling can reduce costs and provide lots of good discussions enroute. All we need is a nice day.

Now, for some directions: If you are coming from anywhere but the west, find your way to Portsmouth, OH and leave town headed west on US 52. Look for Brouses Run Road about one half mile after the road narrows from four lanes to two lanes. Turn right onto Brouses Run Road then turn right into the first barn lot. In the past we have used Mark's house as a landmark but now you should turn at the Dollar General store. The model railroad is upstairs in the barn, the other activities will be out behind the barn under the canopies. If you want to use GPS, the house number is 42. Cell service in the area is limited, you may wish to download the map of the area if you plan to use GPS on your phone.

## FROM THE OFFICE DOWN THE HALL Bill Stowe, Assistant Superintendent

I just wanted to take a moment to comment on the challenge kit that Bob Osburn distributed at the August picnic.

While Bob did a thorough job of presenting the challenge kit and materials at the June meeting, I was still very impressed when I opened the kit. The attention to detail and quality is prevalent throughout the kit: The items were carefully packaged, labelled, and the kit is very complete with all items needed to assemble and wire the basic module. Some of things that impress me most are the ones I wouldn't expect to find such as paint, glue, and tools. Beyond the cost incurred to purchase all the components, I cannot imagine the time and patience it took to pull all this together. I had a thought to take some pictures to capture this but found Bob had already included that in the manual!

Let me offer some final thoughts In my working career I often viewed training as having two key objec-

tives, sharing knowledge, and developing skills. Sharing knowledge is self-explanatory but developing skills I've defined as being able to apply the knowledge to achieve the desired quality result on a consistent basis. My experience has been that developing skills is far harder, requiring time and well developed tools and equipment. Both aspects are important in model railroading. The knowledge is a key part of people's understanding on how railroads operate, their history, the equipment, etc. We share that knowledge through clinics, publications, and social interaction. The skills are part of the modeling aspect, that ability to achieve incredible results on our model railroad layouts. We develop our skills though our home modelling but Bob's work on the challenges gives us a different venue to further develop our skills in areas we already know and in new areas.

Thanks Bob, I just hope I can do all your hard work justice with a good T-TRAK module in December!!

#### CLINICS Randy Allio, Clinic Chair

Here is a list of the remaining clinics for this year: July-Painting with Pan Pastels- Randy Allio September- Crusty Mountain October- Mini Clinic Event II November- Adhesives- Bob Osburn December- Memorial Challenge As we discussed at the August meeting, we are looking for clinics for next year. Please share your skills.

#### NMRA MCR DIVISION 9 THE COAL DIVISION

Minutes July 13 2024 Randy Allio's Home Elkview, WV

Meeting called to order by Superintendent Sam Delauter at 1:10 p.m.

Sam thanked Randy and his wife for hosting today's meeting and providing a delicious lunch for everyone.

#### **Division Clerk Report**

June minutes approved.

Treasury Balance is \$9,060.50.

Company Store \$0.

Raffle \$0.

Pike Ads \$0.

#### Superintendent Report

Sam mentioned the preparations for the November challenge. Participation looks to be very good in this year's T TRAK project. He also noted that he enjoyed seeing Randy's On30 layout.

#### Assistant Superintendent Report

Bill Stowe noted how good recent attendance has been at recent meetings. He wished Bob Weinheimer safe travels to the national convention. He also mentioned work on Mark Maynard's layout and how several members have pitched in to help.

#### Newsletter - Up the Holler

Bob Weinheimer mentioned there will be no August newsletter. He also noted the deadline of September 2 for the next newsletter The address for contributions is <a href="mailto:edi-tor@coaldivision.org">edi-tor@coaldivision.org</a>.

#### Achievement Program

Bob Weinheimer mentioned that Randy Allio had several pieces of rolling stock evaluated for his AP certificate. He presented Randy Allio with AP certificates for Prototype Scene and Model Railroad Author.

#### Library

Bill Wadsworth nothing new to report.

#### Clinic

Today's clinic is the Weathering with Pan Pastels by Randy Allio.

#### Contest

Today's contest is Structures.

#### Membership

John Harris mentioned progress on getting shirts. He has contacted 4 Imprint and they provided samples with and without pockets. He passed around a sign-up sheet for members to order shirts. The price depends on the quantity ordered. Prices will most likely be \$24 and \$27 for non-pocket and pocket respectively. John expects them to be available at the August meeting. It was suggested that we order 10 extra shirts for future members.

#### Raffle

No raffle today. Tony noted we will have a special raffle at the August meeting. There will be only one item, a \$75 gift certificate from Broadway Limited donated by Don Cipolla.

#### TTRAK

Herb mentioned two recent articles about T TRAK modules.

#### Education

No report.

#### **Old Business**

Sam went over the sign-up sheet for next month's picnic on the platform. Several members signed up for more items. Plans were made to get the grill and other logistics. Osburn updated everyone on the T TRAK project. There are still modules available for anyone interested. He showed the 30-page instruction book for this year's challenge. The modules should be completed by participants for the December meeting. We plan to set them up and operate them at the St Albans Historical Society for the December meeting. There was some discussion about the T TRAK operations.

#### **New Business**

Matt Kearns mentioned a recent bike trip on the Alleghany Rail Trail over the P&LE and WM right of way. He was amazed at the frequency of trains and the type of traffic.

#### Announcements

August 4-11 National NMRA convention Long Beach, CA

September 10-13 National Narrow Gauge Convention Pittsburgh, PA

September 14-15 N Scale Weekend Altoona, PA

#### **Future Meetings:**

August 10 – St Albans Historical Society Picnic on the Platform.

September 21 – Mark Maynard's House.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00

Respectfully submitted, Jerry Doyle, Division 9 Clerk

## NMRA MCR DIVISION 9 THE COAL DIVISION

Minutes August 10, 2024 St. Albans Historical Society St. Albans, WV

Robert Osburn handed out kits for the NMRA MCR Division 9 Memorial Challenge. This year we are doing T –TRAK modules. Robert distributed 17 modules today. The expectation is that members will have their modules complete for operating at the December meeting.

Meeting called to order by Superintendent Sam Delauter at 1:30 p.m.

#### **Division Clerk Report**

July minutes approved. Treasury Balance is \$8,955.50. Company Store \$0. Raffle \$62. Pike Ads \$0.

#### **Superintendent Report**

Sam thanked Robert and all the others involved in putting on the Picnic on the Platform today.

#### **Assistant Superintendent Report**

Bill Stowe thanked everyone for pitching in for today's picnic. He noted it was a great reflection of how a volunteer organization works.

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

Bob Weinheimer was attending the National Convention. The deadline is September 2 for the next newsletter The address for contributions is <a href="editable.color: blue.color: blue.color

## tor@coaldivision.org. Achievement Program

No Report

#### Library

Bill Wadsworth nothing new to report.

#### Clinic

Today's clinic is Assembling a Prototypic Rolling Stock Fleet by Sam Delauter.

#### Contest

Today's contest is Electronic Projects Randy mentioned some plans for clinics in the coming year.

#### Membership

John Harris gave a report on the Coal Division shirts. We ordered ten extra shirts for members needing shirts and two have been sold. This leaves us with eight. Membership is holding steady as of the last report.

#### Raffle

Tony Puccini had one item for the raffle today, a \$75 gift certificate from Broadway Limited donated by Don Cipolla.

#### T TRAK

Herb noted he's looking forward to seeing what members come up with for their T-TRAK modules. Bill

Stowe reminded everyone to take pictures of our progress as we built the modules. Sam mentioned returning the Bring and Brag, these modules are a great time to do this

Herb also mentioned the Lisa K Entertainment live stream on YouTube (<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BHqfxNbC-Hw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BHqfxNbC-Hw</a>).

#### **Education**

No report.

#### Old Business

None.

#### **New Business**

There was discussion about the September meeting. Ultimately it was decided to stick with the September 21 meeting date. There was also discussion of other venues for future meetings including the St Albans C&O Modelers (SACOM), Bob Weinheimer's Pennsylvania Southern, and Jerry Doyle's Crescent Valley. It was decided to visit the SACOM layout after the October meeting.

Sam mentioned Valley Con that will be held at the Hurricane Wave Pool on November 16, 2024. We have been invited to have an exhibit. The focus of the show is various recreational activities including gaming, science fiction, cosplay and mental health awareness. Proceeds will benefit animal welfare. Sam will get more details to bring to our next meeting.

The meeting was interrupted by the appearance of a couple of CSX trains including CSXT 1827, the CSX BO heritage unit, going west on the C&O mainline.

#### Announcements

September 10-13 National Narrow Gauge Convention Pittsburgh, PA

September 14-15 N Scale Weekend Altoona, PA

#### **Future Meetings:**

September 21 – Mark Maynard's House. October 12 – St Albans Historical Society with SACOM operating session after

Meeting adjourned at 2:15

Respectfully submitted, Jerry Doyle, Division 9 Clerk

#### Passenger Manifest John Harris, Membership Chair

Thanks to all that worked to make our annual Picnic on the Platform, or "at the shelter" is perhaps a bit more accurate, a success. The food was good and the new chef, Mark Maynard did a great job. I was pleased that all those who ordered shirts were there with cash to pick them up. Distribution went well except for my screw up in giving Herb Parson the shirt intended for Antony Parrish along with the two he ordered. But, that can be corrected as soon as I get with Herb. Sorry, Tony. Members were wise to suggest we order extra of the popular sizes for those that are interested in the future. As it turned out, two of the extras were sold at the picnic. With that, we have 8 left in sizes L and 2XL with and without pockets for anyone interested. Cost remains \$25.00 for each.

Additionally, I have requests for two name badges and plan to make and order soon and I am hoping to get orders for two more to keep unit prices down. Please let me know if you are in need of one. They look real nice with the new shirts. All I need is your name and city to place an order. Contact me at <a href="mailto:member-ship@coaldivision.org">member-ship@coaldivision.org</a>

Thanks also to Robert for the care and dedication in assembling and distributing the T-TRAK modules for the Memorial Challenge this year. It is quite an ambitious challenge and it will require dedication and discipline to have them ready for December meeting. I am looking forward to it. What a great member benefit for the division. Not only does it provide a great educational opportunity and outlet to improve individual member skills, it will increase the presence of the divisions T-TRAK display. That in return will improve our visibility at future events. Again, this is another way to engage potential members and at the same time further the skills of our members. I look at this as a definite win-win for the Coal Division.

For me personally, it is a chance to get out of my comfort zone and do something in a scale that I have not spent much time working with. Long ago I debated back and forth whether the Alleghany & New River Road would be HO or N. I recognized that with space constraints I had, building in N scale would afford me more realistic distances between stations and railroad features and would certainly make for deeper gorges and taller

mountains while keeping the basic track plan the same. In the end, the lack of reliable and relatively inexpensive steam locomotives and the limited availability first generations C&O diesels in N scale played a major part in the final decision. Additionally, I still had several pieces of HO equipment and track from my childhood and early days of model railroading. Surely it would be a waste not to stick with the same scale so these pieces could be used. Ironically, none of these pieces are one the layout today. It turns out that those items that held my attention for hours as a teen were too toy like for what I wanted the final layout to look like. Besides, eye sight has changed over the years and I am not sure dealing with the smaller scale on a day to day basis would work out well.

Still, I am looking forward to seeing what I can do with T-TRAK. I had already made the commitment to building a 4 foot module a year or so ago. After looking at several alternatives, I had narrowed it down to creating a replica of the C&O station and sidings at White Sulphur Springs. (Not to worry, the station will remain white with green trim and will not be in the red Christmas Shoppe color scheme.) Besides, I already had the plans in Auto-CADD of the station in HO so not a big deal to make it half as large. So, for the 2 foot challenge module, I plan to extend to the west and incorporate WS Cabin in its boarded up condition and an overhead highway bridge to the Kate's Mountain Club area. This will allow me to add a bit of dilapidated character and create a sense of history. It will perhaps not look out of place if the T-TRAK operators are running more modern equipment, but will still look period correct with earlier diesels and consists. If they are running steam, we will just have to accept that the cabin was retired early.

I look forward to seeing what the rest of you have in mind. With the diversity of periods and railroads that our membership model, I am sure the modules will be just as varied. I believe the eclectic nature of having each modeler doing his own thing will add to the overall interest of the final layout and in turn generate even more discussion and questions from the public. After all, isn't that is what we hope to do when we engage the public?

#### T-TRAK Herb Parsons, T-TRAK Chair Photos by Herb Parsons

In T-TRAK news, The N Scale Weekend at Altoona Pennsylvania is coming up on September 14 & 15.

Bob Osburn distributed the T-TRAK modules to the members will wish to participate in the Memorial Challenge at the Picnic on the Platform in August. I Photos

below show the module I received and the work on an inside corner module.

I hope to see photos of every one's modules as you make progress.







## CONTEST Don Cipolla and Mark Maynard Contest Chairs

The contest category for July was Structure. Five entries were displayed and the results of the voting were:

1st place Dale Osburn – Bernard Tractor Supply

 $2^{nd}$  place Randy Allio – Oil Derrick  $3^{rd}$  place tie

Herb Parsons – Liffle's Lumber Mill Sam Delauter – REA 2024 Monthly Model Contest January Modeler's Choice February Steam Locomotives

March Locomotives 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 Annual Memorial Modeling Challenge

The August contest category was Electronics of a railroad.

There was only one entry, Randy Allio's dead rail concept. Randy won first place, a photo and caption are on the next page.

The September contest category is: Photo - Model or Prototype.



Left: Dale Osburn – Bernard Tractor Supply (HO scale)

Below: Sam Delauter – REA (Z scale)





Left: Randy Allio – Oil Derrick (O scale)

Below: Herb Parsons – Liffle's Lumber Mill (N scale)





Randy Allio's August Contest Entry

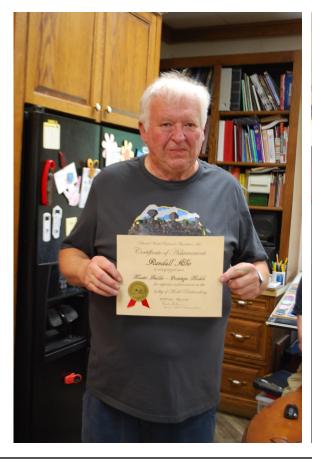
For my entry in the August Electronics contest I brought the Model T rail truck that I built from an O scale kit. I put a small power wheel set in the back and a small set of wheels in the front. In the truck bed I built a box to hide the motor, battery, and receiver from a Hot Wheels RC car. Using the Hot Wheels controller I now have a very small example of what can be achieved in dead rail.

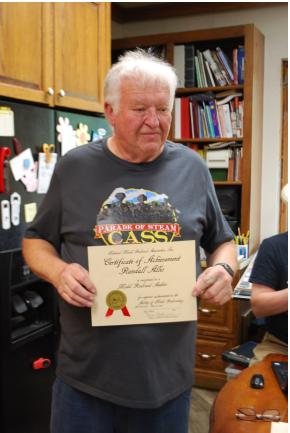
#### ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM Bob Weinheimer, MMR® Photo by Herb Parsons

As noted in the July minutes, I was able to present Randy Allio with this Prototype Model and Model Railroad Author certificates. Don Cipolla MMR® and I evaluated Randy's cars. Jerry Doyle and I had previously evaluated Rand's structures. Both Statements of Qualifications have been submitted and I am awaiting delivery of the certificates. Randy has been working with new Na-

tional Achievement Program manager Ray Persing on his Electrical certificate. He is now waiting for us to evaluate his Civil Engineering. Scenery should be ready soon. It sure looks like Randy will be our next Master Model Railroader<sup>®</sup> in the coming months.

Now, if I can inspire Jerry to scratch build some cars...





#### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINES**

In order to produce Up The Holler about ten days before the monthly membership meeting, editorial work starts the Monday of the week preceding the meeting. That works out the be the dates below by which I need articles for the next few months.

October: September 30
November: October 28

December: December 2January 2025: December 30

• February 2025: January 27

#### Mid Central Region Officer Elections

The Mid Central Region Elections Nominating Committee has identified the following slate of candidates for the 2025 elections:

President: Jerry Doyle

Vice President: Frank Trocchia Treasurer: Barbara Soward Secretary: Bruce DeMaeyer

Per MCR regulations Article X, Section 3, members of the region can make nominations for Mid Central Region Offices by presenting a petition to the Region Nominating Committee Manager, signed by fifteen (15) members of the Mid Central Region.

Petitions must be received by September 20, 2024.

Contact the Region Nominating Committee Manager at the following address with any questions, or to arrange delivery of petitions. <u>bshreve8103@gmail.com</u>

Regards,

MCR Elections Nominating Committee Bob Shreve, Chairman Jim DiPaola Bob Belt

#### **CLUB NEWS**

Clubs within the boundaries of the Coal Division are welcome to submit items of interest for inclusion here. The next editorial deadline for this column is Monday February 26. Items can be sent to <a href="editor@coaldivision.org">editor@coaldivision.org</a>

Mid-Ohio Valley Model Railroad Club By Mark Suek

We recently hosted two successful events and welcomed a number of first-time visitors. Scale Trains conducted a meet and greet and presentation at our facility and more than 40 persons attended. Scale Trains handed out a number of gift bags and prizes and provided much interesting information.

MOVMRC's second recent event was our annual Parkersburg Homecoming Festival Open House. The

club enjoyed 110 guests and conducted a raffle for a Lionel John Deere train set. The theme of the open house was "Trains That Built America" and members ran coal, logging, steel and oil-related trains on our seven layouts.

MOVMRC's next event is our annual Fall Train Show, on October 26, at West Virginias University's Parkersburg campus with more than 100 vendor tables in action.

#### Save The Date



The Buckeye Express Convention 15–18 May, 2025 Embassy Suites, Dublin



#### MY WORD Bob Weinheimer, Editor

As noted in the July issue, there would be no August issue, just a meeting reminder. This month we play catch up with two sets of minutes and a couple of contest reports.

I spent 30 days in July and August traveling across this wonderful country. I first went to the St. Louis Railroad Prototype Modelers meet in suburban St. Louis. After that I spend a week or so railfanning in the mid west.

July 28 I started the cross country ride to Long Beach for the NMRA convention. That part of the trip took me along much of the former Santa Fe transcontinental mainline. I kept away from the interstate highways for the most part as the railroad did not follow them until well into Arizona. I overnighted in Wichita, KS, Amarillo, TX, Gallup, NM, and Kingman, AZ along the way.

I did make an obligatory stop on a corner in Winslow, Arizona:



Long Beach started with a bunch of meetings. Your board of directors spent all day Friday in a meeting room discussing long range issues and scenarios. No decisions were made as it wasn't a formal meeting. That meeting started Saturday morning and ran into the afternoon. We got a lot done including a welcome modification to the structures certificate requirements in the Achievement Program. We also made some bureaucratic decision such as formalizing the Policy Committee. That group reviews motions to make sure they don't conflict with items in our guiding documents.

The convention began Sunday. The attendance was a little smaller that usual but Long Beach is not exactly a thrifty place to go for a week. I presented my three clinics one after the other on Monday afternoon then repeated them Tuesday afternoon. The crowds for it were small but those who attendee were very interested in them. Several folks sat through all three! Wednesday was the Layout Design Special Interest Group self guided layout tour. Due to the distances involved and the fierce south-

ern California traffic, there were relatively few layouts on tour. We visited several including two club layouts. Like in Texas last year, we were in a place that has few if any basements. Layouts were in garages, bedrooms, or even in a place in an industrial park. Yes, that one was a personal layout and not a club. If you are at a national convention, this is the tour to take. You get to pick the layouts you want to see and you are not part of a busload of visitors. There were seven of us in my minivan. They came from Canada and England as well as from here in the USA.

For reasons explained by President Gordy Robinson in other channels, the National Train Show had to move from the large convention center to a much smaller hotel ballroom. All in all, it was still a fun time. The convention closed with the Saturday night banquet. This event was outside on a terrace on the third floor of the hotel. We noticed seagulls perched atop nearby buildings keeping an eye on us. Eventually they attacked one corner of the dining area. I don't think they got anything or hurt anybody but that was certainly something I hadn't seen at a previous banquet. Another highlight of the week was seeing Dan Mulhearn. Dan took the train all the way across the country and spent the whole week in Long Beach.

The trip home had me following Union Pacific lines for many miles. The first stop on the way out of town was the Tehachapi Loop then I was off to suburban Las Vegas for the night. The next day I followed the Los Angeles and Salt Lake, the UP line between those cities. It's easy to follow on state highways once in Utah. That night found me in suburban Salt Lake City. The next day was a long one driving across Wyoming and a bit of Nebraska. Sydney, Nebraska is a busy railroad spot and a good place to stop for the day. The next day I followed the UP across Nebraska on US 30. That's a two lane road with a speed limit of 65 MPH. It follows the railroad very closely and there were lots of trains to see. I took a little detour to Deshler, NE to visit Spring Creek Model Trains. That's quite a store, I think it was once a grocery store. From there it was off to Des Moines, IA for the night. Thursday I got away from railroads except for a stop in Fort Madison for a couple of hours. That night was spent in Danville, IL then it was home the next day.

Next year the convention will be in Novi, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit. The convention will be one day shorter than usual and should be relatively affordable. Novi is a day's drive or less for most Coal Division members so I suggest you really look into it. If Novi doesn't work, the 2926 convention will be in Chattanooga.

It sounds like you all had a good time at the picnic. Next year the convention is in July so I should be able to attend. I am now looking forward to our annual visit to Mark Maynard's layout and his hospitality.

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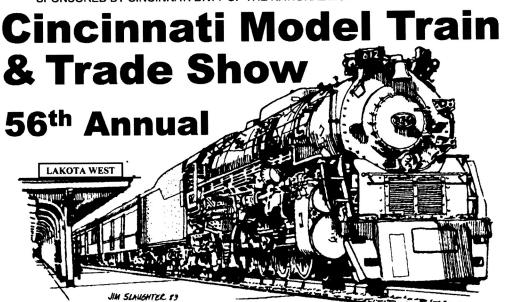
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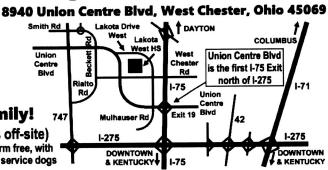


## Lakota West High School Sat & Sun October 12 & 13, 2024 FREE PARKING! 11 am - 5 pm both days

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- Hourly Door Prizes
- FREE Locomotive Test Booth
- ATMs at several nearby banks

#### FUN for the Whole Family!

\$10 Admission (cash only, ATMs off-site) Children 12 and under and Scouts in uniform free, with paying adult - No animals allowed, except service dogs



This event will be operated under all local, state and federal health guidelines in effect at that time. Masks are currently optional. If recommended, hand sanitizer will be available at multiple locations. Subject to cancellation due to events beyond our control. See https://cincy-div7.org/local-events for last-minute info or changes. Sales tables are \$40 each - reserve via rhord@fuse.net

#### Chance to Win a Model Train Set!

Must fill out door prize slip. One entry per paying attendee. Need not be present at drawing.

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For more info see www.cincy-div7.org - For tables contact rhord@fuse.net

# Sixth Annual NMRA Division 6

# Train Show Cambridge Ohio

Sunday

October 27, 2024

10 am to 3 pm



Pritchard Laughlin Center 7033 Glenn Hwy Cambridge OH43725



OPERATING MODEL TRAINS

HANDICAP ACCESS

ALL SCALES

ACCESSORIES

SCENERY

HOBBY TOOLS & SUPPLIES

Checkoutour website for a listing for more information:

https://div6-mcr-nmra.org/trainshow.html

VendorsContactGreg -

(740) 607-3223

- trainshow@div6-mcr-nmra.org



The "Miami Valley" Division 3 of the Mid-Central Region of the National Model Railroad Association proudly presents the 48th Original

# Dayton Train Show

Celebrating over 48 years of fun at one of the oldest and largest Model Railroad Shows in the Midwest!



The New Montgomery County Fairgrounds & Events Center 645 Infirmary Road
Dayton, OH 45417

Admission: \$8.00 per adult, children 12 and under free with paid adult.

November 2 & 3, 2024

Saturday 11<sub>AM</sub> To 5<sub>PM</sub>

Sunday 11<sub>AM</sub> To 4<sub>PM</sub>

#### REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Multiple scale operating layouts LEGO Trains and layouts Historical Societies and Displays Hundreds of Dealer Tables Displays & Demonstrations Prize Drawings

A train the kids can ride (Weather Permitting)
\*Activities, layouts and vendors subject to change

Contact Us by:

Email: NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com

Mail: Dayton Train Show
P. O. Box 341233
Beavercreek, OH 45434

Phone: (937) 424-6413

VENDOR INQUIRIES ARE WELCOME

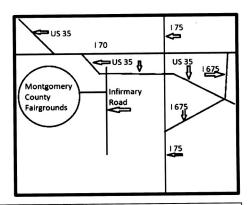
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Website

#### **FREE PARKING**

Special N scale display honoring the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day.



Want to know more?

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## **TRAIN SHOW & SALE**

#### **OUR 34TH YEAR**



#### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2024 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM HOLY FAMILY PARISH SAFFIN CENTER 3938 POPLAR LEVEL RD, LOUISVILLE, KY 40213

- MODEL TRAINS IN ALL SCALES
- OPERATING LAYOUTS AND DISPLAYS
- RETAIL SALES OVER 100 DEALER TABLES
- MODEL RAILROAD EDUCATION
- JOIN THE NMRA NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION
- Hourly Door Prizes!
- GREAT FOOD & BEVERAGES
- FREE PARKING

# \$6.00 PER PERSON – CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER FREE WITH AN ADULT SPONSORED BY NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION DIVISION 8 - MID CENTRAL REGION

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT

WEBSITE: http://div8-mcr-nmra.org

ADVANCE TICKETS: https://tinyurl.com/November2024TrainShowTickets

ADVANCE TICKETS



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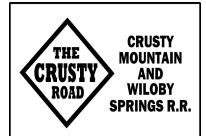


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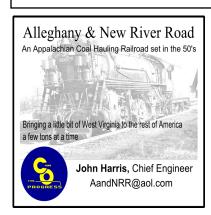




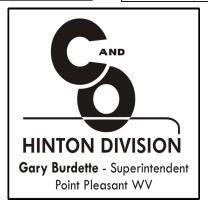
#### Under Construction

A small N-scale layout of a fictional Appalachian branch line of the Chesapeake & Ohio set in the early 50s or late 70s.

Matt Kearns, Chief Engineer South Charleston, WV mattkearnswv@gmail.com



tharris@va.net





## **Upcoming Coal Division Events**

# September 21 Portsmouth, OH

October 12 St. Albans Historical Society

November 9 St. Albans Historical Society

December 14 St. Albans Historical Society

January 11, 2025 St. Albans Historical Society