

NMRA NCR Division 9 Membership Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2022

In-Person Attendees

Garry Johnson
Rich Mahaney
Joel Pyard
Bob Lawrence
Bob Provost
Chuck Peterson
Alan Bau

Zoom Attendees

Dave Vinci

Location: Colonial Kitchen – Drake Rd. Kalamazoo, Mi.

Meeting was called to order by Gary Johnson at 10:01 AM

Officer Reports

Superintendent's Report – Garry Johnson – Nothing new to report. Garry passed a tool he recently acquired and asked the group to identify what it was. It was a tool to fix Athearn coupler covers. The following description comes from the Micro Mark website. It is titled Bulls Eye Jig, item # 85315 and sells for \$16.95, but don't forget to include our NMRA discount of 15%.

Drill Jig For Repairing Sagging Couplers On Athearn Cars

Use this 'Bulls Eye' jig to drill an accurate #50 hole in the exact center of the coupler box pin for installation of a cover retaining screw. After drilling, tap the hole and install a #2-56x1/8 round head machine screw to tighten the box lid and eliminate coupler droop. Includes machined brass drill guide, six screws and instructions.

Assistant Superintendent's Report – Joel indicated there was nothing new to report.

Paymaster's Report – Bob Lawrence reported that the balance in checking account remains at \$940.16. and our new checks have arrived.

Scribe's Report – Alan Bau reported that our annual election of board members is coming up at the annual meeting in September. The following positions are up for election: Assistant Superintendent (Joel Pyard), Paymaster (Bob Lawrence) & the Trustee position currently held by (Casey Bartman). Anyone wanting to volunteer to become a board member should contact either Garry Johnson or Alan Bau.

Yardmaster Newsletter Editor – Dave Vinci reported despite not meeting in July & August, there will be a Yardmaster newsletter issued in late July or early August. Members are encouraged to submit articles, pictures, etc. that may be of interest to other modelers.

Old Business:

October Convention – Rich Mahaney updated everyone on the status of the 2-day convention. All clinic presenter slots have been filled. Rich is now working on photos of the layouts that will be on the tour. We need volunteers to lend a hand on several different tasks. Look for more detailed information in the coming months.

New Business:

Upcoming Division Nine Schedule:

Membership Meetings:

July & August – no meetings scheduled

Annual Meeting - Saturday September 17th in Hartford at the West Michigan Railroad located at

Board Meetings: Normally we meet quarterly, however with the upcoming convention in October, we decided it was necessary to meet monthly. All meetings are on Sunday at 2:00PM.

July 10th

August 7th

September 11th

October 2nd & 16th

Next meeting is scheduled for Saturday September 17th at the West Michigan Railroad.

Rich Mahaney recommends that we meet at 10am at the transfer facility east of Hartford off the Red Arrow Highway, near the Van Buren County Fairgrounds.

The transfer facility is known as the Paw Paw River Trans Load facility and is located at 59 1/2 St and the railroad tracks and is north of the Red Arrow Highway.

It is located behind the Meachum Family Farms warehouse located on the Red Arrow Highway east of Hartford, before you arrive at the Van Buren County Fairgrounds. You can see the railroad cars from the Red Arrow Highway.

The area is a dirt lot which could be muddy.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:49 AM

Video Presentation of David Gunn's layout followed the business meeting. Unfortunately, due to extenuating circumstances we were unable to see a live zoom layout tour of David's layout. Hopefully we will be able to reschedule this down the road.

Respectfully Submitted

Alan Bau