

**N.M.R.A**  
**Northcentral Region, Division 9**  
**SW Michigan Division**

Re: Minutes of the Meeting of the Board

8 August 2022

Seven members of the board of Division 9 of the Northcentral Region of the NMRA gathered via Zoom for a regularly scheduled meeting to primarily address the upcoming October Clinic that will be hosted by the Division. Those members were:

- Superintendent Garry Johnson
- David Vinci
- Joel Pyard
- Pay Master Bob Lawrence
- Jim Glenn
- Rich Mahaney
- Casey Bartman

A general sentiment of a speeding recovery was made to Joel for his recent medical problems.

Superintendent Garry Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:05 P.M. He reported on a contract with the River Church. They do not believe that a formal contract is necessary. They have estimated a cost of \$300 for the Saturday usage of their facility. Superintendent Johnson will attempt to finalize that figure and details next week.

The central topic of discussion was an email sent today from Rich Mahaney concerning the upcoming clinic. Three attachments were included with the email, which are attached. Rich reported that flyers have been distributed to hobby shops in the Region and that there will be notice of the Clinic in the Hot Box to be published in the next several weeks.

Rich went on to inform that his current work is centered on finalizing presenters for the clinic and preparing a flyer with details concerning layout tours and op

sessions. Discussion was made concerning how to assign attendees to op sessions. The plan is to finalize that detail in September or October.

Rich expressed his desire that we have 100 attendees for the Clinic. He felt confident that we should reach between 50 and 70 guests.

Some discussion was carried out concerning the need for member volunteers on the Friday and Saturday of the clinic. On Friday, we will need a member at each location to register attendees as they arrive. It was felt that we will need to be ready to greet attendees by 3:00 P.M. at Jim Glenn's home.

Superintendent Johnson discussed screens for clinic presentations. The current plan is to use sheets taped to the wall. An attempt will be made to see if the Region has screens that we can use.

David Vinci stated that he felt that it was time to pass the publication of the Division Newsletter on to another editor/publisher. He informed the board that he will continue in that role through the end of 2022. The board thanked him for his years of service in that role and wished him good luck in working on his layout in his extra time.

As of the time of publication of these minutes, four guest have registered for the October Clinic via the web site, they are:

- Garry Johnson
- Alan Bau
- Daniel Mitzel
- Casey Bartman

Respectfully submitted

Casey Bartman  
Acting Secretary of the Division 9

## **DIVISION 9 Railroad Layout Viewing Addresses, Oct 28 and 29, 2022**

### **Friday**

1. Visit the live steamers and diesels on display at the Mid-Michigan Railroad Club, 18935 151/2 Mile Road, Marshall, MI, Noon to 5pm, lunch and bathrooms are available in the area. Free to visit, donations are accepted. (South and along side the Turkeyville location)
2. Jim Glenn, 2063 N 36<sup>th</sup> St, Galesburg, MI
3. Maynard Mitchell, 4228 Fawn Ct, Battle Creek, MI
4. Battle Creek Model Railroad Club, 2 West Michigan Ave, Battle Creek, MI, (use the backdoor of the building on the north side, you can see Clara's Restuarant)

### **Saturday**

5. Greg Stonerock, 9344 S 8<sup>th</sup> St Schoolcraft, MI, (south of W R Drive in Texas Twsp)
6. Bill Nicholes/Kevin Kizer, 5746 West VW Ave, Schoolcraft, MI, (west of Schoolcraft on VW, off of 131)
7. Kalamazoo Model Railroad Historical Society, 9336 N Riverview Dr, Kalamazoo, MI (north of Kalamazoo between the cities of Parchment and Plainwell on Riverview Dr, north of D Ave)
8. Dick DeVisser, 736 Norton Dr, Kalamazoo, MI
9. Dale and Deb Killarney, 34228 N Brookwood, Gobles, MI, (north side of Gobles, west of M 40)
10. Steve Wood, 9190 East BC Ave, Richland, MI, (west side of Gull Lake, north of Richland)
11. Dave Vinci, 51065 Oak St, Matawan, MI
12. Rick Garthe, 6737 Texas Dr, Kalamazoo, MI (in Texas Twsp)
13. Jim Fankhauser, 25545 South 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Schoolcraft, MI, (this layout is between Schoolcraft and Marcellus)
14. Andy McConachie, 8206 Petoskey St, Kalamazoo, MI, (in Texas Twsp)
15. Frank Zajac, 1004 Osborn St, Kalamazoo, MI

## **Oct 29 - Saturday**

- **9. Registration, gathering, refreshments and clinic presentations for the Division 9 Convention are at the River Church, 517 Walbridge St, Kalamazoo, MI, 8am**
- **10. Clinic sessions start at 8:30am, 9:45am and 11am, 12 different clinics are available.**
- **11. Lunch on your own, from 12pm to 1pm**
- **12. Layout open houses from 1pm to 5pm, get a list of the layouts, map and addresses at the River Church between 8am and noon. There are 11 layouts to be seen.**

Layouts belonging to the following people will be available for viewing on Saturday afternoon: Greg Stonerock, Bill Nicholes, Kalamazoo Model Railroad Historical Society, Dick Devisser, Dale and Deb Killarney, Steve Wood, Rick Garthe, Jim Frankhauser, Dave Vinci, Andy McConachie, and Frank Zajac. You will receive a map and addresses at the River Church on Saturday morning.

- **13. Operating session #3** – 6:30pm, Greg Stonerock, 9344 S 8<sup>th</sup> St Schoolcraft, MI (south of W R Drive in Texas Twsp), you must sign up for this through Division 9. A conformation will be sent to you. Room for 10 people.
- **14. Operating session #4** – 6:30pm, Jim Frankenhauser, 25545 South 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Schoolcraft, MI (this is between Schoolcraft and Marcellus). A conformation will be sent to you. Room for 5 people.
- **15. Operating session #5** – 6:30pm, location to be determined.

## **Oct 30 – Sunday**

**Attend the Kalamazoo Model Railroad Historical Society Train Show and Sale at the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds at 10am. The Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds are located on the southeast side of the city of Kalamazoo and not far from I-94. Generally, there are more than 175 vendor tables. There is a nominal admission fee and food to purchase at the fairgrounds. The Fairgrounds are located at 2900 Lake St, Kalamazoo, MI. The Train Show and Sale is not part of the Division 9 Convention, but is being held on the same weekend as the Division 9 Convention. Enjoy!**

## **LAYOUTS – DIVISION 9 CONVENTION**

1. Mid-Michigan Railroad Club, Marshall, MI – no name
2. Jim Glenn, Galesburg, MI – Belt and Terminal Railroad
3. Maynard Mitchell, Battle Creek, MI – CNW with connections to the SOO, NP and DSS&A
4. Battle Creek Model Railroad Club, Battle Creek, MI – GTW/CN
5. Greg Stonerock, Texas Twsp/Schoolcraft, MI – DM&IR
6. Bill Nicholes/Kevin Kizer, Schoolcraft. MI - B&M
7. Kalamazoo Model Railroad Historical Society, Kalamazoo, MI – Cooper Park and Eastern RR
8. Dick DeVisser, Kalamazoo, MI – Pavilion Railroad
9. Dale and Deb Killarney, Gobles, MI – no railroad name modeled
10. Steve Wood, Richland, MI – GN RY
11. Dave Vinci, Matawan, MI – PRR
12. Rick Garthe, Texas Twsp/Kalamazoo, MI - CNW
13. Jim Fankhauser, Schoolcraft, MI – Tri County Railroad, with connections to Conrail and GT
14. Andy McConachie, Texas Twsp/Kalamazoo, MI – no name railroad
15. Frank Zajac, Kalamazoo, MI – Cotton Belt

## Registration Confirmation Letter – NCR Division 9 Fall 2022 Convention – Oct 28/29, 2022

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Thank you for registering to attend the NCR Division 9 Convention, we have received your registration form and payment! Please bring this letter with you when you come to the convention.

### Convention Details:

#### Oct 28 - Friday

- **1. Visit the live steamers and diesels display at the Mid-Michigan Railroad Club**, 18935 151/2 Mile Road, Marshall, MI which opens from noon to 5pm on your way to the convention. There is food, drink and bathrooms are in the area. The area is free to visit, donations are accepted.
- **2. Layout tour** opens at 3:30pm to 6pm – Jim Glenn, 2063 N 36<sup>th</sup> St, Galesburg, MI
- **Confirm your registration for the convention, pick up your name badge and confirm your involvement with other activities for the rest of the weekend and answer any other questions that you might have at Jim Glenn’s house.**
- **4. Layout tour** opens at 4pm to 6pm – Mitchell Maynard, 4228 Fawn Ct, Battle Creek, MI; you must have stopped at Jim Glenn’s house first before coming here to pick up your convention badge.
- **5. Layout tour** opens at xxx to xxx pm - Battle Creek Model Railroad Club, 2 West Michigan Ave, Battle Creek, MI, backdoor of the building
- **6. Special Dinner and Presentation at Clara’s Restaurant**, 6:00pm, 44 N Mc Camly Place, Battle Creek, MI, pay on your own at the restaurant, you must reserve a seat for this dinner by contacting Division 9. Bob Myers of the MI Historical Society will be the guest speaker for this event after the dinner. If you can’t attend, Division 9 will broadcast Bob’s presentation over Zoom. Division 9 will email the Zoom address to everybody that registers for the convention and members of Division 9.
- **7. Operating session #1** – 8pm, Jim Glenn, 2063 N 36<sup>th</sup> St, Galesburg, MI, you must sign up for this activity through Division 9. A conformation will be sent to you. Room for 5 people.
- **8. Operation session #2** – 8pm, Dick DeVisser, 736 Norton Dr, Kalamazoo, MI, you must sign up for this activity through Division 9. A conformation will be sent to you. Room for 8 people.