

NCR NMRA Division 9 Fall 2013 Newsletter

Hello, and welcome to your fall 2013 newsletter. Your board has been busy and we want to bring everyone up to date on our standing with the NCR, as well as upcoming plans for the Division. We also wanted to let you know about upcoming events

First, a note from our Superintendent:

With summer coming to an end and it starts to get colder, the model railroad season is getting fired up. Your board members have been hard at work getting the Division organized for official recognition by the NCR. It appears our by-laws are in order, with only minor concerns expressed by the NCR Board members. There will be a NCR Board meeting in November, either on the 16th or 23rd, and I will be in attendance, as will Assistant Superintendent Jim Glenn and Paymaster Dave Vinci. Division 9 will be first on the agenda as we seek NCR board approval to begin operating as a Division. Once we are approved, we will be able to use the NCR Division "9" name and conduct official division activities. Until this happens, we are limited as to what we can do as an official group due to liability issues with the NCR. I am working on a web site for Division 9, and will unveil it to you soon. We have several activities planned once we have the signal to roll out of the yard! See you around the division! M. Shirey, Division 9 Superintendent.

And, a note from our Asst. Superintendent:

The first meeting of Division 9 NCR will be held on Dec 4th at 6:15. The location is Denny's Restaurant at 194 and Sprinkle Road in Kalamazoo. We will be using their back room and you can order from the menu. If you don't want a full meal they do have some great deserts and coffee. Rich Mahaney will present a clinic on flat car loads and how to model flat car loads. Everyone is encouraged to bring a model railroad project to share. This could be a "Drag and Brag" or just a project you are working on to show us modeling ideas. You could also bring a project that you would like some help on or ideas about how to complete it. If you have nothing to share come and learn from others. Mark your calendar and join the fun! We are searching for other locations to hold our meetings, more information to come.

Both of the 101 operating sessions were filled with operators, and everyone learned a lot and had fun. Several operators asked for more operating sessions. If you have a layout with operations, how about you setting a date and offering Division 9 members a chance to operate your layout? I would be more than willing to open my layout for operating sessions, and I would also enjoy introducing other members to operations with other 101 sessions. I will post some dates for operating sessions at my layout later in October. Jim Glenn

Upcoming events to check out include the [Model Railroad Show and Swap in Fort Wayne, IN](#) on 10/26, the [Kalamazoo Model Railroad Historical Society's train show](#) on Sunday October 27, 2013 at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center, from 10:00AM – 3:00 PM and the [North-Central Crossing](#) November 1-3, 2013 in Troy. More information on the Fort Wayne and Troy shows can be found at www.NCR-NMRA.org and you can also follow the NCR on Twitter @NCR_NMRA

That's it for now, have a safe fall and we'll see you soon!

David Glenn, Division 9 Scribe