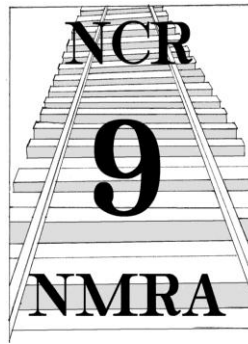


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Activities Report:

As we plan activities for the New Year, Division 9 wants to offer a range of activities for modelers from beginners to Masters. As you read this, I hope that you were able to attend the clinic on December 30th presented by Rich Mahoney to learn about quick industries for your layout. In March there will be a clinic and layout visit on how to plan and build a layout. I hope that many experienced model layout builders will be willing to share in a round table discussion of things they learned while building their first layouts. After the clinic, we will travel to visit Steve Wood's layout. Steve is in the early building process so you will be able to see various techniques that are part of layout construction. Steve will also share his thoughts in how he planned his layout. More details will follow as **March 1st** draws closer, but mark your calendar now to share, learn, and see what goes into building a layout.

In April we are planning a tour of local layouts. I will be holding operating sessions at my layout in January, February, and March for both beginners and experienced operators. Let me know if you are interested in operations and would like to attend. I will schedule times when I get an idea of what times work best for interested people. Email me at btrailroad@sbcglobal.net if you are interested.

Membership Report:

Division 9 now has its own membership report from NMRA and NCR. Our current membership totals 33 members in good standing. We hope that we can add more members as we offer activities in this area. Let your Board of Directors know about clinics and activities that would interest you. Our goal is to make Division 9 activities of interest to all members.

Jim Glenn- Assistant Superintendent Division 9

Upcoming Events, Swaps, and Meets:

Lansing Model Railroad Club will host their 2014 Train Show and Sale January 12, 2014 at the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing, MI from 10-4

The Lapeer Model Railroaders 28th Annual Railroad swap meet will be held on February 23, 2014 in Lapeer, MI from 10-3

Maumee Valley Railroad Club will host the Model Railroad Show and Swap March 1, 2014 in Fort Wayne, IN from 9-2

Also on March 1st, Division 9 will have our own clinic on how to build a layout followed by a layout in-progress visit. Steve Woods is in the early stages of his layout build and will share his thoughts. More information will follow.

The 2014 NCR regional convention will be April 25-27, 2014 in Toledo, OH. Note, this is a spring convention; there will not be a fall convention this year. The convention hotel will be the Ramada Hotel. Check their web site for additional information at www.divisiononencr.com/convention/toledo_2014.html

Finally, I hope you noticed the proposed logo for Division 9, drawn up by Dave Vinci. The board has been reviewing several ideas for logos and we all agreed this one was the one we liked best. We would like to know your thoughts.

David Glenn, Scribe Division 9

Paymaster's 2013 report for Division 9:

2013 Income: \$ 244.00 - All from Cash donations from members

2013 Expenses: \$ 41.25 – All for Postage

Yearend Cash on Hand: \$ 202.75

We will try to have a donation box out at all of our meetings and get-togethers. We cannot collect dues from our members; we rely on donations and future fundraisers for our treasury funds. Your support is truly appreciated!

Dave Vinci, Paymaster Division 9

Your Division 9 Board wishes you all a very happy new year and happy modeling! Please let us know if you have anything you have something you would like to add to the newsletter. I hope to have a newsletter out once a month as information dictates. We hope to see you all very soon.