



## NMRA-NCR Division 9 Superintendent's Bulletin

First and foremost, an apology for my absence in the January 1, 2014 newsletter. I was ill during most of the month of December and was unable to make a contribution as expected. In this newsletter I will be covering the information from my absence and the activities/events we have planned for the next couple months.

During the month of December we had a division meeting during which member Dave DuChamp gave an informative clinic about JMRI. We had three non-members and approximately 20 division members attend, many of which brought models for the Bring-and-Brag. Below are a few photos from that meeting.



On January 18 we held a board meeting at my house, during which the board has addressed the following issues.

- The board discussed and voted on a logo, and all BOD members have agreed upon the logo you see at the top of this page.
- Division websites are still under construction but the information present is current for clinics and activities until April 30<sup>th</sup>. Jim will elaborate on the activities planned later on in this issue.
- NCR spring 2014 hotbox will have more information within the next few weeks that pertains to the next three months of division happenings as well as being the one and only region wide, free issue for the year.
- Regarding the November 16<sup>th</sup> board meeting in Lansing, there is one issue that I forgot to mention. A special committee is being formed to study the divisional boundaries, as the NCR and NMRA boundaries conflict. This is being done in an effort for members to decide on their "home division", within reason. More info about this committee will be available in the May 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter as the next NCR board meeting is April 27<sup>th</sup>.

See you around the division, M. Shirey, Division 9 Superintendent



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From Assistant Superintendent Jim Glenn:

Division 9 has scheduled the following activities for this spring and summer:

### February

February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Essenhaus Train Show 9:00-2:30, Middlebury, IN

### March

March 1<sup>st</sup>- Clinic on Planning and Building a Layout

March 15<sup>th</sup>- Elkhart Train Show 10:00-3:00, Nappanee, IN

March 31<sup>st</sup>- Clinic on Installing Decoders in Older Engines

### April

April 5<sup>th</sup>- KMRHS Train Sale-10:00-3:00

April 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>- North Central Regional Convention- Information sheet attached

### June

June 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>- White Creek Railroad Open Meet (Details to Follow)

### July

NMRA National Convention Cleveland, Ohio- July 13<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> (See NMRA web site)

### August

Railfan Trip to Fostoria, Ohio, August 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. This trip is in the early planning stage and more details will follow.

### September

On September 20<sup>th</sup> we will have the Annual meeting to elect officers. The meeting will be held at the CREW Restaurant located at Sprinkle Road and I94. As we rotate the officers, the positions up for election this year are Assistant Superintendent, Paymaster, and one trustee.



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### **Kalamazoo Model Railroad Historical Society Spring Train Sale:**

The KMRHS Spring Train sale is to be held on April 5<sup>th</sup> at the Kalamazoo County Fair Grounds. Division 9 Board of Directors voted to take a table at the show. The Board discussed three reasons for the table. First, it will give Division 9 an opportunity to meet railroaders in this area and share our goals and activities. We will be encouraging new members to join NMRA, NCR, and Division 9. Second, we will use the table a way to raise money. We ask members to donate items to be sold at the show. All donations are tax deductible and we will document donations for tax records. Third, we will provide members an opportunity to sell items they no longer treasure, but do not want to donate. Division 9 will take items on consignment to be sold. Division 9 will keep 20% of the sale. Division 9 Board members will set up, man the table all day, and keep the record of sales.

To sell your items on consignment, you must do the following:

1. Make a list of all items you have for sale.
2. Clearly mark the price on all items.
3. Bring the items and list to the March 1<sup>st</sup> clinic or to the March 31<sup>st</sup> clinic.
4. You can also call Jim Glenn (269 665 7870) or Dave Vinci (269 668 4248) to make other arrangements.

You can donate your items in the same way.

### **Division 9 March Clinics**

Division 9 will present two clinics during March. Mark these on your calendar!

On **March 1<sup>st</sup>** there will be a clinic on planning and building a layout. The clinic will start at the Richland Library at 10:00 AM. The library is located on the village square in Richland. At the traffic light go north to the first left, and find a parking spot. The library is in the northwest corner of the square. The meeting room is in the basement, so you can enter on the west side of the library and take the elevator if you wish, or just go down the stairs to the meeting room on the left.

The clinic will start with a presentation on things to do when planning a layout. "Givens and Druthers" will be discussed along with a simple way to get the "Givens and Druthers" on paper. Then "Setting the Standards" will be presented. Steven Wood will then discuss the planning process for his layout. Once the presentation is complete the clinic will be open for questions and discussion. Finally, we ask members with experience building layouts to make suggestions of things to avoid and things to do. We will make a list of all suggestions and include it the next newsletter.



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Once the information part of the clinic is complete, we will drive about three miles north and visit Steven's layout. There you can see a layout in the building process and ask Steven questions about his plans and goals for the layout. This layout is in the "building stage" so you will be able to see bench work, wiring, track plan, and ask about construction techniques.

The second clinic will be held on **March 31<sup>st</sup>** at the home of Jim Glenn. (2063, North 36<sup>th</sup>, Galesburg, MI) Jim Barr will be the presenter on how to install decoders in older engines. This is hands on clinic so find an old engine or two and be ready to learn how to: take an engine apart, plan for the installation, solder, install LED'S, and test the engine. This clinic requires registration. Register by calling Jim Glenn at 269 665 7870. Solder, LED'S, and motor decoders will be provided if you do not have them. The cost of the clinic will be \$20.00 if you need a motor decoder. If you have a motor decoder, the cost of the clinic will be \$5:00 for LED's.

Do you have questions about either clinic? Call Jim Glenn at 269 665 7870 or email at [btrailroad@sbcglobal.net](mailto:btrailroad@sbcglobal.net).

Whew, needed a couple pusher engines for this newsletter! Please be sure to mark your calendars now for the activities we have scheduled for this spring and summer. Do you have an idea or suggestion? Please feel free to contact any of your board members with your thoughts and suggestions. Finally, we will have our donation engine out at all of the Division 9 events, please consider supporting our Division as we get up and running.

David Glenn, Scribe