

The Yardmaster

Southwestern Michigan Division



July-August 2021

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The Yardmaster is the newsletter published monthly by Division 9, North Central Region of the National Model Railroad Association.

Submissions: Please send articles, news items, inquiries, photos and comments to the Editor of **The Yardmaster**, **Dave Vinci** dj.vinci@frontier.com, **by the 1st of the month** for inclusion in the current month's edition.

Editor's Comments

Greetings from your newsletter editor. If any of you would like to try your hand at creating an article for the newsletter, please try and write one. It can be of any size or maybe just a photo of your latest project. How about a tip that you think other modelers could benefit from? This newsletter will only be as informative and entertaining as you, the membership, make it.

Achievement Program

To see the requirements for AP awards see the NMRA website, or talk about the program, contact our Division AP coordinator, Dorman Wilson at N8YNW@charter.net

July & August Membership Meeting

There will be no monthly membership meetings in July or August. Our next meeting will be in September. Enjoy your summer, go chase some trains, take photos and get ideas for your model railroad.

Membership Meeting Minutes

NMRA NCR Division 9 Membership Meeting Minutes June 19, 2021

Location: Colonial Kitchen 330N. Drake Rd., Kalamazoo, MI., also virtual

In Person Attendees:

Joel Pyard
Rich Mahaney
Bob Provost
Alan Bau
Dorman Wilson

Virtual Attendees:

Dave Vinci
Bruce Nichols
Casey Bartman

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Joel Pyard as Garry Johnson was unable to attend.

Business Meeting: The business portion of the meeting was very short. Our treasury balance is unchanged, and the minutes of our last meeting were included in the newsletter. There are no meetings in the months of July and August. We will meet again on the 3rd Saturday in September for our annual business meeting, including election of board members.

Board Elections:

There was nothing new to report on members volunteering to serve on the board. We are still looking for two volunteers for the Trustee positions. If anyone is interested in running for any office, please contact either Bruce Nichols or Joel Pyard.

Upcoming Schedule:

Rich Mahaney reviewed the schedule of upcoming clinics and layout tours through the end of the calendar year.

September – Our current plan is for our annual meeting and election of board member to take place in Sturgis for a tour of their layout, followed by a presentation by Dave Vinci on Switch Towers

October – there are two layout tours on the schedule

November – there are two different layout tours on the schedule

December – we will return to the Colonial Kitchen located at 330 N. Drake Road in Kalamazoo. Clinic to be determined.

One-Day Convention scheduled in April 2022

Rich also mentioned that a change in the date of the 2022 One-Day Convention is being considered to avoid conflicts with other previously scheduled train events. A final decision is expected when the Division 9 board meets on July 11th.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25AM.

Clinic Presentation: we were once again joined by members of the Michiana Division for a joint session. Rich Mahaney presented a clinic on "Storage Containers For Solids, Liquids and Gases For Model Railroaders.

Respectfully Submitted
Alan Bau
Division 9 Scribe



NMRA, NCR-Division 9 Board Meeting Minutes July 11, 2021

Location = Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Garry Johnson, Joel Pyard, Bruce Nichols, Casey Bartman, Dave Vinci, Alan Bau

Meeting Called to Order by Garry Johnson at 2:00PM

Board Member Reports

- Garry Johnson (Superintendent) & Joel Pyard (Assistant Superintendent) – had nothing new to report.
- Bruce Nichols (Paymaster) reported that the treasury balance remains unchanged at \$940.16 in our bank account and additional \$10 in petty cash.
- Alan Bau reported that the Division Certification of Membership Form was filed with the NMRA, and the June Membership meeting minutes had been forwarded to Dave Vinci for the Yardmaster Newsletter.
- Dave Vinci reported that the July/August Yardmaster will be published in early August.

Old Business:

- **Annual Membership Meeting** will be held on Saturday September 18th in Sturgis at the Sturgis Historical Museum located at 101 South Jefferson St.
 - Tentative Agenda
 - Scheduled start time is 9:30AM
 - Board Member Reports
 - Review of Proposed Bylaw Changes
 - Website Overview
 - Election of Officers
 - Tour of the Club Layout

- Clinic presented by Dave Vinci on Switch Towers
- **Upcoming Schedule** – information provided by Rich Mahaney
 - September 18th– annual meeting in Sturgis
 - October 16th - 2 Layout tours in Lansing Michigan
 - November 20th - Colonial Kitchen – Two Zoom Sessions (Layout Tour and making miniature people & animals)
 - December 18th - Colonial Kitchen – Zoom session with clinic presentation by Doug Harding on Meat Packing
- **Fall One Day Convention** – information provided by Rich Mahaney. Rich proposed a number of format scenarios for the 2022 Fall Convention. After a brief discussion this item was tabled until the next meeting.

New Business

- **Membership Meeting Start Time** – having joint meetings with the Michiana Division doesn't allow us enough time to hold a regular business meeting and get things properly setup for the zoom meeting. To allow more time for business meetings and discussion of any issues that arise, Casey Bartman moved to change the start time of our monthly Membership Meetings from 10:00AM to 9:30AM effective with the September meeting, Bruce Nichols seconded the motion and it passed without objection.
- **Election of Officers** – Bruce Nichols & Joel Pyard (Nominating Committee) reported they are having difficulty finding volunteers to fill the Trustee positions on the board. If anyone wishes to serve on the board for any of the positions up for election, (Superintendent, Scribe and Two Trustees) please contact either Bruce Nichols or Joel Pyard soon. A slate of officers needs to be sent out no later than 30 days (August 18th) prior to the date of election. A current membership list was provided to Bruce & Joel to help their search for volunteers.
- **Bylaws** – Alan Bau presented a review of possible changes to our bylaws, which was followed by a discussion of the changes. A copy of the proposed changes will be provided to all active members in early August 2021. The changes will then be read and voted upon during the September business meeting.
- **Website** – Casey Bartman volunteered to create a new website for the Division, which he expects to be available in early August. The new web address will be NCR-DIV9.COM

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:56PM.

Respectfully Submitted
 Alan Bau
 Division 9 Scribe

Officer Positions open for Election in September

Superintendent - a 2 year term. Duties:

- a. shall be responsible for the administrative and business functions of the Division.
- b. shall serve as liaison to the NCR, the NMRA, and other NCR divisions, modeling clubs, museums, and the non-modeling members of the community. As said liaison, shall work with the Scribe in publishing information about the Division.
- c. the Superintendent shall be the only one authorized to make public statements without the approval of the Board.
- d. shall serve as legal compliance officer, ensuring Division compliance with all Federal, State, Municipal, NMRA and NCR laws, rules and regulations.
- e. shall serve as chair of Division functions, conducting all meetings in adherence with The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, Fourth Edition.

Scribe – a 2 year term, Duties:

- a. shall take and distribute meeting minutes.
- b. shall maintain an archive of all official records for the Division.
- c. shall work with the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent in preparing and distributing information to the general membership, other Divisions, NCR, the general public, and others as needed.
- d. shall provide information on candidates for the available Directorships to the general membership no less than thirty days prior to the election.
- e. shall notify members of meetings and activities
- f. shall maintain the membership list for the Division

2 Trustees - one for a 1 year term and one for a 2 year term to serve on the Board of Directors. Duties:

- a. shall serve as representative at large on behalf of the membership
- b. shall assist any other Director as needed.

Model RR Photos

The Mill – A Model in HO scale by Joel Pyard

The Mill is an HO Laser Art Structures product, and it is still a work-in-progress. Painting these kits present a unique challenge due the nature of the laser cut subassemblies. Careful planning is due.

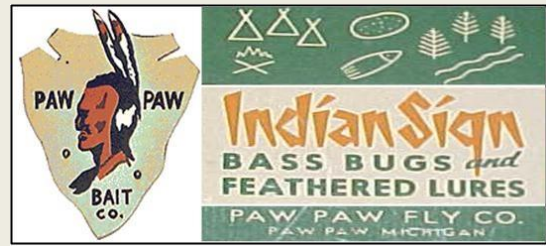


The foundation is thin plastic strips with the brickwork molded in. I painted a base color, applied washes, and followed up with individual bricks.

I represented rolled roofing with paper strips and highlighted the edges with a very fine black felt tip marker.



Signs are from AIM Products, JL Innovative Designs, Woodland Scenics, and the internet. Under magnification you can find the "Paw Paw Lures" advertisement that I created.



The Paw Paw Bait Company sign was created in Photoshop using cut/paste from various images found on the internet. The sign as you see it never really existed. It was a fun way to combine hobbies - local history, antiques, and model railroading.

Here is a link to a brief history of the company:

<http://vintagelures.com/Paw-Paw-Bait-Company-antique-and-vintage-fishing-lures.html>



Final details will include exterior lighting, lifting beams over the second-floor doors, barrels, hand carts, pallets, and sacks. Moderate weathering will be applied since these businesses were late in life during my modeling era.

Two new Hot Metal Cars for Frankfort Iron & Steel

By Dave Vinci

I recently completed 2 new bottle cars for the steel plant on my model railroad. These are Walthers models that I received as ready to run models. Of course they needed some upgrades and here is what I did. These new cars have the more typical oval shaped top openings instead of the round ones the first runs had. I also wanted to backdate these cars to riveted construction instead of the welded construction. I again used 0.015 x 0.020 strips with Micromark decal rivets as I described last month.



In the photo above, the oval top openings are obvious. Other upgrades I added were cut levers, Kadee couplers and Calscale plastic air brake hoses. The skull around the top opening is made with fine cinders held in place with white glue. The bottle parts were painted with acrylic paints to a nice rusty color and then fine weathering with dry powders. I kept the 6 wheel trucks but may convert



them to friction bearings at a later time. I cut an oval of 0.039 sheet styrene and glued it inside the opening and painted it yellow and red to simulate the hot metal. I then sprinkled some fine cinders into the wet paint to give it some texture and show some cooling of the metal.

Prototype Photos



The diamond for NS and G&S trains downtown Warsaw, IN photo by Rich Mahaney



WB G&W mixed freight, Warsaw, IN July 11, 2021 Photo by R. Mahaney



NS train going over the diamond Warsaw, In 7/11/2021 Photo by R. Mahaney



NB NS mixed freight Warsaw, In July 11, 2021 Photo by R. Mahaney



WB G&W mixed freight, Warsaw, IN July 11, 2021 Photo by R. Mahaney



One of the Grand Elk RR engines in Kalamazoo July 2021 photo by R. Mahaney

Division 9 Calendar for July 2021

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Div 9 BOD Zoom Meeting	12	13	14	15	16	17 No Div 9 Meeting
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Division 9 Calendar for August 2021

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Division 9 Calendar for September 2021

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Div 9 Meeting in Sturgis, Mi
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 GR&I Chapter Meeting PRRT&HS
26	27	28	29	30		