



The Yardmaster

Southwestern Michigan Division



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From the Desk of the Superintendent

Greetings to fellow Division 9 members

Glad to be again sharing after three straight months of seven days a week working on Darla's and my house in Battle Creek. As some of you know we moved our doublewide mobile home from Kalamazoo to Battle Creek placing it on a full basement 26' x 52' no posts. Plenty of room for modeling. I now enjoy the sweet sound of trains (Canadian National) one block away. I've seen quite an array of motive power CN and other roads along with various pieces of rolling stock. One CN engine in particular was numbered 100. I only caught a glimpse but couldn't ID the type. I'm looking forward to our upcoming meeting and future activities. Hope everyone is in good health and will be seeing you.

Garry Johnson

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

January Membership Meeting

The January 2022 membership meeting will be **Saturday, January 19th** at **The Colonial Kitchen Pancake House**, 330 N. Drake Rd., Kalamazoo. The back room is reserved beginning at **nine o'clock** for informal breakfast. The Colonial Kitchen is in the same building as AT&T and Art Van's Pure Sleep on the east side of Drake Road in the block south of Main Street. The restaurant faces south in that building.

We will begin with an informal breakfast (on your own) with business meeting to follow at **9:30 o'clock**. Doug Harding has agreed to help us with another great meat industry oriented presentation, this time on rolling stock.

Zoom Information (Thanks, Joel):

Topic: **NMRA NCR Div 9 Membership Meeting**

Time: **Jan 15, 2022 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83537561025?pwd=UXZyL0tkS1RIRXdPZlJhJeW1zRWVlQT09>

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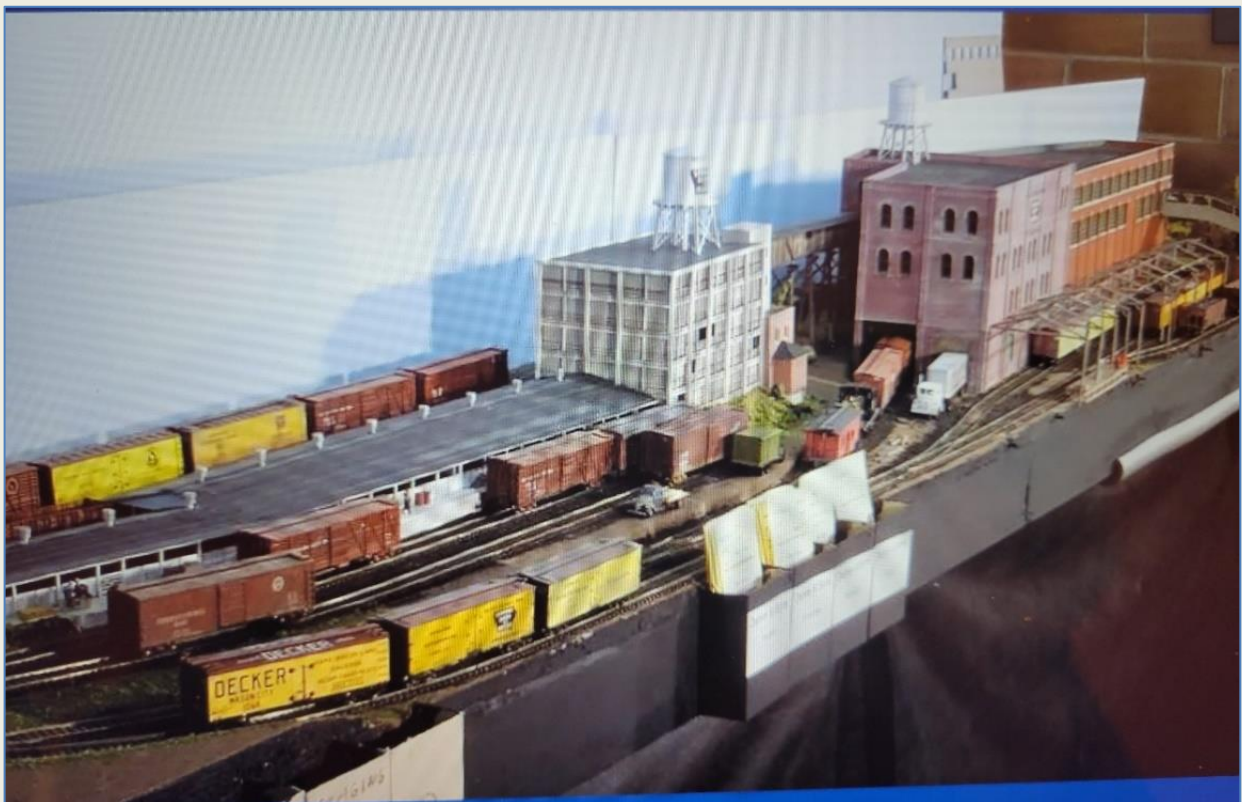
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Rev. Douglas Harding, Iowa native, wife Linda. We have no children, but three cats live with us. We enjoy traveling, having been to all 50 states and several countries.



At the December Division 9 meeting. Doug Harding continued his discussion with us about 3 important areas:

1. The meat plant layout and buildings at a packing plant. Using real meat plant photos and Doug's model of the Decker Meat Plant that he built, he showed us the layout and movement of livestock through the plants and out of the plants as products and waste. Of course, we say "waste", but there was a use for most everything in some other products. This meant lots of movement of railroad cars onsite or off to staging or other nearby yards and then to places and tracks to leave the layout.



2. The number of products and other industries that could be on a meat plant property if they want to use all of the parts from the animals they are butchering. There are many other products that come from hogs, cattle, sheep, lamp, chickens, turkeys and other animals that can be butchered. "Hog Urine", who would have thought it had uses? Dou used photos to illustrate many of the products and examples of industries that make the products on meat packing industrial property or ship them off to other plants to be made.

Commodities In and Car Types

| | | | |
|-------------|--------|---------------------|------|
| ■ hogs | stock | ■ soda ash | box |
| ■ cattle | stock | ■ cardboard boxes | box |
| ■ calves | stock | ■ charcoal/wood | box |
| ■ sheep | stock | ■ ammonia | tank |
| ■ tin cans | box | ■ cleaning supplies | box |
| ■ coal | hopper | ■ offal (guts) | gon |
| ■ coal | gon | ■ machinery | box |
| ■ salt | box | ■ Machinery | flat |
| ■ rock salt | box | ■ feed | box |
| ■ spices | box | ■ straw/bedding | box |
| ■ saw dust | box | ■ bone meal | box |
| ■ sugar | box | ■ tankage | box |
| | | ■ barrels | box |
| | | ■ lumber | box |

3. The types of railroad cars used to service meat packing industries for incoming and outgoing shipments. Lots of "things" coming into the plant and lots of "things" going out of the plant in a wide variety of railroad cars. Lots of research needs to be done on types of cars and car movements for meat packing plants.

Commodities Out and Car Type

| | |
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| ■ hanging meat | reefer |
| ■ processed meat | reefer |
| ■ canned meat | reefer |
| ■ canned meat | box |
| ■ hides | box |
| ■ meat scraps | box |
| ■ fertilizer | box |
| ■ dried blood | box |
| ■ lard | tank |
| ■ tank water | tank |
| ■ tallow | tank |
| ■ grease | tank |
| ■ manure | gon |

Doug really did show us and discussed with us a lot of information! Lots of great photos, illustrations and learning!

Thanks Doug, great job!!

If you are in need of HO scale wooden stock cars, Accurail has their undecorated kits back in stock. We have no business relationship with Accurail, they just make a really good product.

4700 Series 40' Wood Stock Cars Retail \$19.98



Undecorated kit comes with:

- (2) Square Placards
- (2) Long Rectangular Placards
- (2) Small Rectangular Placards
- (6) Medium Rectangular Placards

Order direct at: <http://www accurail.com/accurail/4700.htm>

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Future Meetings and Events

Feb 2022, Rich Mahaney will continue in this month

Mar 2022, Barry Hensel will be doing his "water" presentation

April 2022, we will plan to visit the Kalamazoo Model Railroad Club.

May 2022, we will need a meeting and presentation, or we will need no meeting. Rich Mahaney and others will be in Indianapolis for the Tri-Regional Convention.

June 2022, Rich Mahaney and David Gunn from Nova Scotia, Canada, subject to covid issues and border crossings.



Membership Meeting Minutes

NMRA NCR Division 9 Membership Meeting Minutes for December 18, 2021

Location: Colonial Kitchen – Kalamazoo, Mi.

In Person Attendees:

Casey Bartman
Rich Mahaney
Bob Provost
Joel Pyard
Alan Bau

Virtual Attendees:

Dave Vinci
Doug Harding – Clinic Presenter
Dave Gunn - visitor

Joel Pyard -substituting for Garry Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM

Old Business:

- **Division Nine Paymaster Position** –No one has volunteered to assume the Paymaster Position. Joel & Alan are to try contacting Bruce Nichols heirs to retrieve Division Nine Financial Files & Information.
- **One-Day Conference** – There is no new information available on dates & location on the October conference. One of the potential issues is a date conflict with Western Michigan’s Homecoming Football Game, we want to avoid this weekend as hotel room is scarce in the greater Kalamazoo area.

New Business

- Doug Harding has agreed to hold a clinic on stock yards and stock cars for the January Membership meeting. This will complete the 3-part series on the meat packing industry and railroads. (Note: there is a slight change in the upcoming clinic schedule. Doug Harding presentation on part 3 has been moved to February. Rich Mahaney will hold a clinic on January 15th at the Colonial Kitchen)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 AM.

Doug Harding then presented Part 2 of his clinic on the meat packing industry & its impact on the railroads.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Bau
Division 9 Scribe



Here is the Zoom information for the Division 9 BOD Meeting scheduled for January 23, 2022:

BOD Zoom meeting:

Topic: NMRA NCR Div9 BOD Meeting

Time: Jan 23, 2022 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87221089539?pwd=aTA3NVBUd1RzM0VWVWmp3RHpYWfYxUT09>

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Caught a train leaving the CSX Waverly Yard for Grand Rapids on Dec 16th, 2021. It looks like a load of train cars that came down to Holland from Muskegon, frac sand and tank cars. "interchange" - Rich Mahaney



Train leaving the CSX Waverly Yard for Grand Rapids on Dec 16th, 2021.

photo by R. Mahaney



EB train CN #5798 near Battle Creek MI on 1/8/2022 Photo by Rich Mahaney



WB train UP #8105 near Battle Creek MI on 1/8/2022 Photo by Rich Mahaney



WB train CN #5273 at Scotts, MI on 1/8/2022 Photo by Rich Mahaney



WB train CN #8928 near Pavillion MI on 1-8-2022

Photo by Rich Mahaney



OCAX #86082 Tank car on the 4th train today - methylene chloride UN 1593, also known as dichloromethane, flammable, carcinogen.

Photo by Rich Mahaney

Division 9 Calendar for January 2022

| Sunday | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Saturday |
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| 23 Div 9 BOD Meeting via Zoom | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
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Division 9 Calendar for February 2022

| Sunday | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Saturday |
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