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## Division Meeting

Tuesday, August 26, 2008 at 7:00pm.  
Cary Senior Center, Room 302  
120 Maury O'Dell Place, Cary, NC  
Board of Directors Meeting at 6pm.  
Division Meeting follows at 7pm.

## August Program

**John Wallis - Trucks,  
Wheelsets and Couplers**

## Popular Vote Contest

**Aug: Water Front Structures**  
Bring structures from the wharf.

Contest Guidelines available on the CPD13 web site, or contact Vic Bitleris at 919-870-7558.

## Paymaster's Report

Submitted by John Rudisill  
Division Paymaster

**July 2008**

<b>Balance 6/30/08</b>	<b>\$ 3,926.87</b>
<b>Income</b>	
None	\$ 0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
July Refreshments	\$ 12.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ -12.00</b>
<b>Balance 7/31 Checking</b>	<b>\$ 3,914.87</b>

Certificate of Deposit	\$5,462.60
Interest 7/13/08	\$ 79.70
Maturity Date 1/17/09 @1.74%	\$5,542.30

**Total CPD 13 Funds \$ 9,457.17**

## Upcoming Events

**Sept 20 – 21, 2008** Tidewater Division Train Show, Convention Center, Virginia Beach, VA, 10am – 4pm, \$7.  
<http://www.geocities.com/hotraindoctor/>

**Oct 16 – 19, 2008** Mid-Eastern Region NMRA Convention, Sheraton Hotel, Reston, VA.  
[http://home.comcast.net/~potomac\\_nmra/MER2008/](http://home.comcast.net/~potomac_nmra/MER2008/)

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## Meeting Minutes

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**22 July 2008**

The Board of Directors (BOD) meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Superintendent John Janosko.

Officers and board members present included Superintendent John Janosko, Clerk Grif Bond, Paymaster John Rudisill and Directors Vic Bitleris, Joe Getz and Jerry Mersch. Division members John Wallace, Gene Sing, Kim Parker, Stephen Wood, Dick Buchan and Dave Derway were present at the start of the meeting. Additional members came in during the next hour.

Motion made by Bitleris with second by Rudisill to approve the minutes of the June meetings with two corrections. Motion passed 6-0. Motion made by Mersch with a second by Bitleris to approve the June Paymaster's report. Motion passed 6-0.

Reports presented:

Layout tours – The schedule is planned for two weekends in October. The open house hours will be on Saturdays from 10 AM to 5 PM. For Saturday, October 4, the schedule includes Steve Benezera, Dick Buchan, Ed Dougherty and Stephen Wood. For Saturday, October 11, the schedule includes Jim Babcock, Bill Aulicino, Jerry Mersch and Bruce Faulkner. The schedule is subject to change. Don Jennings is coordinating the layout tours.

Norfolk Southern PS-1 box car – Superintendent Janosko advised the review of the artwork from Bowser has been completed. Production should begin within the next 2 weeks. The delivery of the car kits from Bowser is anticipated in late August.

Project raffle layout – The donated N scale layout will require significant work to refurbish and will not be used for the raffle. The project layout will be in HO scale and built on 2 luan doors. The “raffle layout” will be for sale at the Neuse River Valley Train Show in November.

New business:

CPD 13 will have 3 tables for the Neuse River Valley train show in November. No tables are planned for the Great Train Expo in September.

Paymaster Rudisill advised the existing certificate of deposit (CD) had been renewed at a rate of 1.74% at BB&T. Several BOD members suggested CPD 13 should be able to obtain a more favorable interest rate. Rudisill agreed to explore other renewal options.

The BOD discussed several ideas for providing funding for materials for educational workshops at future meetings. Superintendent Janosko appointed BOD members Bitleris, Bond and Mersch to a committee to develop ideas and report back to the BOD.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM. Recorded by Grif Bond, Clerk.

**Division Meeting  
22 July 2008**

The Division meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Superintendent John Janosko. 25 members and 1 guest were present. Superintendent Janosko reviewed the discussion and actions from the earlier Board of Directors meeting.

Reports presented:

Norfolk Southern PS-1 box car – Superintendent Janosko advised the review of the artwork from Bowser has been completed. Production should begin within the next 2 weeks. The delivery of the car kits from Bowser is anticipated in late August. Member price will be \$12.50 per car and the public price is \$15.00 per car. A total of 200 cars (50 each of 4 different numbers) will be produced.

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New business:

John Wallace provided an overview of the 2008 national N scale convention held in Louisville, KY. Wallace explained the challenges with setting up and running the largest N-trak layout ever. The layout was approximately 200 feet by 250 feet and included 702 modules with 3,828 feet of main line track. The N scale layout had the equivalent of a 116 scale mile main line. Wallace also shared information on new Digitrax products in the pipeline for release.

CPD 13 will have 3 tables at the Neuse River Valley train show in November. No tables have been reserved for the Great Train Expo (GTE) in September.

The division meetings will be held on alternate dates in November and December. The November meeting will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday) and the December meeting will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday).

Refreshment "volunteers" for upcoming meetings are Jim Murphy for August and Jack Dziadul for September.

Rob Rousseau presented a clinic on "Amateur Radio and Railroad Communications". Rousseau demonstrated equipment used to hear

railroad radio transmissions and explained the operation of amateur radios. A handout with area railroad frequencies was distributed.

Clerk Bond advised that 29 of the 30 Life Like supply house kits had been sold for the "special modeling contest".

Jim Murphy won the monthly model contest with his "yard office" structure. He received a \$10.00 gift certificate from Train Buddy Products.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM. Recorded by Grif Bond, Clerk.

# Letter from the Editor

by Rob Rousseau

It is hard to believe that it has been a year since I took on the Editorship for the CPD13 Herald. But after this issue, I will pass the torch back to the CPD13 Board of Directors so that I may have time to focus on a new addition to my family in September. I would like to thank John Janosko and the entire support of the Board, along with the many fine members who have contributed in a positive manner in our all-volunteer organization, Carolina Piedmont Division 13.

-Rob Rousseau

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## From The Business Car

While thinking about my monthly business car report, I was just remembering about the first time I ever went to regional convention. I belonged to the NMRA for many years before I ever went to a convention. It seems as my children grew up that I never had time to attend a convention. Well in 1997 I finally got my chance. It was a joint MER/SER convention in Asheville, NC. After that I was hooked and have been going to both MER and SER conventions for many years. Over the years I have learned a lot from attending clinics and visiting many home and club layouts. This has helped me improve my modeling skills (Of course I still have a long way to go). The most important thing is over the years the people I have met and the friends that I have made. There are way too many names to include in this report. As I am now running for VP of the MER, I have recently found out that just how many friends that I have due to an e-mail that has made its rounds through our region. To those people that have supported me, a great BIG THANKS and I will try to live up to your expectations.

Remember it is you that makes the Div, Region and National. If you have never been to a Regional Convention, now is your chance. In October you can meet some new potential friends in Northern Virginia. I hope to see you there.

Bob Maxwell has recently gone in for some surgery at the hospital. You may want to keep him in your prayers and we hope to see him soon at one of our meetings.

See you Tuesday.

John Janosko

Division Superintendent

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