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Division Meeting

Tuesday, January 22, 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.

January Program

The program is: "Annual Prototype Questionnaire" by John Wallis.

February Program

"Building a DC power supply from a PC power supply and Building a Variable Resistance Box" by Jerry Mersch.

Paymaster's Report

Submitted by John Rudisill
Division Paymaster

Dec 2007

Balance 11/30/07	\$ 5,799.42
Income Dec	
None	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 0.00
Expenses Dec	
None	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 0.00
Balance 12/31 Checking	\$5,799.42
Certificate of Deposit	\$5,306.13
Total CPD 13 Funds	\$11,105.55

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Popular Vote Contest

January: Offline Structures and Businesses

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

December 11, 2007

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors' meeting was opened at 6:04pm by Superintendent John Janosko with eight members present. The Clerk report for October and the Paymaster report for November were approved. For the AP report, Vic said that Gary

Holly had earned his Golden Spike, which will be presented later in the evening. Vic also said that he would round up some folks to go visit Stephen Wood's layout for possible AP awards.

Due to some confusion regarding an earlier letter sent to Stephen Wood, John Janosko said that a draft of a formal warning letter would be written regarding past behavior in accordance with the CPD13 bylaws.

For the CPD13 Club car, it will be a 40' original Norfolk Southern "DF" grey boxcar. We will also have 100 N scale boxcars made as well for the North Raleigh Model Railroaders N scale/NTRAK club.

David Derway said he gave away one trainset for the Holiday Trains for Kids program so far. He has about 6 left to give away and will talk about it more in the main meeting.

So far for the elections in 2008, there were three people who expressed an interest in officer and board positions.

Under new business, Pete Slugg said that the February program will be about Appalachian coal mining. The March program may have Bill McDonald, who recently published a new book about the original Norfolk Southern Railway. And in April, Dick Buchan would give a presentation about the Steel Industry.

It was reminded that our January meeting will be held in the Ballroom at the Senior Center.

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Division Meeting

John Janosko called the Division meeting to order at 7pm with 26 members present. John gave an update for the CPD13 Club car. There would be 200 HO scale cars produced for CPD13. Another 200

HO scale cars would be made for the Norfolk Southern Historical Society. An additional 100 N scale cars will be made for the North Raleigh Model Railroad Club. In HO scale, there will be six different road numbers. In N scale, there will be three different road numbers.

Vic then got up and awarded Gary Holly his Golden Spike AP award [see photo below].



David Derway got up and told the group that he gave away one trainset for the Holiday Trains for Kids program and that he had six sets left, so please contact him if you know of any disadvantaged families in need this time of year.

John Janosko said there was about ten people interested in building the next raffle layout for Nov. 2008. They are slated to possibly meet at Dick Buchan's house.

Please be aware of the 2008 CPD13 Annual Meeting in January. There are several positions open for election. Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Paymaster, and Clerk. There is also one Board position.

After a short break, the members exchanged their brown bag Yankee Swap gift bags and a great time was had.

Dan Fisher won the Popular Vote Contest with his hand hewn cut logs in the shed out back [see photo upper right].



November 13, 2007

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors opened at 6pm by Superintendent John Janosko. The approval of the Clerk's November minutes were put off until the next month. The Paymaster's report of October were approved.

Vic mentioned that Gary Holly would be receiving his Golden Spike award at the December meeting. He also said that the last weekend Layout Tours went very well.

The Club Car update was given next by John Janosko. He said that they were going to contact Bowser and were awaiting drawings from Bill McDonald of the Norfolk Southern Historical Society.

David Derway brought two trainsets to show and reported that the budget was now up to \$600.

For the next year's elections, a Nomination Committee would be accepting nominations for the positions.

Under new business, it was decided that the December meeting would be the Chinese/Yankee Swap. Members would bring a \$10 gift to swap with others. John Wallis said he would e-mail the group the rules for the exchange.

Pete Slugg would make arrangements with the Senior Center to have our next meeting moved to the Ballroom.

Gary Holly made some Layout Tour signs and he would be reimbursed \$30.22.

Vic Bitleris made a motion to invoke CPD13 bylaws section 3.7.3 for Stephen Wood. John Janosko second the motion and it was so moved.

The Board of Directors adjourned at 6:30pm.

Division Meeting

John Janosko called the meeting to order at 7pm with 20 members present.

Vic Bitleris got up and spoke to the group about the Achievement Program of the NMRA. There are many good articles in the Scale Rails publication. In addition, one can volunteer to be an AP Judge with some guidance from senior judges. It is important to go to the Regional Conventions to get a feel for what the judging is like and see how models are submitted to the judging contest.

David Derway then displayed to the members a Life-Like and Walthers trainset, which is typical for the Holiday Trains for Kids Program of CPD13. He especially wanted to thank Kim Parker of Trainbuddy for nine trainsets. He also thanked Grif Bond for his financial donation to the Program.

John Janosko thanked Don Jennings for organizing the CPD13 Layout Tour. It was agreed that it was a success and many members enjoyed it.

John then spoke about the upcoming election, which would be held in January.

He then brought up the situation with Stephen Wood and his interactions towards other CPD13 members. It was voted on and approved in the Board meeting to invoke section 3.7.3 of the CPD13

bylaws for Stephen Wood.

John then reminded members of the \$10 limit for the gift exchange in December. With that the group took a short break.

After the break, it was announced that Jim Murphy won the popular vote contest for his scratch built Berkshire Short Line boxcar [see photo below].



John Wallis and David Derway then gave their presentation about Decals.

**Norfolk Southern
Portlock Intermodal
Yard Tour
By Robert Rousseau**



Back on November 18th, 2006, I was fortunate enough to hitch a ride with fellow CPD13 member Sam Koret to visit today's Norfolk Southern Portlock Intermodal Yard Tour in Chesapeake, VA (Norfolk area). This tour was arranged by the James River Division and they invited our Division members.

After a quick trip up, we made it to the pre-arranged 1pm time at the Yard office. We had a quick meeting about safety and they supplied us with safety goggles.



After the safety meeting, they took us over to the Intermodal yard where we saw lots of containers and many TOFCs.



After talking about the brisk business of intermodal operations, we then toured one of the locomotives, a GP-15-1, Norfolk & Portsmouth Belt Line (NPBL) 1435, ex-NS. The NPBL is a jointly-owned terminal road operated by CSX and NS.



We finally concluded the tour with a climb into the yard tower. We were able to talk with the yardmaster and discussed current NS operations. Overall, this was a great tour and we thank the James River Division for it!

From The Business Car

By Division Superintendent John Janosko

As we start a new year, I hope everyone has a great year and that includes as much time as you can with Model Railroading. After Christmas I went to see my sister in the Pittsburgh area and got a chance to visit the McKeesport Model RR club and the Monongahela club. This was my first time to the Monongahela club and a couple of things that stuck out were the coke oven area and also a strip mine. When I was growing up you saw these sites almost all over Western Pennsylvania. It also gave me some ideas for Dick Buchan's branch line on his Pennsy layout.

Remember this is January and we have elections. You need to come and vote. If you do not vote then you have no right to gripe when I mess something up.

Dick B. and I are going to make our annual trip to Springfield, Mass., the end of month. Last year they had over 20,000 people attend over the two day show. This year Pete Slugg is also going with us. We are going up a few days early to ride some of the Boston Trolleys and also Amtrak. We are hoping to meet with Lee English of Bowser to see where the artist drawings of the NS cars are. I will give you an update next month.

See you at the monthly meeting.

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