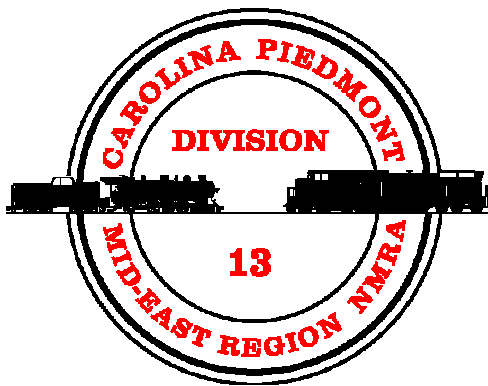


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Division Meeting

Tuesday, July 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.

July Program

**Rob Rousseau - Amateur
 Radio and Railroads**

Popular Vote Contest

July: Yard Office / Lineside Parts
 Bring anything related to the yard office.

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

June 2008

Balance 5/31/08	\$ 4,086.98
Income	
Sale of Supply House Kits \$	110.00
Total	\$ 110.00
Expenses	
June Refreshments \$	14.55
Supply House Kits \$	255.56
Total	\$ 270.11
Balance 6/30 Checking	\$ 3,926.87

Certificate of Deposit \$5,462.60
 Maturity Date 7/13/08
 @3.46%

Total CPD 13 Funds \$ 9,389.47

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/

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Meeting Minutes

June 24th, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting

Officers and board members present – Superintendent John Janosko, Clerk Grif Bond, Paymaster John Rudisill and Directors Vic Bitleris, Joe Getz and Jerry Mersch. Division members Gene Sing, Kim Parker and Don Jennings and were present at the start of the meeting. Additional members came in during the next hour.

The Board of Directors (BOD) meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Superintendent Janosko. Motion made by Getz with second by Rudisill to approve the minutes of the May meetings with two corrections. Motion passed 6-0. Motion made by Mersch with a second by Getz to approve the May Paymaster's report. Motion passed 6-0.

Reports presented:

Achievement program (AP) – Bitleris advised the AP paperwork for "Volunteer" had been submitted on Jim Murphy's behalf.

Layout tours – Don Jennings reviewed the schedule 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 Ed Dougherty and Stephen Wood. For Saturday, October 11, the schedule includes Jim Babcock, Bill Aulicino, Jerry Mersch and Bruce Faulkner.

Norfolk Southern PS-1 box car – Superintendent Janosko advised the first review of the artwork from Bowser has been completed. There was discussion regarding the prototype NS box car that has black ends. To produce the black ends on the car along with white numbers would be an additional \$2.00 per car to our cost. Our cost is \$9.25. No action was taken to make a change. The cars will be produced with gray ends. Superintendent Janosko will e-mail copies of the artwork to the BOD.

Project raffle layout – A N scale layout has been received and will be refurbished

as the "raffle layout" for sale at the Neuse River Valley Train Show in November. The luan doors will be saved for the 2009 project layout.

New business:

Superintendent Janosko informed the BOD of a Division 12 event scheduled in Charlotte on September 20th. The Carolina Southern Division is hosting a "Railroad Modeling University" at the First Baptist Church in "uptown" Charlotte. Registration starts at 8:30 AM and the classes/clinics start at 9:00 AM. Admission if \$5.00. The details are posted on the Division 12 web site www.bytedesign.com/CSDiv

Clerk Bond shared an idea for a special modeling contest using the HO scale Life Like Supply House kit. The concept involved CPD13 purchasing 30 of the plastic structure kits at a cots of \$255.56 and then offering these to members for \$5.00. Members have until the 28 October 2008 meeting to purchase a kit on a first come, first serve basis. Any remaining kits will be sold to the public at the NRV train show in November. The contest requires use of a minimum of 50% of the kit parts; building the structure as-is or kit-bashing; displaying the structure(s) on a base/diorama a maximum of 24 inches by 18 inches (or 432 sq. inches; identify the structure(s) with a sign or a note card explaining what it is. The special contest will take place in March 2009 and prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded. A motion to purchase the 30 kits was made by Mersch with a second by Getz. Motion passed 6-0. Motion made to approve the contest rules/guidelines made by Mersch with a second by Bitleris. Motion passed 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Division Meeting 24 June 2008

The Division meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Superintendent John Janosko. 24 members were

present. Superintendent Janosko reviewed the discussion and actions from the earlier Board of Directors meeting.

Reports presented:

Achievement program (AP) – Bitleris advised the AP paperwork for "Volunteer" had been submitted on Jim Murphy's behalf.

Norfolk Southern PS-1 box car – Superintendent Janosko advised the drawings were under review and a copy would be send to the BOD.

Project raffle layout – A N scale layout has been donated and will be refurbished for the raffle at 2008 Neuse River Valley Train Show. The luan doors will be saved for the 2009 project.

Layout tours – Don Jennings reviewed the schedule 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 Ed Dougherty and Stephen Wood. For Saturday, October 11, the schedule includes Jim Babcock, Bill Aulicino, Jerry Mersch and Bruce Faulkner.

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Clerk Bond reviewed the details of a "special modeling contest" using the

HO scale Life Like Supply House. The BOD authorized the purchase of 30 kits at a cost of \$ 255.56 and CPD13 will offer the kits to members for \$5.00. Members have until the 28 October 2008 meeting to purchase a kit on a first come, first serve basis. Any remaining kits will be sold to the public at the NRV train show in November. A total of 22 kits were purchased at the meeting. The contest requires use of a minimum of 50% of the kit parts; building the structure as-is or kit-bashing; displaying the structure(s) on a base/diorama a maximum of 24 inches by 18 inches (or 432 sq. inches; identify the structure(s) with a sign or a note card explaining what it is.

The special contest will take place in March 2009 and prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded. A notice on the "special contest" will be posted on the CPD13 Yahoo Groups board.

Dan Fisher presented a clinic on "Modeling Steel Frame Structures". His clinic included a detailed handout including the types of structures; a timeline of connection methods; basic structural shapes; built-up shapes; built-up structural shapes and connections. A scratch built styrene model and several wood shape models displayed and construction methods were explained.

There were two entries in the monthly contest. Jim Murphy won for his Norfolk & Western icing station. He received a \$10.00 gift certificate from Train Buddy Products. Vic Bitleris came in second.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Recorded by Grif Bond, Clerk

History of Durham & Southern Rwy

by Rob Rousseau

The Cape Fear & Northern Railroad was chartered in 1892 by Holly Springs resident Mr. George Benton Alford (note that he was given the title "Colonel" as an honorary title for his service in the Confederate army) from the State Legislature. Unfortunately due to "hard times", construction could not be completed and the charter was extended in 1893, 1895 and 1896.

Link to Cape Fear & Northern #103, a 4-4-0 steam engine in Apex, 1903 on the Durham County Library Photo Archives: <http://dclibrary.net/prod1/ncc/photoarch/oc002.htm>

Soon after, some sort of deal was reached between Alford and businessmen of Durham. Mr. Alford was inducted as first president of the road. Then Mr. B. N. Duke was elected president and John C. Angier as General Manager. The first shovelful of dirt was thrown by Miss Mattie V. Alford in Holly Springs on July 27th, 1898.

Construction continued until the complete line was finished from Durham to Dunn in the summer of 1903. Along the line, the towns of Angier (1901) and Coats (1905) were incorporated at this time. In 1906, the name was changed to the Durham and Southern Railway.

The Duke interests were looking to diversify their holdings and so on August 16, 1902, the first stake was driven into the ground to layout the site for the Erwin Cotton Mills

Company. At first, the town was named Duke in honor of the Duke family of Durham, but later was changed to Erwin in honor of William A. "Bill" Erwin, the supervisor of construction operations and who became mill manager after it was opened in 1904. A new type of cloth was made in 1906 and eventually Erwin became known as "The Denim Capital of the World."

The line operated until November 1981, when it was acquired by Seaboard Coast Line, later CSX. In December 1987, CSX sold the Dunn-Erwin segment to the Aberdeen & Rockfish Railroad. The A&R chartered the Dunn-Erwin Railway and started service on December 17th that same year. On January 1st, 1990, it was merged into the Aberdeen & Rockfish. In 2000, the Erwin mill closed and the Dunn-Erwin line was abandoned. The old right-of-way was later turned into a rail-trail (see below).

While it operated as the Dunn-Erwin Railway, they used DER #5072, a EMD NW2 switcher. Builder No. 10373, built in June 1949 as Chesapeake & Ohio 5072, Class SE-10. Reclassified as NW-2 in 1964 and sold to Dunn-Erwin in December 1987. Was later sold as Reagent Chemical & Research Inc. <http://donsdepot.donrossgroup.net/dr0108/de5072.jpg>

The segment between Dunn and Erwin has now been converted into a 5.3 mile rail-trail. <http://www.trailink.com/ViewTrail.aspx?AcctID=6032288>
<http://runjoey.blogspot.com/2007/04/dunn-erwin-rail-trail.html>

From The Business Car

For the last several months, Dick Buchan and I have been planning a 3 day trip to chase trains and look at coal mines in SW Virginia and Southern West Virginia. Well we finally got our act together and on July 8th we started our trip. We found several places where the local towns took over the old train stations and turned them into museums. Rocky Mount, VA (the old N & W Station), Princeton, WV (the old Virginian Station), and the Bramwell, WV (N&W station) were well worth the stop. It seems that we also picked one of the weeks that the miners were on vacation, so the number of trains was very limited. We went thru many old mining towns, some of which I had worked in back in the 1970's when I did work for the telephone company. It is amazing what has changed in 30 some years and what is still the same. One town we stopped at was Itman, WV, which has an old Company Store. It is now vacant, but is on the National register and is one impressive Stone structure. We also were able to get some stone and coal samples for Dick's layout and some great pictures. Hopefully some of these will be worked into the layout by the time we have open house on the Division tour. All in all it was a great three days to escape from the busy Raleigh area and to go back to an area where the pace is slower and to get some good ideas to improve your model railroad. Remember to take some time to see the back roads and byways of our country before they disappear.

See you Tuesday.

John Janosko
Division Superintendent

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