



## Division Meeting

Tuesday, December 9, 2008  
Cary Senior Center at Bond Park  
120 Maury O'Dell Place, Cary, NC

6:00 PM - Board of Directors Meeting

7:00 PM - Division Meeting

## Program

**"Brown Bag Gift Exchange"**

**Bring a model railroad item, of \$10 or more in value, in an unmarked bag/package for the "gift exchange". No scrap parts or junk.**

**Holiday refreshments will be provided.**

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## Coming Events

December 6 – 7, 13 – 14, "Santa Claus" at the New Hope Valley Railway, Holiday Santa Trains at Bonsal, NC - 5 trains will operate each Saturday and Sunday starting at 11:00 AM. Visit the organization's web site [www.nhvry.org](http://www.nhvry.org) for details.

December 6 – 7, 13 – 14, 21 – 22

"Santa Train", North Carolina

Transportation Museum, Spencer, NC -

Take a 25 minute train ride with Santa and his elves. Santa will hand out oranges and candy canes, a Southern Railway tradition. Children can also make holiday ornaments in the roundhouse. Visit the NC Transportation Museum web site for the details.

<http://www.nctrans.org/>

January 27, 2009, Annual meeting of the Carolina Piedmont Division, 7:00PM, Cary Senior Center - Business to be conducted

includes the election on one Director for a 3 year term.

April 25, 2009, CPD13 group tour of Tichy Train Group, Burlington, NC - Additional

details to come, including carpooling for travel. (Date is tentative.)

**Editor's note:** Before traveling any distance to an event listed above, it is recommended you verify that the event is still scheduled by checking the event's web site or calling the local contact.

## Corrections

Corrections to the October meeting minutes as printed in The Herald last month – Stephen Wood's name was misspelled and CPD13 planned for 4 tables, not 14 tables, at the NRV model train show in November.

## Board of Directors

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## Paymaster's Report

Submitted by John Rudisill, Division Paymaster  
**November 2008**

**Balance-checking 10/31/2008 \$2,692.29**

### **Income**

Sale of NS car kits	\$187.50
Sale of structure kit	5.00
Sale of donated items	353.00
Sale of 1 NRV table	45.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$590.50</b>

### **Expenses**

November refreshments	10.19
<b>Total</b>	<b>-\$10.19</b>

**Balance-checking 11/30/2008 \$3,272.60**

**Certificate of Deposit (1.74%) \$5,542.30**  
**Maturity Date 01/17/2009**

**Total CPD13 Funds \$8,814.90**

## Meeting Minutes

### **Board of Directors Meeting 18 November 2008**

The Board of Directors (BOD) meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Superintendent John Janosko.

Officers and board members present included Superintendent John Janosko, Assistant Superintendent Pete Slugg, Clerk Grif Bond, Paymaster John Rudisill and Director Vic Bitleris.

Motion made by Vic Bitleris with second by Pete Slugg to approve the minutes of the October meeting with corrections (spelling of the name of Stephen Wood and 4 tables planned for NRV show). Motion passed 5-0. Motion made by Grif Bond with a second by Vic Bitleris to approve the October Paymaster's report. Motion passed 5-0.

Assistant Superintendent Pete Slugg indicated the Audit Committee had reviewed the Division's financial transactions for 2007 and all was in order.

Vic Bitleris advised the BOD that Rob Rousseau has earned the Model Railroad Author certificate and the paperwork for Gene Sing had been submitted for Chief Dispatcher.

No news from Superintendent John Janosko regarding the new CPD13 flag/banner.

Superintendent John Janosko also discussed the January 22<sup>nd</sup> NC DOT tour. Janosko will "double check" the date to determine if the event is scheduled for January 22<sup>nd</sup> or January 27<sup>th</sup>. The January 27<sup>th</sup> date conflicts with the "annual meeting" date. It was re-iterated that we should bring our own hard hats if we have them. If not, NC DOT will provide them.

Dave Derway advised the BOD that four (4) train sets for the 2008 "Holiday Trains for Kids" program had been allocated.

## New business:

Motion made by Grif Bond with a second by Vic Bitleris to allocate up to \$175 for the purchase of "weathering supplies" for use with educational programs in 2009. Motion passed 5-0. Tentative programs include box car weathering, structure weathering and tank car weathering with "hands on". Additional details will be provided in early 2009.

Motion made by Pete Slugg with a second by Vic Bitleris to allocate \$170 for prizes/awards for the March 2009 "special modeling contest" using the Life Like Supply House. Prizes will be modeling supplies and/or tools that can be used in any scale. Popular vote: First = \$50; Second = \$35; Third = \$25. The dollar amount is the approximate value of the prize. In addition, the BOD will award three merit prize/awards of \$20 value each. Motion passed 5-0.

Pete Slugg reviewed the tentative educational programs for the first half of 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM. Recorded by Grif Bond, Clerk.

### **Division Meeting 18 November 2008**

The Division meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Superintendent John Janosko. 28 members were present at the start of the meeting. 2 guests were also in attendance.

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

#### Reports presented:

Achievement Program - Vic Bitleris advised that Rob Rousseau had earned the Model Railroad Author certificate. Rob was presented his certificate during the meeting. Bitleris also advised the paperwork for Gene Sing had been submitted for Chief Dispatcher.

Norfolk Southern PS-1 box cars – 200 purchased (50 of 4 different numbers). 60 cars

sold to date. Prices for members are \$12.50 and \$15.00 for non-members.

Holiday Trains for Kids - Dave Derway updated the membership on the Holiday Trains for Kids program. CPD13 has 10 HO scale train sets for distribution in 2008. Derway has coordinated placement of 4 sets so far. One of the planned recipients is The Governor Morehead School for the Blind in Raleigh, NC.

NRV Train Show – Superintendent Janosko thanked the membership for staffing the CPD13 booth at the recent Neuse River Valley Model Train Show.

Video Library - Dick Buchan suggested CPD13 consider establishing a video library for member use. The suggestion will be discussed further by the Board of Directors.

Kim Parker presented a clinic on "Maintaining Your Motive Power" which focused on keeping wheels in gauge, lubrication of moving parts and cleaning. A detailed handout with color photographs was provided.

Dan Fisher won the monthly popular vote model contest with his custom painted brass Norfolk & Western S1 switcher. He received a \$10.00 gift certificate from Train Buddy Products

The membership was reminded that the division meeting in December will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday). The meeting will include the annual "brown bag" gift exchange of a model railroad item of \$10 or more. Holiday refreshments will be provided. Several members indicated they would provide cookies, cakes and other desserts.

The meeting also adjourned at 8:45 PM. Recorded by Grif Bond, Clerk.

(Editor's note: Meeting minutes for both the Board of Directors and Division Meeting are "preliminary" and subject to correction and approval by the Board of Directors at the next scheduled meeting. Please notify the Clerk of any corrections. Thanks.)

## Norfolk Southern Box Cars

CPD13 has 4 different road numbers of the custom painted HO scale Accurail 40 foot PS-1 single door Norfolk Southern (original NS) box cars (painted/printed by Bowser) available for sale – road numbers 1599, 1631, 1700 and 1645. The build date is 07-57. CPD13 member cost is \$12.50 per car; others \$15.00. Shipping is additional: 1 car \$5.00; 2 - 4 cars \$7.50; 5+ cars \$10.00.

The Norfolk Southern Historical Society has a different group of 4 road numbers available - 1676, 1679, 1624 and 1600.

Contact Division Superintendent John Janosko if you are interested.

## Notice of Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Carolina Piedmont Division of the Mid-Eastern Region of the NMRA will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will, be held at the Cary Senior Center, Fred Bond Park, Cary, NC.

Business to be conducted includes the election on one Director for a 3 year term.

## Plan Ahead

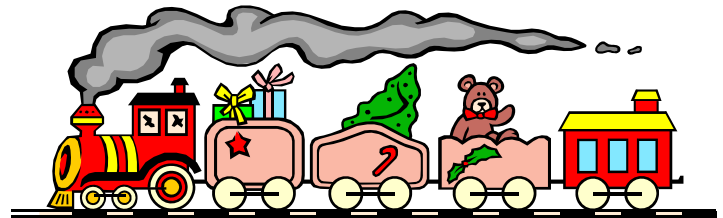
**January 27, 2009** – Annual meeting including election for one Director (3 year term)

**March 24, 2009** – Special modeling contest using the Life-Like supply house kit. Build your kit using a minimum of 50% of the parts and display it on a diorama/base (maximum size of 24" by 18"). Identify the structure(s) with a sign or an index card explaining what it is. Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place "popular vote" and the Board of Directors will award 3 additional prizes. All prizes will be model railroading tools and/or supplies that can be used in any scale.

## Holiday Trains for Kids

For the 2008, CPD13 has a total of 10 HO scale model train sets to give to needy children or families. Four sets have been allocated so far.

If you are aware of a "need", please contact Dave Derway to get your request on the list. [dsd@pinehurst.net](mailto:dsd@pinehurst.net)



## Achievement Program



Rob Rousseau (on the left) earns Model Railroad Author certificate (presented by Vic Bitleris, CPD13 Achievement Program Coordinator).

## Director Election

CDP13 will have an opening for one Director position (3 year term) at the annual meeting in January 2009. If you are interested, please contact Vic Bitleris or Jerry Mersch on the nominating committee. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the meeting.

## Potomac Junction 2008

Article and photos by Jack Dziadul

I attended the Potomac Junction MER convention in October, and as always at these types of events, I had a great time seeing some excellent modeling, informative clinics and interesting layouts. CPD13 had an impressive turnout with at thirteen attendees and led by our Superintendent John Janosko. John had the privilege of attending his first MER convention and business meeting as Regional Vice President.

Potomac Junction was held at the Reston, VA Sheraton on October 16 to 19 and convention registration was priced at a very reasonable \$45. I had relatives with a spare bedroom nearby, so my wife and I were able to dodge the hotel expense. For those of us who had to mix business and pleasure the hotel had a very convenient and extensive business area with about eight computers.

There were thirty-nine clinics, two prototype tours, twenty-seven layout tours and three layouts open for operating sessions. Plus, there was the banquet, auction room, white elephant tables and the contest room. So, it was pretty hard to find any idle time. A number of these were extra fare events, as is typical.

Unfortunately, I had to miss the banquet, but I was able to participate in several clinics and I picked up a few small bargains from the white elephant tables. I volunteered to do some judging. There is no better way to get to spend some up close and personal time with some impressive work. I think that there were at least forty-four entries this year, which was about double last year's count. CPD13 was well represented with Jim Murphy and Stephen Wood each submitting several models to be judged.

Vic Bitleris brought his post office kit in to the October meeting. Jerry Mersch, Grif Bond and I also participated in that workshop. I find the "make and take" clinics well worth the extra fare; \$15 in this case.

On Friday night I visited the club layout of Northern Virginia Model Railroaders in Vienna, VA. The layout is located in a renovated train station. The Western North Carolina themed HO layout was 50 feet X 22 feet on four levels and obviously well done with flawless operations and numerous craftsman structures. The club hospitality included a personal tour host, "train" ticket punched with your birthday date, and plenty of refreshments.

On the way home, we visited the model railroad club at the Quantico, VA Marine base. We arrived before it was open, but were welcomed anyway as they were setting up for the afternoon open house. If you have the opportunity to travel next fall, I recommend carving out a weekend for the 2009 MER convention.

Some of Jack's photos from the Potomac Junction 2008 contest room...



More of Jack's photos from the Potomac Junction 2008 contest room...



## Tichy Train Group Tour

By Jack Dziadul

Don Tichy of Tichy Train Group in Burlington, NC, has graciously offered to host a tour of his manufacturing and distribution operations to the membership of CPD13. We have tentatively set a date of Saturday, April 25th. Jack Dziadul will have a preliminary sign-up at the December 9th meeting to gauge the degree of interest. As we get closer to the date we can discuss car pooling, and as Pete Slugg suggested, perhaps meet for lunch before or after the visit at some local barbecue spot. If there is sufficient interest, we will firm up the date as well as a morning or afternoon arrival time. This will be an opportunity to see actual molds, drill presses, new products in the design stage, and the machines that turn plastic pellets into the structures, details and freight cars that Tichy is famous for. Don has fascinating insights into the hobby industry as well. So, get your taxes in on time then celebrate with another great CPD13 tour. Members only please.



Don Tichy at work in his manufacturing and distribution facility (submitted photo).

## **From the Business Car**

By John Janosko, Division Superintendent

I would like to remind everyone that you should bring a present if you want to participate in the Chinese auction at our Tuesday meeting. The division will provide food and refreshments. Some of you have already said you would bring deserts.

Remember we only get to do this once a year and I hope as in the past everyone has a good time and enjoys the Yule time spirit.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you Tuesday.