



## Division Meeting

Tuesday, **November 18**, 2008  
Cary Senior Center, Room 302  
120 Maury O'Dell Place, Cary, NC

6:00 PM - Board of Directors Meeting  
7:00 PM - Division Meeting

## Educational Program

**"Maintaining Your Motive Power"**  
**(Engine tune-up),**  
**Presented by Kim Parker**

## Popular Vote Contest

**Steam Switchers**

Contest guidelines/rules are posted on the CPD13 web site,  
[www.cpd13.org](http://www.cpd13.org) For additional information contact  
Vic Bitleris at 919-870-7558.

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## Coming Events

**November 18**

**CPD13 Meeting Educational Program,**  
**"Maintaining Your Motive Power"** (Engine tune-up), presented by Kim Parker

**\*\*Bring a locomotive that needs lubrication or a tune-up. Also bring any tools needed to work on your locomotive, a NMRA gauge, a foam cradle and any lubricants you have. A test track will be available.**

**November 22 – 23**

**Sandhills Central Railroad Model Train Show,** Noon – 4PM, adults \$3, children under 4 feet 8 ½ inches (distance between rails) – FREE. Sandhills Central Model Railroad Club, Campbell House Basement (entrance in the rear), 482 East Connecticut Avenue, Southern Pines, NC. Info: Michael Cole, 910-692-4474 or Bob Stanley, 910-295-5941

**December 6 – 7, 13 – 14, 21 – 22**

**"Santa Train", North Carolina Transportation Museum Spencer.** 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. Santa Train tickets are sold only the day of the event. Visit the NC Transportation Museum web site for the details. <http://www.nctrans.org/>

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

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## Paymaster's Report

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

**Balance-checking 09/30/2008 \$2,118.12**

### **Income**

Sale of NS car kits	\$337.50
NMRA rebate	59.50
Sale of donated items	201.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$598.00</b>

### **Expenses**

Achievement Program	\$7.02
October refreshments	16.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>-\$23.83</b>

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

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

**Total CPD13 Funds \$8,234.59**

## Meeting Minutes

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

**28 October 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, Assistant Superintendent Pete Slugg, Paymaster John Rudisill and Directors Vic Bitleris, Joe Getz and Jerry Mersch. Division members Kim Parker and Dick Buchan were present at the start of the meeting. Additional members came in during the next hour.

Motion made by Vic Bitleris with second by Jerry Mersch to approve the minutes of the July meetings. Motion passed 6-0. Motion made by Jerry Mersch with a second by Vic Bitleris to approve the July Paymaster's report. Motion passed 6-0.

Norfolk Southern PS-1 box car – Superintendent Janosko brought the cars to the meeting for purchase.

CPD13 has 4 tables at the NRV. We need volunteers for 4 hour periods during the NRV show.

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. It was re-iterated that we should bring our own hard hats if we have them. If not, NC DOT will provide them. An alternated date was mentioned, but no decision was made on this.

Vic Bitleris announced that he will present Rob Rousseau with the Volunteer AP Merit Award. Additionally Vic Bitleris sent Rob Rousseau's submission for the Author AP to Charlie Flichman. Gene Sing submitted for the AP Dispatcher and is currently being reviewed.

Dave Derway found homes for THREE Train Sets for "Holiday Trains for Kids".

New business:

Don Jennings announced that the NS OCS special Executive Train will be in Raleigh, tomorrow, October 29. Traffic in downtown Raleigh is expected to be heavy since Barrack Obama will be campaigning in downtown Raleigh at that time as well.

There is an auction tonight during our regular membership meeting. This late announcement was due to the fact that Superintendent John Janosko received a late donation. A notice of this was sent to the CPD13 Internet Group. For your future information, any checks made out to CPD13 must be made out to CPD-NMRA and NOT CPD13.

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

### **Division Meeting 28 October 2008**

The Division meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Superintendent John Janosko. More than 25 members were present.

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

Reports presented:

Auction rules were detailed by Superintendent Janosko. All auction bid increments will be at ONE dollar, until the item attains a bid of \$25 at which time, the increment becomes FIVE dollars. A five minute warning will be announce FIVE minutes prior to the end of the auction.

Norfolk Southern PS-1 box cars were in attendance and were purchased by some members. Prices for members are \$12.50 and \$15.00 for non-members.

Vic Bitleris updated the membership with the current AP submissions and then presented Rob Rousseau with the Volunteer certificate.

Vic Bitleris was also one of the division AP Chairs recognized and thanked by the MER for his AP efforts.

Dave Derway updated the membership on the Holiday Trains for Kids program. One of the recipients is The Governor Moorehead School for the Vision Impaired. The Moose lodge and a woman in Bahama with a nephew are also recipients.

Vic Bitleris showed the membership one of the items from a "Take and Make" clinic. Vic showed the Post Office that attendees received and built during the clinic. The clinic cost \$15 and at that price, the laser cut kit was a very good deal.

Additionally, Vic announced that James Murphy and Stephen Woods participated in the model contest. Jim Murphy received two AP Merit Awards for structure. Four more to go Jim. Congratulations to both Jim and Stephen for participating. When you participate in these contests, you learn quite a bit about making your models better to qualify for the AP.

Additionally, John Janosko and Jack Dziadul both volunteered for the AP judging in the model contest at Reston. A very large thanks to them both. When you volunteer as a judge at a model contest, there are two benefits. One, you get time toward the Volunteer AP. Two, you also get to learn first hand what makes up, and more importantly what does not make up, a contest or AP model.

CPD13 will have 4 tables instead of 3 at the Neuse River Valley train show in November. Superintendent Janosko asked for volunteers to help setup prior to the Train Show on Friday starting at noon.

Kim Parker and John Wallis gave a clinic on locomotive decoders and installing them. They discussed the various styles from the absolute easiest to the most difficult "shoe horn" requirements. The easiest decoder installs start with the choice of the locomotive. Some locomotives only need you to remove a hatch on the top of the superstructure and plug in a decoder. Others require full disassembly and re-motoring. This was an excellent eye opener and may direct more people to make a different (better?) choice when the purchase the next locomotive.

Vic Bitleris won the monthly model contest with his highly detailed scratch built ACL watermelon car (ventilated boxcar). He received a \$10.00 gift certificate from Train Buddy Products

The membership was reminded that 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).

The Auction ended promptly at 8:45.

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

## Norfolk Southern Box Cars

The HO scale Accurail 40 foot PS-1 single door Norfolk Southern box cars (painted/printed by Bowser) have arrived.

The box car build date is 07-57. CPD13 has 4 different road numbers available for sale – 1599, 1631, 1700 and 1645. CPD13 member cost is \$12.50 per car; others \$15.00.

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

Contact Division Superintendent John Janosko if you are interested.

## Meeting Date Changes

Mark your calendars for **alternate meeting dates** during the upcoming holiday season.

Meeting dates for November and December 2008 will change as follows:

November 18<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)

December 9<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday)

## Plan Ahead

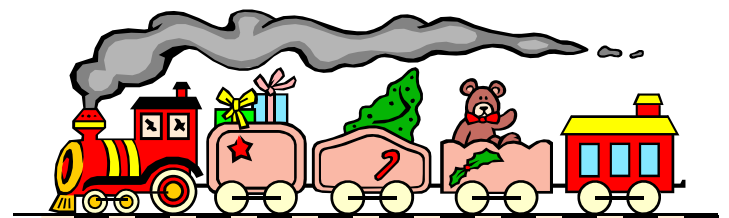
**December 9, 2008 program** – \$10 "brown bag" holiday gift exchange (bring a model railroad related item of \$10 or more in value in an unmarked bag – please, no scraps from the "junk box"). The traditional gift exchange rules (pick, keep, swap, or steal) will apply. Holiday refreshments will be provided.

**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. Special prizes will be awarded.

## 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. 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)



## This is my turntable - New Idea for a Turntable/Cradle

By Don Jennings  
(Photos by the Author)

I have visited many model train layouts at MER Conventions and Division Layout Tours and the first place that is seen is the train yard. Everyone likes to see the turntable and roundhouse and all locomotive servicing tracks and supporting buildings that are needed for the layout's operations. This is usually where the owners pride and joy is and where all (most) of the classifying of the train cars is done.

I have a small HO Scale train layout and no room for a turntable or roundhouse. That is before I started looking at the space I had. There is two small train yards where the yard leads face each other (photo #1 below).



I took that one joining track between them (an escape track for each yard) and cut out a 9-inch piece (photo # 2 below).



Then I placed a 9-inch ATLAS girder bridge in that space (photo #3 below).



This girder bridge (now turntable) is held in place by putting four (4) long length small head nails into the table to match up with the underside of nickel silver rail tips at the ends of the bridge. (This is seen in the photo #2).

A small gap between the tabletop and the nail head is needed to make contact to the rails and with the nails. This is your electrical wiring connection to the new turntable on your layout. On the under side of the table, solder wires to the nails and then to the corresponding rails near those nails.

With this electrical connection, there is NO NEED for a reversing loop switch or reversing module. Every time you pick up the bridge and turn it, the bottom of each of the rails makes contact to the top of the nail heads and is always electrically connected and correctly aligned. This girder bridge turntable also makes a good loading cradle to install a locomotive engine on the rails of your layout.

It is very inexpensive and it works.

## Potomac Junction 2008

By Grif Bond, Clerk

CPD13 had a great showing at the Mid-Eastern Region Convention, Potomac Junction 2008, held in October in Reston, Virginia. We had a total of 13 division members attend. Interesting...Division 13 and 13 members attended. The convention featured 3 days of clinics, layout tours, the annual banquet, auction and the MER business meeting.

John Janosko, Division Superintendent, was installed as Vice President of the Mid-Eastern Region. Jim Murphy and Stephen Wood entered models in the model contest.



Nancy DeGhetto-Murphy and Jim Murphy both received 1<sup>st</sup> Place Plaques in the contests. Nancy took first in the Art & Crafts category for her painting "To the Hoosac Tunnel and Beyond". Jim took 1<sup>st</sup> Place for his caboose "New Haven Class NE-5".



John Janosko, Division Superintendent, and Chuck Hladik, MER Director, work as judges in the model contest room at Potomac Junction 2008.



Jerry Mersch worked to assemble a wooden structure kit in one of the "hands on" clinics.

## Achievement Program



Jim Murphy earns Association Volunteer certificate.



Rob Rousseau (on the right) earns Association Volunteer certificate (presented by Vic Bitleris).

## From the Business Car

By John Janosko, Division Superintendent

I would like to thank everyone that did booth duty at the NRV show. Jack D actually did booth duty and baby sitting at the same time. All in all we sold off almost everything and were able to add something to our coffers. Hopefully everyone had a good time.

It seems that at this time of the year the time seems to fly and I for one never have enough time to do all the Model railroad things I would like to do. Maybe after the Christmas season is over I can finally get some of the buildings I have been working on finished.

Since we have a short break before our next meeting, remember to get your model railroad kit, car or whatever together for the Chinese auction in December. Your gift needs to be at least \$10.00 and please no misc. stuff that you just happen to have in your parts bin. We will also provide food and drinks at the December meeting provided by the Division.

See you Tuesday.