



## Division Meeting

Tuesday, October 28, 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

**DCC Decoder Clinic**

**Speakers – Kim Parker & John Wallis**

## Popular Vote Contest

**NC rolling stock – “bring the local flavor”**

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 1 – 2**

**Virginia Autumn Train Excursion, NC**  
Transportation Museum Foundation, day trip from Spencer or Greensboro to Charlottesville, VA and return, \$135, information 704-636-2889 ext. 232 or <http://www.nctrans.org/>

**November 8 – 9**

**Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club Train Show, 9 AM – 5 PM, NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC**  
<http://www.nrvshow.org/>

\*\* CPD 13 volunteers needed for our tables\*\*

**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

**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.

## Correction

The certificate of deposit (CD) information (as of 08/31/2008) in the Paymaster’s report was incorrectly reported in the last newsletter (September issue). The correct figure is \$5,542.30.

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## Paymaster's Report

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

**Balance-checking 08/31/2008 \$3,699.87**

### **Income**

Donation (Holiday Trains for Kids)	\$100.00
Sale of structure kits	35.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$135.00</b>

### **Expenses**

Newsletter postage	\$20.16
10 train sets – Holiday Trains for Kids	597.88
September refreshments	24.83
Printing – Layout tour booklets	111.88
Bowser invoice – NS cars	962.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,716.75</b>

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

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

**Total CPD 13 Funds \$7,660.42**

## Meeting Minutes

### **Board of Directors Meeting 23 September 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.

Superintendent John Janosko apologized to the board and membership about the Herald not being sent out in time. This was an unavoidable condition due to Grif being out of town immediately after he assumed ownership of the Herald.

Motion made by Vic Bitleris with second by John Rudisill to approve the minutes of the July meetings. Motion passed 6-0. Motion made by Pete Slugg with a second by Vic Bitleris to approve the July 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, Jerry Mersch and Bruce Faulkner. The schedule has changed slightly. Bruce Faulkner's layout will be opened from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. A late breaking announcement by Bill Aulicino cancelled his tour.

Norfolk Southern PS-1 box car – Superintendent Janosko advised that will have the cars available to purchase and take home at the October meeting.

Superintendent John Janosko will be bringing the NS cars to Reston also.

CPD13 will have 14 tables at the NRV train show. Volunteers are needed for 4 hour periods during the NRV show.

Superintendent John Janosko also discussed the new CPD13 flag and will try to bring pictures for the next Division meeting.

Superintendent John Janosko also discussed the January 22<sup>nd</sup> NC DOT tour. It was reiterated that we should bring our own hard hats if we have them. If not NC DOT will provide them. An alternated date was discussed, but no decision was made on this.

New business:

CPD13 has \$600.00 for Holiday Trains for Kids and these have been purchased by Dave Derway and we were shown a sample of what we plan on giving out this Holiday season.

Kim Parker addressed the board regarding the Presentation Program to the Cary Senior Center. Kim proposed to and received an agreement from Sam Trogden of the Cary Senior Center to present a program called "Why Thomas". "Why Thomas" - Theories and discussion of children's fascination with Thomas and trains. What it could mean to our industrialized future. How to use Thomas as an educational tool. [Emphasis on defining "quality" time with children, drawing their attention, embodying future and educational concepts]

Pete Slugg discussed Program Topics:  
 October: DCC Decoder Clinic by Kim Parker and John Wallis  
 November: Engine tune-up by Kim Parker

Popular Vote Contest  
 October: NC Rolling stock, bring in the local flavor.  
 November: Steam Switchers

A complaint was voiced by member, Dick Buchan, because his name and personal information was provided to the Local publishers regarding the upcoming layout tours. This occurred even after member, Dick Buchan, requested his private information should not be released. Superintendent John Janosko said he would address this issue to the membership at large and remind them about privacy.

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

### **Division Meeting 23 September 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:

Norfolk Southern PS-1 box car – Superintendent Janosko stated that the NS cars will be available to purchase at the October meeting.

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, Jerry Mersch and Bruce Faulkner. Don Jennings is coordinating the layout tours. An adjustment to the schedule includes a correction for Bruce Faulkner's layout. Bruce Faulkner's schedule is from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Bill Aulicino has cancelled his layout tour at this time.

New business:

Don Jennings announced that he needs a roommate to share expenses at the upcoming MER Convention in Reston.

John Wallis gave an excellent presentation on Trucks and Couplers. He described the evolution of both prototype as well as the myriad of couplers that evolved during the progress of developing Model railroad couplers.

CPD 13 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.

A reminder 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).

Dan Fisher won the monthly model contest with his very nice and fully equipped Drugstore/Newsstand. He received a \$10.00 gift certificate from Train Buddy Products.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. Recorded by Vic Bitleris for Grif Bond, Clerk.

## Articles Needed

The Herald is your newsletter. So, take a few minutes to write about you latest modeling project, snazzy scenery building technique or track laying tip. Maybe you took a recent "rail fanning" trip and have some experiences and photos to share. Write up a short article and sent it in.

Send your article to the Editor via email by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Include a photo or two if you can. Thanks.

## Meeting Date Changes

Mark your calendars for **alternate meeting dates** during the upcoming holiday season. Meeting dates for November and December 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

November 2008 popular vote contest – Steam switchers

November 2008 educational program – Engine tune-up by Kim Parker

March 2009 – Special modeling contest using the Life-Like supply house kit. Build your kits 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.

## 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.

Cars will be available for sale at the October 28<sup>th</sup> membership meeting.

## Holiday Trains for Kids

By David Derway, Chairman,  
Holiday Trains for Kids

We are halfway through our Holiday Trains for Kids Program (HTFK) and I thought it would be a great opportunity to bring folks up to speed on what the program is all about. The ultimate goal of this program is to purchase and deliver train sets to children, around Christmas, that would like to have a set, but their parents are not in a financial situation that would allow them to afford it.

Each year the Division Board of Directors appropriates money to this program, which is used to purchase train sets. The funds are earned from layout raffles, sales of merchandise donated to the Division, and donations made by private individuals. Division members keep a keen eye out at shows and on the internet to find the best deals and let me know when they find a good buy. I have also gone through local hobby shops which have allowed the Division to purchase train sets at their cost to help us out.

The sets are usually HO scale, complete with sectional track, a transformer, engine, rolling stock and a caboose. At times, they will also include buildings, cars and assorted accessories. I like to purchase sets with the snap track sections that are molded with plastic ballasted roadbeds which allow kids to set up on wood floors and carpet with a minimum amount of trouble. We like to get sets with good quality locomotives and rolling stock so the kids will have fun running trains and a minimum of frustration that might be incurred with a poor quality set.

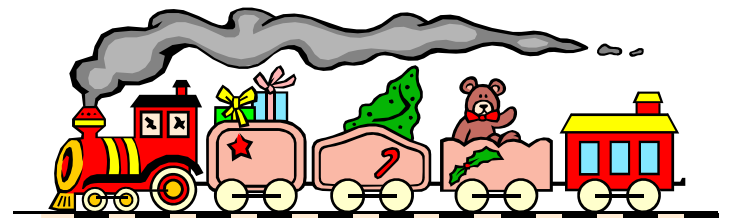
Once I have the sets in hand, it is time to find the kids to give the sets to. Believe it or not, this has been the hardest part of the program. This is where you, the Division, can help out. I work with local churches, social groups, charitable organizations and private individuals to identify families whose child would like, appreciate and take care of a train set.

My preference is to give to individuals and churches as they usually know the particular children that will receive the set. However, we have given sets to The Boy Scouts of America, the Marines Toys for Tots Program in Raleigh, Cary, Southern Pines and Fayetteville, and the Agape House in Durham. Where you can really help is to identify families in the financial need situation with children that would like to have a train set. The age group is usually 8+, boy or girl. If you know of someone, just let me know. First come, first serve.

This year we have 10 sets to give away.

The biggest reward is the gratitude and appreciation showed by the recipients of the sets. The knowledge that, through our efforts, kids will be enjoying their first good train set at Christmas time and hopefully sparking that life-long interest in trains that so many of us have enjoyed.

Dave Derway is the "Holiday Trains for Kids" coordinator. Contact Dave with any questions, [dsd@pinehurst.net](mailto:dsd@pinehurst.net)



## 2008 Home Layout Tours

By Donald Jennings,  
Home Layout Tour Chairman

I would like to thank again the seven home presenters for opening up their homes and their layouts to provide the 2008 Home Layout Tours.

The presenters were; Ed Dougherty (Pennsylvania Eno Valley RR); Steve Benezra (Carolina Western RR); Stephen Wood (CLSC & W RR); Jerry Mersch (Some Where Out West RR); Dick Buchan; Jim Babcock (B&O Pittsburgh & Western and Pine Creek Valley RR); and Bruce Faulkner (CSXT Shenandoah Division).

Although the layouts had many points of interest to offer the visitors, attendance according to the many I heard from, was about five to any one layout visited. This was an exceptionally low number considering the membership of the CPD 13 Division. Next year will bring shorter viewing hours and the tour will be planned for the same Saturday and Sunday weekend.

Gentlemen, I visited all the layouts I could on the days they were open and found them all to be fine examples of model railroading and operations.

## From the Business Car

By John Janosko, Division Superintendent

Well, the 2008 MER convention is over and Bob Minnis and his people did a great job in putting on the convention in Northern Virginia. Due to being elected to the VP position, I did not get a chance to visit all the layouts and clinics I wanted to attend. I did talk to a lot of people and everyone I talked to enjoyed the convention. We had both Jim Murphy and Stephen Wood enter several structures and cars to the Regional judging. Great job, we need more people from our Division to enter in the future.

I volunteered to be a judge and really enjoyed looking at the detail that was put into all the entries. The dinner and auction were also well worth the trip. Next year we will be in Hagerstown, Maryland. Hopefully we will have a great turnout from our division as we did this year.

Remember to bring your check books to the meeting. I will be bringing the NS PS 1 cars to sell and also we have had some more donations from Mr. Smith. Hopefully there is something you may want. Otherwise it will go on our tables at the NRV show.

See you Tuesday.