

Herald

The Carolina Piedmont

Newsletter of the Carolina Piedmont Division, MER, NMRA

September 2008



Division Meeting

Tuesday, September 23, 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

"Trucks, Couplers and Wheelsets"
Speaker - John Wallis

Popular Vote Contest

September – "News Stands"

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

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Coming Events

September 27 – 28

Danville's Old 97 Rail Days, Danville, VA,
<http://dsc.smv.org/nowshowing/events/raildays/>

October 4 – 5

Great Train Expo Show, 10 AM – 4 PM,
Cabarrus Arena & Expo Center, 4751
Highway 49 North, Concord, NC
<http://www.greattrainexpo.com>

October 4

CPD 13 Layout Tours, 10 AM – 5 PM
Layouts open (tentative list): Steve
Benezera, Dick Buchan, Ed Dougherty and
Stephen Wood. For additional information,
contact Don Jennings, donj1044@aol.com

October 11

CPD 13 Layout Tours, 10 AM – 5 PM
Layouts open (tentative list): Bill Aulicino,
Jim Babcock and Jerry Mersch; **1 PM – 5 PM**
Bruce Faulkner. For additional information,
contact Don Jennings, donj1044@aol.com

October 16 – 19

Potomac Junction 2008, Mid-Eastern
Region NMRA Convention, Sheraton Hotel,
Reston, VA
http://home.comcast.net/~potomac_nmra/MER2008/

November 8 – 9

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

** CPD 13 volunteers needed for our tables**

Correction

John Wallis' name was misspelled in the July meeting minutes published in the August issue of the Herald.

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Paymaster's Report

Submitted by John Rudisill, Division Paymaster
August 2008

Balance 07/31/2008	\$3,914.87
Income:	
None	
Total	\$0.00
Expenses:	
4 tables for NRV train show	\$215.00
Total	\$215.00
Balance 08/31/2008	\$ 3,699.87
Certificate of Deposit (1.74%)	\$ 5,462.60
Maturity Date 01/17/2009	
Total CPD 13 Funds	\$ 9,242.17

Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

26 August 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, Joe Kananowicz, and Stephen Wood present at the start of the meeting. Additional members came in during the next hour.

Motion made by Jerry Mersch with second by Joe Getz to approve the minutes of the July meetings. Motion passed 6-0. Motion made by Vic Bitleris with a second by Joe Getz 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, Bill Aulicino, 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.

Norfolk Southern PS-1 box car – Superintendent Janosko advised that we may or may not see a pre-production "test shot" of the car. Production should begin within the next 2 weeks. The delivery of the car kits from Bowser is now anticipated to be sometime in September.

Project raffle layout – We have decided to defer the “Raffle Layout” until 2009. It seems there are a lot of personal irons in the fire and it is becoming increasingly difficult to collect enough attendance to pursue the layout at this time.

New business:

CPD13 will have 4 tables at the Neuse River Valley train show in November. The train show is on the 8th and 9th, but we are looking for volunteers to setup on Friday the 7th starting at noon.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM. Recorded by Vic Bitleris.

Division Meeting 26 August 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 advised the possibility of getting a “test shot” model prior to production and indicated that we expect to start receiving the cars by September’s meeting.

Project raffle layout – John indicated the raffle layout will be deferred until 2009.

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, Bill Aulicino, 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.

New business:

Superintendent Janosko informed the membership about a visit to a flag maker in Asheboro where we expect to get a new CPD13 banner made, he indicated the cost to be about \$200.

Member Tom Cook updated the memberships about our upcoming visit to the NCDOT Railroad Facility. It is tentatively scheduled for January. Hard (closed) shoes (no sneakers) are required as well as hard hats. The facility does have hard hats for visitors, but it is highly recommended that if you have your own, please bring it. More details will be provided as we move closer to the date.

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

Jerry Mersch provided us with a DVD showing of the Kalmbach DVD “Dream, Plan, Build”. This was very entertaining and the membership looks forward to more of these when clinics are postponed or cancelled.

CPD 13 will have 4 tables instead of 3 at the Neuse River Valley (NRV) Train Show in November. No tables have been reserved for the Great Train Expo (GTE) in September.

Superintendent Janosko asked for volunteers to help setup prior to the NRV Train Show on Friday starting at noon.

The division meetings will be held on alternate dates in November and December. The November meeting will be on the 18th (3rd Tuesday) and the December meeting will be on the 9th (2nd Tuesday).

Refreshment “volunteer” for the upcoming meeting is Jack Dziadul for September.

Superintendent Janosko informed the membership that all of the 30 Life-Like supply house kits had been sold for the "special modeling contest". Will Seehorn graciously announce that he would not be submitting a model for this contest and if someone would like to purchase his model for the original price of \$5.00, he would be happy to oblige.

Vic Bitleris reiterated the highlights of the March Model Contest for the general membership and answered questions about details.

Jim Murphy won the monthly model contest with his very nice and interesting shore side structure. He received a \$10.00 gift certificate from Train Buddy Products.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.
Recorded by Vic Bitleris.

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 15th 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 18th (3rd Tuesday)

December 9th (2nd Tuesday)

Plan Ahead

October popular vote contest – Cars from North Carolina railroads – bring the "local flavor".

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.

Division Membership

A recent "extract" of membership data from the NMRA indicated, as of August 2008, there are 135 NMRA members in the counties in the CPD 13 territory. The list includes 5 new members and 5 memberships that recently expired. Be sure to keep your membership active. If you have a question on your membership expiration date, contact Grif Bond, Clerk.

The membership tally by county is as follows:

Chatham	3
Cumberland	25
Durham	9
Franklin	2
Harnett	1
Johnston	4
Lee	4
Moore	7
Nash	6
Orange	10
Vance	1
Wake	63

The tally does not include the counties recently added to the CPD 13 territory. The next data extract should include the new counties.

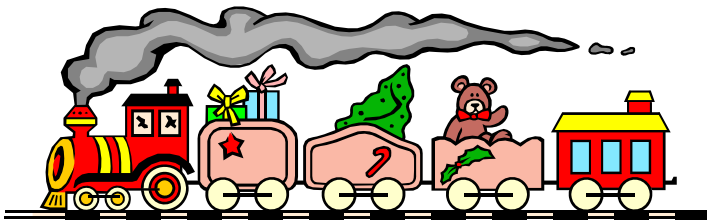
Holiday Trains for Kids

The annual Christmas campaign is gearing up to provide model train sets to needy children in the CPD 13 territory. For a number of years we have provided \$500 or more annually to fund the purchase of train sets.

How can you help?

1. Make a financial contribution to CPD 13 and have it directed to "Holiday Trains for Kids".
2. Ask around at your church, other civic groups or in your neighborhood for names of a needy family who has a child or children that would enjoy a train set at Christmas.
3. Help deliver the train sets before Christmas.

Dave Derway is the "Holiday Trains for Kids" coordinator. Contact Dave with any questions, dsd@pinehurst.net



Thanks

Rob Rousseau has stepped aside as the Editor of the Herald. A special thanks goes to Rob for handling the Editor duties during the past year. Rob will continue to maintain the CPD 13 web site.