



## Division Meeting

Tuesday, August 25, 2009

**Cary Senior Center**  
**Fred G. Bond Metro Park**  
**120 Maury O'Dell Place**  
**Cary, NC**

6:00 PM – Board of Directors Meeting

7:00 PM – Membership Meeting

### Program

**Lost Wax Castings**  
**Speaker – Mason Cutchin**

### Popular Vote Contest

**Engine Maintenance Facilities**

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## Coming Events

September 11 – 12, Southeastern Railroad Prototype Modelers Meeting, Greensboro, NC, The Depot, 300 East Washington Street, for additional information contact Tony Sissons, [c9dash40@carolina.rr.com](mailto:c9dash40@carolina.rr.com)

September 12 – 13, Great Train Expo, NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC, check the web site for details:

<http://www.greattrainexpo.com/>

September 19 – 20, Tidewater Division NMRA Annual Train Show, Virginia Beach Convention Center, Virginia Beach, VA, check the division's web site for details:

[www.nmra-mer-tidewater.org/](http://www.nmra-mer-tidewater.org/)

September 26 – 27, Old 97 Rail Days, Danville, VA, check the town's web site for details:

<http://www.visitdanville.com/event.asp?id=432>  
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October 15 – 18, "Western Maryland Transfer", 2009 Mid-Eastern Region Convention, Hagerstown, MD, check the convention web site for details:

<http://mer.nmra.org/MERConv/MERConv.html>

November 7 – 8, 25th Annual Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Train Club Show, Exposition Center, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC, check the club's web site for details: <http://www.nrvshow.org/>

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

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## Corrections

The July issue of the **Herald** indicated John Wallis was the new webmaster for the CPD13 web site. John is serving as the "temporary" webmaster until a replacement is designated.

The name of Jerry Mersch was misspelled in one section of the June BOD meeting minutes.

## Updated CPD13 Web Site

John Wallis, temporary webmaster, has refreshed and updated the CPD13 web site  
<http://www.cpd13.org>

Please take a few minutes to check out the new look.

Thanks, John!

## Paymaster's Report

Submitted by John Rudisill, Division Paymaster  
July 2009

Balance In Checking 06/31/2009	\$ 2,570.99
<u>Income:</u>	
Sale of modular building kits	\$ 40.00
(\$ 40 added to Petty Cash Fund for the \$ 5 rebate for those who enter a structure in the contest. Petty Cash Fund now \$ 110.)	
Total	+ \$ 40.00
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Get well card for Roger Cason	\$ 2.66
July refreshments	34.94
Total	- \$ 37.60
Balance In Checking 07/31/2009	\$ 2,573.39
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 5,578.00
Interest at maturity 07/17/2009	5.90
New Certificate of Deposit (Maturity 01/17/2010)	\$ 5,583.90
Total Money	\$ 8,157.29

## Meeting Minutes

*Editor's note – The meeting minutes for both the Board of Directors and the Division Meetings 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.*

### **Board of Directors Meeting 28 July 2009**

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, Clerk Grif Bond, Paymaster John Rudisill and Directors Vic Bitleris, John Wallis and Jerry Mersch.

Motion made by Wallis with second by Mersch to approve the minutes of the June meetings. Motion passed 7-0. Motion made by Wallis with a second by Bond to approve the June Paymaster's report. Motion passed 7-0.

Bitleris advised the BOD of no pending activity for the Achievement Program.

Superintendent Janosko indicated he would be taking some NS box car kits to the MER convention in October for sale in the company store.

The CPD13 switching layout presentation/program for the Cary Senior Center is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 4:00 PM. Don Jennings and Gene Sing are coordinating.

The white elephant sale will be October 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM – 7:45 PM.

The draft new member welcome letter will be sent to the BOD for one additional review and discussion with a decision to be made at the August meeting.

Superintendent Janosko advised that all the officer positions and one director position would be up for election at the January 2010 meeting. Wallis and Mersch are the members of the nominating committee. Two individuals have expressed interest in positions.

A get well card for Roger Cason, MER President, was circulated for signatures.

Mersch advised the BOD that he had secured the donation of HO scale items from an individual in Cary, NC. Mersch and Gene Sing sorted the items and saved locomotives, cars, track and buildings for the raffle layout project. The balance of the items was sold on "ebay" and the gross sales were \$280. The cost of packaging and shipping, ebay commissions, and Pay Pal fees was \$80. The \$200 balance was split with \$100 going to the donor and \$100 to CPD13.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM. Recorded by Grif Bond, Clerk.

## **Division Meeting 28 July 2009**

The Division meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Superintendent John Janosko. 28 division members were in attendance.

Superintendent Janosko reviewed the discussion and actions from the earlier Board of Directors meeting; including the November 17<sup>th</sup> presentation at the Cary Senior Center, the white elephant sale on October 27<sup>th</sup> and the upcoming January 2010 vacancies for officers and one board member.

Stephen Wood shared information with the membership about a "round robin" dispatch/operations session being hosted by Division 12, the Carolina Southern Division, in Charlotte on October 9 – 11. The event is called the "Carolina Southern Rail Ops Weekend".

Kim Parker advised the membership of the special 30% off discount for groups being provided by Digitrax. Contact Parker for the details.

Jerry Mersch explained the recent acquisition of donated HO scale items and the retention of some items for the raffle layout and the sale of the balance via "ebay".

An organization meeting for the NRV show raffle layout is scheduled for Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at Dick Buchan's house. Gathering time is 7:00 PM. Gene Sing is coordinating the planned 4 by 6 HO scale "raffle layout" for the NRV show. Supplies needed include code 100 nickel silver track and turnouts; freight cars, a locomotive and structures (built or kits).

John Wallis, who is serving as the temporary webmaster, advised the membership of recent updates to the CPD13 web site and made a call for anyone interested in serving as the webmaster.

Assistant Superintendent Pete Slugg reviewed the upcoming popular vote contests and programs.

The August contest is "engine maintenance facilities" and the program is "lost wax castings" presented by Mason Cutchin.

Jim Murphy was recognized for his "contest room" accomplishments at the 2009 NMRA national convention in Hartford. Jim's accomplishments included the following:

- Caboose kit bash – 1st place NH #C-510
- Caboose kit bash – 3rd place B&M Berkshire Division
- Popular vote – most like the photo – 3rd place NH Caboose #C-510
- Non-revenue kit bash – 2nd place Sullivan Steamfittings crane
- Steam kit bash – 3rd place BSLRR Mikado #358
- Testors Floquil Loco Finish Award – RS-3 Loco BSLRR # 980

Additional Walthers modular kits for the March 2010 contest were sold during the meeting. 25 kits have been sold. Only 5 HO kits remain for sale through the October meeting.

Jim Babcock and Vic Bitleris presented a clinic on "How to Build Resin Cars". They explained the differences between several manufacturers of resin freight car craftsman kits and explained the use of tools, techniques and tricks for assembling the kits. Various assembled kits were displayed. A detailed 12 page handout with photographs was provided. The handout is accessible from the "file section" of the CPD13 Yahoo Groups site.

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

## **Modular Building Contest**

As of the July Division meeting, 25 Walthers modular building kits have been sold (20 in HO and 5 in N). Only 5 HO kits remain. Kits will be available at the August, September and October meetings and sold on a first come, first serve basis. The contest will be held at the March 2010 meeting.

## **Carolina Southern Rail Ops Weekend**

by Jack Dziadul

At the July meeting Stephen Wood mentioned the "Carolina Southern Rail Ops Weekend" scheduled for the Charlotte area in October and sponsored by the Carolina Southern Division. This is the inaugural event, which means that if it is successful there might be another one next year.

The link for registration and layout descriptions is <http://www.bytedesign.com/CSDiv/>.

Superintendent Steve August said that the sessions are tentatively scheduled for 7 to 11 PM on Friday, October 9th, and 1 to 5 PM on Saturday and Sunday, October 10th and 11th, respectively. The \$23 registration fee includes a bar-b-q Saturday night with featured speaker Matt Bumgarner giving a presentation on the history of the Lawndale and Shelby Railroad, a North Carolina narrow gauge railroad. A guest can attend the bar-b-q for a \$14 fee.

There are seven layouts to choose from with engineer, yardmaster and in some cases dispatch job opportunities available. There are a total of 51 slots available. Steve August also mentioned that he is trying to add some additional layouts for Saturday morning runs.

The layouts are:

- David Ward's Denver, Boulder & Western Railway
- Steven August's Green Meadows Railway
- Rick knight's Knight Brothers & Dad Railroad
- Neal Anderson's KK&L Railroad
- Seth Gartner's Piney Fork Branch of the New York central Railroad
- Jack Parker's P&W Railroad
- Jim Allen's Southern Exchange Railroad

Registration closes September 26th. This is the weekend prior to the Mid-Eastern Regional Convention in Hagerstown. If you have any additional questions Superintendent August can be contacted at 704-909-7987, or refer to the web site link above.

## NRV Show Raffle Layout

CPD13 is planning on building a 4' by 6' HO scale layout to raffle off at the NRV train show in November. Items needed include Atlas code 100 track (and turnouts), freight cars, structures (built or kits) and track plan ideas for a 4' by 6'. Contact Gene Sing with items you have to donate or any plan ideas you have.

## Cary Senior Center Presentation

Don Jennings and Gene Sing are coordinating a presentation for the Cary Senior Center on November 17, 2009. The program is scheduled from 1:00 pm – 4:00 PM and will include an explanation of railroad switching and include the demonstration of switching layouts.

The program is part of the agreement between CPD13 and the Cary Senior Center for use of the facility.

Additional help is needed. If you can help, please contact Don Jennings or Gene Sing.

## Web Resources

The Atlantic Coast Line & Seaboard Air Line Railroads Historical Society, Inc. has an excellent quarterly "modelers" magazine that is accessible via their web site..."The Seaboard – Coastline Modeler".

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

The latest issue is Volume 3, Number 2, released in June 2009.

<http://s-clmodeler.aclsal.org/index.htm>

Check out this resource if you model the ACL, SAL, SCL or one of the regional affiliated lines. Generally, the most recent issue or two stays posted on the web site. Archived issues are available on a CD from the ACL- SAL Historical Society.

## 2009 Monthly Contests

August	Engine maintenance facilities
September	"Anything but a caboose"
October	Cranes and crane tenders
November	Signal towers and equipment
December	No contest – brown bag gift night

## 2009 Program Topics

August	Lost Wax Castings Speaker – Mason Cutchin
September	Updating Brass Locomotives Speaker – Dan Fisher
October	Airbrushing with Acrylics - Speaker – Vic Bitleris
November	Detection and Signaling – Speaker TBD
December	"Holiday Brown Bag Gift Night"

## Rail Pass Still Available

The Mid-Eastern Region (MER) is continuing to fund the NMRA six month trial membership program called "Rail Pass". The program remains in effect through 2009 or until the allocated \$2,000 has been exhausted.

Rail Pass members receive six issues of **Scale Rails**, three issues of **The Local** and are eligible to attend conventions, division meetings and enter contests.

Anyone who lives within the MER territory and who has not been an NMRA member within the last 30 months is eligible.

If you have a prospective member, contact Grif Bond, Clerk, for an application or check the May-June 2009 issue of **The Local**.

# Jim Murphy – HN2009

photos by Jim Murphy

Jim Murphy came away from the 2009 NMRA national convention with a number of contest awards.

Congratulations Jim. Great work!



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Here are a few more of Jim Murphy's photos from HN2009:



Recognize any of these CPD13 guys at the National Train Show?

Jim Murphy, Jack Dziadul and Gene Sing... searching for the Boston & Maine goodies!



Jim Babcock and Jim Murphy at a Fn3 garden layout north of Boston...look for the track!

## From the Business Car

by John Janosko, Division Superintendent

Well it is hard to believe that summer is almost over and pretty soon the daylight hours will start to seem to be too short and you will have to spend more times indoors. For us that are into Model Railroading, this is an advantage. It will now give you more time to work on your layout, favorite train or that craftsman model building that you have been putting off during the long hot summer. You could also start working on the module project for the January meeting. Enjoy working on your model and have fun seeing what you can accomplish.

I would like to thank everyone that is signing up for this year's election and to John Wallis and Jerry Mersh for getting the slate put together. If you are interested in running for a position in the Division, please contact either Jerry or John.

From talking with Gene Sing it seems no one came to his meeting about doing a raffle layout for the NRV show in November. Gene is going to try and set up one more meeting on a Saturday. If he does not get enough volunteers we will not have a money making project for the Division this year. Hopefully Gene will get a better response this time.

See you Tuesday.