



Division Meeting

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

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

6:00 PM – Board of Directors Meeting

7:00 PM – Membership Meeting

This will be the 2009 "Annual Meeting" with the election of one (1) Director.

**Program – DDC Decoder Clinic – Session II
Speakers – Kim Parker & John Wallis**

Popular Vote Contest – EMD "F Units"

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Coming Events

February 24, 2009, "Annual Meeting" of the Carolina Piedmont Division, Cary, NC, 7:00PM, Cary Senior Center, Fred Bond Park, business includes election of one Director for a 3 year term

March 7 – 8, 2009, Coastal Carolina Model Railroaders Train Show, New Bern, NC, New Bern High School, Saturday 10 AM – 5, Sunday, 10 AM – 4 PM, \$6 admission, <http://carolinacoastalrailroaders.org>

April 25, 2009, CPD13 group tour of Tichy Train Group, Burlington, NC, 10 AM – noon, additional details to come, including carpooling sign-up and possible group lunch. This tour is open to NMRA members only. Contact Jack Dziadul if you would like to sign up. Jack can be reached at Dziadul@windstream.net or 919-721-8757.

July 5 – 10, 2009, NMRA Convention, "Hartford National 2009", Hartford, Connecticut, check the convention web site for details: <http://hn2009.org/home.html>

October 15 – 18, 2009, "Western Maryland Transfer", 2009 Mid-Eastern Region Convention, Hagerstown, MD, check the convention web site for details: <http://mer.nmra.org/MERConv/MERConv.html>

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

No corrections were identified for the January minutes or the January issue of The Herald.

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Paymaster's Report

Submitted by John Rudisill, Division Paymaster
January 2009

Balance-checking 12/31/2008	\$3,041.72
Income	
None	0.00
Total	\$0.00
Expenses	
None	0.00
Total	\$0.00
Balance-checking 12/31/2008	\$3,041.72
Certificate of Deposit	\$5,578.00
Maturity Date 07/17/2009 (includes interest earned)	
Total CPD13 Funds	\$8,619.72

Meeting Minutes

Combination Board of Directors Meeting and Division Meeting 27 January 2009

The meeting started at 6:30 in one of the meeting rooms in one of the track side buildings at the NC DOT rail yard in Raleigh. Vic Bitleris made a motion to approve the minutes for the December meeting and Joe Getz seconded the motion, it was passed unanimously. Joe Getz made a motion to approve the Paymasters December Report, Vic Bitleris seconded the motion and it was passed.

Vic Bitleris presented Gene Sing with his AP Certificate for Chief Dispatcher. Congratulations Gene!

Since we had an abbreviated meeting in January, the elections will be held in the regular February meeting. John Wallis and Will Seehorn will be candidates for the open Director's position. If there are any others who would like to run for this position, please contact Vic Bitleris or Jerry Mersch.

John Janosko will be contacting an individual in Cary regarding a donation of model railroad items to the division.

Joe Getz volunteered to bring snacks for the February meeting.

The combination meeting adjourned for the one hour NC DOT rail yard tour which began at 7:00 PM.

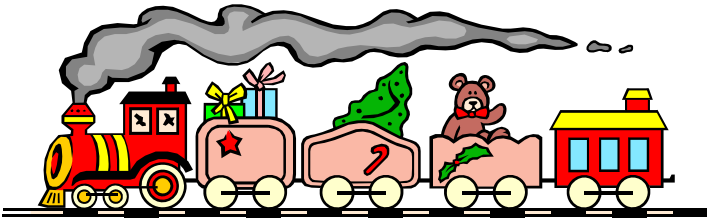
The meeting minutes recorded by Vic Bitleris for Grif Bond.

Notice of Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Carolina Piedmont Division of the Mid-Eastern Region of the NMRA will be held at the Cary Senior Center on **Tuesday, February 24, 2009** at 7:00 PM. Business to be conducted includes the election on one Director for a 3 year term.

Holiday Trains for Kids

By Dave Derway



For 2008, we had 10 train sets to give away in our Holiday Trains for Kids Program due to the generosity of the Division's Board of Directors and a special donation from Grif Bond. Three sets were given away through a camping club, The Gold Leaf Sams.

One of these went to a 9 year old young man in Durham through the Moose Lodge via club members. Another went to a 13 year old young man in Apex, and I received a personal note from him with his thanks. The last one through the club went to a 10 year old young man in Bahama.

An additional set was given to the Morehead School for the Blind in Raleigh, NC after confirming that they could definitely use such a gift. Apparently they have kids of all ages and the disabilities are of various severities. The older ones (up to 21 years of age) would help the younger ones get it set up and running. They would also make sure it was taken care of. Thanks to Don Jennings for bringing these folks to my attention.

Another set was given to Division Member Jerry Mersch, who made sure it made its way to a needy young one.

The final 5 sets were given to the Cameron Baptist Church in Cameron, NC. They have continued their program of identifying families with children that would appreciate and take care of this type of gift. The sets were wrapped by members of the church and given to families at a Christmas party that is sponsored by the church. Each family receives food, coupons, clothing and other gifts from the Toys for Tots program.

Great care is taken to insure that families that have received sets in the past do not receive them again and that the new sets are going to age appropriate children. I did receive a thank you letter from the Church's Pastor for our support.

Once again I thank all the members of the Division that have helped out with the program this year and in years past. It is only through this continued support that this program has been as successful as it is and brought a lot of joy to young men and women that would normally not have such a fun filled Christmas.

Norfolk Southern Box Cars

The HO scale Accurail 40 foot PS-1 single door Norfolk Southern box cars (painted/printed by Bowser) commissioned by CPD13 are still available.

The box car build date is 07-57. CPD13 has 4 road numbers 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 road numbers available - 1676, 1679, 1624 and 1600.

Contact Division Superintendent John Janosko if you are interested.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is recommending the following individuals for consideration for election to the one Director position opening at the Annual Meeting on February 24, 2009:

Will Seehorn

John Wallis

Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Supply House Special Modeling Contest

By Grif Bond

OK...just one month left until we have the Supply House Special Modeling Contest at the March meeting. So find the kit you purchased, open the box and get building! If you missed the CPD13 deal, kit #433-1398 is currently on sale at Walthers for \$9.98.

Contest guidelines:

- Use the Like-Like Products HO scale structure kit (Walthers number 433-1398)
- Use a minimum of 50% of the kit parts
- Build as is; kit-bash; rearrange the components; change the scale; paint; weather; add parts, etc.
- Display the structure(s) on a diorama/base no larger than 24 by 18 inches (432 sq. inches)
- Identify the structure with a sign or note on an index card indicating what it is
- OK to use 2 or more kits
- OK to kit-bash with other kits/parts
- OK to scratch build parts

Here are the prizes for the Supply House Modeling Contest:

Popular vote:

- 1st place - Badger 200 air brush kit
 2nd place - Vacuum base PanaVise
 3rd place - Northwest Shortline "Chopper II"

BOD awards:

- Mascot wood head pin vise set
- Mascot 20 piece mini-drill set
- Flex file set

2009 Monthly Contests

February	EMD F units
March	"Supply House" structure
April	Maintenance of way (MOW)
May	Cement cars
June	Kit-bashed structures

2009 Program Topics

February	DDC Decoder Clinic – Session II Speakers – Kim Parker & John Wallis
March	MMR Excel spreadsheet Speaker – Jack Dziadul
April	Annual Prototype Railroad Questionnaire Speaker – John Wallis
May	Weathering Clinic – Part I – "hands on" Speakers – Dan Fisher, Jim Murphy & Pete Slugg
June	Weathering Clinic – Part II – "hands on" Speakers – Dan Fisher, Jim Murphy & Pete Slugg

Editor's note – Both the contest and program topics are scheduled and subject to change. Check the top/beginning of each monthly issue of The Herald for the latest information.

Art of the Carolinas 2008

By Jack Dziadul

My wife is a professional artist and I am often the beneficiary of used brushes, left over paints and sound advice. Beyond that I pretty much stay away from her studio and my eyes glaze over at the thought of going to an art gallery or an art exhibit. After some kicking and screaming I was recently dragged to an artists' trade fair. It turned out to be a wonderful experience and I thought that I would share a couple of bargains and encourage fellow modelers to consider visiting this annual event next year.

Art of the Carolinas was sponsored by Jerry's Art-O-Rama (www.jerrysartarama.com), a retail big box for artists, and supported by various manufacturers of the product lines that Jerry's sells. The three-day event was held at the Hilton in Raleigh, NC the weekend of November 14-16.

One item that I eyed has a list price of \$69, but was discounted at the show for \$20. Attending on the third day of the show ended up being a good choice, as before my eyes the magic marker came out and the price was slashed to \$10. They now had a new customer. What is called an "Artsphere" (photo is shown below) is a portable modeling surface just perfect for detailing a structure, painting some figures or even working on your laptop while you are planted in front of the TV watching a ball game.



The Artsphere is a product of Daler-Rowney of England (www.daler-rowner.com) and it is manufactured in the Czech Republic. Assembly is just a matter of pulling the desk-top easel out of the box it came in. The composite work surface is attached to a wooden ball that allows adjustment to just about any convenient angle. You can position it for a flat work surface; angle it to work on some roof details, or perhaps a loco or rolling stock that is in your foam cradle.

I tend to work in different locations in the house, so the portability aspect works for me. The work surface is 16 ½ inches by 11 ¾ inches and it can be positioned as either portrait or the wider landscape view. It weighs in at eight pounds.

I also picked up some 0 (zero) size paint brushes for ninety-two cents each. These are great for painting fine details. I passed on the 00000 size as I am not into painting eyebrows. Artist canvas panels were bargains as well. This make for excellent diorama or structure placement surfaces. I picked up a few small versions of these for 29 cents each. And like any good trade show, there were assorted freebies and raffles. We did not win any raffles, but the liquid graphite and acrylic paint will come in handy, as will a small box for safe disposal of hobby knife blades. So, if you get invited to an art trade show, go for it!

Achievement Program

Congratulations to Gene Sing for earning the Chief Dispatcher Certificate. Gene's certificate was presented at the January division meeting.

NC DOT Rail Ops. Tour

By Vic Bitleris

After the January 2009 meeting ended, our host, Allan Paul gave us a short talk about the NC DOT Railroad Operations and future plans. Allan gave us directions to the locations of the equipment we were allowed to tour and also provided us with rules and instructions of what we can do while visiting the rail yard. After that we were on our own to explore and enjoy the rail yard.

We had access to two locomotives and a coach. The F59 was the newer of the two and was actually quite an amazing locomotive, especially to someone who was never in a locomotive. It was a little bit of a climb to get into the F59, some of us entered from the rear, which turned out to be the easiest climb. As we progressed inside the locomotive, I saw a large 12 Caterpillar cylinder diesel that was about 3 or 4 feet long and wondered that it was a little on the small side to pull such a large train. As we progressed forward, I saw the REAL prime mover; it was about 10 or 12 feet long at least. It was THE EMD diesel engine that propelled this train and definitely was very large. I am guessing the Caterpillar motor I saw was some sort of auxiliary power for the locomotive. We then progressed to the cab of the locomotive and found the cab to be very roomy, I suspect about 6 to 9 men could stand in it without being too packed in. I have seen smaller elevators. The locomotive was very tall also; we could see the roofs of the trackside buildings from the cab, very impressive. I climbed down using the front ladders and found it a little tricky, considering the last few steps were located closer in, so finding the steps was a bit of work.

I then proceeded to the GP40-2, which is a lot like an SD40-2, except it has four wheel trucks, (GRIN!). The GP40-2 was no where near as impressive or roomy as the F59, but it was still fun to walk around it and see the inside of the cab. I also went inside the coach we had available to tour, it was very clean and looked brand new, even though it had been in service for a number of years. It is a great testament

to the maintenance of the equipment owned by the NC DOT Rail Operations.

I then went to the repair shed and saw that a combine was positioned over the pit. We were allowed to go down into the pit and see all of the cool "details" on the underside of a combination baggage coach. This was a perfect opportunity for anyone working on their AP Cars certificate to be able to capture the prototype information for modeling purposes. The "repair shed" was actually a very nice and clean outbuilding with all tools properly stored and ready for use. I could totally understand the requirement for safety helmets, considering the various places one could knock them selves while exploring the pit under the combine. This was a great tour and I do look forward to the next one.

From the Business Car

By John Janosko, Division Superintendent

I would like to thank the many people that showed up to last month's meeting. I hope everyone had as much fun as me. You kind of forget how big some of the locomotives are until you are next to one or standing inside. Allan Paul treated us well and was very informative and provided us with a lot of useful information.

This month is our election meeting; it was put off because of last month's meeting being off site. Hope everyone will show up and vote for the board seat that Joe Getz is vacating.

Joe thanks for your three years of service, I really appreciate your help.

See you Tuesday.