



## Division Meeting

Tuesday, March 24, 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 – **MMR Excel Spreadsheet** –  
**Speaker, Jack Dziadul**

Popular Vote Contest – **Supply House**  
**"Special Modeling Contest"**

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## Coming Events

March 28 – 29, 2009, **Great Train Expo**, Dixie Fairgrounds, Winston-Salem, NC, Saturday & Sunday, 10 AM – 4 PM, \$7 admission, <http://www.greattrainexpo.com/>

April 25, 2009, **CPD13 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, but cannot attend the meetings. Jack can be reached at [Dziadul@windstream.net](mailto: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

The "ending" balance date of the January Paymaster's Report in the February issue was incorrect. The ending balance date should have been 01/31/2009. The amount of the balance was correct.

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## "Thank You" Joe Getz

Joe Getz ended his term on the CPD13 Board of Directors at the February 2009 meeting.

Thanks Joe for your dedication and service as a member of the Board of the Carolina Piedmont Division.

## Paymaster's Report

Submitted by John Rudisill, Division Paymaster

**February 2009**

**Balance-checking 01/31/2009      \$3,041.72**

### **Income**

Sale of NS Cars at Potomac Junction      \$266.00  
Name Badge      7.50

**Total      \$273.50**

### **Expenses**

Monthly use of Cary Senior Center      \$240.00  
(for 2009 meetings)  
Reimbursement for lost DS pictures      50.00  
Prizes for structure building contest      172.91  
.org domain name renewal      9.90  
February refreshments      17.06

**Total      \$489.87**

**Balance-checking 02/28/2009      \$2,825.35**

**Certificate of Deposit      \$5,578.00**

**Maturity Date 07/17/2009**  
**(includes interest earned)**

**Total CPD13 Funds      \$8,403.35**

## Meeting Minutes

### **Board of Directors Meeting** **24 February 2009**

The Board of Directors (BOD) meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Superintendent John Janosko.

Officers and board members present at the start of the meeting included Superintendent John Janosko, Assistant Superintendent Pete Slugg, Clerk Grif Bond and Director Vic Bitleris. Director Joe Getz and Paymaster John Rudisill arrived after the start of the meeting.

A motion made by Vic Bitleris with second by Pete Slugg to approve the minutes of the January 2009 meeting with no corrections. The motion passed 4-0 (Janosko, Slugg, Bond, Bitleris). A motion was made by Vic Bitleris with a second by Grif Bond to approve the

January 2009 Paymaster's report with one correction to the "ending" balance date. The motion passed 5-0 (Janosko, Slugg, Bond, Bitleris, Getz).

Clerk Bond displayed he prizes for the March special modeling contest.

Dave Derway and Jerry Mersch reported they had received several thank you letters from families who received a train set as part of the 2008 Holiday Trains for Kids campaign.

A motion was made by Joe Getz with a second by Vic Bitleris to provide a \$50 disbursement to Steve Verderosa for lost artwork and photographs used with the design work for the Durham and Southern hopper cars produced for CPD13 by Bowser. The motion passed 5-0 (Janosko, Slugg, Bond, Bitleris, Getz).

The BOD reviewed the proposed privacy policy distributed by the Mid-Eastern Region.

The BOD discussed distribution of the Division membership list and agreed that the list should be sent to the Superintendent and Clerk. The Clerk is the official record keeper for the Division.

After discussion, a motion was made by Pete Slugg with a second by Joe Getz to authorize the Division Superintendent to explore Division alignment with the Southeast Region (SER). The motion passed 4-1-1 (Aye - Janosko, Slugg, Bitleris, Getz; Nay - Bond; Abstain - Rudisill).

A motion was made by Vic Bitleris with a second by Joe Getz to present Allan Paul, NC DOT, with an assembled NS car in appreciate for the January 2009 tour. The motion passed 6-0.

Paymaster Rudisill advised the 2008 annual financial statement was available for publication in the March newsletter.

Assistant Superintendent Slugg reviewed the popular vote contest schedule and clarified the scheduled weathering clinics. "Weathering I" will be in May and will be for box cars.

"Weathering II" will be the June program and will be for structures.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM. Recorded by Grif Bond, Clerk.

### **Division Meeting 24 February 2009**

The Division meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Superintendent John Janosko. 29 members were present at the start of the meeting.

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

The membership was reminded of the "Supply House" special modeling contest for the March contest. The prizes were displayed for the membership.

The election was held for one director position. Nominees recommended by the Nominating Committee were Will Seehorn and John Wallis. No additional nominations were offered from the floor. John Wallis was elected by majority membership vote for a three (3) year term.

Dave Derway updated the membership on the 2008 Holiday Trains for Kids program. 10 HO scale train sets were distributed. Derway read two thank you letters from family members of children who received train sets. Photos of the deliveries of the train sets were shared with the membership. Jerry Mersch also read a thank you letter from a parent.

Jack Dziadul updated the membership on the planned CPD13 tour of Tichy Train Group in Burlington on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The sign-up sheet was circulated.

Dick Buchan indicted the NMRA recognized an error with the recent ballot mailing with Scale Rails. A replacement ballot will be mailed. Everyone was encouraged to vote.

Superintendent Janosko explained the Board of Directors' concern regarding the absence of a model train show at the annual MER

convention. He also explained the BOD vote to explore Division alignment with the Southeast Region (SER).

Steve Milley was welcomed as a new member.

Kim Parker and John Wallis presented a clinic on "Programming DDC Decoders" which focused on types of programming, equipment to use, methods of programming and computer interfaces.

Dick Buchan won the monthly popular vote model contest with his EMD Pennsylvania Railroad modified F-3 with train phone antenna. He received a \$10.00 gift certificate from Train Buddy Products

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

*Editor's note - Meeting minutes for both the Board of Directors and Division Meeting 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.*

## **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

## **This Month – The Supply** **House Special Modeling** **Contest**

By Grif Bond

The Supply House Special Modeling Contest will be held during the March Division meeting.

Bring your structure!

Here are the 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

Six prizes will be awarded.

Popular vote:

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

BOD awards:

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

## Your Personal Library

By Jack Dziadul

I am just like 99% of the folks reading these pages: too many saved model railroad magazines. This is an article about saving valuable hobby space and organizing your reference materials. Here we now have a simple solution that can be accomplished while watching some ball games or your favorite TV shows. Sometimes we need a motivating event to deal with the piles and the boxes before they collapse of their own weight. My motivating event was a planned move from Massachusetts to North Carolina.

The layout that I had under construction was fifty-two inches at rail-height. This was both for near eye-level viewing and to provide for ample under table storage. I expected to re-locate to the South at some point, so I constructed an around-the-wall with peninsular layout by bolting together 30" X 8' lightweight (two inch foam over ¼ inch luan) sections. This would make for easy disassembly and transporting.

We decided to move in October 2004. When the time to list our home for sale arrived I had to dismantle the bench work and make the finished basement a presentable showcase for prospective buyer previews. Of course, I could have put my piles of magazines into storage along with the rest of my nascent model railroad empire. But, being rather cautious with expenditures, as most in this hobby are, I could not see the point of paying good money to store and then truck who knows how many pounds of magazines seven hundred miles.

I do not recall exactly when the light bulb went off. Perhaps it was when I saw my wife clipping recipes to save. But it occurred to me; why not just save the articles that are most relevant to my specific hobby interest? In any event, out came the scissors and stapler. Already my magazines were arranged chronologically by publisher. There were some subscriptions that I wanted to retain intact such as the publications from the Boston & Maine Railroad Historical Society: Modelers Notes, The Newsletter and the B & M Bulletin. You will want to keep two

trash bags handy: one to toss and one for recyclables. Some communities will not recycle heavy gloss magazines so you will need to be acquainted with your local collector's policy on this point.

Since that move almost four years ago I accumulated more piles of magazines. So, I have recently embarked on a catch-up campaign of cutting and filing. The truly organized can do this on a monthly basis as the magazines come in and are read, or at least make it an annual event while watching the playoffs of your favorite sport.

Note to publishers: please try not to print unrelated articles back to back; i.e., cleaning wheels on page 37 and painting cabooses on page 38. To save each article and file it in a relevant folder you would need to photocopy one of the pages before you cut it up. There were a number of instances where this occurred, but not so often as to be a huge nuisance.

Of course, even organized files can, over time, take on a life of their own and ought to be culled. Technological advances might make some older articles irrelevant. You might even decide that you no longer need those articles on the maintenance of horn hook couplers. There is no single way to set up your files once you have clipped and saved only what you need. I use tab folders and have organized them alphabetically as illustrated below. Your tabs will reflect your personalized collection of articles. This enterprise is theoretically a fast process. But, if you are like me you will spend half of your time re-reading old articles and re-admiring those inspirational layout photos.

Happy trails.

### **Suggested File Folder Tab Headings**

Backdrops

Painted

Printed

Bridges

Cabooses

Calendars

Control Panels

Couplers / Uncoupling

Decals

DCC

Wiring

Decoders

Fencing and Gates

Figures

Freight Cars

Auto Rack

Box

Craftsman Kits

Detailing

Flat

Gondola

Hoppers

Loads

Military

Painting and Weathering

Reefers

Resin Kits

Scratch Building

Inventory

Layouts

B&M

Construction

Facia / Skirting

Plans / Planning

Line Side

Crossing Gates

Details

Signals

Telephone Poles

Locomotives

Brass

Diesel

B&M

Maintenance

Weathering

Gas Electric

Lighting

Painting

RDCs

Steam

B&M

Kit-bash

Maintenance

Weathering

Maps

Milk Trains

Operations

Painting

Air-brushing

Passenger Cars

Scratch Building

B&M

Military

Scenery

Retaining Walls

Trees

Water and Steams

Signs

Snow Plows

Software

Soldering

Speeders

Streets

Street Lights

Structures

Corrugated Metal

Craftsman Kits

Depots – B&M

Details

Interiors

Lighting

Kit-bashing

Plans

Plaster

Plastic Kits

Roofs

Scratch Building

Styrene

Wood

Servicing

Coal Tower

Roundhouse

Sand Tower

Turntable

Water Tank

Wharf

Weathering

Windows and Doors

Tenders

Tools

Track

Ballast

Cleaning

Installation

Hand Laid

Painting and Weathering

Turnouts

Traction

Tunnels

Vehicles

Wheels and Trucks

## 2009 Monthly Contests

March	"Supply House" structure
April	Maintenance of way (MOW)
May	Cement cars
June	Kit-bashed structures
July	Any "open car" - flat, stump, gondola, etc.
August	Engine maintenance facilities

## 2009 Program Topics

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
July	Getting started with resin cars Speakers - Vic Bitleris & Jim Babcock
August	Lost wax castings Speaker – Mason Cutchin

*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.*

## From the Business Car

By John Janosko, Division Superintendent

Remember to bring your Supply House model for the "special modeling contest". The Division will award several nice prizes based on the memberships' popular vote. The Board will also award 3 prizes.

See you Tuesday.

