



Division Meeting

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

**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

**Annual prototype questionnaire –
John Wallis, Speaker**

Popular Vote Contest

Winter scenes – Let it snow!

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Coming Events

January 30 – 31, Cape Fear Model Railroad Club's Annual Model Railroad Show and Sale, American Legion Post #10, Wilmington, for more information see the club's web page, <http://www.capefearmodelrailroadclub.org/>

March 6 – 7, Carolina Coastal Model Railroaders 15th Annual Train Show, New Bern High School, New Bern, for information contact Joe Hoffman, 252-638-8872, southernrr@suddenlink.net or visit the club's web page, <http://carolinacoastalrailroaders.org/flyer.aspx>

March 19 – 20, 2010 Savannah Prototype Modeler's Meet, Port Wentworth Recreation Center, Port Wentworth, Georgia, for information contact Bob Harpe, RHarpe@comcast.net

July 11 – 18, NMRA 75th Anniversary Convention, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the latest information, go to the convention web page, <http://www.nmra75.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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Notice of Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Carolina Piedmont Division of the Mid-Eastern Region of the NMRA will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will, be held at the Cary Senior Center, Fred Bond Park, Cary, NC. Business to be conducted includes the election of all officers (Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Clerk and Paymaster) for 2 year terms and the election for one director for a 3 year term.

Paymaster Reports

Submitted by John Rudisill, Division Paymaster

November 2009

Balance In Checking October 31, 2009 \$ 2,247.33

Income

Sale of Raffle Tickets and Donated Items \$ 676.25
Donations \$25.00
Sale of NS Cars 70.00
NMRA Rebate 61.00

Total \$ 832.25

Expenses

November Refreshments \$ 20.19

Total - \$ 20.19

Balance In Checking November 30, 2009 \$ 3,059.39

(Checking Account balances includes \$ 140.00 in the Cash Fund)

Certificate of Deposit \$ 5,583.90
(Maturity Date 1/17/2010)

Total Money \$ 8,643.29

December 2009

Balance In Checking November 30, 2009 \$ 3,059.39

Income

Sale of NS Cars at MER Convention \$ 54.00
NMRA Rebate (for missing checks) 129.50

Total \$ 183.50

Expenses

Name Badge \$ 7.54
December Refreshments 179.24

Total - \$ 186.78

Balance In Checking December 31, 2009 \$ 3,056.11

(Checking Account balances includes \$ 140.00 in the Cash Fund)

Certificate of Deposit \$ 5,583.90
(Maturity Date 1/17/2010)

Total Money \$ 8,640.01

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 08 December 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 November meetings. Motion passed 7-0. Motion made by Bitleris with a second by Wallis to approve the October Paymaster's report. Motion passed 7-0.

Bitleris advised the BOD that the Chief Dispatcher achievement certificate is due for Rob Rousseau.

For the 2009 Holiday Trains for Kids program, 6 HO scale train sets have been allocated and 1 is pending.

Mersch, Bitleris and Bond will research prizes for the March 2010 Walthers modular kit "industrial building" and make a recommendation to the BOD. \$175 has been allocated for the prizes.

Wallis distributed a handout with technical requirements for potential AV equipment (video projector, wireless microphone and digital camera) that the Division may opt to purchase with matching funds from the Mid-Eastern Region. The technical requirements will be discussed at the January meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM. Recorded by Grif Bond, Clerk.

Division Meeting 08 December 2009

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

Superintendent Janosko reviewed the discussion and actions from the earlier Board of Directors meeting including the Achievement Program and Holiday Trains for Kids Program.

Refreshment volunteers were requested for upcoming Division meetings. Gene Sing will handle January and Stephen Wood will handle February.

Joe Getz mentioned an "open house" is planned for March for Fayetteville area model railroaders. Additional details will be provided.

The annual brown bag gift exchange with refreshments was held.

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

Plan Ahead

January 26, 2010 – Annual meeting including election for all officers (Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Clerk and Paymaster) one Director (3 year term)

March 23, 2010 – Special modeling contest using the Walthers modular building kit # 2 kit (industrial building). Build your kit using a minimum of 50% of the parts and display it on a diorama/base (maximum size of 24" by 36" in HO scale and 24" by 18" in N scale). Identify the structure(s) with a sign or an index card explaining what it is. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place "popular vote" and the Board of Directors will award 3 additional prizes. All prizes will be model railroading tools and/or supplies that can be used in any scale.

2009 Holiday Trains for Kids Program

Article and photos by David Derway

We bid farewell to 2009 and look forward to 2010 with renewed opportunities to enjoy and share in our favorite hobby, Model Railroading!

2009 was a little different for our Holiday Trains for Kids Program in that we ran out of good train sets to purchase before we ran out of money! As it was, we had 7 train sets to give away. The funds were allocated from our Board of Directors and a special donation from Grif Bond. We also had a layout raffle, due to the efforts of CPD13 members that were willing to spend their hard-earned free time working on it. Thanks to Gene Sing for hosting the layout while it was under construction.

This year I had a LOT of help in purchasing and distributing sets, and this help was MUCH appreciated.

Four Division members helped out this year in finding good recipients for these train sets. I would like to thank John Janosko, Jerry Mersch, Will Seehorn and Stephen Milley for their efforts. They were able to place 5 sets between them.

While I don't have specifics on most of the train sets, Steve did locate a young man, David, through his company's Angel Tree effort. David lives in Clayton and is in the 5th grade at Cleveland Elementary School. Updates from the others should be received at the meeting.

One set was given away through a camping club, The Gold Leaf Sams. This set went to a 10 year old young man in Durham and from all reports was the highlight of this young man's Christmas.

The final set was given to a 9 year old young man, Josh, who lives outside Snow Hill. I met his grandmother through a mutual friend and found out Josh's mom is a single mom, working hard, but didn't have the money to purchase her son's most wished for gift...you guessed it... a train set.

Because of you, CPD13, I was able to offer her the gift of her grandson's dreams. Below is a photo of his grateful Grandmother. I know she doesn't look too happy, but that's because she is staring into an early morning blinding sun at the NC State Fairgrounds (our handoff spot).

Once again I thank all the members of the Division that have helped out with the program this year and 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.



Gold Leaf Sams Member Pat Cross & Dave Derway



Happy Grandmother

Remembering Don Bullock

Article and photos by Jack Dziadul

On January 3rd, on what would have been his seventieth birthday, about a dozen train buddies joined with family and other friends to remember and honor Don Bullock. After the memorial the gathering reconvened later that afternoon at the Bullock home to view Don's very impressive layout. Although a work in progress, as most layouts are, Don's craftsmanship and attention to detail is evident as shown in the photographs below. Don was constructing his Norfolk Southern empire in HO scale over his three-car garage.



The famous helix with workshop and command center.





Don did it right even when working under the layout.

2010 Monthly Contests

January	Winter scenes – Let it snow!
February	Cars used in steel mills
March	Industrial building contest – Walther's modular kit
April	*No contest – NCDOT tour*
May	Street cars and interurbans

2010 Program Topics

January	Annual prototype questionnaire
February	Modeling steel mills
March	* No program – Modular contest*
April	NCDOT rail ops tour (tentative)
May	Trolley night

Nominating Committee Update

The Nominating Committee, Jerry Mersch and John Wallis, offers the following individuals for consideration at the January 2010 Division elections. All four officer positions and one director position will be open.

Superintendent: Grif Bond

Asst Superintendent: Jim Murphy

Clerk: Jack Dziadul

Paymaster: John Rudisill

Director: Vic Bitleris, Stephen Wood

From The Business Car

By John Janosko, Superintendent

As my four years as Superintendent draws to a close, I would like to thank everyone that made my job easier and enjoyable. Pete Slugg has done a great job of keeping each month's clinic of interest to the vast majority of our members and we now almost have a schedule that covers the whole year of 2010. The Herald has been the responsibility of first Rob Rousseau and then Grif Bond, and they have done a great job of getting the newsletter out on time.

All of the Board members that have served during my two terms and I especially appreciate our Paymaster John Rudisill for keeping me straight and not over committing the Division to something we could not reasonable do in a timely and cost effective manner. Next month someone else will be listed in this column and I wish that they have some of the same good experiences and support that I have received in the last four years.

Make sure you come to the meeting and vote.

I also hope to be able to update everyone on the MER board meeting that I will be attending on the 9th of January.

See you Tuesday.