



## Division Meeting

**Tuesday, May 25, 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**

### Popular Vote Contest

**sponsored by Kim Parker of Train Buddy  
Hobby Shop**

**Ambroid or other wooden freight car kits or  
scratch-built**

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## May Program

Ambroid Kits - Roger Horne

## Coming Events

**July 11 – 18, 2010 NMRA 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention**, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the latest information, go to the convention web page, <http://www.nmra75.org/>

**September 30 - October 3, The 2010 MER convention** will be at the DoubleTree Hotel in Princeton, NJ.

**October 15-17, 2010 Carolina Southern Division of the MER RailOps Weekend**, Charlotte, NC.

**November 10 – 14, 2010 Craftsman Structure Show** at the Grand Holiday Inn Conference Center in Mansfield, Massachusetts

**September 7-10, 2011 Narrow Gauge Convention**, Convention Center, Hickory, NC

**October 27-30, 2011 MER Convention**, Cary, NC

*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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## MER Elections

Here is the slate of nominees for the upcoming election that the nomination committee has assembled.

### President.

John Janosko  
Chuck Hladick

### Vice President

Jack Keene

### Treasurer

Tom Buckingham

### Secretary

Mike White  
Garret Nicholson

There is a possibility that one or two additional names may surface by the nominating petition deadline in June. Bob Minnis, Chairman

## Paymaster Reports

Submitted by John Rudisill, Division Paymaster

### **April 2010**

**Balance In Checking 3/31/2010**    \$ 2,954.31

### **Income**

None  
**Total**                                    \$    0.00

### **Expenses**

2011 MER Convention Meeting    \$ 17.16  
April Refreshments                \$ 28.00  
  
**Total**                                    - \$ 45.16

**Balance In Checking 4/30/10**    \$ 2,909.15

**8 month Certificate of Deposit @ 0.350% (Maturity Date 9/27/2010)**    \$ 5,000.00

**Total Money**                            \$ 7,909.15

## 2010 Monthly Contests

May                    Ambroid or other wooden freight car kits or scratch-built  
June                   Street cars and interurbans  
July                    Craftsman kits or craftsman kit-bash

## 2010 Program Topics

May                    Ambroid Kits - Roger Horne  
June                   Trolley night - Dick Buchan  
July                    Craftsman Kits by Stephen Milley

## The Refreshment Stand

May                    Dave Derway  
June                    Jim Babcock

## 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.*

### **Carolina Piedmont Division**

#### **Board of Directors Meeting 27 April 2010**

Board members present were Vic Bitleris, John Rudisill, John Wallis, Jack Dziadul, and Jim Murphy presiding.

Board convened 6:15 PM

- March minutes were approved as revised with prize corrections. John Wallis motion, Vic Bitleris second.
- The finance report by John Rudisill was approved. John Wallis motion, Vic Bitleris second.
- The audit committee will make its report at the next meeting.
- Achievement Program - Vic Bitleris reported that judging will be scheduled this summer at Gene Sings home.
- Don Jennings mentioned that the Senior Center fall presentation will be scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, November 3rd, and will include a lecture, a layout, the World's Greatest Hobby tape, etc. Ray Lambert's lanterns and memorabilia might be secured for display. Don Jennings will follow up. Jim Murphy will be the liaison with Jody of the Senior Center.
- Jim Murphy reviewed Tom's Trains request for a membership list for the purpose of verifying discount qualification at the store checkout. Jim will ask for a sign-up sheet at the general meeting.
- Don Jennings announced that on May 2nd New Hope will be starting train runs for season.
- Don Jennings also mentioned that Thomas the Train will be hosted by Neuse River on June 6th.

- Steve Wood announced Div 12 open houses in Southern Pines
- Jerry Mersch will announce a swap meet at the general meeting.

6:44 adjourn on motion of Jack Dziadul, Vic Bitleris second.

**General Membership Meeting** convened at 7:07 PM Jim Murphy presiding

John Janosko provided a convention report. The name chosen for the 2011 convention is "Piedmont Crossing".

- Pins again as show handouts
- John Rudisill and John Janosko are working on a budget.
- MER will handle registration.
- Steve Milley will work on graphics.
- John Rudisill will be treasurer for the train show.
- Tom Buckingham treasurer for the convention.
- Hotel rooms will be \$89 and 150 room-nights have been reserved at the Embassy Suites, Cary.

Kim Parker asked about web site photos from the contest. Rob Rousseau and John Wallis explained:

- web site capacity
- the difference between the web site and the Yahoo group
- posting photos to Yahoo
- free software to reduce photo sizes

The paymaster report was accepted.

Old business - the audit is being scheduled.

Several events were announced.

- Jerry Mersch - May 1 10-2 off highway 49 volunteer fire dept, free tables for swaps.
- Steve Wood - May 15th Aberdeen and Southern Pines layouts open to the public.
- Don Jennings - May 2nd New Hope opens this weekend.

- Don Jennings - June 6th layouts open Neuse River Model Railroad Club.
- Cape Fear Fayetteville 5/22 - 12 people showed hands indicating intention to attend.
- New Business - Rob Rousseau - NCDOT has a new train schedule. NCDOT will be a prototype tour at the 2011 Piedmont Crossing Convention.
- Jim Murphy - Tom's Train Station is offering a discount, list passed around for sign up.
- Vic Bitleris - AP judging at Gene Sing's home this summer, on a date to be determined, Martin breichspeil to lead and teach. Prepare to learn to judge and to enter items to be judged.
- Steve Milley mentioned that he and Mike Humble are developing a shelf layout track plan.
- Jim Murphy conducted a presentation on roof selection for modeling and roof details.
- Roger Horne won the contest gift certificate to Train Buddy. The meeting adjourned 8:32 PM.

## NMRA Web Site

I have some pretty exciting news! As you've read, the NMRA will be "beefing up" its website with additional content, thanks to funding from The Diamond Club. Part of that new content will be a "[Members Only](#)" area, exclusively for NMRA members. I can't tell you *everything* members will find in that area, but I *can* tell you one thing that may be there: [articles from your newsletters](#).

Every-other month, Division Business Car columnist Jim Zinser mentions articles he finds in the newsletters you send him. Maybe he'll talk about a function at a Division, or a how-to article, or any number of things that attract his interest. Until now, NMRA members had to scour your Division or Region website to read the whole article... if it was posted there. Not any more!

Beginning in late July (the planned opening of the Members Only area), we'll be posting the articles that Jim mentions in his column in our Members Only area. In fact, we'll even be posting articles that appeared in Jim's columns in the last 6 months.

**If we use an article that appears in your newsletter, we'll give your author and photographer full credit, and will mention that it came from your newsletter.**

It'll be a great, handy way for members from coast to coast to instantly see the full article that Jim was referring to.

By Gerry Leone

## From The Business Car

By Grif Bond, Superintendent

RailPass...a good deal for prospects, a better deal for the NMRA. Be sure to read the article in the June issue of Scale Rails outlining the benefits of the RailPass offering. NMRA President Mike Brestel does a great job explaining why we have it and why it continues to be offered.

On the Regional and Division level, we have signed up about 10 RailPass members in the last year or so for CPD13. The deal is even "sweeter" with the "free offer" of a six-month membership with the \$9.95 subsidy being paid by the MER. As of the last Division membership update from Fred Miller, we have 127 NMRA members who reside within the designated counties of the Carolina Piedmont Division. The May report includes 3 new NMRA members.

Let's all try to build the membership within the NMRA by recruiting a fellow model railroader and offer them the RailPass, the "free" RailPass. The RailPass application is found in the MER newsletter, The Local. Return the application to a Division officer and we'll get it to Fred Miller for processing. I'll have some applications at the next Division meeting. I hope to see you at the next Division meeting on Tuesday. Please join your fellow model railroaders.

### Quiz time - name this station.

