



The Carolina Piedmont Herald

Newsletter of the Carolina Piedmont Division, MER, NMRA

January 2011

Next Division Meeting

Tuesday, January 25, 2010

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

**6:30 PM – Board of Directors Meeting
7:00 PM – Membership Meeting**

**Popular Vote Contest
sponsored by Kim Parker of Train Buddy
Hobby Shop**

January contest- Cabooses

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OPERATIONS

Vic Bitleris announced that **Jack Frame** has openings for train engineers at both Friday sessions. Contact Vic or Jack directly if you interested in operating on his extensive Monon layout. Sessions are from 8 PM to 11PM on the second and third Friday each month. Positions are available for whichever best fits your schedule.

January Program

**Annual prototype questionnaire –
John Wallis, Quiz Master**

Coming Events

January 29-30, 2011
Amherst Train Show, West Springfield, MA

April 16, 2011 10 AM
Tichy Train Group factory tour, Burlington, NC

April 16, 2011
Norfolk Southern Historical Society
Annual Meeting

September 3-5, 2011
2011 RailOps along the I-85 Corridor

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

October 14-16, 2011
Saluda Rails Operations Weekend, Hickory, NC

October 27-30, 2011
Piedmont Crossing, MER Convention, Cary, NC

NMRA National Conventions

2011	7/3 - 7/9	Sacramento, CA
2012	7/29 - 8/4	Grand Rapids, MI
2013	7/14 - 7/20	Atlanta, GA

MER Convention Host Calendar

2011	Div 13 Carolina Piedmont
2012	Tidewater
2013	Potomac / Chesapeake

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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Nominating Committee

There is one open seat for a three-year term on the Board of Directors. We have one announced nominee: **Rob Rousseau**.

Vic Bitleris will bring ballots to the Annual Meeting on January 25th in the event that there are additional nominations from the floor.



Paymaster Reports

The Paymaster's report will be submitted at the Board of Director's meeting.

Achievement Program

By Vic Bitleris, AP Chairman

The following lists the people and the AP certificates they earned in 2010.

Rob Rousseau	Chief Dispatcher
Jack Dziadul	Author
Jack Dziadul	Volunteer
Stephen Wood	Golden Spike
Stephen Wood	Chief Dispatcher

Additionally, we had a Judging event in July at **Gene Sing's** house and four judges met at **Stephen Wood's** home to judge scenery. He did not make the required 87.5 points, but we provided Stephen with the suggestions to achieve this. The following merit awards were earned at the judging at Gene Sing's house.

Rob Rousseau	Motive Power
Gene Sing	Structure

Roadside Inspiration

Casual drive discoveries are a great way to get vehicle detailing ideas. Bring your scale vehicle model to the March meeting. Jack Dziadul photo



Monthly Contests

January	Cabooses
February	Absolutely Anything
March	Vehicles
April	Freight Cars
May	Passenger Cars
June	Diesel Locomotive

Program Topics

January	Prototype RR Quiz - John Wallis
February	Foam Scenery - Will Seehorn
March	Vehicle Detailing - Jack Dziadul
April	"Gimme A Brake"- Vic Bitleris
May	Putting On A Clinic - Jim Murphy
June	Hosting An Open House - Don Jennings

Refreshment Hosts

January	Stephen Wood
February	Gene Sing
March	Mason Cutchin
April	John Porter
May	Jerry Mersch
June	Dave Derway
July	your name goes here

CPD Meeting Calendar

Tuesday nights monthly 2011

6:30 PM Board of Directors

7:00 PM General Meeting

January 25	February 22	March 22
April 26	May 24	June 28
July 26	August 23	September 27
October 25	November 8	December 13

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Carolina Piedmont Division of the Mid-Eastern Region of the NMRA will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will, be held at the Cary Senior Center, Fred Bond Park, Cary, NC.

Piedmont Crossing Planning Meetings 2011

Saturday meetings monthly, 10 AM.
Weekly meetings are likely beginning in September.

February 19	Host: Jack Dziadul
March 26	
April 23	
May 21	
June 18	
July 16	
August 20	
September	3, 10, 17, 24
October	1, 8, 15, 22
Convention	October 27 to 30, 2011

January Contest

Bring a caboose! Jack Dziadul photo



Clerk's Annual Report

By Jack Dziadul, Clerk

We started 2010 with 121 members and had 122 at year end for a net increase of one. New members outreach includes a welcome letter that with officer contact information, plus an invitation to attend the monthly meetings. The most recent letters have been updated to include links to the CPD web site and the Yahoo Group web site.

The Clerk is also responsible for the Herald, either directly or delegated. I assumed Editor responsibilities for the Herald in January and each monthly issue has been distributed prior to the monthly meetings that are not changed due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday schedules. The distribution is primarily through the Yahoo Group email, and the Herald is also posted to the CPD web site by webmaster **Rob Rousseau**. Several members who do not have email received mailed copies. Due to the limited number of mail copies we have been able to provide these members with color copies. In addition, the Herald is emailed to NMRA Communications Director **Gerry Leone, MMR** and NMRA Magazine author **Jim Zinser, MMR**. Gerry has been very helpful with providing the National level advertising and logos that you see in the Herald. Jim provided some great publicity for our newsletter in the December 2010 NMRA Magazine (page 44). The Milwaukee convention articles submitted by **Russ Austin, Jim Babcock, Jerry Mersch** and **Jack Dziadul** made this possible.



From The Business Car

By Grif Bond, Superintendent

2011 will be an exciting year with our division hosting the Mid-Eastern Region Convention in October. I have the privilege of being Co-Chair with MER President John Janosko. Our excellent team of volunteers has been meeting monthly and the various programming pieces are coming along nicely. The tours, operating sessions, clinics and banquet will be top notch.

The January meeting is our annual business meeting and we encourage all to attend. We will have committee reports presented, two of which appear in this issue of the Herald. We will be electing one new member of the Board of Directors. We will also be announcing our first "Member of the Year" award recipient.

I want to thank the membership and my fellow officers and the Board of Directors for your support in making my first year as your Superintendent both successful and personally rewarding. I especially want to thank Jerry Mersch for his service on the Board. Jerry will be stepping down as a Director and his wise counsel will be missed.

We look forward to seeing you and your caboose on January 25th.



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