



# The Carolina Piedmont Herald

Newsletter of the Carolina Piedmont Division, MER, NMRA

March 2011

## Next Division Meeting

Tuesday, March 22, 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**

**March contest- Vehicles**

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## Welcome New Member

John Peterman Raleigh, NC

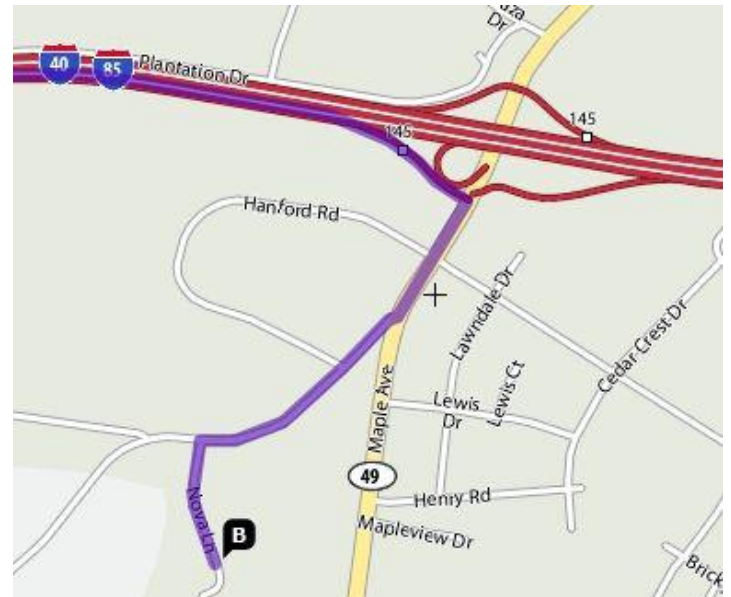
## March Program

**Detailing Vehicles**  
**by Jack Dziadul**

## Tichy Train Group Factory Tour - Directions

3260 Nova Lane, Burlington NC

Directions: Take I-40 to exit #145 BURLINGTON / DOWNTOWN/LIBERTY - go 0.2 miles, turn right on MAPLE AVE(NC-49) - go 0.2 miles, bear right on ANTHONY RD - go 0.3 miles, turn left on NOVA LANE - Arrive at 3260 NOVA LANE on the left.



## Board of Directors

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## Coming Events

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
2014		Cleveland, OH

### **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.*

## From NMRA National

March edition - NMRA InfoNet News

- We're still looking for stories of what your Division or Region does for National Model Railroad Month. Write a 200-word summary and send it to me at [gerryleone@earthlink.net](mailto:gerryleone@earthlink.net).
- For some ideas of what others do for National Model Railroad Month, take a look at the Division Business Car column in back-issues of Scale Rails.
- Notice of 2012 elections. The following NMRA Officers and Board of Directors positions are open for election in 2012: President, Vice President-Administration, Vice President-Special Projects, Eastern District Director, Pacific District Director, and At-Large North America Director. Please check the NMRA Executive Handbook located at [http://www.nmra.org/national/organization/nmra\\_organization.html](http://www.nmra.org/national/organization/nmra_organization.html) for the extent of the districts affected and qualifications. All candidate names for consideration by the Nominations Committee shall be submitted to Didrik Voss, [davoss@pvmtengr.com](mailto:davoss@pvmtengr.com), no later than June 15, 2011.
- The Summer Board meeting will be held prior to the Sacramento x2011 Convention on Thursday, June 30, 2011. The meeting is usually held at the Convention hotel, but the exact start time and room number will be announced when available. Remember, it's the responsibility of Region and Division officials to pass along this information to members.
- The NMRA is looking to identify and recognize any model railroad clubs that were formed in 1935 or earlier that are still in existence. We would like the name of the club and when it was founded. A picture from the early years would be appreciated. Send the information to Dave Thornton - NMRA Vice President of Administration, Email [DThorn5552@aol.com](mailto:DThorn5552@aol.com) or mail to 2027 Jeffrey Drive, Troy, MI 48085-3816.

- The Board unanimously agreed that in the future all merchandise sold by the NMRA, including by Regions and Divisions, must conform to any applicable NMRA standards. Questions about certifying whether products conform to standards should be directed to Standards and Conformance Department Manager Didrik Voss at [davoss@pvmtengr.com](mailto:davoss@pvmtengr.com).

In addition, Bob Amsler, the NMRA's legal counsel, says that the following language must be included in your merchandise contracts with your vendors: "All merchandise shall conform to all applicable NMRA Standards and this term is a substantial and material term of the contract requiring strict conformance. The manufacturer may either submit the product to the NMRA for conformance testing or the manufacturer may certify conformance by utilizing the procedures for self-certification pursuant to the process guidelines promulgated by the Conformance and Inspection Department of the National Model Railroad Association, Inc. Any merchandise not conforming to the applicable standards will be non-conforming and rejected." The model can be sent to the Standards & Conformance Dept. for certification testing. The final paint scheme of the model is not necessary. NMRA has also established a Self-Certification program in which the manufacturer may complete the appropriate paperwork, signed by a legal representative of the company, and send to the Standards & Conformance Department for issuance of an NMRA Conformance Warrant number. The paperwork will be provided upon request. The NMRA reserves the right to check the model upon delivery to ensure the model, in fact, does pass all applicable Standards. If you have any questions, direct them to Vice President Bill Kaufman at [whk58@pacbell.net](mailto:whk58@pacbell.net).

Here are some highlights of the Winter Board meeting, held in Las Vegas last month. For full details, see an upcoming issue of NMRA Magazine, or look in the "What's New" area of the homepage at [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org).

- Jenny Hendricks was promoted to Chief Administrative Officer. She's a true gift to the NMRA -- congratulations, Jenny!

- The Board authorized revising NMRA by-laws to make the election of two vice presidents a permanent change.
- Although the Diamond Club met its initial goal of \$75,000, we're still looking for additional donations so that more of our collection can be scanned and posted. The Online Archives site is up and running, and accessible via the link on the [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org) home page.
- The Board is investigating the feasibility of occasional National conventions that are markedly different from those currently scheduled.
- In an effort to maintain contact with all NMRA members, the Board is investigating various means of sending regular communications to the 4,000 NMRA members who don't subscribe to NMRA Magazine.
- The Board adopted one of two versions of NMRANET standards which were presented. It also approved two new tables to Standard S-7 to accommodate clearances for model railroads set in the modern era.
- Important announcements of the scale model railroading exhibit in the Gallery area of the California State Railroad Museum will be coming shortly. Those attending the National Convention in Sacramento will have a chance to see the Gallery exhibit area and proposal drawings.

If you have any questions or comments about any of the above, please send them directly to a Director or Officer. You'll find those addresses at [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org) or in NMRA Magazine.

Gerry Leone, MMR  
NMRA Communications Director

## Monthly Contests

March	Vehicles
April	Freight Cars
May	Passenger Cars
June	Diesel Locomotive

## Program Topics

March	Vehicle Detailing - <b>Jack Dziadul</b>
April	"Gimme A Brake"- <b>Vic Bitleris</b>
May	Putting On A Clinic - <b>Jim Murphy</b>
June	Hosting An Open House - <b>Don Jennings</b>

## Refreshment Hosts

March	<b>Mason Cutchin</b>
April	<b>John Porter</b>
May	<b>Jerry Mersch</b>
June	<b>Dave Derway</b>
July	<b>your name goes here</b>

## CPD Meeting Calendar

Tuesday nights monthly 2011  
6:30 PM Board of Directors  
7:00 PM General Meeting

<b>March 22</b>		
April 26	May 24	June 28
July 26	August 23	September 27
October 25	November 8	December 13

## Piedmont Crossing Planning Meetings 2011

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

March 26	Host: Stephen Woods
April 23	
May 21	
June 18	
July 16	
August 20	
September	3, 10, 17, 24
October	1, 8, 15, 22
<b>Convention</b>	<b>October 27 to 30, 2011</b>

## From The Business Car

By Grif Bond, Superintendent

The NMRA recently shared information on the insurance policy that covers National, Regional and Division events. Details were provided to our Board of Directors, so if you have a specific question, please contact me or a member of the BOD.

Jack Dziadul has arranged for a tour of the new Tichy Train Group facility on April 16th. It should be an interesting tour as Don Tichy has expanded into a new facility. Hopefully you can join some of your fellow CPD13 members for this event.

Planning continues for the MER convention, Piedmont Crossing 2011. If you would like to present a clinic, volunteer to work the convention or open your layout to a home tour, please let a member of the planning committee know.

Join us for the March meeting this Tuesday at 7 PM at the Cary Senior Center.

## Improve your modeling with a few sheets of paper.

That's exactly what happens when you participate in the National Model Railroad Association's Achievement Program. One Merit Award here, another there, and pretty soon you're on your way to becoming a Master Model Railroader. All the while learning and having a ton of fun.

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