



## Division Meeting

Tuesday, May 26, 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

**Weathering Clinic – Part I – “hands on”  
weathering boxcars**

**Speakers – Dan Fisher, Jim Murphy &  
Pete Slugg**

**\*\* Bring a boxcar or two to weather \*\***

### Popular Vote Contest

**Cement cars**

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## Coming Events

**June 13 – 14, Rail Days, NC Transportation  
Museum, Spencer, NC,** events include  
passenger car rides, caboose rides, motor car  
rides, model train layouts, and model train  
expo. Visit the museum’s web site for details:  
[http://www.nctrans.org/events/rail\\_days.php](http://www.nctrans.org/events/rail_days.php)

**July 5 – 10, NMRA Convention, “Hartford  
National 2009”, Hartford, Connecticut,**  
check the convention web site for details:  
<http://hn2009.org/home.html>

**September 19 – 20, Tidewater Division  
NMRA Annual Train Show, Virginia Beach  
Convention Center, Virginia Beach, VA,**  
check the division’s web site for details:  
[www.nmra-mer-tidewater.org/](http://www.nmra-mer-tidewater.org/)

**October 15 – 18, “Western Maryland  
Transfer”, 2009 Mid-Eastern Region  
Convention, Hagerstown, MD,** check the  
convention web site for details:  
<http://mer.nmra.org/MERConv/MERConv.html>

**November 7 – 8, 25th Annual Neuse River  
Valley Model Railroad Train Club Show,  
Exposition Center, State Fairgrounds,  
Raleigh, NC,** check the club’s web site for  
details: <http://www.nrvshow.org/>

**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 name of Jerry Mersch’s 1<sup>st</sup> place “Supply  
House” contest entry was incorrectly labeled  
with the photograph in the April issue. Jerry’s  
module was ACME Wholesale Supply.

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## Paymaster's Report

Submitted by John Rudisill, Division Paymaster  
April 2009

Balance In Checking 03/31/2009		\$ 2,825.35
Income	Name Badges \$ 15.00	
	Total	+ \$ 15.00
Expenses	None	
	Total	- \$ 0.00
Balance In Checking 04/30/2009		\$ 2,840.35
Certificate of Deposit (Maturity 07/17/2009)		\$ 5,578.00
Total Money		\$ 8,418.35

## Meeting Minutes

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

**28 April 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, Paymaster John Rudisill and Directors Vic Bitleris, John Wallis and Jerry Mersch. Division member Dick Buchan was present at the start of the meeting. Additional members came in during the next hour.

Motion made by John Wallis with second by John Rudisill to approve the minutes of the July meetings. Motion passed 6-0. Motion made by John Wallis with a second by Jerry Mersch to approve the July Paymaster's report. Motion passed 6-0.

Norfolk Southern PS-1 box car – Superintendent did not bring any to the meeting and none have been sold recently.

The new contest for the modular buildings was discussed. The same rules that we used for the Supply House we would be used. We agreed that we would purchase the building kits and sell them to the membership for \$5.00 each, one per member. We expect to have these available for purchase by the membership for the May meeting.

John Janosko presented Alan Paul with the N.S. car as discussed in the March meeting as thanks for his very nice hospitality. We will try for another visit next year.

Roger Cason's visit to CPD13 for the May meeting was discussed. Chuck Hladik will accompany him. Jerry Mersch has agreed to pick them up from the hotel and bring them to the meeting location. The primary purpose of Roger's visit is to discuss how to improve the MER conventions. A side conversation about a possible move to the SER was briefly discussed

and the board was informed that several members privately informed several board members that they would prefer to work with the MER to correct the shortcomings. They were not very keen about a move to the SER.

No news from Superintendent John Janosko regarding the new CPD13 Flag/Banner. John feels that he may drop this effort for now.

Vic Bitleris announced that there are no current AP efforts in progress by the membership at this time.

Superintendent John Janosko reminded us that we need a design for our raffle layout. He also informed us that Gene Sing volunteered to coordinate the raffle layout effort.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55 PM. Recorded by Vic Bitleris for Grif Bond, Clerk.

### **Division Meeting 28 April 2009**

The Division meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Superintendent John Janosko. More than 25 members were present.

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

Vic Bitleris volunteered to bring refreshments for the May meeting and James Murphy volunteered to bring them for the June meeting. No one brought them for the April meeting. The Board apologizes to the membership for this oversight.

Superintendent John Janosko informed the membership that Name Tags are available for \$7.50. Please see him if you are interested.

AP Chair Vic Bitleris gave a short pep talk to the membership about the AP program and reminded everyone that he would be happy to answer any confusing things about the AP program that they had questions about after they visited the NMRA Web Site.

Superintendent John Janosko informed the membership about the upcoming visit from MER President, Roger Cason and MER Board Member Chuck Hladik. The membership was also informed about the reason for the visit and a discussion with suggestions occurred. CPD13 Board member, John Wallis volunteered to collect the information and present it together with the summary of finding from the Rails to Raleigh convention CP13 hosted.

John Wallis presented his annual railroad questionnaire and the winner was Jim Murphy

Jim Murphy was the winner of the Popular Vote Contest with his beautiful rendition of the Tichy Brown hoist wreck crane and tender. It was beautifully lettered for his private road name using Woodland Scenics individual dry transfers.

We also wish to remind all members wishing to learn about and get a piece of rolling stock weathered, to bring in a piece of rolling stock and some stiff and soft brushes and cotton swabs, i.e. Q-Tips.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. Recorded by Vic Bitleris for Grif Bond, Clerk.

## **Meeting with the MER President**

Roger Cason, President of the Mid-Eastern Region (MER) is scheduled to attend the May 26th Division meeting to discuss improving MER conventions and other issues. MER Director Chuck Hladik is also scheduled to attend.

## **Raffle Layout**

CPD13 is planning on building a 4' by 6' HO scale layout to raffle off at the NRV train show in November. Items needed include Atlas code 100 track (and turnouts) and track plan ideas for a 4' by 6'. Contact Gene Sing with items you have to donate or any plan ideas you have.

## Fast Track Diner

Article and photos by Jack Dziadul

You know that you have had a good day when you get to play with two of your passions in one day. On a recent Chicago business trip I had a chance to attend a White Sox game with some friends. On the way back to the hotel I did a double take as we passed a hole-in-the-wall diner that had a 1:1 scale flashing crossing signal out front with two rows of outside tables that were bordered by freight car wheels on axles. My first meeting the next morning was not until 9:30 so I noted the location and got my camera ready.

When morning arrived I packed up my still clean running shoes and shorts (the hotel treadmill can wait for another time) and I aimed my Avis rental roadster for the Fast Track Diner. The cop car parked outside told me right away that the food was good and the prices were cheap. While the heavily accented Greek manager was prepping my pancakes and bacon I snapped away inside and outside capturing as much detail as I could before the rush hour crowd started to arrive. Of course the manager deduced right away that I was a bit crazy, but for a couple bucks tip I had free reign to photograph the entire place. The diner was full of detail that would make a champion contest model...for someone with such skills.

Here are a few of the photographs...



Wheel and axle sets with flashing crossing signal



Note the rail fencing



Inside the diner



What scale is this?

## Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show - West Springfield, MA

Article and photos by Jack Dziadul

I had the opportunity to attend the Amherst Railway Society train show in West Springfield, MA in January. This is a must attend show for anyone interested in model railroading, especially those of us who are interested in modeling the Northeast. This is my third or fourth time attending and there are always new vendors and new layouts, as well as the loyal returning manufacturers, clubs, vendors and clinicians. There are five acres under roof in four buildings at the Fairgrounds. There is actually a list for vendors with selection criteria based upon past sales and to ensure a variety of exhibitors.

I enjoy seeing the layouts, of course, but also the completed dioramas of the various craftsman kit manufacturers. The brand names of the industry are all in attendance as well with displays stocked with their latest product line. I keep a list of my motive power and rolling stock, as well as my B&M related books, to ensure that if I do pry that wallet out of my pocket that I do not something that I already have. Some things you learn from experience. This year's treasure was a Proto 2000 B&M E7.

Here are some photographs of the show. Enjoy.



One of the large buildings



I took this shot because I liked the chain link fencing.



Hmmm, my roundhouse doesn't look like this at all!



There is a Supply House kit in there somewhere!

## 2009 Monthly Contests

May	Cement cars
June	Kit-bashed structures
July	Any "open car" – flat, stump, gondola, etc.
August	Engine maintenance facilities
September	"Anything but a caboose"
October	Cranes and crane tenders

## 2009 Program Topics

May	Weathering Clinic – Part I – "hands on" – weathering boxcars Speakers – Dan Fisher, Jim Murphy & Pete Slugg
June	Weathering Clinic – Part II – "hands on" – weathering structures Speakers – Dan Fisher, Jim Murphy & Pete Slugg
July	Getting Started in Resin Cars Speakers – Jim Babcock & Vic Bitleris
August	Lost Wax Castings Speaker – Mason Cutchin
September	Updating Brass Locomotives Speaker – Dan Fisher
October	Mini-clinic: "Using Polly-S" Speaker – Vic Bitleris

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

Well I hope everyone enjoyed the tour of Tichy Trains. I thought it was very informative as to how a small manufacturer operates and how he serves our hobby. After the tour Don Tichy let us purchase kits and parts at 25% off list. It is hard to pass up a bargain such as that.

Roger Cason the President of MER will be at our meeting on Tuesday. If you have any questions or concerns about the MER now is your time to ask. I will try to keep the general meeting short so that everyone has time to talk to Roger. Let's have a good attendance at the May meeting.

See you Tuesday.