



## Division Meeting

Tuesday, December 8, 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

**"Holiday Gift Exchange" – bring a model railroad or railroad related gift of \$10 value or more**

### Popular Vote Contest

**None**

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## Coming Events

*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.*

**December 5– 6 and 12 – 13, Holiday Santa Trains**, New Hope Valley Railway, Bonsal, for information see the club's web page, <http://www.nhvry.org/>

**December 5 – 6, 12 – 13 and 19 – 20, Santa Train**, North Carolina Transportation Museum, Spencer, for information see the museum's web page, [http://www.nctrans.org/events/santa\\_train.php](http://www.nctrans.org/events/santa_train.php)

**January 23 – 24, Cape Fear Model Railroad Club's 12<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Train Show**, New Bern High School, New Bern, for information contact Joe Hoffman, 252-638-8872, [southernrr@suddenlink.net](mailto:southernrr@suddenlink.net) or visit the club's web page, <http://carolinacoastalrailroaders.org/flyer.aspx>

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

## Board of Directors

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## New Webmaster Coming

Rob Rousseau has agreed to assume the webmaster duties for the Division's web site effective January 2010.

Our "temporary" web master John Wallis will manage the web site until the change. Thanks John for all of your efforts to update the web site.

## 2009 Monthly Contests

December No contest – brown bag gift night

## 2009 Program Topics

December "Holiday Brown Bag Gift Night"

## Paymaster's Report

Submitted by John Rudisill, Division Paymaster  
October 2009

Balance In Checking September 30, 2009	\$ 2,254.11
<u>Income</u>	
Sale of kits for Modular Building Contest	\$ 21.00
Total	+ \$ 21.00
<u>Expenses</u>	
Raffle tickets	\$ 8.93
October Refreshments	18.85
Total	- \$ 27.78
Balance In Checking October 31, 2009	<b>\$ 2,247.33</b>
(Checking Account balance includes \$ 140.00 in the Cash Fund)	
Certificate of Deposit (Maturity Date 1/17/2010)	<b>\$ 5,583.90</b>
Total Money	<b>\$ 7,831.23</b>

## 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 27 October 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 Bitleris to approve the minutes of the September meetings with one correction. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion made by Wallis with a second by Bitleris to approve the August Paymaster's report. Motion passed 7-0.

Bitleris advised the BOD of no pending activity for the Achievement Program.

Superintendent Janosko advised four (4) NS box car kits were sold in the company store at the MER convention in Hagerstown, MD. A sales commission of \$2 per car was given to the MER. Cars will also be available at the NRV show in November.

Two (2) industrial building kits in HO scale remain for sale. The BOD agreed that any kits remaining will be sold via an auction at the Division meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM. Recorded by Grif Bond, Clerk.

### **Division Meeting 27 October 2009**

The Division meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Superintendent John Janosko. The later start was due to the white elephant sale. Approximately 33 Division members were in attendance.

Superintendent Janosko reviewed the discussion and actions from the earlier Board of Directors meeting including the November 17<sup>th</sup> presentation at the Cary Senior Center, the NRV train show, and the upcoming January 2010 vacancies for officers and one board member.

Superintendent Janosko provided an update from the MER convention in Hagerstown, MD and also advised that the site for the 2010 MER convention had not been established.

The one remaining HO industrial building it was sold via auction at the meeting for \$11.

Assistant Superintendent Slugg provided an update on the Division meeting programs and popular vote contests for the remainder of 2009 and early 2010.

November:  
Program - ATCS Monitor; Contest – signal towers and equipment

December:  
"Brown Bag" gift night (holiday gift exchange – no contest)

January:  
Program - Annual Prototype Questionnaire;  
Contest – winter scenes (let it snow)

February:  
Program - Modeling Steel Mills; Contest - cars used in steel mills

March:  
Program - Modular Building Contest

April:  
Program - NC DOT Rail Yard Tour (tentative)

Dick Buchan provided an overview of the proposed Piedmont Railroad Museum and Library.

Vic Bilteris presented a clinic on "Airbrushing with Acrylics".

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

## **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

## 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 – DOT tour*
May	Street cars and interurbans

## 2010 Program Topics

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

## Plan Ahead

**January 26, 2010** – Annual meeting including election for 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## November Meeting Popular Vote Contest Winner



**Stephen Wood** won the contest with his scratch built signal tower with detailed interior.

He earned a \$10 gift certificate from **Train Buddy Products**.

## 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 superintendant, clerk and paymaster) for 2 year terms and one director for a 3 year term.

## Senior Center Presentation

Article and photos by Don Jennings

Don Jennings would like to tell you what CPD did on [November 17<sup>th</sup>](#). From 1 PM until 4 PM was a busy time period for the Cary Senior Center. It was there that the CPD 13 held a train show as a THANK YOU to the Cary Senior Center for being our host and providing us with a room for meetings.

It was attended by Gary Holly, Gene Sing, Vic Bitleris, John Janosko, Dick Buchan, Ray Lambrecht and me, Don Jennings.

There was Gary with an HO Scale model of a water tower, The CPD club layout with Gene, John and Dick, Ray with his Railroad Lantern Collection and Railroad Stock Certificates and my HO Scale switching layout.

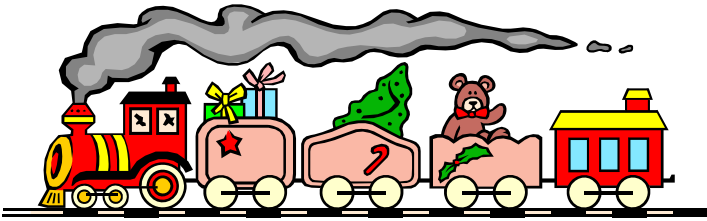
A woman showed up to tell a few CPD members about some model train equipment she wanted to sell. A father allowed his two young sons each to try my switching layout and judging by their smiles they enjoyed it very much. People who were judging pictures from the opposite end of the senior center strolled in to see what was going on and stayed for a while looking at all the railroad things there. They were impressed and many had stories to tell us of their railroad family members.

All-in-all it was a good day.

Now please see the three photos to further show of the good time.



## Holiday Trains for Kids



For Christmas 2009, CPD13 has a total of 7 HO scale model train sets to give to needy children or families. The train sets are Proto 1000 models. All 7 sets have been allocated.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Dave Derway, [dsd@pinehurst.net](mailto:dsd@pinehurst.net)



Dave Derway shows one of the train sets to the membership at the November meeting.

## From the Business Car

By John Janosko, Division Superintendent

If you missed the November meeting you missed a very interesting presentation by Rob Rousseau and John Wallis. The on line train movement of real trains was very interesting, especially some of the operations in North Carolina.

I would like to thank everyone that helped the Division at the NRV show in November. We were able to make over \$400 in donations to the Division through the raffle tickets and selling old donated equipment to the Division. John Rudisill will have exact figures for us at the meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>. I would also like to thank Gene Sing and his crew for making a great 4 by 6 layout for the raffle.

Do not forget to bring a present to the December meeting. Make sure it is at least worth \$10.00. If you have participated in the past, you know everyone has a good time. The division will provide some food and there should be enough for everyone. If you do want to bring some desserts, I know the members will be happy to clean the plates. At the December meeting there is not a clinic, since the trading of gifts takes a fair amount of time.

Hope to see you at the Christmas meeting.