



Division Meeting

Tuesday, June 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**

Streetcars and Interurbans

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June Program

Trolley Night - Dick Buchan

Coming Events

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

August 14, 2010, Lynchburg Rail Day 2010 Lynchburg, VA www.blueridgenrhs.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

May 2010

Balance In Checking 4/30/2010 \$ 2,909.15

Income

NMRA 50/50 new dues split \$ 59.50
Total \$ 59.50

Expenses

May Refreshments \$ 18.02

Total \$ 18.02

Balance In Checking 5/31/10 \$ 2,950.63

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

Total Money \$ 7,950.63

2010 Monthly Contests

June	Street cars and interurbans
July	Craftsman kits or craftsman kit-bash
August	Floats and Boats
September	Steam Locomotives
October	Styrene Models
November	Tracklayers, Track Rippers and Maintenance of Way

2010 Program Topics

June	Trolley night - Dick Buchan
July	Craftsman Kits - Stephen Milley
August	Modeling Tools - Mason Cutchin
September	Hand Laid Turnouts - Dan Fisher
October	Modeling with Styrene - Pete Slugg
November	Turnout Wiring - Kim Parker
December	Yankee Swap Gift Night

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 25 May 2010

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

Board convened 6:00 PM

- May minutes were approved as revised with correction of name spelling and change from 150 rooms to 150 room-nights reserved for the 2011 convention. Vic Bitleris motion, John Rudisill second.
- The finance report by John Rudisill was approved. John Wallis motion, Jack Dziadul second.
- The audit committee - no report.
- John Rudisill will look into the filing of IRS non-profit status form.
- Achievement Program - Vic Bitleris reported that judging will be scheduled this summer at Gene Sings home. The tentative date is Saturday, August 24th. MER Contest Chairman Martin Brechbiel will lead the judging.
- John Janosko provided a MER 2011 convention update. John promoted the convention at the Mid-Central region Convention. John Roberts and Mike Brestel are interested in conducting clinics. The next meeting will be held at Dick Buchan's on Saturday, June 26th at 10 AM.
- Jack Dziadul raised the issue of the Board meetings starting at 6:30 PM. After discussion of avoiding duplication of topics to be covered at the General meeting and a tighter adherence to the agenda, it was voted to have 6:30 PM

starts during the summer months of June, July and August as a trial. John Wallis motion, Jack Dziadul second.

6:28 adjourn on motion of John Wallis with Jack Dziadul second.

General Membership Meeting convened at 7:00 PM Grif Bond presiding. Attendance - 24.

John Janosko provided a "Piedmont Crossing" convention report. A marketing presentation was given at the Mid-Central convention in West Virginia. John described how clinics, layout tours and the dinner event were organized. Several attendees indicated an interest in presenting clinics at Piedmont Crossing. Mid-Central will link our Piedmont Crossing web site to its web site. The next Piedmont Crossing meeting will be June 26th, 10 AM at Dick Buchan's home.

It was announced that Board meetings would begin at 6:30 PM during the summer months. Jim Murphy will notify the Senior Center.

Vic Bitleris provided an Achieve program report.

- AP judging at Gene Sing's home this summer on a date to be determined, Martin Brechbiel to lead and teach.
- Prepare to learn to judge and to enter items to be judged.
- Refer to the CPD web site and Yahoo Group files for samples of the paperwork.

Bill Cox discussed MMR Holt's obituary and contributions to model railroading.

Jim Murphy reviewed upcoming programs and invited additional program and contest suggestions.

Steve Milley reviewed several Piedmont Crossing logo suggestions that were well received.

Steve Milley reviewed module plans that he and Mike Humble have been developing.

Roger Horne presented the Ambroid kit and collection program, including his impressive display cases full of these excellent models.

Jim Murphy won the contest with his LaBell coach kit.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.



EXTRA 2011 WEST
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 2011 NMRA CONVENTION
 SACRAMENTO, CA

The Unconventional Convention!

The current registration fee for the 2011 NMRA Convention in Sacramento is a very cheap \$99! But this low rate will be only available until September 1, 2010.

Register now! Go to www.x2011west.org

SPEND 50 YEARS WITH JIM HEDIGAR AT NMRA 75

This year the NMRA celebrates its 75th Anniversary. Jim Hediger has been a part of the model railroading scene for five of those 7 1/2 decades. Indeed he's had a hand in shaping quite a bit of that scene during his many years at Model Railroader Magazine. Now Jim will bring those 50-years to life as the featured banquet speaker at NMRA 75, this year's NMRA national convention, July 11-18. Jim will give banquet guests a light hearted, personal look at the hobby and the many memorable people he's met since joining the NMRA in 1958. It's sure to be an evening of model railroading fun you won't soon forget. Preceded by a week of model railroading fun you won't soon forget.

NMRA 75 is being held in Milwaukee, the city of the NMRA's birth. You'll experience a week filled with clinics, tours and special 75th anniversary features and

activities. One tour will even take you to where Jim Hediger works!

There'll be a special exhibit of historically significant models and memorabilia from manufacturers and private collections sponsored by the hobby industry. Plus over 160 clinics, with over 120 of them being brand new this year. Many of these new clinics will be presented by some of the best-known names in model railroading. Names like Jack Burgess, Bruce Chubb, Chuck Hitchcock, Tony Koester, Sam Swanson, Bill Schaumburg, Andy Sperandio, Tony Thompson and Wayne Wesolowski. The Railroad Prototype Modelers (RPM) group will also be joining the party with a special exhibit in celebration of their own 25th anniversary. Add to that the NMRA model contest, silent auction, and even more special 75th anniversary events, and you've got a week of model railroading you'll long remember.

Don't forget that while you're enjoying the hobby, your non-modeling family members will enjoy a full week of tours, events and activities designed just for them. That means attending NMRA 75 this summer makes for an ideal family vacation!

The week winds down with the National Train Show featuring special surprises of its own. Then to bring it all to a fitting conclusion, a very special 75th Anniversary banquet featuring speaker Jim Hediger.

There are only a few short days left to sign up and the fastest way to do it is by visiting our website at www.nmra75.org. There you can even register online in just minutes. And don't forget to tell your non-member model railroading friends about it. Now they can get in on the fun too.

So join the party. Celebrate 75 years of model railroading this summer at NMRA '75. And 50 years of model railroading with Jim Hediger. Sign up now!

The Refreshment Stand

June	Jim Babcock
July	Will Sehorn

WATCH 75 YEARS OF MODEL RAILROADING PASS BEFORE YOUR EYES

Well actually it will be your eyes that will be passing 75 years of model railroading as you walk through a very special exhibit at NMRA 75, the National Model Railroad Association convention for 2010. This year's convention will be in celebration of the NMRA's 75th anniversary. As part of that celebration, some of the most prominent manufacturers in model railroading have joined forces to present a special exhibit of historical models from the past 75 years.

Walthers will showcase many of the significant models it's introduced down through the years. You'll also see early offerings from Micro-Trains and PFM. There will be many other historically significant models from other manufactures as well. Items from personal collections, including some from the late Bob Brass will be on display. Plus Kalmbach Publishing Company will give you a rare glimpse into the personal collection of its founder, Al Kalmbach.

Experiencing this special exhibit is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that should not to be missed, but then the entire convention is one not to be missed. In addition to the manufacturer's historical exhibit, NMRA 75 will feature a huge array of tours, plus over 160 clinics, with over 120 of them being brand new this year. Many of these new clinics will be presented by some of the best-known names in model railroading. Names like Jack Burgess, Bruce Chubb, Chuck Hitchcock, Tony Koester, Sam Swanson, Bill Schaumburg, Andy Sperandio, Tony Thompson and Wayne Wesolowski. Add to that the NMRA model contest, silent auction, and other special 75th anniversary events, and you've got a week of model railroading you'll long remember.

The National Train Show will bring this memorable week to a fitting conclusion along with a very special 75th Anniversary banquet featuring guest speaker Jim Hediger. And while you're enjoying the hobby of model railroading, your non-modeling family members will enjoy a full week of tours, events and activities

designed just for them. That means attending NMRA 75 this summer makes for an ideal family vacation! Get all the details by visiting our website at www.nmra75.org. You can even register online. And don't forget to tell your non-member model railroading friends about it. Now they can get in on the fun too.

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Lynchburg Rail Day 2010

Lynchburg Rail Day 2010: The Blue Ridge Chapter, NRHS 32nd annual train show will be held on August 14, 2010 at the Air Conditioned Boonsboro Ruritan Club in Lynchburg, Va. Vendor Tables, White Elephant Table, Operating Model Layouts, Railroadiana, Slide Shows, and Railroad Model and Photography Exposition and Contest. Fresh prepared food. Door Prizes.

Admission: \$6.00/person, Family \$10.00 {Children 12 and under free with paying adult}. View past LRD's at www.blueridgenrhs.org and also download a Vendor Registration Form and White Elephant Table Guidelines. **Note:** Use the map on our website for the correct directions. More info: Barry Moorefield {434-821-2174 before 9:00 p.m.} bmopar@verizon.net, John Tanner {434-525-1318} flytrains@verizon.net, Norris Deyerle {434-237-4912} railcow@msn.com

PRESS RELEASE

EXTRA X2011 WEST NMRA Convention
Sacramento - July 3-9, 2011
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The 2011 NMRA Convention in Sacramento is being billed as the "Unconventional Convention," and one of the reasons is that the registration fee is only \$99! But, that low \$99 rate will be available only until September 1, 2010, at which time it will definitely increase. Register now to take

advantage of this low rate at the Convention's website - www.x2011west.org

Craftsman Structure Show

I wanted to update you on the latest updates to The 2010 Craftsman Structure Show.

This year, the fabulous Franklin and South Manchester layout of Fine Scale Miniatures owner George Sellios will be open to CSS2010 attendees. The open house will be on Tuesday, November 9th. There will be 4 time slots of 1.5 hours each beginning at 9am. Attendees are limited. Please send me an email or add it to the comment section when you register for CSS2010 if you want to attend. The F&SM open house's filled up at CSS08 and many of you missed out. Don't let that happen this year. Sign up today!

Announcing "Mini-Mo" - a small, easy to travel with diorama that can be linked to other Mini-Mo's at meets & shows. This mini module is super compact, so you can build one quickly. The minimum size of 6" wide and 12" deep can be built larger if you prefer, up to 24" wide by 12" deep. Check out the easy module specs on www.css2010.com and email us with any questions. My Mini-Mo is being built now and I'll have pictures up on mrrforums.com shortly. Win Cash & Prizes at CSS2010 with your Mini-Mo!

The Premium Workshops are just about filled. Mike Rose's Weathering Clinic has just 1 spot left. Nolan, Revellia, and Frary's clinics have just 2 spots left. As soon as they sell out they'll be removed from the Premium Workshop options on the page http://craftsmanstructureshow.com/Register/product_info.php?products_id=49 - as of now, we don't have plans to repeat these workshops.

Check out the list of all new standard clinics for CSS2010 by visiting <http://css2010.com/CLINICS.html>

Sign up today! Visit CSS2010.com for more information on these updates. Happy Fathers Day!

Jimmy Deignan
for CSS2010

From The Business Car

By Grif Bond, Superintendent

Celebrating every birthday after getting your AARP card is a treat. Recently my wife surprised me with

a secret birthday celebration and took me down to the New Hope Valley Railway on a Sunday afternoon and I had the opportunity to operate a diesel switcher locomotive. This was the first time I had actually been able to sit in the engineer's seat and operate. It was a neat experience. The switcher was simple and easy to operate. After a 5 minute operation/safety orientation, we were off for the 1 hour ride.

One of the highlights of the trip was an encounter with a female deer and one of her new babies. On the outbound trip the doe stood on the tracks as we approached and after stopping a safe distance away, my instructor, Jim, had to leave the locomotive and encourage the doe to leave the tracks. As we started to proceed, the fawn can along and decided to rest on the tracks, just outside the rail and just under the locomotive. Jim decide we could ease forward and we were able to ride over where the fawn was resting. The locomotive noise did not bother the fawn. On the return trip...guess what, the fawn was still resting in the same spot and horns and bells did not encourage her to move. We stopped and this time I took a broom handle and gently encouraged the fawn to move along. So, the trip ended without any danger to wildlife.

Operating the diesel switcher locomotive was a treat and if you have not taken advantage of the opportunity, I would encourage you to do so.

Please join your fellow model railroaders on Tuesday at the next Division meeting.