



The Carolina Piedmont Herald

Newsletter of the Carolina Piedmont Division, MER, NMRA

September 2012

Next Division Meeting

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

St. Michael Archangel Centre & Gallery

830 High House Road

Cary, North Carolina

6:30 PM – Board of Directors Meeting

7:00 PM – Membership Meeting

Popular Vote Contest

Sponsored by **Kim Parker** of

Train Buddy Hobby Shop

September – Any New England Road

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Membership Barometer

Division Membership 132

<http://www.trainweb.org/cpd13/>

Yahoo Group Members 74

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cpd13/>

The Name Game

Please wear your name tag to each meeting.
See **Grif Bond** if you need to order one.

September Program

Boston and Maine's Eastern Route



Jack Dziadul



Financial Report

By **Jerry Mersch**, Paymaster

August 2012

Balance In Checking 7/31/12	\$7,642.70
<u>Income</u>	
Auction Proceeds	\$ 31.00
Deposit Joe Getz convention Rebate	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 41.00
<u>Expenses</u>	
August Refreshments	\$ 17.58
Gift in Memory of Joe Getz	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 27.58
Balance In Checking 8/31/12	\$7,656.12

For Sale

Norfolk Southern 40' box cars HO scale. The price is \$15 each and \$50 for a 4 car set to non-division members, \$12.50 each and \$40 for division members. There are about 70 left. To purchase see John Janosko or email johnajan@embarqmail.com.

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CPD Meeting Calendar

Tuesday night's monthly 2012
 6:30 PM Board / 7:00 PM General Meeting

September 25 October 23 November 13
 December 11

Coming Events

October 11-13, 2012
 The Fine Scale Model Railroader Expo
 Strasburg, PA
www.modelrailroadexpo.com

November 3-4, 2012
 Neuse River Valley Train Show
 State Fair Grounds, Raleigh, NC
<http://www.nrvshow.org/>

January 26-27, 2013
 Amherst Railway Society



West Springfield, MA

<http://www.railroadhobbyshow.com/>

NMRA National Conventions

2013	7/14 - 7/20		Atlanta, GA
2014	7/13 - 7/20		Cleveland, OH
2015	8/23 - 8/30		Portland, OR

MER Convention Host Calendar

2012	10/18 - 10/21	Milepost 40	Suffolk, VA
http://www.nmra-mer-tidewater.org/Convention/convention.html			
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.



Monthly Contests

September	any New England theme model.
October	Pacific / K-4 / 4-6-2 locomotives
November	Southern RR rolling stock
December	No contest - Yankee swap gift exchange

March 2013 Coal Tower Diorama



Program Topics

September	 Boston and Maine's Eastern Route Jack Dziadul
October	 Pennsy Steam - John Sokash
November	NC Transportation Museum - Steve Mersch
December	Yankee Swap Gift Exchange
January '13	John Wallis' prototype quiz

Refreshment Hosts

September	Vic Bitleris
October	Joel McCurry
November	Stephen Wood
December	Grif Bond
January	your name goes here

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Motive Power Certificate

(fourth in a series)



Jack Burgess, MMR
Pacific Coast Region AP Chairman

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Given the continuing stream of new super-detailed diesels and steam engines which flow into our hobby each year, it would not be surprising if the amount of scratch building of locomotives continually decreases in direct proportion. The *Master Builder – Motive Power* certificate includes a requirement to scratch build a locomotive and that requirement may mean that this certificate is one of the hardest to earn. (Although I'd say that earning Association Volunteer certificate is much more time consuming!) Like the other certificates, the full requirements for this category are available on the web at <http://www.nmra.org/>.

Motive power refers to any type of steam, diesel, or electric locomotive, traction unit, maintenance vehicle, or other type of self-propelled vehicle that runs on track. That definition therefore includes everything from speeders and streetcars to the newest diesels. Not included are powered models of prototypes that were not powered (vehicles such as a powered hand cars) or unpowered models of prototypes which were powered.

The requirements for *Master Builder – Motive Power* follows the same general format as the other Master Builder certificates. To qualify for this certificate, you must build three models of railroad motive power. If desired, these models can be of different gauges and/or scales. They must meet the following criteria:

1. All of the models must be capable of self-propulsion.
2. Each of the models must score at least 87½ points in an NMRA contest or under the AP Merit Judging program.
3. Each of the models must be super-detailed with either commercial or scratch built parts.

4. In addition to being super-detailed, at least one of the three models must be scratch-built.

Currently, one of the favorite aspects of our hobby is kit-bashing/super-detailing diesel locomotives. Such a model, if it scores the minimum 87½ points, would meet these requirements for two of the three required models.

To qualify as scratch built, the model must contain the following scratch built items:

- Steam locomotives - Frame, boiler, cab, tender frame and body, and either valve gear or main or side driving rods.
- Other motive power - Body, frame, cab, truck side frames, and pantograph or trolley poles if applicable.

Items such as the motor, gears, drivers or wheels, couplers, trucks, etc. are all excluded from the requirement for being scratch built. Note that the term "scratch built" implies that the modeler has done all of the necessary layout and fabrication that produces the final dimensions, appearance, and operating qualities of the model. This is a good statement of the intent and spirit of the "scratch built" requirement. Notice that it does not say that the use of a few commercial detail parts will disqualify the model as being "scratch built". In general, the same standard applies that is used in contest judging: "Completely Scratch built" means that 90% or more of the model was scratch built. (But you still need to scratch build the specific items listed above.) This means that in contest or merit judging, the model you are claiming as "scratch built" should have earned at least 11 points in that category out of a possible 15.

Once you complete these requirements, submit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) that identifies the models and the commercial parts used, etc. The easiest way to do this is to enter the model in a Divisional, Regional, or National modeling contest and simply attach a model contest form which includes this information and also documents your score.

If you are working on your AP certificates are want to ask questions or get encouragement from others doing the same,

note that there is a relatively new Yahoo chat list for the Achievement Program:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NMRAAP/>

Meeting Minutes

Jack Dziadul

Carolina Piedmont Division 13

August 28, 2012

Board of Directors

Attendance: **Grif Bond, Vic Bitleris, Jim Murphy, Robert Rousseau, Steve, Milley, Jerry Mersch** - Call to order 6:36pm
CPD 8/28/12

1. July minutes were approved on motion by Vic Bitleris with Jim Murphy second.
2. Paymaster report – Approved on motion by Vic Bitleris with Steve Milley second.
3. NRV show coming up, we decided to reserve 3 tables next to Kim Parker's Trainbuddy tables. Approved on motion made by Grif Bond, Jerry Mersch seconded.
4. Rob Rousseau said there was one Coaling Tower kit left. He gave another one to Steve Milley for Raffle Layouts. Another one was reserved for Jim Mueller in Virginia after Jerry Mersch receives a check.
5. Other business was discussed:
 - a. We discussed sending Joe Getz's reimbursed money to his Church. Superintendent will send his family a card on behalf of CPD.
 - b. Jerry Mersch will check for Meeting Space availability for next year.
 - c. Vic Bitleris' term is up as Director. Nominating committee was formed with Steve Milley and Don Jennings.

Meeting adjourned at 7pm.

General Meeting

1. Grif Bond went over the Director's meeting. He mentioned the new revised MER ballots need to be postmarked by Sept. 14th.

2. Vic Bitleris will bring in Dan Fisher's Achievement Award next month.

3. Members were queried about who was going to the MER 2012 Convention in Suffolk, Oct. 18th-21st.

4. Upcoming programs were covered by Kim Parker. It was corrected that the November Popular Vote contest was to bring in any SOUTHERN Railroad rolling stock.

5. Break and members were free to browse and purchase White Elephant sale items with other members.

6. Program was given by Rob Westdyke describing his foray into Operations on his layout.

7. Jim Murphy won the Popular Vote contest with his styrene structure.

8. Refreshments volunteers will be: Sept - **Vic Bitleris**, Oct - **Joel McCurry**, Nov - **Stephen Wood**, Dec - Christmas/Holiday party.

Classifieds

ATTENTION CPD MEMBERS: Do you have a wanted or an item for sale? Are you looking for carpool options to our meetings, a train show event or options for sharing a hotel room? The Herald will publish a FREE classified section for all CPD members. Send your classified ad to the Editor at dziadul@windstream.net. The ad must include your full name and contact information and will be limited to one item per issue.

Train Word Puzzles

Dr. Charles Wood

Ninth installment in a series

Solutions can be found on the last page.

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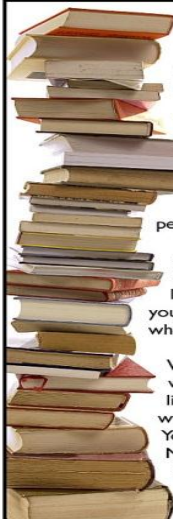
By Gerry Leone, MMR
 NMRA National Communications Director
September 2012

Welcome to the second Post-Convention edition of the NMRA InfoNet News! This edition will contain all the Grand Rapids convention information that didn't make it into last month's edition, plus some other exciting news.

- After several years of work by incoming NMRA Secretary John Stevens, all U.S. **Region boundaries are now defined by state and county boundaries**, rather than zip codes. This will help keep boundaries stable as the U.S. Post Office continues to redefine its zip code areas.
- Michiana Division co-founder Jim Six, a college professor and experienced education expert, has agreed to lead a team charged with **developing a standardized clinic format** that will help ensure consistency and uniformity for clinics being made available to Divisions and Regions. The format will be based upon the one currently in use in the Michiana Division of the Midwest Region.
- Following the recommendation of Standards & Conformance Department head Didrik Voss, MMR, the Board directed that **all eight DCC-related Recommended Practices now become NMRA Standards**. Further, in the future the issuance of a Conformance Warrant is not to be influenced by Recommended Practices but will be based solely on adherence to applicable NMRA Standards.
- President Charlie Getz appointed outgoing president **Mike Brestel to replace Larry DeYoung**, who retired as publisher of *NMRA Magazine*. Charlie also announced that Mike has also agreed to serve as assistant to the president to ensure a smooth transition between administrations.

- Chief Financial Officer Frank Koch reported that the **attendance of the National Train Show in Grand Rapids was the fourth best ever**, and that Saturday's attendance exceeded Sacramento's of the same day. In addition, there were three more booths sold at Grand Rapids than Sacramento.
- Looking ahead to next year's convention in Atlanta, **the "Peachtree Express" team** reports that it's putting the finishing touches on a series of short videos featuring selected layouts that will be on tour during the convention. The videos will be posted to YouTube and will be able to be accessed from links on <http://www.nmra2013.org/>
- The Peachtree team is also proud to announce that there will be a number of **Civil War-related tours** – both rail-related and general interest – as well as a "Civil War track."
- And it's not too soon to be thinking about the 2014 convention! The **Cleveland Convention's website is now up** and running and taking registrations at www.2014cleveland.org.

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 or in NMRA Magazine.




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The Flying Yankee

By Gene Sing

What is "The Flying Yankee"? As a Northerner and a casual train buff, I stumbled over some literature concerning the restoration of a diesel-powered streamliner built in 1935 for the Maine Central Railroad and the Boston and Maine Railroad by Budd Company and with mechanical and electrical equipment from Electro-Motive Corporation.

The streamliner was received in February, 1935 touring the Maine Central and Boston and Maine railroad system. In April the "Flying Yankee" was placed into regular service starting at Portland, Maine to Boston, MA returning to Portland followed by Bangor, Maine, back to Portland, then Boston and return to Portland. This 750 mile trip was done six days a week, Monday through Saturday. Sunday was a day for maintenance.

The Flying Yankee maintained service to the MEC/B&M system until its last run on May 7, 1957. The railroad donated the train set to the Edaville Railroad tourist / museum operation in Carver, Massachusetts. The train remained on static display there for about 40 years until it was moved in the early 1990s to Glen, New Hampshire after being purchased by the late Bob Morrell, former owner of Story Land.

In 1997, the train was moved to the Claremont Concord Railroad's shops in Claremont, New Hampshire for a complete restoration after being purchased by the State of New Hampshire. A restoration that is presently ongoing. As of 2004, the major structural restoration has been completed, and detailed restoration of components is proceeding. The eventual goal is to restore the train completely to running condition. The train was moved to Lincoln, New Hampshire, on August 10, 2005, to the Hobo Railroad where the mechanical restoration is taking place

Now where do I fit into this history lesson? Well, I had planned to go to Maine for a family reunion and enjoy the hometown Fourth of July celebration (the first in almost twelve years since moving down to NC). One of the goals in my once a year trip back to Maine had been meaning to visit something railroad related. But needing to visit my three children and five grandchildren always seems to take up what time I have in Maine.

Well, this trip was different. I told all my kids that I was going to ride some trains during this visit. Dad's wish list was going to get some checkmarks. Arriving Friday 29 June in 70 degree weather at Portland, ME I started my adventure while everyone in the Raleigh area was entering a series of 105 degree days. My first day was occupied with a trip to the Wiscasset, Waterville and Farmington Narrow Gauge Railroad. But, that is another story to be told later.

The Flying Yankee was a very interesting adventure. We arrived early Saturday morning at 8:00 AM, after a two hour drive from Old Orchard Beach, ME before anything opened in Lincoln, New Hampshire. I spent my time eating breakfast at MacDonald's and then going over to the Hobo Railroad Station where we waited until the station opened at 10:00. The Hobo RR was celebrating its 25th anniversary season. I went directly to the Flying Yankee storage location. The cocoon was still around the three car set.





They were restricting people from going down along the side of the cars



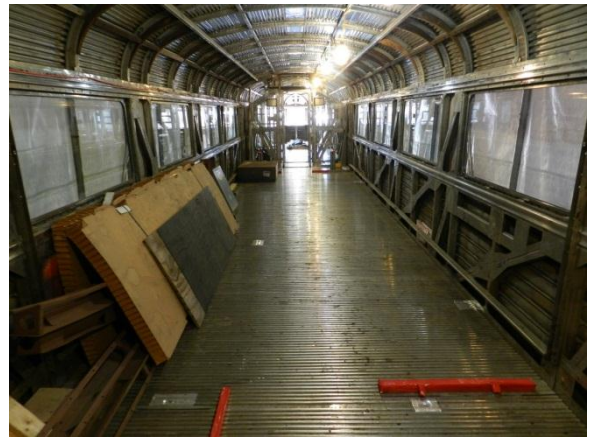
"A" Power Car - Looking into the engine compartment. The Flying Yankee Restoration Group is looking into a new engine, replacing the old Winton "A" Diesel Electric Engine which was removed a long time ago.



The passenger area of the power car.



The restored Coach Car



A stripped down Observation car interior
The self-directed tour of the Flying Yankee was really enjoyable. I had the chance to speak to Steve Taylor, president of the restoration group and purchase a DVD "The Flying Yankee, The First 75 ". This presented the Flying Yankee history up to present day work (early 2012).



If you are ever in the Lincoln, NH during the summer, take time to visit the Flying Yankee at the Hobo Railroad. I think you will really enjoy both the Flying Yankee and the Hobo Railroad excursion ride. Happy Rail Fanning!

A Mini-scene To Model

Jack Dziadul

Driving through Concord, NC recently I came across this obvious derailment. It appeared that Wisconsin Central 47778 was tipped back upright, then unloaded.



Just weather a foreign road box car. (You would never crash your home road.) The scene reminded me of kits that are advertised "trucks not included".

8/28/12 Meeting

Jim Murphy photos



Rob Westdyke's Operations Clinic



An attentive audience



Jim Murphy's REA Building Contest Winner

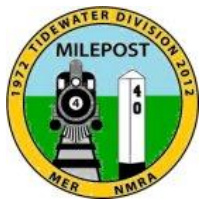
From The Business Car

Grif Bond, Superintendent

NMRA Education & Training – Jim Six, Superintendent of the Michiana Division has been tapped by the NMRA to work with the Region Presidents and Division Superintendents to develop a standard format for the delivery of clinics at conventions. There is a Yahoo Group that has begun sharing ideas to get the process rolling forward.

Mile Post 40 – The 2012 MER convention is coming up next month in Suffolk, VA on October 18th – 21st. The scheduled banquet speaker will be Jim McClellan, former VP of Norfolk Southern. As of September 16th, the room block with the preferred rate is sold out, which generally is a good indicator of attendance. Current details are at the

Division's web page at <http://www.nmra-mer-tidewater.org/Convention/convention.html>



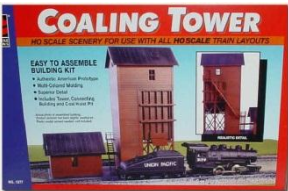
Mile Post 40 convention cars – For the convention, the host Tidewater Division will be offering a custom run, in two road numbers, of a HO scale Accurail kit of the Norfolk



Southern Railway's 50 foot combination door box car. Details are on the Division's web site at the following link:

<http://www.nmra-mer-tidewater.org/Convention/Announcement.pdf>

March 2013 CPD13 "special modeling contest" – Hopefully everyone will have time between fall yard work and football to keep working on their creative idea for the model/diorama using the Life Like HO scale coaling



tower. Plan now and build over the winter. The contest will "reveal" at the March 2013 Division meeting. Prizes will be awarded by popular vote to the top 3 entries and the BOD will also award 3 prizes. Yes...my project is underway.

Piedmont Crossing 2011 proceeds – The Division's portion of the proceeds from the 2011 convention is \$1,619.74. After expenses, the net is split 50/50 between the host division and the MER. We recently received our share from the MER and



the revenue will be reflected in the September Paymaster's report.

Join your fellow railroad modelers at the next Division meeting on September 25th–

Jack Dziadul will present a program on the Boston and Maine's Eastern Route and the popular vote contest will be any New England theme model. To have a chance on winning the contest you have to enter, so search the train room for your model.



A Web Site Note

By **Rob Rousseau**

Hello, I will pass along your note to our Officers and our Raffle Coordinator. I am sure he would love to hear this. Thank you again for writing!
Rob Rousseau, CPD Webmaster

On Tue, Sep 4, 2012 at 1:35 PM, Richard Young wrote...
Hello...Just writing to say that I came across an issue of Scale Rails that is being sent to my Cousin in Rockhill, SC. This article is the one about a small group building a condensed version of "Model Railroader's Magazine", project railroad, "The Beer Line" and raffling it off. I enjoyed the article and thought the raffling idea was a good one.
Sincerely, Richard K. Young

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