

The Carolina Piedmont Herald

Newsletter of the Carolina Piedmont Division, Mid-Eastern Region, NMRA August 2013

Next Division Meeting

Tuesday, August 27, 2013

St. Michael Archangel Center & Gallery
830 High House Road
Cary, North Carolina
6:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting
7:00 PM Membership Meeting

Popular Vote Contest

\$10 hobby shop gift certificate
August contest
Scratch Built from Styrene

©2013 Carolina Piedmont Division of the Mid-Eastern Region of the NMRA

The Carolina Piedmont Herald is published monthly by the Carolina Piedmont Division of the Mid-Eastern Region of the National Model Railroad Association. **Submissions:** please send news items, articles, inquiries and comments to the Editor by the 10th of the month. All material should be electronic; preferable Word or PowerPoint. Photos should be jpeg and in color.

Jack Dziadul, Clerk and Editor
jackdziadul@gmail.com
919-718-0368 919-721-8757 cell

Contact information changed? Here is the link to keep your NMRA records up to date.
<http://nmra.org/member/content/member-info-update>

The opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the author of each article or the Editor and do not necessarily reflect the official position of the Carolina Piedmont Division.

Membership Barometer

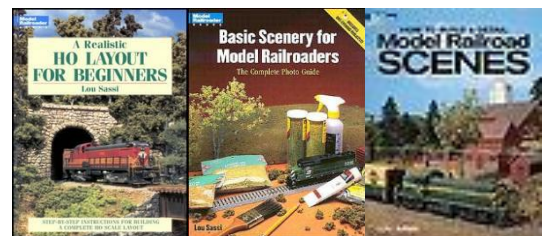
NMRA Membership	19,271
MER Membership	2,010
Division Membership	135
http://trainweb.org/cpd13/	
Yahoo Group Members	95
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cpd13/	
Attendance 7/23/13	27

Roads

Lou and Cheryl Sassi

Lou Sassi and his wife Cheryl will be giving a presentation during which Lou will explain the tools, materials, and techniques he used to build the different types of roads and railroad crossings that have been featured on both of his HO scale West Hoosic Division and his On-30 Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Railroads. They will also have on hand two dioramas. The first features an HO scale urban scene of Peerless Tanning Company and the surrounding streets from his second publication "How to Build and Detail Model Railroad Scenes Volume #1" while the second depicts an O scale rural concrete road that will be covered in a chapter of his soon to be released expanded version of the Kalmbach book "Basic Scenery for Model Railroads."

Lou will also have for sale a limited supply of autographed copies of some of his previous Scenery "How To" book releases.



Herald Contributors Made Famous

Check out the following link from the NMRA web site.

<http://www.nmra.org/member/NMRA-at-Home>

Board of Directors

Superintendent (term ending January 2014)
Grif Bond, Wake Forest 919-556-7066
grifbond@embarqmail.com

Assistant Superintendent (term ending January 2014)
Jim Murphy, Cary 919-460-7763
berkshireshort@yahoo.com

Clerk (term ending January 2014)
Jack Dziadul, Sanford 919-721-8757
JackDziadul@gmail.com

Paymaster (term ending January 2014)
Jerry Mersch, Cary 919-815-3528
jbmswow@nc.rr.com

Director (term ending January 2014)
Rob Rousseau, Holly Springs 919-368-0586
railroad@nc.rr.com

Director (term ending January 2015)
Steve Milley, Garner 248-421-6276

Director (term ending January 2016)
Will Seehorn, Cary 919-466-0827
wseehorn@gmail.com

Coming Events

2013 Steel Mill Modelers Meet
 Pittsburgh, PA
 8/28/13 to 9/1/13
<http://peachcreekshops.com/2013steelmeet.php>

Saluda Rail Ops
 10/25/13 to 10/27/13
<http://saludarails.org/>

Amherst Model RR Society Train Show
 West Springfield, MA
 1/25/14 to 1/26/14
<http://railroadhobbyshow.com/>

NMRA National Conventions
 2014 7/13 – 7/20 Cleveland, OH
 2015 8/23 – 8/30 Portland, OR
 2016 7/3 – 7/10 Indianapolis, IN
 2017 Orlando, FL

MER Conventions
 2013 10/10 – 10/13 Rockville, MD
 C&P Junction

Editor's note: Before traveling any distance to an event listed it is recommended that you verify that the event is still scheduled.

Monthly Contests

August	Scratch-Built Styrene
September	Roads (without rails)
October	Abandoned Shed or Barn

Program Topics

August	Roads	Lou Sassi
September	Colorado & Southern	Mason Cutchin

Refreshment Hosts

August	Joel McCurry
September	Don Hamrick
October	your name goes here
November	your name goes here
December	Grif Bond

Board Minutes

Carolina Piedmont Division 13

July 23, 2013

Board of Directors

Present were **Grif Bond, Steve Milley, Will Seehorn, Jerry Mersch, Jim Murphy** and **Rob Rousseau**

Call to order at 6:30pm

1. Approval of minutes - Will motioned and Jerry 2nd with correction of "Vice" to "Vic" on page 11.
2. Approval of paymaster's report - Steve motioned and Will 2nd with approval.
3. Steve and Rob are to work up a document with proposed Modeling contest rule changes for further review.
4. The Division will have an audit performed next month by the audit committee consisting of Steve Milley, John Porter and Gene Sing.
5. Rob Rousseau will work on a new draft of the CPD13 website.
6. Steve Milley will have a work session this coming Saturday from 9am-12noon on the raffle layout. Please bring structures and wiring.
7. Joe Getz's widow will have an Open House on August 10th & 11th with items available for purchase.
8. Grif Bond will order a new CPD13 standup banner with Division logo.
9. 3 tables will be ordered for the NRV Train Show in November.
10. Jim Murphy moved to donate \$250 to the NMRA Diamond Club for the digitizing of the Kalmbach Memorial Library photo library. <http://nmra.org/diamondclub/>. Will seconded and it was a unanimous vote from the Board for approval.
11. Grif gave Rob a flyer from the Piedmont Division to use as a suggestion for CPD for the NRV show.
12. Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.

Membership Meeting

Grif called to order at 7:02 PM and reviewed the Board meeting.

1. The audit reminder was mentioned for John Porter, Gene Sing and Steve Milley.
2. Rob will be working on a new draft of the public-facing website (<http://cpd13.org>).
3. Grif asked Kim Parker if we can coordinate with getting tables for the NRV Train Show and Kim agreed.
4. A new guest was introduced, Everett Poore. He is a current NMRA member and met fellow members at the NMRA Convention in Atlanta the prior weekend.
5. Vic Bitleris announced that Steve Benezra will be receiving his Electrical AP. Also that Don Jennings will get his Official AP. Congratulations to both on their accomplishments.
6. Meeting refreshments are confirmed for July - Jim Babcock; August - Joel McCurry; September - Don Hamrick; October 22nd: _____?
7. Mason suggested we place a sign out in front of our current meeting locations to help with new visitors locate us.
8. A call was made for any programs or clinics for the October & November meetings. Jim Murphy mentioned a possible Signs on Exterior Buildings.
9. Grif and several others then discussed their experiences with the recent NMRA Convention. CPD was well represented as there were about 15 CPD members who attended.
10. North Carolina Transportation Museum is having a Train Show on August 24th in Spencer, NC.
11. Luis Dominguez gave a great clinic about styrene scratch building along with several handouts and CDs.
12. David Derway was the Trees popular vote contest winner.

Respectfully submitted,
-Rob Rousseau

From the Business Car

Grif Bond, Superintendent

Peachtree Express, 2013 NMRA Convention – The Piedmont Division of the Southeast Region did a great job with the 2013 NMRA Convention. The venue was easy to navigate and there was ample free parking. The National Train Show was held onsite in a large exhibition hall. My unofficial count for Division members from the Carolina Piedmont Division was 17. Most came for the week (convention and train show) and a few came just for the National Train Show.

Mid-Eastern Region Election Ballot – Election ballots have been mailed for the 2013 Mid-Eastern Region election of Directors. There are 3 openings and 4 candidates seeking a position. The return deadline is September 10th (postmarked) with receipt by the MER by September 17th. Division Clerk Jack Dziadul is a candidate. I encourage you to vote and to vote for Jack as one of your choices for Director.

NRV Train Show – Volunteers are needed to staff the Division's display at the annual Neuse River Valley (MRV) Train Show on November 2nd & 3rd at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh, NC. We plan to have several tables for display and sale of donated items, plus space for the HO scale raffle layout. We need Division membership help to staff the display, sell raffle tickets and answer questions. Please sign up for a 2 – 3 hour time slot if you can help. Contact me or any member of the Board of Directors to sign up.

Rail Pass – Rail Pass applications are available for potential new NMRA members. See me at the Division meeting for an application. The Mid-Eastern Region continues to fund the Rail Pass application program to help grow NMRA membership new members. If you know of a railroad modeler who is interested, invite them to a Division meeting and we'll process an application for them.

MER 2013 Regional Convention, C&P Junction, October 2013 – Please make plans to support the Mid-Eastern Region by attending C&P Junction in Rockville, Maryland on October 10 – 13, 2013. The convention this year is a joint effort of the Chesapeake and the Potomac Divisions. With two Divisions tag teaming on the event I'm sure it will be great. The layout open house events include some well-known modelers including Howard Zane and Monroe Stewart.

It looks interest is strong as the host hotel Crown Plaza is full (sold out) but additional accommodations are available at the Sleep Inn Shady Grove next door within walking distance. Book your room now.

Full details are on the convention web page <http://home.comcast.net/~candp2013/> If you have any questions about the convention send an email to CandP2013@comcast.net

Join your fellow railroad modelers at the next Division meeting on Tuesday, August 27th at 7:00 PM. Remember to bring your scratch built styrene model for the model contest. Lou Sassi will present a clinic on scenery techniques.

NMRA Web Sites

NMRA	http://nmra.org
NMRA eBay	http://goo.gl/BVTIY
MER	http://mer.nmra.org/
CPD	http://trainweb.org/cpd13/

Classifieds

CPD members: Do you have a need or an item to sell or donate? Are you looking for a carpool option to an event? The Herald will publish a FREE classified ad for CPD members. Contact the Editor for details.

PINETOWN, NC (SEPTEMBER 12) TODAY



NS 121 in Pinetown, NC September 12, 1964 by Tom King. Warren Calloway Collection

Norfolk Southern Wood Chip Hopper 120

Robert Rousseau

As woodchips became more and more of a commodity on the rails, NS management experimented with wood side extensions on 70-ton hopper cars. 30 cars numbered from 101 to 130 were leased from Chicago Freight Car Leasing until their lease expired in 1966. Many of these quad 70-ton hoppers were originally built in the early 1930s. This hopper started off as a Tyco Conrail. I soon dipped it into a 91% rubbing alcohol bath.



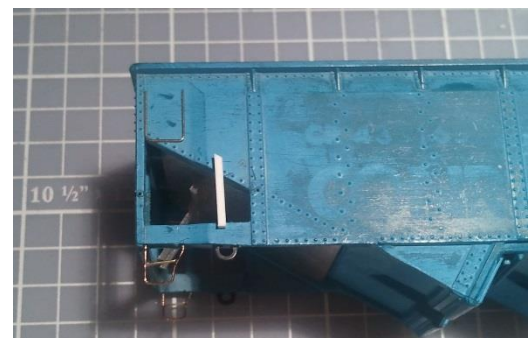
The next steps involved scraping off the molded on handrail and stirrups. New stirrups were created using A-Line Stirrup Steps #29002 and gluing another step with Detail Associates flat brass bar #2522 cut to fit.



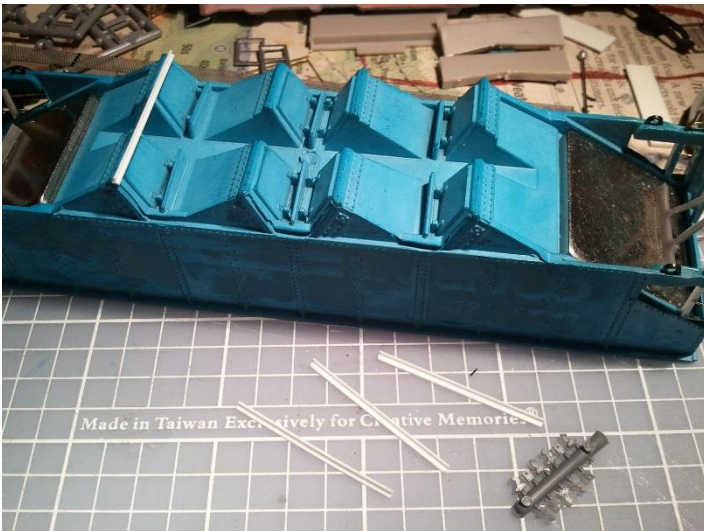
Wooden sides were created using Midwest Products scale 2"x6" lumber #8003 and Plastruct Styrene 3/64" Angle #90501. This was painted with Rust-Oleum Earth Brown #1918. I also created pockets for the car shaker using Tichy Work Car Windows #8206. When woodchip hoppers were being unloaded, mechanical shakers would grip the car top to shake the car to loosen the load. Holes were drilled and A-Line Drop Style Grab Irons #29100 were glued in.



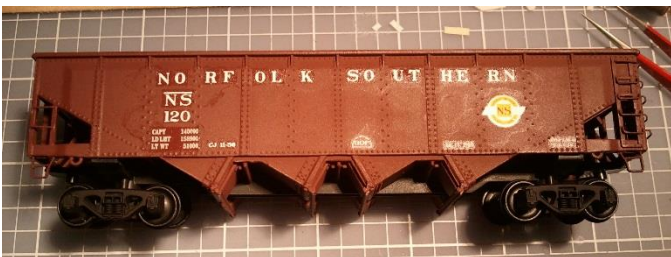
Towing loops were created by cutting the ears from Kadee coupler boxes. New posts were cut from Evergreen 0.040"x0.040" strip. Westerfield Straight 18" Grab Irons #1198 were also added.



Westerfield Wine Door Lock Set #1171 were glued on to the sides of each hopper door. Plastruct Styrene 3/64" Angle was cut to go across each hopper door, facing upwards and aligned with the hooks on the Wine door locks. Westerfield Hopper Car Details #2190 supplied the slope sheet support on the underside of the slope sheet. Plano Model Products Running Board #190 was used for the brake wheel platform.



The car was ready for painting and was coated with an auto gray primer. This was followed by Floquil Boxcar Red #130074. Decals were cut from WrightTRAK NS Gondola kit. Champ Decals Quad Hopper Data Set #HD-5 was also used for the data.



Kadee coupler pockets were added along with Hi-Tech Details Air Hoses #6038. I sprayed it with a Dull-Cote to help seal the decals. The trucks were reamed out with MicroMark's Truck Tuner and Kadee wheels were added. Finally I glued the wooden side extensions on top.



Parts List:

- A-Line Grab Irons (Drop Style) #29100
- A-Line Stirrup Steps (Style C) #29002
- Evergreen StripStyrene 0.040"x0.040" #142
- Floquil Boxcar Red Spray #130074
- Hi-Tech Details Air Hoses #6038
- Midwest Products Scale Lumber 2"x6" #8003
- Plastruct Styrene 3/64" Angle #90501
- Plano Model Products Running Board #190
- Rust-Oleum Earth Brown #1918.
- Westerfield Hopper Car Details #2190
- Westerfield Straight 18" Grab Irons #1198
- Westerfield Wind Door Lock Set #1171
- WrightTRAK NS Gondola Decals #NS-01
- Tichy Work Car Windows #8206

References:

Norfolk Southern Photo CD, Volume 4 by Warren Calloway

Mainline Modeler, November 1998

Hopper Fleet Evolution Prototype by Bob Chapman, page 30

Hopper Fleet Evolution Modeling the Baby Triple by Bob Chapman, page 35

The Name Game

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

2010 Boy Scout Jamboree

Don Jennings

There is the color picture of me at the BSA 2010 National Jamboree. This picture is in the 2013 Walthers HO Reference Book Catalog in the front on page 6. The BSA Jamboree took place at Fort A. P. Hill Virginia in July 2010 which was the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America - 1910-2010. A rough estimate of Scouts there was about 60,000. I went there and my job was as a Railroad Merit Badge Counselor.

The Railroading Merit Badge was a very popular badge judging by the attendance of the Boys who came to the exhibit for that badge. In the picture, I am showing young Scouts how the switching layouts operate. There were 25 such layouts all available for the scouts to try -- each one was the exact track plan.

The switching layout was part seven of the badge. This means that the Scouts had to pass through the other six parts of the badge in order to get to do the real fun part which is the switching layout competition.

Now, the layouts were a timed experience for moving four cars with the HO scale diesel engine to their respective locations within the time allotted. The Scouts who did this in least amount of time were eligible to receive a prize. Prizes consisted of Model Railroader Magazine subscriptions, and model train starter sets. That placed them in for a run-off competition for a real NICE prize. The Grand Prize was two paid days at Disney World for a family of four.

This year, in July, there was the 2013 National Jamboree in West Virginia. This was the first time (in a long time) that the Jamboree was at a location other than Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. The next one will be in three or four years and in West Virginia again.

What a GREAT experience for the Boy Scouts and the adult leaders.

(Editor's note: We provided the entire page from the Walthers catalogue, but we cannot publish copyrighted material without written consent.)

Contest Participation

Jack Dziadul

Through July we have had 93 contest entries from twenty different members.

Jan-July	Total	Winner
Steve Milley	13	
Jim Murphy	11	2
Rob Rousseau	9	1
Dan Fisher	8	2
Jack Dziadul	8	
Dave Derway	7	2
Dick Buchan	6	
Jim Babcock	5	
Grif Bond	4	
Vic Bitleris	4	
Mason Cutchin	4	
Luis Dominguez	3	1
Bill Hanley	2	
Mike Humble	2	
Jerry Mersch	2	
John Janosko	1	
John Sokash	1	
Bob Bridges	1	
Kim Parker	1	
Joel McCurry	1	

From the Caboose

Jack Dziadul

You will notice a slight format change in the issue of The Herald. This is an unintended consequence of your Editor being technologically challenged over the past several weeks. In short order I had laptop, Blackberry, iPhone, printer and vehicle problems...all while traveling over the past four weeks. Windstream compounded issues by having a software glitch which interfered with my Carbonite back up files being retrieved. Enough whining; with your patience and indulgence we'll get through it. If you have sent any items for publication over the past few weeks the safest bet is to re-send them. Aside from buying a new laptop, new printer and even a new vehicle I am transitioning to a new email address: JackDziadul@gmail.com.

On the bright side, one of my weeks of travel was vacation in New England where I enjoyed some special railroad related adventures. I hope that Carbonite will eventually give back all of the photos. But, here are the teases sans photos:

1. I was able to get inside of a restored BAR Russell snow plow in Union, NH.
2. I was able to operate a working semaphore.
3. I was able to secure a tour of Tower A, a former interlocking tower of the B&M. All of the switch mechanisms had been removed, but the tower is still used to lift the two bascule bridges with a total of four tracks over the Charles River. I was able to watch the bridges in operation 6-8 times from inside the tower.
4. The Archives Chairman of the B&MRR Historical Society gave me a tour of their warehouse. I was able to come home with a 2 1/2' X 4' map of the

Terminal Division dated September 1956.

5. Finally, I was able to track down and photograph the last remaining roundhouse of the former Eastern Railroad. It is located in Revere, MA and is presently used by an asphalt company.

Stephen Wood, MMR

Please see Stephen's Master Model Railroader #507 announcement on page 54 of the September 2013 issue of the NMRA Magazine. Congratulations Stephen!

Financial Report

Jerry Mersch, Paymaster
July 2013

Check Book Balance 6/30/13	\$7,326.18
Income	\$ -0-
Expenses	
Bank fee	\$ 2.00
Meeting refreshments	\$ 12.17
Popular vote award	\$ 10.00
Total Expenses	\$ 24.17
Check Book Balance 7/31/13	\$7,302.01