



The Carolina Piedmont Herald

Newsletter of the Carolina Piedmont Division, MER, NMRA

February 2013

Next Division Meeting

Tuesday, February 26, 2013

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 - \$10 Cash Prize

February – Cars with Loads

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<http://www.nmra.org/member/content/member-info-update>

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Membership Barometer

NMRA Membership	18,002
MER Membership	2,002
Division Membership	119
http://www.trainweb.org/cpd13/	
Yahoo Group Members	97
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cpd13/	
Attendance 1/22/13	27 + 3 guests

February Program

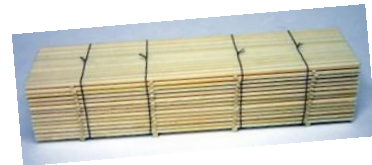
Flat Car and Gondola Loads

Grif Bond, Kim Parker, John Janosko

For the clinic on February 26th, members should bring:

1. two empty cars to make loads for (flat, gondola or hopper)
2. hobby knife
3. scissors
4. cutting mat (if you have one).

The clinic plans to include 4 - 5 "break out" work tables during the last 20 minutes or so where members can make or get started on some simple loads.



Welcome New Members

- Gary Mullis Raleigh
- Douglas Tramel Pembroke

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CPD Meeting Calendar

Tuesday night's monthly 2013
 6:30 PM Board / 7:00 PM General Meeting



February 26	March 26
April 23	May 28
June 25	July 23
August 27	September 24
October 22	November 12
December 10	

Coming Events

March 2-3, 2013
 Carolina Coastal Railroaders Model Train Show
 Sudan Temple, 403 E. Front Street
 New Bern, North Carolina 28560
<http://carolinacoastalrailroaders.org/>

March 10, 2013
 Lynchburg Rail Day 2013
 Lynchburg, VA
www.blueridgenrhs.org

November 7-9 2013
 The Fine scale Model Railroader
 Expo 2013 - Pittsfield, MA
<http://www.modelrailroadexpo.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
2016	7/3 - 7/10		Indianapolis, IN

MER Convention Host Calendar

2013	10/10 - 10/13
C&P Junction, Rockville, MD	
http://home.comcast.net/~CandP2013/	

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

February		Cars with Loads
March		Coal Tower Diorama
April		Cars with Loads, Revised
May		Your \$2 Makeover
June		Any Diorama or Single Tree
July		Diorama or Tree (from the June clinic)

Program Topics

February	Flat Car and Gondola Loads - Grif Bond, Kim Parker, John Janosko
March	Coal tower contest
April	\$2 Car Makeover Vic Bitleris
May	Trees (I) Steve Milley
June	Trees (II) Steve Milley
July	Styrene Scratch Building Luis Dominguez
August	Scenery Lou Sassi
September	Colorado & Southern Mason Cutchin

Refreshment Hosts

February	Gene Sing
March	John Sokash
April	your name goes here

NMRA InfoNet News



By Gerry Leone, MMR
NMRA National Communications Director

Welcome to the **last edition** of the NMRA InfoNet News under my watch.

- The **tour the new, highly restricted Chinese High Speed Rail factory and facilities** which Hasea.com, our NMRA counterpart in China, was going to schedule for the NMRA representatives has been temporarily cancelled, with the hopes of rescheduling later in the year.
- The **Winter Board of Directors Meeting** will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, at the Sheraton Suites Galleria-Atlanta, on **February 8-10**. Although the Board meets in a closed caucus the evening of **February 8**, the general meeting is open to all NMRA members on **February 9** and 10. This year's meeting has a jam-packed agenda, including discussions about the *eBulletin*, an electronic newsletter meant to supplement *NMRA Magazine*. Also, because membership dropped from **19,500** to **18,800** in one year, the Board will be discussing ways to attract new members. A task force which has studied the challenges of attracting Generation X, Generation Y, and Millennials will be making a report at the meeting.
- The Board is reviewing **bids for upcoming conventions**. Indianapolis has thrown its hat in the ring for the 2016 convention, and Sydney, Australia, and Orlando, FL, may be vying for the 2017 convention. Nothing has been decided yet on either convention.
- **The NMRA continues to receive donations for "The Magic of Scale Model Railroading" Exhibit** at the California State Railroad Museum. While we haven't yet hit our goal of \$250,000, we're getting closer every day to hitting the mark which will trigger a matching

donation from an anonymous donor. If you, your Division or Region, have any questions about the exhibit, please contact Howell Day Museum Committee Chairman Allen Pollock at [573-619-8532](tel:573-619-8532). You can contribute via the web by visiting www.nmra.org and clicking on the donation link near the top of the homepage.

- As I mentioned last month, I've turned in my **resignation as Communications Director**, as of the Winter Board meeting next month. It's been a fun run and I've enjoyed it. I don't exactly know what the fate of these InfoNet News e-blasts will be beyond this issue – that will be up to my successor. So if you or anyone you know would like to apply for the position, please contact President Charlie Getz at charliegetz@yahoo.com.

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.

I'd like to say a special "thanks" to my friend and volunteer Chuck Diljak for diligently maintaining our Presidents and Supers email database for the past four years. He did a magnificent job in the thankless task of data mining behind the scenes when these e-blasts would bounce. Thanks, Chuck!

Once again, thank you to all who've emailed me voicing your thanks and support throughout these past 4+ years and 56 editions of the InfoNet News. I truly appreciate it!

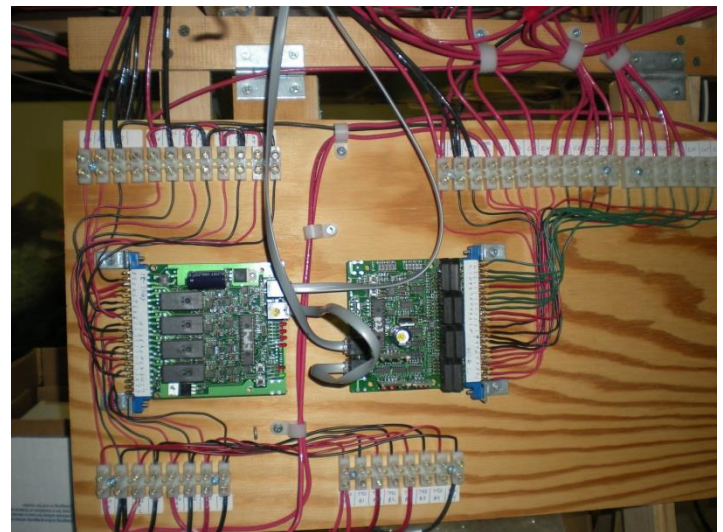
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I hope everyone has a peaceful, restful, and wonderful holiday season!

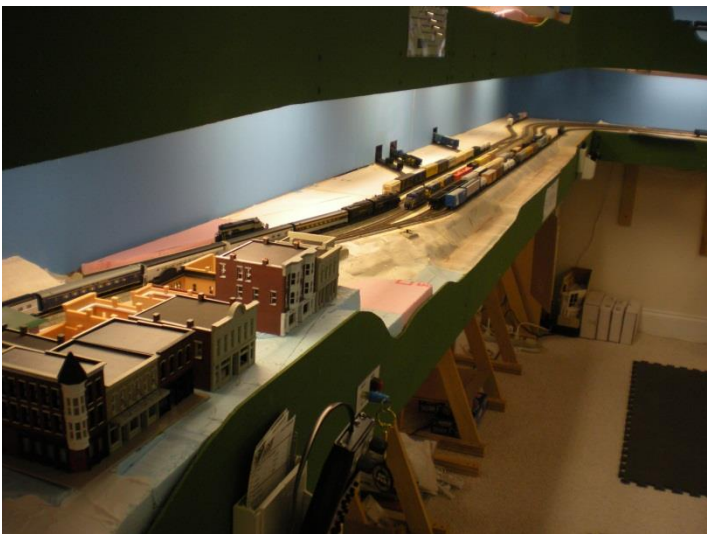
Featured Layout Bruce Faulkner's CSX

Jack Dziadul

I have had the opportunity to operate on Bruce Faulkner's N-scale CSX Shenandoah Division layout on several occasions. Bruce opened his railroad to both the 2010 and 2012 OpSIG RailOps weekends. The Piedmont Crossing MER convention in 2011, and hosts bi-monthly operations. The photographs that follow just provide a glimpse of the construction and scenic detail on the 43 x 17 layout. Bruce has made significant progress in completing the layout since these photos were taken.



Bruce maintains very high standards below the benchwork as well.





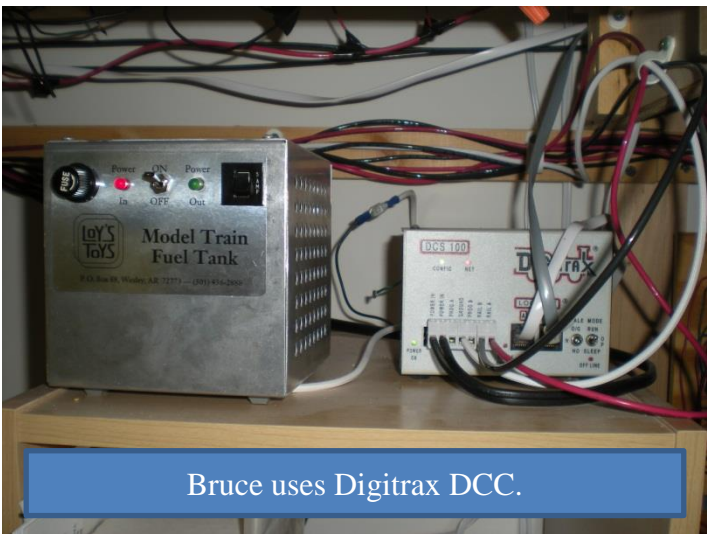
The Supervisor of Train Operations assigns the crews.



The mostly visible helix is at left.



N-scale allows for long unit trains of coal drags, double-stacks and autoracks.



Bruce uses Digitrax DCC.



Popular Vote Contests

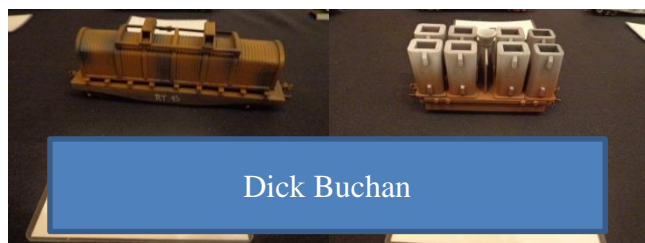
Please be sure to bring in two models for the contest. Yes, that is two! The Board voted to create annual awards for participation in our monthly contests and you will not want to miss out. "Cars with loads" is the subject of the February contest. Contest details as written on the web site are summarized below:

"There are no restrictions on contest entry items. The only exception is in the "Scenery Items" category. This category requires members to assemble, detail, scratch-build and/or weather any item entered for judging. All other category items may be new, out-of-the-box, kit-bashed, weathered, scratch-built etc. Items may be any scale, HO, N, O, G, Z, narrow gauge, etc. A brief description will be allowed on a 3x5 card. This description card may contain product information (detail parts, building materials etc.), the name of your item (i.e. Thompson Mill) and/or what the item represents (i.e. a northeastern Pennsylvania coal mine). *No owner names are to be placed anywhere on the contest table.* Models will remain anonymous to the voters. Members may enter up to two (2) items per scale, per contest. In the event there are several models in different scales, the Contest Coordinator may split the votes into scale categories."

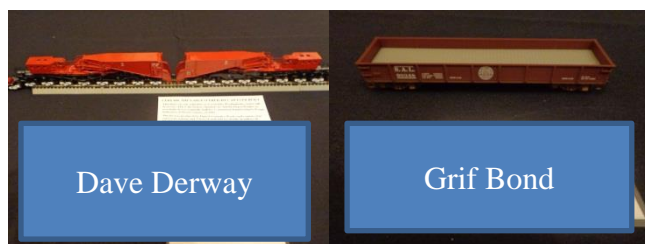
Let's make our show and tell popular vote contest the best ever in 2013. We are off to a very good start with nineteen models entered in January.



Dan Fisher

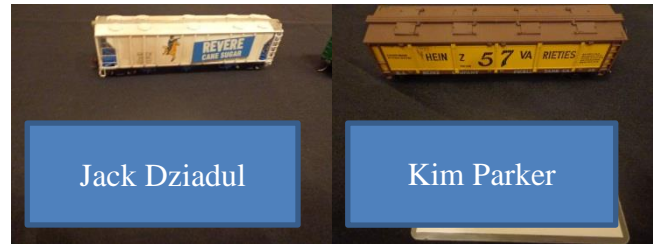


Dick Buchan



Dave Derway

Grif Bond



Jack Dziadul

Kim Parker



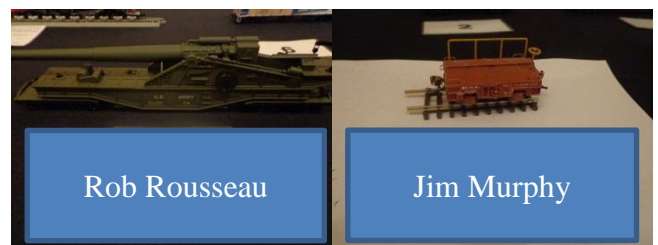
Vic Bitleris



Steve Milley



Mason Cutchin



Rob Rousseau

Jim Murphy



Jim Murphy's Winner

CONSTRUCTING AND RECONSTRUCTING THE CLSC&W RAILROAD

By: Stephen C. Wood
Part Two



The dreaded pop-up!

I laid the two main lines down on the lower level, with a passing siding, and some other sidings, which were torn up since the beginning of the layout or extended to get more cars into a siding for operational purposes. I knew the lower level was in the valley and it was going to be all freight running around the town. The lower level had 22 and 24-inch radius curves, and was run by DC.

When it was time to build the upper level I was not sure what to do. At this point, it was suggested that I use cigar boxes filled with pink insulation to help reduce the noise, tape them shut, and glue them to the plywood base.



The secret to building a second level.

When they were glued down I used bricks the hold them in place. Once dried and in place I cut plywood to place on top of the cigar boxes.



The lower level two tunnels provide for access from main lines to the yard.

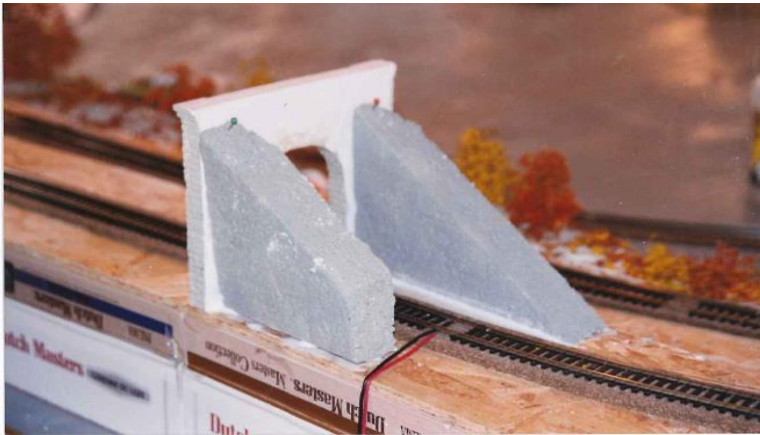


Upper level for two mail lines.

Here are your passenger lines going across the Hudson River. On the right side are

your Main Tracks 3 and four for the freight service.

At this point mountains had to be built using the Styrofoam and the plaster cloth along with a portal for the tunnel I wanted.



Above is the backside or what would become the interior of the portal for main line four.




Front side of the portal for main line four.

It was time to lay the track and the upper level boasts two radius curves at 44 inches and the other two at 42-inch radius. This was strictly going to be used for the passenger trains. Once we laid those tracks, it was time for the mountains to be constructed.



The author and his father deep in thought. How was it going to work?



HAVE 50 MODEL RAILROADING CLINICS RIGHT IN YOUR LIVING ROOM.

Just because you can't make it to a national convention doesn't mean you have to miss out. Right now the NMRA's Kalmbach Memorial Library has over 50 DVDs of clinics presented at national conventions from 2002 to 2010. All available to NMRA members for the cost of postage.

So you can see clinics on everything from decoders to design, tools to techniques, helixes to highways, and research to resin casting.

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Visit www.nmra.org and go to the Kalmbach Memorial Library page for a complete listing.

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Winter 2013 BOD Meeting Report

Mike Brestel's summary of Winter 2013 BOD meeting in Atlanta.

Please note that these are NOT the Draft Minutes of the meeting -- those will be posted later this week after review by Counsel.

Initial goal for Gallery Exhibit reached

Good news greeted the NMRA's national leadership team at the winter Board of Directors meeting in Atlanta on February 8th, 2013, when Chief Financial Officer Frank Koch, HLM, reported that the first interim goal of at least \$250,000 in pledges for the California State Railroad Museum Gallery Exhibit, "The Magic of Scale Model Railroading", has been reached. This triggered a matching pledge of another \$250,000, which puts the Exhibit well on the way toward reaching the estimated cost of up to \$750,000.

Letters have gone out to members who made pledges so that the pledges can be redeemed. No dues money or other regular sources of income are being used to support the Gallery Exhibit, which is the first step in the longer-term plan for a developing a model railroading museum at Sacramento.

The Board acknowledged its sincere appreciation for the donations to the Gallery Exhibit fund-raising campaign of \$10,000 by Model Railroader Magazine and \$50,000 by The World's Greatest Hobby. In addition, there are 16 other pledges in excess of \$10,000, four of which are for \$25,000 or more.

The initial success of the fund-raising drive will allow the Howell Day Museum Committee to ask for construction bids. At some time,

ownership of the Exhibit will pass to the Howell Day Museum, Inc., an NMRA-affiliated corporation required by California law. The Museum assets, which since the beginning have been held separate by the NMRA, will also pass to this affiliated corporation, which will oversee the completion of the Exhibit, probably within 14 months of the awarding of a contract. The completed Exhibit will bring the hobby of scale model railroading to the attention of the more than 750,000 visitors who already come to see Old Town Sacramento and CSRM each year — all at no cost to the NMRA.

Indianapolis for 2016

An outstanding presentation by the host group representing the proposed 2016 National Convention in Indianapolis led to the rapid and enthusiastic acceptance of their bid by the Board. The convention will be headquartered in the downtown area near the convention center. With 200 restaurants in the immediate area, a host of rail and family activities on tap, many outstanding home and club layouts, and its central location (within a day's drive for 156 million people), the convention is certain to be one of the most successful in recent times. The dates are July 3–10, 2016.

The Board approved a motion to allow more flexibility in scheduling National Conventions beginning in 2017. Current regulations require the convention to be held between July 1 and August 15, a limitation that could preclude holding a convention in an outlying area such as Sydney, Australia, as that is mid-winter "Down Under".

Team changes

After determining that Eastern Director John Roberts, HLM, MMR, will be unable to continue in that position due to ongoing health concerns, the Board declared a vacancy in the position. In accordance with procedures laid out in the EHB, President Charlie Getz, HLM, then named Southeastern Region President Joe Gelmini, MMR, to fulfill the remainder of the term.

The Roberts family has asked that no communications of any kind be directed to their home as John and his family continue to cope with his serious illness.

Following the resignation of Communications Director Gerry Leone, MMR, who had received both a President's Award and a Meritorious Service Award for his myriad contributions, President Getz appointed Tom Draper, HLM, DSA, as the Director of Support Services. Tom will fill in any vacancies until a replacement can be found, including assembling and distributing the monthly Info-Blast that goes to Region and Division leadership.

Rick Coble was confirmed as Assistant National Secretary, supporting National Secretary John Stevens.

At-Large North America Director position declared vacant

In closed session At-Large North America Director Miles Hale, MMR, informed the BOD that he contacted the IRS when he learned some members were questioning the NMRA and the alleged ethical conflicts of some of the officers. According to Director Hale, a number of members were gathering a petition and had 100 signatures to submit to the IRS to request an audit or investigation of the NMRA. Director

Hale contacted the IRS and questioned whether there was a legal conflict if a member was an NMRA officer or BOD member and also on the board of the Howell Day Museum (HDM), both allegedly 501(c)(3) corporations. Director Hale stated the IRS informed him that this was a conflict and sent him some sort of communication about two weeks previous to the NMRA BOD meeting, and that Director Hale was supposed to provide a response. The BOD stated that Director Hale was incorrect in his IRS statement because the HDM is not yet a 501(c) (3) organization. He was requested to advise the IRS of this correction. The General Counsel was concerned that the action of Director Hale in contacting the IRS without first contacting the General Counsel or other Board members was injurious to the NMRA and demonstrated a lack of judgment. As a result of the action and failure in judgment, the BOD determined it would file charges against Director Hale. Under procedures laid out in the NMRA Regulations, a Hearing was held and Robert J. Amsler, Jr., General Counsel, represented the NMRA and presented the charges, namely that Director Hale violated Article III, Section 22, Subpart b, Subparagraphs 2 and 4 of the Regulations. Director Hale responded that he did this out of what he felt was the best interest of the NMRA to head off the alleged petition by the disgruntled members. The BOD then voted in closed session on discipline to be administered.

The BOD voted to declare a vacancy in the ALNAD position. Director Hale was informed of the results and told he could continue to attend the meeting but as a member only. A

replacement will be appointed to serve the remainder of the term according to procedures spelled out in the Regulations.

Financial report

CFO Koch reported that the NMRA realized a positive return on both the 2012 Grand Rapids National Convention and National Train Show. Summary reports for the 2012 year as well as the audit results for 2011 will be posted on the NMRA website.

Financial policy

The Board amended the Financial Policy section of the Executive Handbook to streamline, simplify and clarify financial procedures, protect responsible and prudent fiscal management, and ensure flexibility and accountability.

Material donations to NMRA

The Board approved a motion to give NMRA members the first opportunity to purchase items donated to the NMRA (Library, Museum, or undesignated) but deemed surplus. Items the membership fails to buy may be offered for sale to the general public. This is already the current administrative practice, but it has been formalized as policy.

Constant Contact trial run in Pacific Northwest Region

For the past 18 months, the PNR has been conducting a test and proofing run of the Constant Contact "blast email" system. Based upon the success of that test, the NMRA approved use of this system for NMRA communications. That new communications effort is called eBulletin and is under the joint oversight of the IT and Marketing Departments. The eBulletin is not a replacement for the

NMRA Magazine and will not replicate magazine content. It is intended to allow NMRA leadership at the national and regional level (eventually division level) to convey timely and immediate information directly to the membership. The team is working to develop the initial format. A first eBulletin should be out in the near future.

Marketing the NMRA

Marketing Director Page Martin reported that the Marketing Department has developed an aggressive marketing plan for the coming year. After a successful, in-package membership insert with Walthers, the program will be expanded to other online, brick & mortar hobby establishments, museums, targeted attractions, as well as select national and regional model railroad shows and conventions.

A series of announcements and events will take the stage Nationally, Regionally, and Divisionally during November's National Model Railroad Month. In addition the NMRA has positioned itself with an expanded social media presence with the development and updating of NMRA sites at Pinterest, LinkedIn, Meetup, Facebook and Twitter.

The Marketing Department also reported that the Constant Contact email system has been set up and is ready for use and after an upcoming national test, plans to roll out the communication system will be unveiled to the Regions and Divisions as a tool for their use.

HASEA agreement renewed

In February, 2012, the Board entered into a one-year working agreement with HASEA, an association of 100,000 Chinese model railroaders and railfans, to share the NMRA's

standards and organizational knowledge. At this meeting the Board extended that agreement indefinitely. The agreement can be cancelled for no cause with 30-day notice by either party.

Strategic Planning

Western Director Jack Hamilton, MMR, reported that a draft of a new Strategic Plan will be presented at the summer Board meeting prior to the Atlanta National Convention. Vertical integration of the Association's inconsistent top-to-bottom corporate structure is his number one priority owing to the myriad benefits it provides to all levels of the organization.

Simultaneously, President Getz is leading a team charged with greatly simplifying the voluminous and overly complex Executive Handbook. As currently constituted, it specifies almost every detail of the Association's operation in terms that restrict flexibility, growth, and change.

Recognizing the contributions of the pros

The Board approved a motion to establish an annual award for professional railroaders who have provided long-term support and guidance to model railroaders on how and why the railroad industry works as it does. It will be sponsored by a railroad, much like the United Transportation Union sponsors the Brass Lantern Award at the national model contest.

Recognition

President Getz presented the President's Award to outgoing Atlantic District Director Nobby Clark and At-Large Director Worldwide Tony Koester, DSA, for their years of service to the NMRA.

The Board adjourned in honor of former President and Eastern Director John Roberts, HLM, MMR (MER), and in memory of Lt. Cdr. John M. Baker, USN (MER), John Baker (AR), and Jim Long (PCR).

Prepared by Tony Koester and Mike Brestel with the assistance of Bob Amsler, Charlie Getz, Jack Hamilton, Frank Koch, Pete Magoun, Page Martin, John Stevens, and Dave Thornton.

The Name Game

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



Train Word Puzzles

Dr. Charles Wood

Fourteenth installment in a series
Solutions can be found on the last page.

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ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Model Railroad Engineer - Civil

(Ninth in a series)



Jack Burgess, MMR
Pacific Coast Region AP Chairman

In a previous article, we talked about the requirements for the *Master Builder - Scenery*. While scenery is basic to a layout, layout design and track are also fairly basic to a layout. The *Model Railroad Engineer - Civil* certificate within the Achievement Program has been developed to encourage and recognize those abilities associated with layout design and track construction. There are four general requirements that need to be completed and/or demonstrated as part of the process of qualifying for this certificate.

The first is to prepare an original scale drawing of a model railroad track plan identifying overall size, scale, etc. The plan needs to be neat and legible, although it does not need to be in ink or drawn using a CAD program. (It is, however, suggested that you check the requirements for *Model Engineer - Electrical* and *Chief Dispatcher* before drawing this plan so that you can include the requirements for those certificates as part of the same effort.) You don't need to build everything included in this plan, but you do need to include a number of required features including adequate terminal facilities for handling freight and/or passenger cars, adequate facilities for storage and service of motive power, at least one passing track and four switching locations (not counting yards, interchanges, wyes, and reversing loops), provisions for turning motive power, and provisions for running at least two mainline trains in either direction. Again, remember that you don't need to necessarily build all of these items, just include them on your plan. If you are limited for space, you can design the layout that you want to build but only build what you have space for at the time.

The second general requirement is to construct and demonstrate the satisfactory operation of completed section of the model layout from this plan containing at least 25 linear feet of track in N, 50 linear feet in HO or

S scale, or at least 75 linear feet of track in O scale. The track must be complete with ballast, drainage facilities, roadbed profile, etc. The track must include at least six different features such as a passing track, a spur, a cross-over, a turntable, etc. out of a possible 18 features. The track, turnouts, crossings, etc. can be commercial items.

The third general requirement is to scratchbuild three track features and demonstrate their satisfactory operation. These features can include a turnout, crossover, crossing, etc. out of a possible 14 features. These track features do not need to be part of the layout but can be built on a separate piece of wood, as long as they are long enough to be able to be powered to demonstrate that a piece of motive power can run through them in all directions.

The last general requirement is to be awarded a Merit Award for the scratchbuilt track feature items listed under the last item. To win a Merit Award, you need only to demonstrate that the track features work satisfactorily and that workmanship is done neatly.

Once you have completed all of these requirements, submit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) and you are on your way toward another certificate!

Contest – Started Yet?

Jack Dziadul

Our March special modeling contest requires using the Life-Like HO Scale Coaling Tower kit number 1377. 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 1st, 2nd and 3rd 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. Be sure to take notes and photograph your progress so that we can include a brief article in the April edition of "The Herald".

2012 Assistant Superintendent's Report

by Jim Murphy

The Programs and Contests parts of our monthly meetings were revitalized due to the efforts of Kim Parker, our Train Buddy. This last year, as I was involved in more and more international travel, Kim stepped up to provide leadership in programs development, finding presenters, and coordinating presentations with popular vote topics. Heartfelt thanks to Kim for his efforts. And thanks also to Train Buddy for prizes to the Popular Vote Contest winners.

Our year began with John Wallis' prototype quiz and Bill Hanley's old-time industrial building diorama. Next, one of our best presentations ever, "Railroading in Afghanistan" with SFC Hakey. In March, our structural engineer (for real) Dan Fisher taught us how to build bridges and Rob Rousseau model of a plate girder bridge won the popular vote.

Modeling presentations ranged from wiring, model steam locos (Kim) and operations (Rob Westdyke). Prototype presentations included Boston & Maine Eastern Route (Jack Dziadul), Pennsy Steam (John Sokash) and The NC Transportation Museum in Spencer (Steve Mersch). The year concluded with our most popular program, the Yankee Swap Gift exchange.

Popular vote contests from dioramas to steam locos, styrene models, wood models, pacific type 4-6-2 locos, New England models, even to Southern prototype models.

The programs were successful in that more individual presenters gave their time and talents. The popular vote contests were even more fun when more of the members participated. The participation continues to rise as more and more models are on the contest table every month.

C&P Junction Convention

*Marshall Abrams, Potomac Division, Co-chairman
Kurt Thompson, Chesapeake Division, Co-chairman*

The coming C&P Junction Convention in Rockville, Maryland, will feature all those elements you expect: clinics by nationally-recognized clinicians; layout tours of prominent modelers; a bursting White Elephant Room, operations call-boards for every level; a lively contest room, a Banquet and live Auction. But one big difference will be Rockville--Washington and Baltimore-area destination cities. This is one convention where, over the long Columbus Day weekend, you and your spouse, if you wish, can use the long weekend to enjoy the Washington and Baltimore area: the Air and Space Museum, the International Spy Museum, the Newseum, the Baltimore Inner Harbor, Aquarium and other attractions. C & P Junction, Crowne Plaza Hotel (www.cprockville.com) with a free shuttle to the Metro and other points. Visit our website: Google C & P Junction-Comcast.net or <http://home.comcast.net/~CandP2013/>. For questions, email CandP2013@comcast.net.

MER CONTEST AWARD

Jack Dziadul

Martin Brechbiel reports the following: "We have a new Special Award starting at this year's MER Convention - Great Decals! Award...The Great Decals! Award not only carries a plaque but also a cash award! It's not all that complicated to have one or more entries that actually qualifies for a Special Award. Case in point - this year's President's Award is for an on-line structure. That's a pretty open range of possibilities - you just have to make sure that it really is an on-line structure and not just call it one! ...a check for \$30 will be presented to the winner. Hey! That's almost real money! We have 3 awards now that carry some real value.

- Great Decals! (\$30)
- New Modeler (\$25), and
- Best in Show (following year's registration).



Meeting Minutes

Jack Dziadul, Clerk

Carolina Piedmont Division 13

January 22, 2013

Board of Directors

Attendance: **Grif Bond, Vic Bitleris, Jim Murphy, Robert Rousseau, Steve Milley, Jerry Mersch, Jack Dziadul**

Call to order 6:30pm

1. John Wallis brought to the Board's attention that some non-NMRA local model railroad clubs are looking into the sex-offender registry with respect to their membership. John will keep the Board apprised. Jack Dziadul mentioned that NMRA national is aware of membership qualification issues, including the issue raised. Presently NMRA Division membership is defined by geography alone.
2. Review and approval of December minutes
 - a. Vic Bitleris motioned approval and Rob Rousseau seconded. Approved.
3. Paymaster's report & 2012 YTD budget versus actual expense.
 - a. Steve Milley motioned approval and Vic Bitleris seconded. Approved.
4. Recommendations for 2013 budget.
 - a. Budget discussion tabled to the February meeting.
 - b. Submit recommendation to Grif Bond by 2/15/13, who will distribute to the Board before the February meeting.
 - c. Clerk and Achievement Program expenses could be combined into admin expenses / office supplies.
5. Annual reports for 2012
 - a. Clerk's report published in the January Herald.
 - b. Superintendent's and Assistant Superintendent's reports will be in the February Herald.
6. Annual report for the MER - Grif Bond will submit the Division annual report to MER.

7. Proposed by-laws amendments (quorum from 20% to 15%)
 - a. Jack Dziadul motioned that the Annual meeting quorum requirement be reduced from 20% of the membership to 15%. Vic Bitleris seconded. Approved by the Board.
 - b. General membership approval is also required
8. Due to the Annual meeting, additional Board meeting agenda items were tabled to the February meeting.
 - a. Prizes for March contest - discussion tabled to February.
 - b. NMRA standard banner for the Division (see December issue of NMRA Magazine) - discussion tabled to February.
 - c. Designation of Holiday Trains for Kids revenue into a separate line item for tracking - discussion tabled.
 - d. Donation to NMRA for the California State Railroad Museum - Magic of Model Railroading exhibit \$500 - tabled to February.
 - e. Donation to NMRA for the archives project \$500 - discussion table to February.
 - f. CPD13 web page enhancements, Facebook, etc. (electronic media) - discussion tabled.
 - g. Raffle layout work schedule - tabled to February.
 - h. Membership survey - tabled to February.
9. Incentive contest for popular vote - Jack Dziadul introduced a popular vote contest incentive award in order to encourage greater participation in the monthly event. Discussion followed along the outline below.
 - Clerk to track participation and the Editor will post monthly.
 - Member x enters one model per month = 12 entries
 - Member y enters two months each month for six months = 12 entries
 - Member z enters eleven models = 11 credits / points / models, etc.

- The number of wins could serve as a tie-breaker.
- At the annual meeting recognize participation for the preceding calendar year.
- 1st = \$25
- 2nd = \$20
- 3rd = \$15
- 4th = \$10
- 5th = \$5
- Budget \$75
- To receive an award one must be member in good standing.
- Contest rules allow two entries per month.
- More models would be entered.
- Add a bit more fun to the annual meeting.
- Add some interest to The Herald as we track the scorecard.

Jim Murphy motioned approval. Jack Dziadul seconded. Approved with 6 votes, with Jerry Mersch abstaining.

Business Meeting

Attendance 27 plus one guest

Grif Bond reviewed the Board of Directors meeting. Vic Bitleris gave the Achievement Program report.
Model Railroad Author - Stephen Wood
Chief Dispatcher - Jack Dziadul

Upcoming programs & contests

Jack Dziadul reviewed the popular vote annual award incentives approved by the Board.

Jim Murphy reviewed the program schedule through September.

Refreshment volunteers

Gene Sing - February

John Sokash - March

Grif Bond awarded Certificates of Appreciation

Vic Bitleris for six years' service as a Director and for his continuing work as AP Chairman.

Kim Parker for service to the Division with sponsorship of the monthly popular vote contests, arranging for monthly programming and for his superb clinics.

Grif Bond announced the 2012 Member of the Year award recipient - **Jack Dziadul**

Grif Bond read a thank you note from Holiday trains recipient.

Raffle Layout - Steve Milley has seven building kits for the raffle layout and solicited volunteers to build the kits. Freight cars will be available next month

MER Convention - John Janosko reviewed the October 2012 MER business meeting and gave an update of the 2013 convention planning.

ANNUAL MEETING

1. Clerk's Call of Roll
 - a. Motion to waive the Call of Roll - John Wallis motion with Vic Bitleris second. Approved.
2. Quorum is 20% of the members present (Article IV 4.11). Jack Dziadul motioned that the Annual Meeting quorum be reduced from 20% of the membership to 15%. Grif Bond seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
3. Proof of due notice of meeting (Article 4.5) - December Herald.
4. Reading and disposal of any unapproved minutes. There were none.
5. Annual Report from the Officers
 - a. Superintendent's report (Article IV 4.2) to be published in The Herald.
 - b. Assistant Superintendent - to be published in The Herald.
 - c. Clerk's report (Article IV 4.2) published in the January 2013 Herald.
 - d. Paymaster / Assistant Paymaster
6. Election of Officers and Directors (Article IV 4.2)

Steve Milley presented the Nominating Committee report. There are three candidates for the one open Director position. There were no floor nominations. Jim Murphy motioned that nominations be closed. Vic Bitleris seconded. Approved. Ballots were distributed and the results were:

David Johnson	7
Will Seehorn	10
Stephen Wood	10

Given the tie, a second ballot among the top two candidates was distributed. The second ballot result was

Will Seehorn 14
 Stephen Wood 13

Steve Milley announced that Will Seehorn was elected Director for a three-year term.

Jim Murphy won the popular vote contest.

The Board of Directors convened after the annual meeting. Will Seehorn was not available. No business we adjourned.

SUPERINTENDENT AWARDS

Jim Murphy photos



Grif Bond (l) and Kim Parker



Jack Dziadul (l) and Grif Bond



Vic Bitleris

MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Steve Milley	2010
Steve Milley	2011
Jack Dziadul	2012

CONTEST ENTRIES

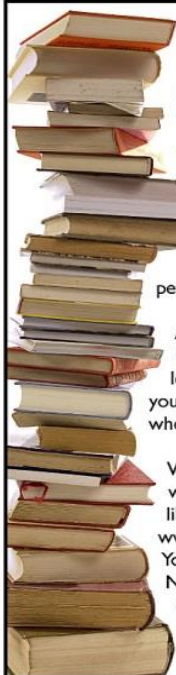
	January
Dan Fisher	2
Dick Buchan	2
Jack Dziadul	2
Jim Murphy	2
Mason Cutchin	2
Steve Milley	2
Vic Bitleris	2
Dave Derway	1
Grif Bond	1
Kim Parker	1
Rob Rousseau	1
Total entries	18

Welcoming New Members Saying Hello to the Old

By Jack Dziadul

One of the great benefits of membership in the NMRA is the fellowship that we all enjoy with those who share our hobby interest. We each have a role to play in nurturing this fellowship. What can you do?

- Call or email a member that you have not seen in a while.
- Car pool to an open house or just a trip to a hobby shop.
- Invite a new member to an operating session.
- Share a ride and a room at a convention.
- Finished reading The Herald? Pass it along to a non-member so they can see what they are missing.



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FINANCIAL REPORT

Jerry Mersch, Paymaster

<u>December 2012</u>	
Balance In Check Book 11/30/12	\$9,202.95
<u>Income</u>	
Total	\$00.00
<u>Expenses</u>	
Bank Fee	\$2.00
Holiday Trains for Kids	\$408.69
Holiday meeting refreshments	\$170.08
Total	\$580.77
Balance In Check Book 12/31/12	\$8,622.18

<u>January 2013</u>	
Balance In Check Book 12/31/12	\$8,622.18
<u>Income</u>	
Total	\$00.00
<u>Expenses</u>	
Bank Fee	\$2.00
Meeting room rental (6 months)	\$240.00
Meeting refreshments	\$18.79
Popular vote award	\$10.00
Member of the Year award	\$25.00
Holiday trains for Kids	\$440.77
Total	\$736.56
Balance In Check Book 1/31/13	\$7,885.62

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.

FROM THE BUSINESS CAR

By Grif Bond, Superintendent

2012 Annual Superintendent's Report –

The 2012 annual Superintendent's report is published in this month's edition of The Herald. The report highlights the activities of the Division during the past year. The report was also submitted to the Mid-Eastern Region.

New Director – Congratulations to Will Seehorn on his election as a Director for the Division for a three year term (expiring January 2016).

2013 Special Modeling Contest – Time is counting down to the March reveal of the latest special modeling contest using the Life-Like coaling tower kit. You still have time to open the box and create your contest entry. The Division will award 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes based on a membership popular vote with a ranking system. In addition, the Board of Directors will award 3 honorable mention prizes, so there will be 6 winners. No reason to procrastinate.

NMRA communications – The monthly NMRA InfoNet news from Gerry Leone, MMR ended with the January issue. The NMRA is moving to an email distribution called ORDERBOARD – NMRA News. Check your email inbox to see if you received the test email from NMRA President Charlie Getz. The email may also be in your "junk" or "spam" folders. You also have the option to "opt out" if you do not want to receive the emails. Be sure to keep your email address current with our Clerk Jack Dziadul and the MER Business Manager.

2013 NMRA Election – Included in the February issue of NMRA Magazine is your ballot for NMRA At-Large World-Wide Director. There are 4 candidates, including 2 nominated by the Nominating Committee - Stan Ames and Mike Brestel and 2 nominated by petition – Larry Smith, MMR and Leslie Eaton, MMR. You can vote for 1, so look for your ballot and response by the postmark deadline of April 1, 2013. Your vote counts!

Peachtree Express in Atlanta – The 2013 NMRA National Convention is coming this summer in Atlanta. Having the convention reasonable close should boost attendance from the Division. A number of Division members have already signed up. Make your plans now. Full details at www.nmra2013.org

MER 2013 Convention in Rockville, Maryland – C&P Junction is a joint effort of the Chesapeake Division and the Potomac Division. The convention will be October 10 – 13, 2013, at the Crown Plaza, www.cprockville.com. *The convention in will feature all those elements you expect: clinics by nationally-recognized clinicians; layout tours of prominent modelers; a bursting White Elephant Room, operations call-boards for every level; a lively contest room, a Banquet and live Auction. But one big difference will be Rockville--Washington and Baltimore-area destination cities. This is one convention where, over the long Columbus Day weekend, you and your spouse, if you wish, can use the long weekend to enjoy the Washington and Baltimore area: the Air and Space Museum, the International Spy Museum, the Newseum, the Baltimore Inner Harbor, Aquarium and other attractions. Full details on the convention web page <http://home.comcast.net/~candp2013/> For questions email CandP2013@comcast.net*

Michiana Division – Jim Six, Superintendent of the Michiana Division has invited all interested railroad modelers to attend the Michiana Division's annual model railroading symposium on April 19 & 20 at the **Das Dutchman Essenhaus Conference Center in Middlebury, IN**. Only this year it is no longer the symposium. After a lot of work and effort on the part of many people the event is called the *NMRA Michiana Division Education and Training Conference & Workshops*. Full details at <http://michiana-nmra.org/>

Model Railroad Hobbyist – The online magazine Model Railroad Hobbyist, <http://model-railroad-hobbyist.com>, continues to amaze me with useful ideas and information. With the recent January 2013 issue, the format

has changed and now it is easier to view on a tablet and/or smart phone. It still works great on a desktop at home. In addition to the monthly issue and all the how to articles, be sure to check out the "blog" section of the website for some unique modeling ideas. One series of blog postings I recently scrolled through was the **INRAIL** layout of Tom Jackson. He has mastered the art of using photographs of the Indiana countryside and blended these in so well that you cannot tell where the modeling ends and the photography starts. To top it off, the depth of his shelf layout is generally 12 to 18 inches. Here is a link to the blog page <http://model-railroad-hobbyist.com/node/8934?page=1> Scroll through several pages until you come across one or more of Tom's postings with photographs. The most current postings show how he is remodeling his layout.

Join us on February 26th for the next Division meeting.

RUSSELL SNOWPLOW

By Jim Murphy



The Boston & Maine prototype was probably built between 1900 and 1915 for service in the heavily snowed-in Berkshire Mountains of western Massachusetts. It was all-wood construction except for the later versions that had a steel underframe to keep from crushing the cabin. Learning from experience!

I purchased the kit in the early 1960's when the \$3.00 price reflected multiple weeks' allowance plus birthday money. Craftsman kits were a luxury back then. Many hours of fine sandpaper, X-Acto blades, the included tube of Ambroid cement, and a few bottles of Floquil with a fine brush got you a model to show your friends. The real beauty of a craftsman kit is that it can easily be rebuilt. Fix the joints, add details, get some better trucks, and fire up that new airbrush so you've now got a model to show your new friends.

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