



The Carolina Piedmont Herald

Newsletter of the Carolina Piedmont Division, MER, NMRA

July 2013

Next Division Meeting

Tuesday, July 23, 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
Next up - July - Tree from May/June Clinics

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

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Membership Barometer

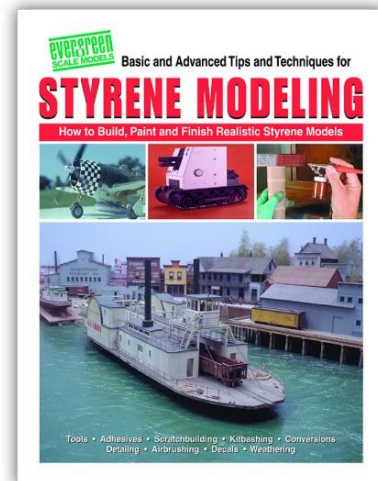
NMRA Membership	19,152
MER Membership	2,015
Division Membership	135
http://www.trainweb.org/cpd13/	
Yahoo Group Members	95
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cpd13/	
Attendance 6/25/13	20

July Program

Styrene Scratch Building

Luis Dominguez

“The clinic will focus on using styrene to model wood structures and wood planking for board-by-board construction. There will be two parts to the clinic: Part One will be constructing a model as if we were designing a kit and Part Two will be the sequence followed to make styrene look like wood in various stages of weathering. There will be examples to see and a how-to handout.”



Welcome New Members

Geoff Bernard	Durham
Joey Ivey	Fayetteville
Mark Plath	Durham
David Sessoms	Fayetteville

The Name Game

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

Board of Directors

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CPD Meeting Calendar

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

July 23 August 27 September 24 October
 22 November 12 December 10

Coming Events

Lynchburg Rail Day

Lynchburg, VA

Saturday August 10, 2013

www.blueridgenrhs.org

2013 Steel Mill Modelers Meet

Pittsburgh, PA

August 28-September 1, 2013

<http://www.peachcreekshops.com/2013steelmeet.php>

Saluda Rails Ops

October 25-27, 2013

<http://saludarails.org/>

Amherst Model RR Society Train Show

West Springfield, MA

January 25-26, 2014

<http://www.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 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

July	Tree (from the June clinic)
August	Your Scratch-built Styrene Structure

Program Topics

July	Styrene Scratch Building	Luis Dominguez
August	Scenery	Lou Sassi
September	Colorado & Southern	Mason Cutchin

Refreshment Hosts

July	Jim Babcock
August	Joel McCurry
September	Don Hamrick
October	your name goes here

NMRA web sites

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

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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jerry Mersch, Paymaster

May 2013

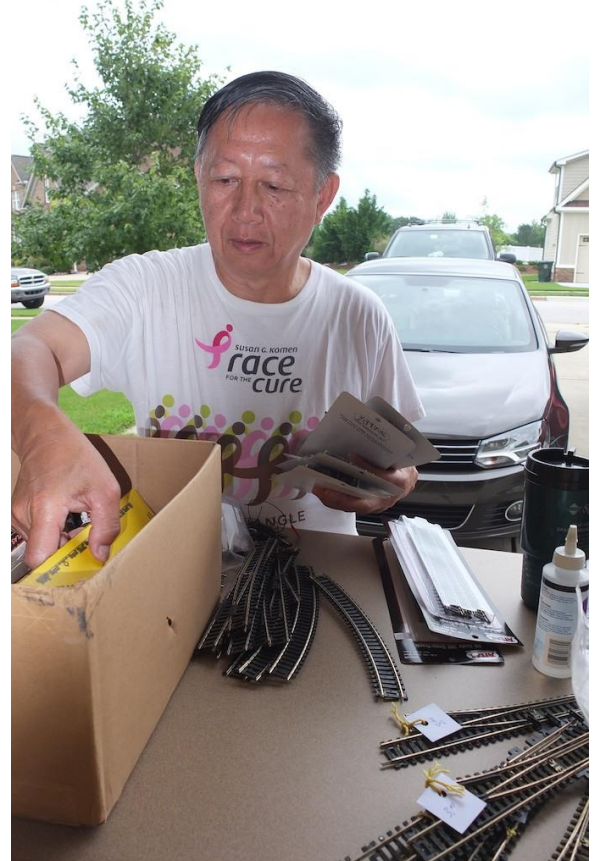
Balance In Check Book 5/31/13	\$7,578.18
<u>Income</u>	\$ -0-
<u>Expenses</u>	
Bank Fee	\$ 2.00
Meeting refreshments (donated)	\$ -0-
Popular vote award	\$ 10.00
Meeting Room Rental (6 months)	<u>\$240.00</u>
Total	\$252.00
Check Book Balance 6/30/13	\$7,326.18

Contest Participation

Year-to-date	Total	Winner
Steve Milley	11	
Jim Murphy	9	2
Rob Rousseau	9	1
Dan Fisher	8	2
Jack Dziadul	8	
Dave Derway	6	1
Dick Buchan	6	
Jim Babcock	5	
Grif Bond	4	
Vic Bitleris	4	
Luis Dominguez	3	1
Mason Cutchin	3	
Bill Hanley	2	
Mike Humble	2	
Jerry Mersch	2	
John Janosko	1	
John Sokash	1	
Bob Bridges	1	
Kim Parker	1	
Total entries	86	

Raffle Layout

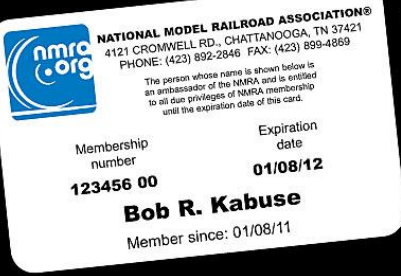
Steve Milley hosted another raffle layout construction day. **Gene Sing, Grif Bond, Bob Bridges, Jim Babcock, Don Jennings,** and **Jack Dziadul** joined Steve in getting continuing the progress as shown in Bob Bridges' photos below.





Below are photos from **Jack Dziadul**.



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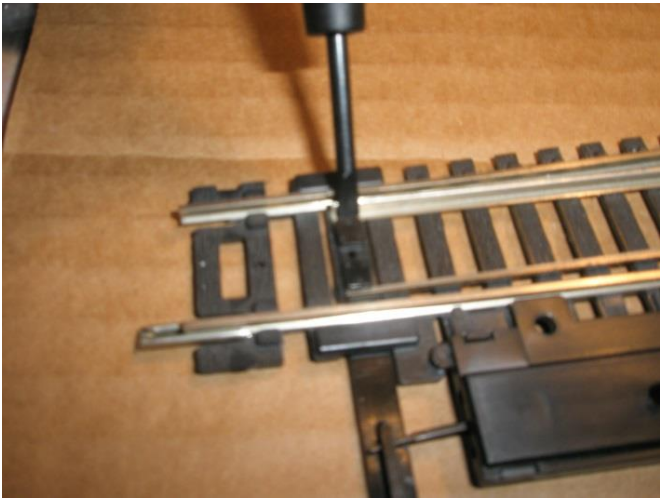
A Good Model Railroad Tip

Article and Photos by **Don Jennings**

Part one

While at Steve Milley's house, I was helping with the building of the new raffle layout. The seven of us were all working on putting down the track so it would fit on the table space. One of the things that surprised me was when an Atlas track turnout was to be placed on the table sometimes the throw bar would not fit that space. Some members did not know how to correct this. I told them it was easy to change.

To change the position of the throw arm, from one side to the other, can be done by lifting up the plastic tabs between the two moveable rails. This can't be done with the switches that have the moveable rails riveted.



Picture # 1 (above) shows the tabs location prior to moving one of the rails. These tabs hold down the moveable track pieces of the switch and are bendable so the rails may become loose.

Picture # 2 (below) has just freed up one rail.



The freed rail will have to be raised upward or the tab pushed downward under the rail to become loose.

Now you do other rail the same way.

[See picture #3 below]



Pictures # 4 & 5 show the throw arm is free to change from one side to the other side of the switch.

Picture # 4

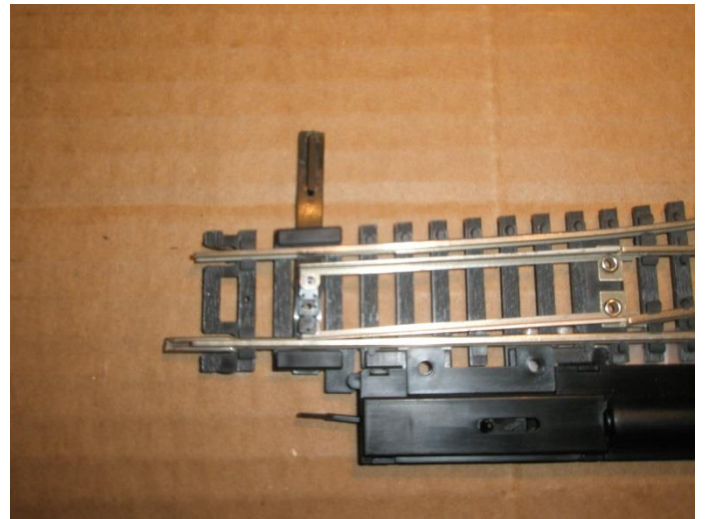


Picture # 5



Now the reverse process has to happen. That is to re-install the throw arm to the desired side.

This is easy because all you have to do is place and *s l i g h t l y* push the arm into the rail tab for each rail. This is partly shown in picture # 6 below.



The last step is to position an electric switch machine to the opposite side of the track and wire it up to operate.



Having successfully changed the position of the Atlas track switch throw bar, you should be able to continue placing track and switches down for your layout with no difficulty.

NMRA 2013 Convention – Peachtree Express – Atlanta, Georgia

Photos by **Grif Bond**, Superintendent

Here is an initial round of photos from the contest (celebration) room at the 2013 NMRA Convention in Atlanta, July 14 – 21. Photos were taken on Tuesday mid-morning.

Large 7/8n2 scale scratch built engine shed:



Scratch built structures – loading platform



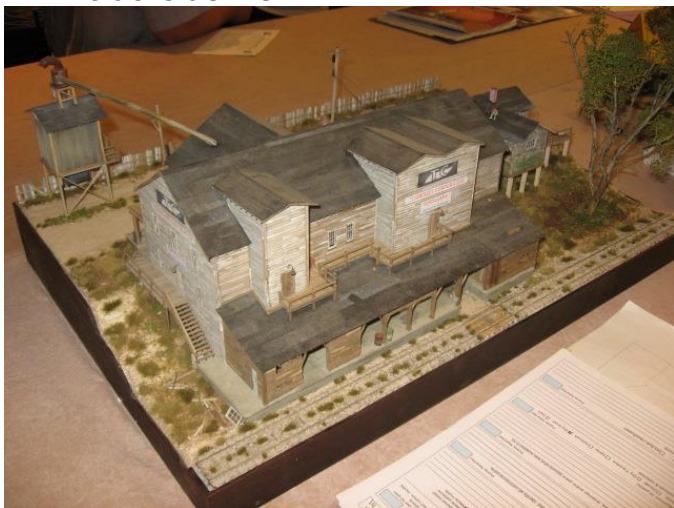
Best match to a photograph - Frank Lloyd Wright house



Scratch built dioramas



Mill - trackside view



Mill - Roadside view



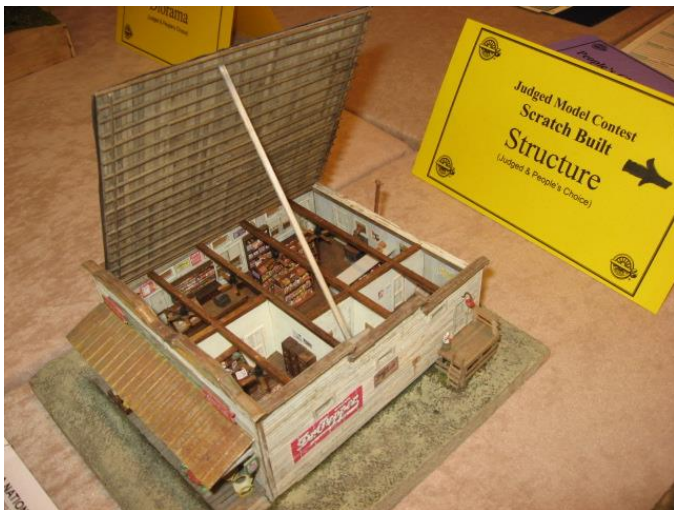
Barbecue joint - front view - scratch built



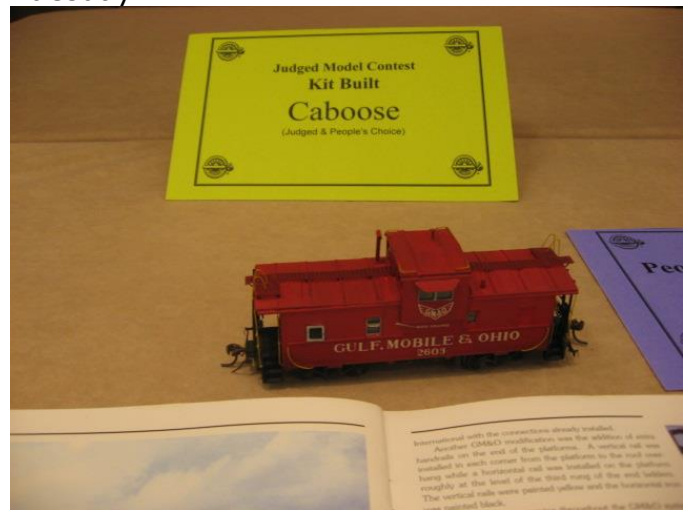
Barbecue joint - rear view - scratch built



Structures – scratch built



Kit built category – caboose only 1 entry as on Tuesday AM



Scratch built non-revenue car



Locomotive scratch built



Meeting Minutes

Jack Dziadul, Clerk

Carolina Piedmont Division 13

June 25, 2013

Board of Directors

Attendance: **Steve Milley, Jerry Mersch, Jack Dziadul, Grif Bond**

Call to order 6:32 PM

1. The June minutes were reviewed and approved as posted in The Herald on motion of Steve Milley with Jerry Mersch second.
2. Paymaster's report & Year-to-date budget review approved on Jack Dziadul motion and Steve Milley second. The Paymaster also offered the following notes:
 - a. Paid the room rent for the next six months.
 - b. Potential conflict with room availability for the July meeting. (Not an issue Ed.)
 - c. Advised church of our interest in 2014 room rental.
3. Model Contest (Popular Vote) Rules / Criteria. Discussion, no action taken
4. Layout Raffle
 - a. Steve Milley is scheduling a raffle layout construction session for 7/29/13 9 AM to Noon.

- b. Discussed "Trains for Kids" program name change to broaden the scope of the fundraising effort given that the funds raised are used to support the entire CPD program.

Board meeting adjourned 6:50 PM.

Business meeting items:

Call to order – 7:00 PM

Attendance 20

Grif Bond reviewed the Board of Directors meeting.

Stephen Wood was recognized for donating the meeting snacks.

Raffle layout – Steve Milley announced Saturday, June 29th as a work session. Steve requested that others with kits turn bring them in upon completion.

Achievement Program – Vice Bitleris mentioned that Steve Benezra scheduled a verification of his Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical work. Vic and Jack Dziadul will visit Steve on 7/13/13.

The upcoming calendar of clinic presenters and contests was reviewed.

Refreshment volunteers: July – **Jim Babcock**; August - **Joel McCurry**, September – **Don Hamrick**.

Steve Milley presented Part II of his Tree clinic.

Luis Dominguez won the popular vote contest.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Author Certificate

Jack Burgess, MMR
Pacific Coast Region AP Chairman

Continuing our discussion on various AP certificates, in this article we'll review the requirements for Author, with an emphasis on the newest way to share information, the Internet. Like the other certificates, the full requirements for this category are available on the Internet at the NMRA site, www.NMRA.org.

For this category, points are awarded for published articles or drawings, developing web sites, or presenting live clinics. In all cases, the subject **must** be model railroading (i.e., articles or clinics on a railroad prototype do not count toward the total score unless it includes significant information on how to model the particular prototype). To earn a certificate for Author, you need to accumulate a total of 42 points. The number of points awarded for your efforts is dependent on the type of publication and the type of article or drawing.

Keep in mind the following guidelines:

- A "page" is approximately 1200 words. Credit may be claimed for partial pages down to quarter pages.
- NMRA Publications (including SIG publications) with a circulation of more than 2000 may be considered National Publications; those with a circulation of more than 1000 may be considered Region Publications.
- Material published in 100% NMRA Club publications earns half the number of points as an NMRA Division publication.
- No more than half of the total required points (21) may be claimed for Division or 100% NMRA Club publications.

In the case of articles for one of the commercial publications, you do not need to wait for actual publication. A copy of the submitted article and a copy of the acceptance receipt is sufficient. However, you might find that the final article is actually longer than anticipated once you see the article in print which might impact your points.

Note that you can also receive credit for presenting live clinics but that is outside the extent of this article.

You can also get credit for publishing material on the Internet. This material earns credit at the same rate as Published Articles in Region publications as listed in the table. All photos, drawings, etc. are treated as 1/3 of a page. Material that is published in more than one place or way (for example, both in a magazine and electronically, or in multiple electronic formats) can only earn credit once.

The address (URL) of the material must be included with the certificate application. Material which is published on a non-publicly accessible forum (e.g. a private BBS or as e-mail) is not eligible for credit. In addition, no more than half of the total required points (21) may be claimed for publications on the Internet. Because of the nature of the web, final determination of what material is acceptable for credit, and how much credit it earns, lies with the AP Department Manager. For material that is the work of more than one person, each person may claim 1/2 of the applicable points, provided that they did at least 40% of the work involved.

Of all of the AP categories, Author might be the easiest to document. Simply attach photocopies of the particular articles to your Statement of Qualifications along with a summary of your points for each item.



From the Business Car

Grif Bond, Superintendent

NMRA 2013 National Convention, Peachtree Express – I am working a late night (Tuesday) at the hotel in Atlanta, Georgia writing my monthly *From the Business Car* column during the NMRA 2013 National Convention. My informal count of Division attendees stands at 13 and 2 more are on the way for the later portion of the week. So, we'll have a good representation of Division members in Atlanta. A number of MER members from outside CPD13 are also here.

Look for a quick peak of some initial photos from the contest (celebration) room in this month's issue of the newsletter and a more detailed article after I complete the week by attending the National Train Show.

The host committee, the Piedmont Division of the Southeast Region, has done a great job setting up and running the convention. It appears the attendance count is initially at about 1,200. The silent auction room is packed with items to bid on and includes several "buy it now" tables. Hopefully some of my bids will "stick".

I have had the opportunity to talk individually with NMRA President Charlie Getz and NMRA Eastern Director Joe Gelmini. I also spoke with Lee Riley with Bachmann Trains about some new locomotive offerings to be displayed at the National Train Show.

Rail Pass – Rail Pass applications funded by the Mid-Eastern Region are still available. Over the past 2 years the Division has sponsored about 15 Rail Pass applications for new members. If you know of a railroad modeler who is interested, let me know 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. Find a fellow railroad modeler, share expenses on a hotel room and carpool up to Rockville for a fun long weekend.

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, July 23rd at 7:00 PM. Remember to bring your tree for the model contest. Luis Dominguez will present a clinic on scratch building with styrene. Luis won the monthly contest in June with his diorama with scratch built structures.

Welcome to the InfoNet- News for July, 2013

Tom Draper – HLM, DSA, FA
Director – Support Services

A Message from Mike Brestel, current Publications Department Manager and soon to be NMRA Worldwide at Large Director:

On July 12 I leave my position as NMRA Publications Department Manager, and *NMRA InfoBlast* editor Tom Draper has asked me to fill in our Region and Division leaders about our current activities.

The Publications Department is responsible for overseeing these major areas: The *NMRA Magazine*, NMRA Data Sheets, the NMRA Calendar Project, NMRA Books, and the *NMRA eBulletin*.

NMRA Magazine – White River Productions (Kevin EuDaly) continues to manage the production of the *NMRA Magazine*. Stephen and Cinthia Priest of Paired Rail Railroad Productions (PRRP) are our editors, and in addition, Cinthia has become our ad sales manager. White River and PRRP have successfully maintained the quality of all aspects of the *NMRA Magazine*, with an emphasis on NMRA organizational and member activities and accomplishments. We continue to watch the growth of electronic magazine distribution in the model railroad world, but at this time we do not plan to convert to electronic publishing.

NMRA Data Sheets – Over the past year we have moved Data Sheets back into the Publications Department. David Johnson, Data Sheet Manager, and Van S. Fehr, Assistant Manager, are working to establish new standards for Data Sheet content and presentation, and several new sheets are in preparation. I think you'll be pleased with what you see!

NMRA Calendar Project – We are in the process of selecting images for the 2014 NMRA Calendar, which as you know is an NMRA U.S. fundraising project. After the death of John Roberts, Tom Morrison and I remain to manage this project. We are on track to release the 2014 calendar in late 2013. As always, the calendar will be available to non-U.S. members for a nominal fee plus postage. Non-U.S. members are encouraged to contact HQ at nmrahq@aol.com if they are interested in a calendar.

NMRA Books – We continue to offer current NMRA books to members and the public, but development of new titles has been slowed by difficulties in obtaining copyright clearance for proposed projects. This is another area where we feel the loss of John Roberts. We will be looking for additional worthy titles to develop in the coming months.

NMRA eBulletin – You have all no doubt received the *NMRA eBulletin*, which is prepared bi-monthly by Gerry Leone, Chuck Dijak, and Tracy McKibben, and distributed through the efforts of Page Martin, Ben Sevier, and the NMRA HQ staff. The *eBulletin* has already proven to be an invaluable tool for the dissemination of fast-breaking news. Our biggest problem – and frustration – has been that we do not have the current email address for many of our members. You can help us get the *eBulletin* to your members by making sure they notify HQ when their email addresses change. A quick note to nmrahq@aol.com will do the trick, or contact this url:

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

I've really enjoyed this past year as Publications Department Manager. It may actually be the best job in the whole NMRA!

Fortunately, Mr. Don Phillips, who has extensive experience in the business world, with United Press International, and as an NMRA volunteer, has agreed to take over as the new Manager. All of the current Pubs Committee – Larry DeYoung, Tony Koester, Gerry Leone, and I – will happily continue (as long as Don will have us).

Peachtree Express Updates

The Peachtree Express 2013 convention team has been working hard for many years to make Atlanta 2013 an enjoyable and educational experience for all. The time is almost here and we look forward to sharing some southern hospitality with everyone. Here are some things to keep in mind as you sharpen your plans.

Special Events

- Welcome reception (snacks and cash bar) in the Garden Courtyard of the Waverly Hotel from 4:00 - 5:30 PM on Sunday, July 14.
- Daily general interest activities, including Project Linus, games, exercise activities, clinics on a variety of topics, and evening movie nights including traditional southern favorites like *Gone With The Wind*.
- The family-friendly Lucy & Desi tribute show is our banquet entertainment.
- Model celebration and contest. Bring what you've been working on for display or judging.
- Silent Auction.
- Over 200 clinics from beginner to advanced topics.
- Modeling With The Masters make-and-take workshops.
- Company store featuring a wide variety of items and our HO and N convention cars.

Hotel

- The Waverly Renaissance convention hotel is now sold out. The overflow hotel is the nearby Sheraton Suites Galleria. Call them at 888-627-7047 and request the NMRA rate of \$139.00. Rate includes free parking.

Transportation

- If traveling via Amtrak, a PTE-provided shuttle from the station to the convention hotel is available on a request basis beginning July 13. Please

notify us of your arrival plans by calling 770-707-5019 or by email to atcgel@gmail.com.

- If arriving by air, we have arranged discounted fares from the airport to the convention hotel of \$33.00 with A&M Limo. Please call A&M Limo at 770-955-4565 to arrange. Taxi from the airport to the Waverly runs about \$55.00.

Tours

- We have been advised that Hanger 3 at the Delta Museum (Tour P459) will be closed for renovations during the convention. To make up for this, we have arranged for this tour to include a visit to the Delta Operations Center and flight training simulators.
 - Due to insufficient pre-registration interest, the following tours have been canceled:
 - § Layout tours L411, L624, L628
 - § Prototype tours P454, P558, P659, P762
 - § General Interest tours G237, G340, G442, G544, G747
- Joe Gelmini – Chairman – Peachtree Express

Atlanta National Train Show (NTS)

The Atlanta National Train Show has sold 296 exhibitor booths. This compares with 254 exhibitor booths sold for the Grand Rapids NTS in 2012 and 250 exhibitor booths sold for the Sacramento NTS in 2011.

There are 129 exhibitors at the Atlanta NTS along with 23 modular layouts in 40,665 square feet of modular layout area. The overall hall size (four halls) is 144,000 square feet.

Tom Draper - Chairman - National Train Show



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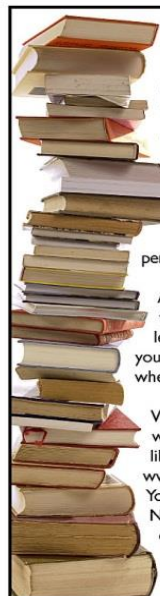
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