



The Carolina Piedmont Herald

Newsletter of the Carolina Piedmont Division, MER, NMRA

June 2013

Next Division Meeting

Tuesday, June 25, 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 - June – Any Diorama

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

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Membership Barometer

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|---|--------|
| NMRA Membership | 19,152 |
| MER Membership | 2,015 |
| Division Membership | 132 |
| http://www.trainweb.org/cpd13/ | |
| Yahoo Group Members | 94 |
| http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cpd13/ | |
| Attendance 5/28/13 | 32 |

June Program

Trees – Part 2

Steve Milley

June's CPD13 clinic will be the 2nd of a 2-part hands-on clinic hosted by Stephen Milley. The topic will be making deciduous trees with wire armatures. These tree models are intended to be detailed, "front-of-the-layout" scenic items that will add realistic detail to your model railroad, module, or diorama. Stephen learned this method at a hands-on clinic at the Fine Scale Model Railroad Expo in 2012 in Strasburg, PA. That clinic was hosted by Marty McGuirk who is a well-known modeler in the hobby.

In Part 1 of this clinic, the group created detailed tree armatures using floral wire, and coated the tree trunks with modeling paste. Each modeler was asked to take the work-in-process tree home with them, sand down the modeling paste, and add a base spray paint color to the armature. A simple brown color should suffice.

In Part 2 of the clinic, the group will use Super Trees material to add the many small branches to fill the tree armature. The group will use super-glue with an accelerant to attach the Super Trees material. Finally, the group will learn how to add leaf flocking to fill in the tree top with greenery. What to bring? For the June session, please bring a few important tools.

1. A couple of your favorite small tweezers
2. A small tube of gel super-glue (aka, AC adhesive)
3. A spray bottle of AC Accelerant (if you have it available)

Stephen will provide the remaining materials:

- Super Trees materials
- A selection of gel super-glue (if you don't have your own)
- Some bottles of the AC Accelerant (if you don't have your own)

Stephen has uploaded a PDF file of the hand-out that he distributed at the May CPD13 meeting. This hand-out covers the basic steps to create the floral wire tree armatures that we did together in the clinic. Please be sure to continue work on your tree armatures, so when we get back together on June 25th, you'll be ready to work with the Super Trees material, and prep for leaf flocking. For those who missed the May clinic, please refer to the file that Stephen uploaded to our yahoo group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cpd13/files/Clinics%20%26%20Programs/>. Contact **Rob Rousseau** or **Jack Dziadul** if you are not a member and would like to join the CPD Yahoo Group.

Come join the fun as the group continues on the journey to detailed deciduous trees.



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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June Contest

Jack Dziadul

No time or stuck for an idea for a diorama for the June 25th contest? How about completing the factory or cooling tower that never got submitted the first time around? Or, perhaps clean off the cobwebs, refresh and super-detail the diorama that you did submit.

Correction

Jack Dziadul

The Herald reported in the May edition that **Stephen Wood's** Model Railroad Author AP certificate was # 7 and put Stephen over the top for his Master Model Railroder designation. It was actually Stephen's Master Builder Cars AP Certificate that was # 7 and put him over the top.

CPD Meeting Calendar

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

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|----------------|------------|-------------|
| June 25 | 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

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|------|-------------|---|------------------|
| 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

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

Program Topics

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|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| June | Trees - Part 2 | Steve Milley |
| July | Styrene Scratch Building | Luis Dominguez |
| August | Scenery | Lou Sassi |
| September | Colorado & Southern | Mason Cutchin |

Refreshment Hosts

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|-------------|---------------------|
| June | Stephen Wood |
| July | Jim Babcock |
| August | Joel McCurry |
| September | your name goes here |

NMRA web sites

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

Welcome New Member

Anthony Deas Raleigh

Give a Hug

Jack Dziadul

It takes time and effort to keep any organization going, including your favorite hobby. Whether at the National, Region or Division level let's show our appreciation to the officers, directors, clinicians, newsletter contributors and others who step up when something needs to get done. Let's all give a hug...well, perhaps a simple thank you will do.

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 4/30/13 \$7,606.55

Income

Donations \$ 15.00
 NMRA Rebate \$ 58.50
 Total \$ 73.50

Expenses

Bank Fee \$ 2.00
 Meeting refreshments & supplies \$ 19.70
 Popular vote awards \$ 20.00
 Raffle layout expenses \$ 60.17
 Total \$101.87

Check Book Balance 5/31/13 \$7,578.18

Contest Participation

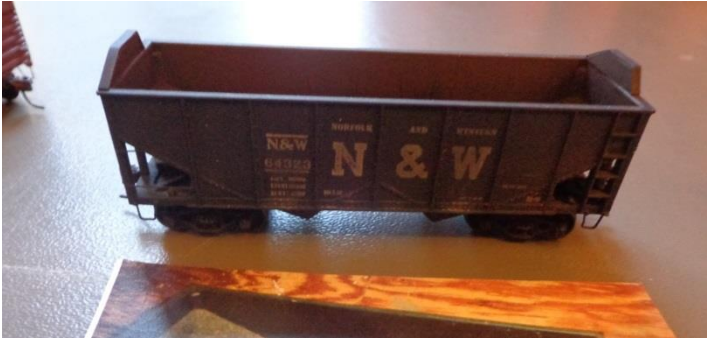
| Year-to-date | Total | Winner |
|----------------|-------|--------|
| Steve Milley | 9 | |
| Jim Murphy | 8 | 2 |
| Dan Fisher | 8 | 2 |
| Rob Rousseau | 8 | 1 |
| Jack Dziadul | 7 | |
| Dick Buchan | 6 | |
| Dave Derway | 5 | 1 |
| Jim Babcock | 5 | |
| Grif Bond | 4 | |
| Vic Bitleris | 4 | |
| Mason Cutchin | 3 | |
| Bill Hanley | 2 | |
| Luis Dominguez | 2 | |
| Mike Humble | 2 | |
| John Janosko | 1 | |
| John Sokash | 1 | |
| Bob Bridges | 1 | |
| Kim Parker | 1 | |
| Total entries | 77 | |

May Contest \$2 Make-over

Jack Dziadul photos

Congratulations to **Jim Murphy** and **Rob Rousseau** who tied for first place.





Norfolk Southern Bay Window Caboose #391

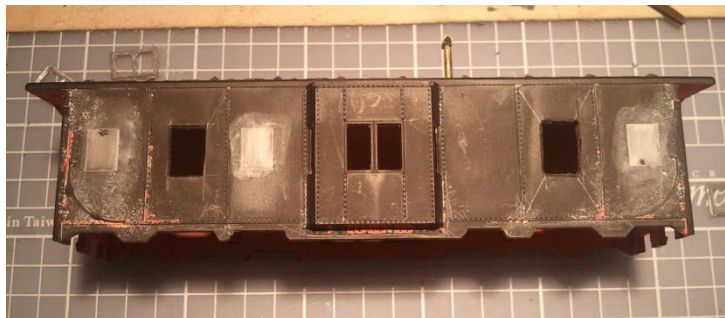
by Robert Rousseau

Beginning in 1967, NS management had a series of steel boxcars rebuilt into bay window cabooses by Southern Iron and Equipment Company. Numbers 380-385 were built in 1967, delivered in a red paint scheme. The next six were built in 1969 and numbered 386-391. These were painted in gray. Caboose #387 is on display at the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer, NC. #380 is on display in Pullen Park in Raleigh.

My Athearn model was bought at the Lynchburg Train Show for \$1, the victim of an aborted Nickel Plate project. I figured this could easily be a stand-in for an NS caboose.



First, I gave it a bath in 91% rubbing alcohol. The paint was scrapped off and I covered the existing windows with sheet styrene and filled smooth with putty. New windows were marked and cut out. Existing handrails were shaved down and sanded flush.



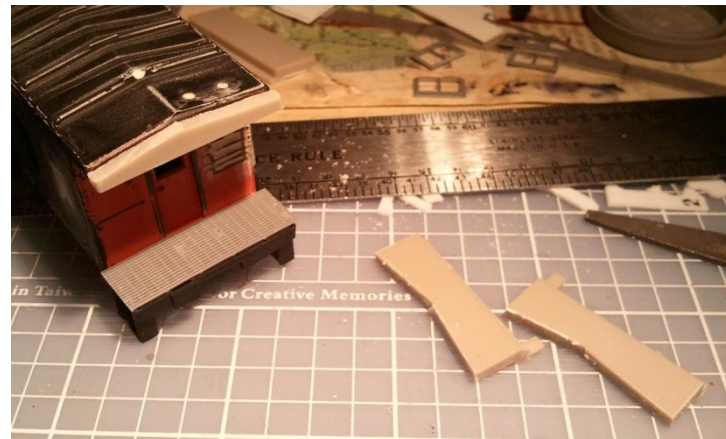
Tichy Work Car Windows #8206 were the perfect size and I cut off the window sill and

painted them aluminum. Unfortunately I didn't like the color and wanted to strip the paint off. A dip in Acetone is NOT the method to do this as it rendered them into a gooey window frame. You can see one of them in the photo above. Another package was ordered. One can never have too many windows right?

The underside of the end roof was filled in with a strip of styrene. Small curved corners were also cut out of bread bag tabs.

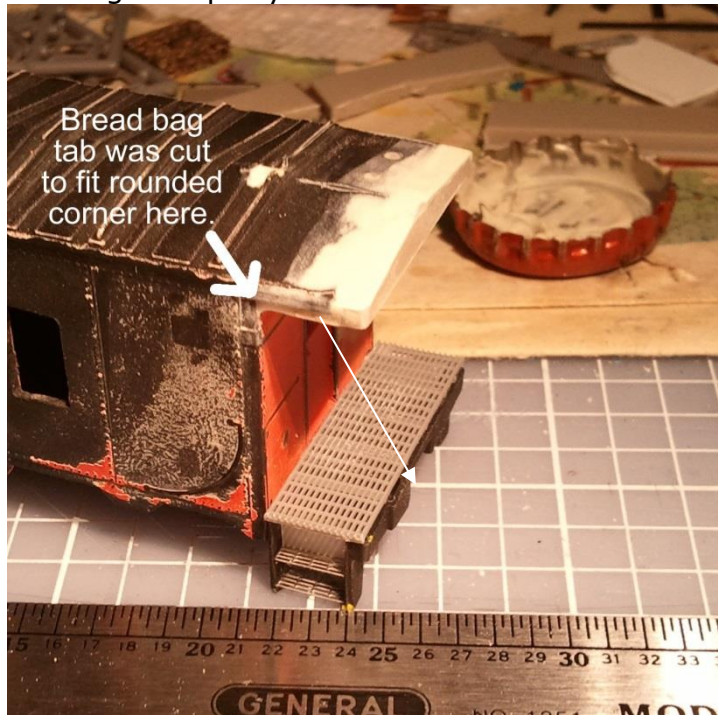


The top of the roof was not as long as the end platform and needed to be extended out. Scrap pieces were measured, cut out and glued on with CA. The end platform was enhanced with a piece cut from Tichy Open Grate Platform #8001.



The end steps were cut and filled in with sheet styrene. The roof had putty added and sanded smooth. Plano Model Products' Caboose End Platform Steps #454 was CA glued into

positions. I use bottle caps as containers for working with putty.



Next, I glued on Plano's Morton - Round Pattern Running Boards #190 to the top. I've found that Model Master Acryl Light Gray #4765 is a close match to the NS gray paint scheme. After spraying the model with a gray auto primer, I then sprayed it with the Model Master paint. I cut out the red stripes from Microscale NS set #87-135 and applied them to the ends over the doors. I also cut out 0.040" x 0.040" Evergreen strips for the end posts.



Additional decals were added from an old Walthers Norfolk Southern decal set #108200.

Handrails were from Detail Associates #6503 and #6504. The brake wheel structure was made from gluing together both of the stock Athearn pieces together so it would reach to the roofline. The ladders, coupler cut levers and eyebolts were from DA Caboose Detail Kit #550. The steps and handrails were painted yellow. Hi-Tech Details Air Hoses #6038 were glued on. Afterwards, I sprayed it with a Dullcote to help seal in the decals. Trucks were from Tichy Bettendorf Caboose Trucks #3052 with Kadee wheels.



Parts List:

Bread Bag Tabs

Detail Associates Grab Irons Curved 48" #6503

Detail Associates Grab Irons L Shaped #6504

Detail Associates Caboose Detail Kit #550

Evergreen Strip Styrene 0.040"x0.040" #142

Hi-Tech Details AAR Air Hoses 22" #6038

Microscale Decals NS Diesels #87-135

Model Master Acryl Insignia Yellow #4721

Model Master Acryl Light Gray #4765

Plano Model Products Running Board Morton #190

Plano Model Products Caboose End Steps #454

Testors Dullcote Spray #1260

Tichy Bettendorf Caboose Trucks #3052

Tichy Open Grate Platform #8001

Tichy Work Car Windows #8206

Walthers Decals NS Boxcar #108200

Westerfield Straight 18" Grab Irons #1198

CONSTRUCTING AND RECONSTRUCTING THE CLSC&W RAILROAD

Stephen C. Wood, MMR
Part Six



All built. My little helper sitting on the layout in the rear.



Windows are now covered with old backdrop. The white areas were painted blue for the sky and will have clouds as well.

I had spent a good part of the past three years designing, re-designing and, would you believe, re-designing the new layout. I went through over fifty different drafts before I settled down on a two main line layout on one level and yes most importantly DCC. I have learned my lesson and I am away from DC. During the planning, I have designed a layout with two different yards on the opposite ends of the layout. Having run over eight (8) layouts and designing mine, I have learned how important

the layout design elements are for a yard. The layout I just tore down had over 12 classification tracks but impossible to reach or use.

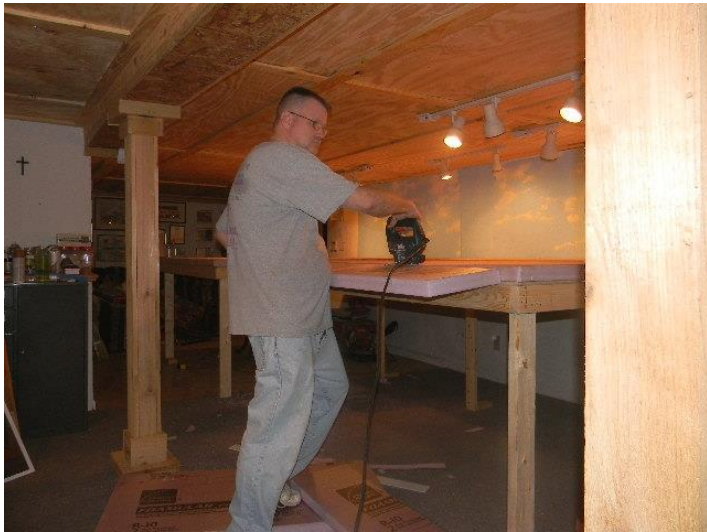
I also have changed the plans again concerning the yards. I was not sure if I wanted two turntables or not and I was informed by our local AP chairman that if we were having a passenger main then I should use a transfer table, so the back yard will now be transformed into a coach yard.



Pink foam attached and the walls painted blue.



Author spraying the foam a brown color. Someone remind me next time to have ventilation!

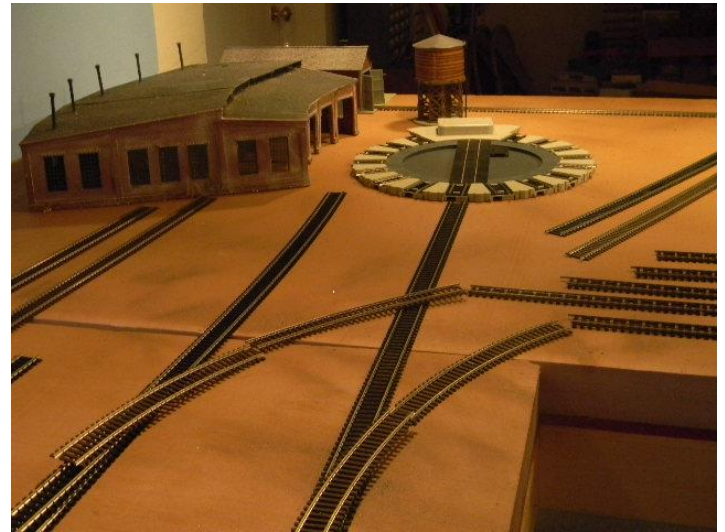


Cutting the foam to match



Working in the coach yard.

Never expect your plans to be set in concrete. The other day I had a great planner, fellow modeler, all around great person whom I look up to stop by the house. I need this layout to be as close to prototypical as possible, user friendly as well as operational friendly. I had asked our local AP Chairman if he had time to stop by but like many of us, he had "honey do" lists a mile long so I turned to **Rob Rousseau** who was willing to stop in and give me his opinion. I'd like to take the time to say thank you Rob. He went over this entire layout piece by piece and guess what! We have changed the yards again. As you can see in the pictures below, I have temporarily laid out the yards. Now instead of two yards I will have three yards, and in the third yard, there is a freight station handling a lot of movement.



This yard was moved to another area, and a third yard/classification area was designed here.



This was the freight yard now it is the coach yard. Once again thanks Rob it really works well.



Will the tracks work this way? Thanks for your ideas Rob!



Scratch built coaling tower. Yes, I plan to use all those tracks.

In closing hopefully, I will continue this article in a year or more. As I wrap this up, I am in the process of laying the tracks for the new layout. Two main lines and in other places four main lines. There will be over 10 industries/sidings and of course all run by DCC. I hope you have enjoyed this series of articles as much as I have writing it.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Association Official

(Thirteenth in a series)



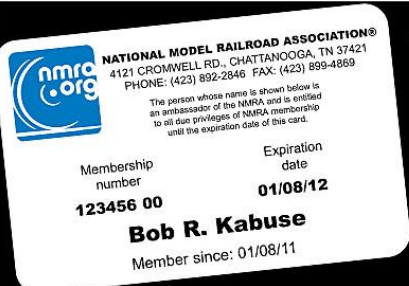
Jack Burgess, MMR
Pacific Coast Region AP Chairman

Continuing our discussion on the various AP certificates, this article will talk about the requirements for *Association Official*. Like the other certificates, the full requirements for this category are available on the Internet at the NMRA site.

The Association Official AP certificate recognizes service as an officer (as either the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Director) at the national, regional, or divisional NMRA level. The minimum requirement for this certificate is at least one year at the national level; two years at the Regional level with at least one year as President or Trustee; or three years at the Regional level at a position other than President or Trustee. Division Superintendents or Directors who serve as voting members of the Region Board are also eligible. To be eligible for Association Official, the position must be an elected position.

Serving your region or division not only aids the NMRA but also provides a simple way to also participate in the Achievement Program.

(Ed. notes. The position of Trustee was eliminated in 2005. It appears that **John Janosko** and **Don Jennings** would each be eligible for "Association Official" for their service as MER President and Director, respectively.)



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Meeting Minutes

Jack Dziadul, Clerk

Carolina Piedmont Division 13

May 28, 2013

Board of Directors

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

Call to order 6:30 PM

1. The May minutes were reviewed and approved as posted in The Herald on motion of Steve Milley with Rob Rousseau second.
2. Paymaster's report & Year-to-date budget review approved on Rob Rousseau motion and Will Seehorn second.
 - a. There was discussion of monthly snack costs with \$20-\$25 noted as a guideline.
 - b. Grif Bond presented \$15 in donations to the Paymaster from the layout raffle contributions jar at the National Train Day event in Cary.
 - c. Grif Bond turned \$58.50 from the MER to the Paymaster. This is one of the semi-annual Region distributions to CPD for support of CPD administered National programs.
 - d. Steve Milley turned in receipts for reimbursement for raffle layout materials in the amount of \$60.17.
3. Model Contest (Popular Vote) Rules / Criteria. Steve Milley and Rob Rousseau will develop new, clarifying language for Board or full membership consideration.
4. Board meeting adjourned 6:52 PM.

Business meeting items:

Call to order – 7:00 PM

Attendance 32

Grif Bond reviewed the Board of Directors meeting.

Grif Bond invited members to see him if they need to order a name badge.

Holiday Trains for Kids – Steve Milley thanked **Gene Sing, Joel McCurry, Don Jennings** and **Jim Babcock** for assisting with layout construction on Saturday, May 18th as a work session. The next work session was scheduled for June 2nd. **Jerry Mersch** displayed two building kits that he constructed for the layout. Steve requested that others with kits turn bring them in upon completion.

Kim Parker of Train Buddy Hobby Shop announced that his home is listed for sale. Kim plans to relocate and move into an expanded store once his present location has been sold.

The upcoming calendar of clinic presenters and contests was reviewed.

Refreshment volunteers: June - **Stephen Wood**; July - **Jim Babcock**; August - **Joel McCurry**.

National Train Day

Jack Dziadul photo

Joel McCurry with his display of the various modeling scales.



Featured Layout

Jack Dziadul

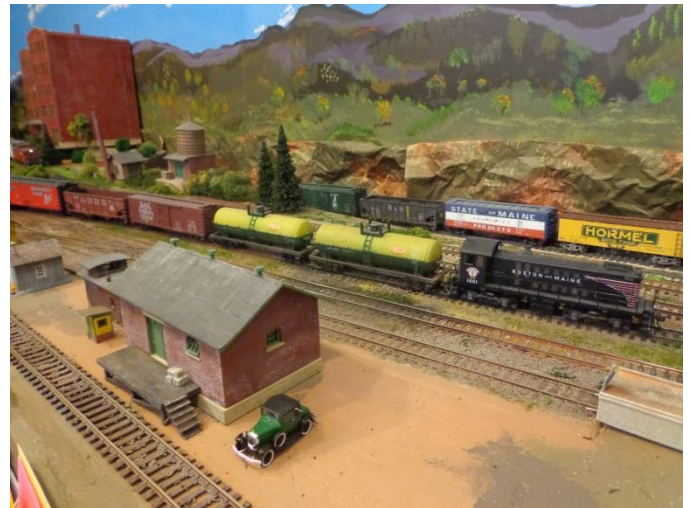
I had the opportunity to revisit **Jim Murphy's** B&M layout again recently. Jim is noted as being an excellent modeler and his many popular contest entries attest to that. Enjoy Jim's effort below. Perhaps you'll see a few ideas for your own layout.



Jim's unique transfer classification yard



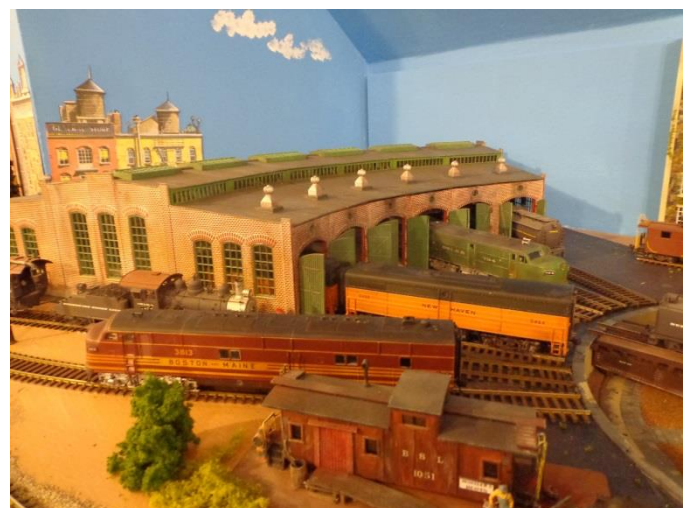
Jim designed and constructed a lift to access storage





Lou and Cheryl Sassi also enjoyed the tour







Where have you seen that covered bridge before?



Welcome to the InfoNet- News for June 2013

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

A message from Stephen Priest, MMR NMRA RAC Director

As I near the end of my term as Regional Advisory Council Director, I wish to share with the NMRA membership some of my experiences. This position, often referred to as "the RAC," is responsible for providing a conduit between the NMRA Board of Directors and the Regions. That is to say, this board position was set up to provide the Regions with a contact person who will work to establish and maintain an open door to the concerns, issues, and ideas of the Regions. I have enjoyed meeting many Region presidents and talking to them personally at conventions and meets. I have also enjoyed talking with them on the phone and through e-mails.

What has surprised me the most is the great divide, a polarization if you will, between different presidents and Regions. Some Region presidents enjoy getting involved in the NMRA at a National level, and some really want to be simply left alone. In a nutshell, a "one approach fits all" methodology really does not work. There are Regions out there that wish to carry out activities without any involvement from National; others desire to be actively engaged at the National level. My challenge has been to provide good representation for the Regions, bringing their concerns and questions to the board, during board meetings and between meetings when appropriate. I will not pretend that I understand all issues and concerns -- there is no single consensus on approach or any issue. What I have tried to do is be approachable -- my work with the NMRA Magazine makes me easy to find. Several Region presidents have called and voiced concerns; I have taken those concerns to the board and we have worked toward solutions. Disappointingly, most presidents have been silent.

While serving on the board, I have attempted to represent the membership by making sound

decisions that affect how the NMRA allocates its resources, time, and efforts. I am not of the mindset that all we can do is "hold out" for as long as we can. On the contrary, I see a great future for the NMRA and model railroading in general. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve. It has truly been a pleasure.

From the Business Car

Grif Bond, Superintendent

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.

NMRA 2013 National Convention, Peachtree Express – If you have never been to an NMRA National Convention, now is the time. The Southeast Region is the host for the convention on July 14 – 21, 2013 in Atlanta, Georgia. A convention promotional video is located on You Tube at this link - <http://nmra2013.org/video/nmra-2013-convention-video> Full details and updates are on the Peachtree Express web page <http://www.nmra2013.org/>

MER 2013 Regional Convention, C&P Junction – Please make plans to support the Mid-Eastern Region by attending C&P Junction in Rockville, Maryland on October 10 – 13, 2013. A special tour of the B&O Museum in Baltimore has been added for Sunday, October 13. 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 June 25th at 7:00 PM. Bring a diorama for the model contest. Steve Milley will present part 2 of his tree making clinic, so bring your tree from the last clinic to finish it.

CPD 5/28/13 Meeting

Jim Murphy photos


Steve Milley's hand's on tree clinic was well attended and well received.



Clinician **Steve Milley**



Jerry Mersch constructed these kits for the raffle layout.



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