



The Carolina Piedmont Herald

Newsletter of the Carolina Piedmont Division, MER, NMRA

October 2013

Next Division Meeting

Tuesday, October 22, 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 - October – Abandoned Barn or Shed

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

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Membership Barometer

NMRA Membership	19,271
MER Membership	2,010
Division Membership	138
http://www.trainweb.org/cpd13/	
Yahoo Group Members	95
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cpd13/	
Attendance 9/24/13	27

October Program

Signs on Buildings
Jim Murphy

The golden age of railroading was also the golden age of outdoor advertising. Every exposed side of buildings from the 1870's to the 1970's were the perfect spot to paint a sign. We will learn multiple techniques, all of them superb. Sources of signage, application, and finishing techniques suitable for all scales. Come and see how these techniques can liven up your street scenes! **Bring a small brick building or a few pieces of brick siding to learn techniques.**



Completed Raffle Layout to be Displayed at the October Meeting

Jack Dziadul

Let's have a great turnout Tuesday night and celebrate this collective achievement. CPD teamwork at its best.

Under **Steve Milley's** leadership the Raffle Layout is ready for show time! **Jim Babcock** and **Gene Sing** are shown below.



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The photos in this section are credited to **Bob Bridges, Don Jennings** and **Steve Milley**.



Reminder

The November and December Meetings will be on the second Tuesday: 11/12/13 and 12/10/13. The November Herald will be released after the November meeting.





The Name Game

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

C&P Junction

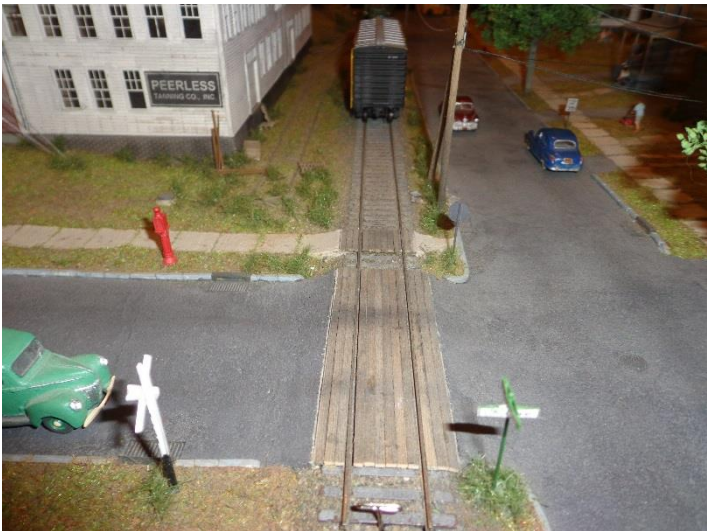
For those of you who could not attend the MER convention, the link below will get you to the clinic handouts. Note that not all clinicians provided handouts.

<https://home.comcast.net/~candp2013/Notes/>

August Meeting Photos

Jack Dziadul

We had a large turnout for **Lou Sassi's** roads clinic in August, including three MER guests from Virginia: Chuck Hladik, Gary Tyler and John Siegel. Lou brought two of his dioramas for display.







Gene Sing Takes 1st Place at MER Convention

Jack Dziadul

Gene's Harris Southard's Small Engine Sales and Repair earned a Merit Award toward Master Builder – Structures and took first place for Display Off-Line at the C&P Junction convention.



Stephen Wood, MMR 507

By **Grif Bond**, Superintendent
Jim Murphy photos

Earlier this year, Stephen Wood earned his Master Model Railroader designation (MMR 507) and his achievement was recognized at the August Division meeting.



Stephen Wood, MMR 507 (center) shares his MMR Award and MMR Certificate with the Division membership. Division Superintendent **Grif Bond** is on left and Mid-Eastern President **John Janosko** is on the right.



The event was celebrated with a railroad theme cake. Stephen had the honors of making the first cut.

MER Election Results

Jack Dziadul

The top three vote getters were announced at the 10/12/13 Annual Meeting and are your new MER Directors.

Jack Dziadul	296	elected
Martin Brechbiel	245	elected
Gary Tyler	216	elected
John Siegel	195	

Directors were assigned areas of responsibility by MER President **John Janosko** as follows:

Jack Dziadul	
Local Editor	(Earl Hackett)
Publisher	(Julianne Smith)
Photographer	(Earl Hackett)
Boy Scouts	(Don Jennings)
Martin Brechbiel	
General Contest	(Martin Brechbiel)
Model Contest	(Martin Brechbiel)
Photo Contest	(Martin Brechbiel)
Ballot	
Nominations	(Bob Minnis, MMR)
Web Site	(Martin Oakes)
Gary Tyler	
Merchandise Sales	
Budget	
Archivist	
Auction	(Bob Charles)

I offer my congratulations to Martin and Gary and thank John for his offer of service as a Director. Contact information for elected and appointed MER leadership can be found in each issue of The Local. I will have much more on the MER convention and business meetings in the next issue of The Herald.

Board of Directors

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Director (term ending in January 2015)
Steve Milley, Garner, 248-421-6276
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Director (term ending in January 2016)
Will Seehorn, Cary, 919-466-0827
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CPD Meeting Calendar

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

October 22 November 12 December 10
2014


January 28	February 25	March 25
April 22	May 27	June 23
July 22	August 26	September 23
October 28	November 11	December 9

Coming Events

Saluda Rails Ops
 October 25-27, 2013
<http://saludarails.org/>

Neuse River Model Train Show
 November 9-10, 2013
 Exposition Center, State Fair Grounds, Raleigh
<http://www.nrvshow.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	July		Orlando, FL

MER Convention Host Calendar

2014	Dates TBD	Hub City 2014
	Hagerstown, MD	watch for details at
		http://www.smdnmra.org

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

October	Abandoned Shed or Barn
November	Signs on Buildings
December	No contest - Yankee Swap
January 2014	Proto Quiz - John Wallis
May 2014	Interlocking Towers - Jack Dziadul

Program Topics

October	Signs on Buildings - Jim Murphy
November	Lights, Action...Lights - Kim Parker
December	Annual Yankee Swap

Refreshment Hosts

October	Russ Austin
November	Bob Bridges
December	Grif Bond
January	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/
CPD	https://www.facebook.com/cpd13

Contest Participation

January-September	Total	Winner
Steve Milley	15	
Jim Murphy	12	2
Rob Rousseau	10	1
Jack Dziadul	10	
Dan Fisher	9	2
Dave Derway	8	3
Jim Babcock	6	1
Dick Buchan	6	
Grif Bond	4	
Vic Bitleris	4	
Mason Cutchin	4	
Luis Dominguez	3	1
Rick Hendrickson	3	
Bill Hanley	2	
Mike Humble	2	
Jerry Mersch	2	
John Janosko	1	
John Sokash	1	
Bob Bridges	1	
Joel McCurry	1	
Kim Parker	1	
Total entries	105	10

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jerry Mersch, Paymaster

September 2013

Balance In Check Book 8/31/13	\$7,257.71
Income	
Total	\$ 0.00
Expenses	
Bank Fee	\$ 3.00
NMRA On-Line Archives Donation	\$250.00
Popular vote award	\$ 10.00
Total	\$263.00
Check Book Balance 9/30/13	\$6,994.71

C&P Junction

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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.

November Preview "Lights, Action,Lights"

Jack Dziadul



Kim Parker is preparing an exciting clinic for the November meeting. Kim describes it as

"A synopsis (for some, a review) of model railroading lights and lighting. Information on how to calculate resistances, types of bulbs and LED's. Learning how to test without destroying. A definition of terms like "mcd" and wavelength and how to know what to get, where and when to use them. We will include notes on two and three lead double color LED's and their use. Not to be missed, an exhaustive, but informative dissemination of information will be included in the handout. We will review the latest available LED's and LED strings, what to avoid and how to use them. See the world's smallest light bulb."

September Meeting

Photos

Jack Dziadul

Mason Cutchin presented his research of the Colorado Southern history and his plan for recreating a section of that railroad was laid out full scale on the floor. Mason's accurate train and station are shown below along with his test track.



Contest Entries



Jim Babcock's winning "roads" module is above.



Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Carolina Piedmont Division of the Mid-Eastern Region of the National Model Railroad Association will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the St. Michael Archangel Centre & Gallery, 830 High House Road, Cary, North Carolina.

Service to the Hobby

Jack Dziadul

Carolina Piedmont Division

There are numerous ways to give back to the modeling community. One important way is to run for elective office. In less than three months CPD will have its annual election. The officer positions of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Clerk and Paymaster as well as one Director position will be on the ballot.

Mid-Eastern Region

In 2014 the Officer positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will be up for election. President John Janosko, VP PJ Mattson, MMR and Secretary Mike White will be "termed out" and will not be eligible for reelection. So, here is an excellent opportunity to run for an open seat. Officer positions have the prerequisite of at least two-years' experience as a Director at the Region level or as a Division Superintendent.



Meeting Minutes

Jack Dziadul, Clerk

Carolina Piedmont Division 13

September 24, 2013

Board of Directors

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

Call to order 6:30 PM

1. The July minutes were reviewed and approved as posted in The Herald on motion of Rob Rousseau with Steve Milley second subject to one typo correction.
2. Paymaster's report & Year-to-date budget review approved on Steve Milley motion and Rob Rousseau second.
3. Modeling contest (popular vote) rules/criteria: Subject tabled for further review at the October meeting.
4. Open business – list of items from recent emails & follow-up items
 - CPD13 web page enhancements, Facebook, etc. (electronic media): Rob Rousseau has set up a Facebook account for the Division.
 - Standard NMRA standup banner – Division logo: The Board decided on the banner artwork. Grif Bond is proceeding with the banner order at a cost of \$235.
 - NRV show – November 9-10: Grif Bond provided a sign-up schedule for table volunteers.
 - 2012 finance review (audit): The Audit Committee will reconvene October 22 to complete the full year review.

5. Board adjourned at 6:58 PM

Business meeting

Call to order – 7:00 PM

Attendance 24 members and 3 guests

Grif Bond reviewed the Board of Directors meeting.

Rob Rousseau reviewed the Facebook page.

The volunteer sign-up sheet for the NRV Train Show was distributed.

Vic Bitleris presented the Golden Spike to **Jim Babcock**.

Holiday Trains for Kids – Steve Milley announced the next work session on 9/28. **Bob Bridges** volunteered to adjust the couplers on the freight car fleet. Steve Milley asked that members submit candidate recipients for the Holiday Trains for Kids program.

The upcoming calendar of clinic presenters and contests was reviewed by **Kim Parker**.

Refreshment volunteers: October – **Russ Austin**, November – **Bob Bridges**.

Jim Babcock was the popular vote contest winner.

Mason Cutchin presented an excellent clinic detailing his research into the Colorado Southern and the plans that he developed for his planned layout.

Popular vote – Roads

Program – Colorado Southern RR – Mason Cutchin

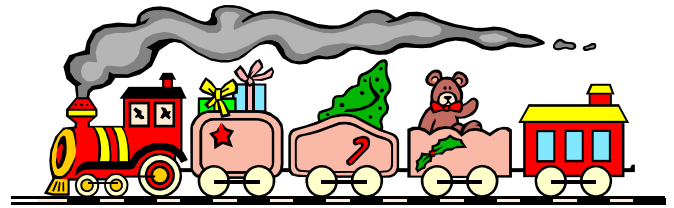
From the Business Car

Grif Bond, Superintendent

NRV Train Show – Volunteers are needed to staff the Division's display at the annual Neuse River Valley (NRV) Train Show on **November 9th and 10th** at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh, NC. We plan to have several tables for display and sale of donated items, plus space for the HO scale raffle layout. We need Division members to staff the display, sell raffle tickets and answer questions. Please sign up for a 2 – 3 hour time slot if you can help. We'll need extra help to sell raffle tickets. Contact me or any member of the Board of Directors to sign up.

EduTRAIN – The NMRA is working on an education and training initiative. The effort is being spearheaded by a team lead by Michiana Division Superintendent Jim Six and Robert Blake. The Michiana Division will conduct a one day overview of EduTRAIN on November 16, 2013 in Middlebury, Indiana. There is space for up to 24 attendees. The course is a "train the trainer" session specifically intended to train those people in each region or division who have responsibility for education and training so they can carry the program back to their home region or division and encourage courses to be developed using the EduTRAIN methodology. The EduTRAIN course curriculum will likely become a recommended practice that will be available to Regions and Divisions to both increase the number of courses available and raise the overall quality of education provided through the NMRA.

National Model Railroad Month – The NMRA designed a marketing logo to promote the November designation of National Model Railroad Month.



Holiday Trains for Kids – Time to start collecting names for HO scale train sets at Christmas time. The Division has 10 train sets to provide to less fortunate kids. Contact Director Steve Milley, HTFK coordinator if you have a recommendation. The program is funded from proceeds from the raffle layout sales.

Join your fellow railroad modelers at the next Division meeting on Tuesday, October 22 at 7:00 PM. Remember to bring your "abandoned barn or shed" for the model contest. Assistant Superintendent Jim Murphy will present a clinic on the modeling signs for buildings.

Jim Babcock Earns Golden Spike

Jack Dziadul



Above **Vic Bitleris** is presenting **Jim Babcock** with his Golden Spike award. Jim's highly detailed B&O layout depicts the Pittsburgh neighborhood where he grew up.