



# The Carolina Piedmont Herald

Newsletter of the Carolina Piedmont Division, MER, NMRA

February 2014

## Next Division Meeting

**Tuesday, February 18, 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 - February 18, 2014

Structure or rolling stock with working lights

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## Membership Barometer

NMRA Membership	18,642
MER Membership	1,954
Division Membership	131
Division Voting Membership	120
<a href="http://www.trainweb.org/cpd13/">http://www.trainweb.org/cpd13/</a>	
Yahoo Group Members	100
<a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cpd13/">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cpd13/</a>	
Attendance 12/10/13	26

## February Program

ANNUAL PROTOTYPE QUIZ



Professor John Wallis

## 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, February 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM. The January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled due to weather and travel conditions. The meeting will be held at the St. Michael Archangel Centre & Gallery, 830 High House Road, Cary, North Carolina.

**Special Notice**  
**The February meeting has**  
**been moved to Tuesday,**  
**February 18<sup>th</sup>**

## **Board of Directors**

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**Grif Bond**, Wake Forest, 919-556-7066  
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*Director (term ending in January 2015)*

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*Director (term ending in January 2016)*

**Will Seehorn**, Cary, 919-466-0827  
[wseehorn@gmail.com](mailto:wseehorn@gmail.com)

## **Coming Events**

Ashville Model Train Show  
 WNC Ag Center  
 Fletcher, NC  
 February 28 – March 1, 2014  
[www.asheville-trainshow.com](http://www.asheville-trainshow.com)

Carolina Coastal Railroaders Train Show  
 New Bern, NC  
 March 1-2, 2014  
[www.carolinacoastalrailroaders.org/2014.asp](http://www.carolinacoastalrailroaders.org/2014.asp)

Clinchfield Days  
 North Carolina Transportation Museum  
 March 15, 2014

Greatest Little Train Show  
 Greensboro Amtrak Station  
 Greensboro, NC  
 March 22, 2014  
[carolinamodelrr@aol.com](mailto:carolinamodelrr@aol.com)

Railroad Prototype Modelers-Valley Forge  
 Desmond Hotel in Malvern, PA  
 March 28-30, 2014  
[www.phillynmra.org/rpmmeet.html](http://www.phillynmra.org/rpmmeet.html)

Norfolk Southern 21<sup>st</sup> Century Steam Excursion  
 Bristol, VA  
 April 5-6, 2014  
<http://www.wataugavalleyrrhsm.org/>

12<sup>th</sup> Annual NC Railroad Expo  
 Hickory, NC  
 April 12, 2014



<http://www.tarheelpress.com/APRshow.pdf>

Achievement Program Model Evaluations  
 206 Widecombe Court, Cary, NC  
 May 3, 2014  
[G249Sing@hotmail.com](mailto:G249Sing@hotmail.com)

Streamliners at Spencer  
 NC Transportation Museum  
 411 South Salisbury Avenue, Spencer, NC  
 May 29-June 1, 2014  
<http://www.nctrains.org>

2014 Rail Run  
 Labor Day weekend  
 August 29 to September 1, 2014  
 Watch for details

**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 October 16-19 Hub City 2014  
 Ramada Inn, Hagerstown, MD  
 Registration form link:  
<http://mer.nmra.org/MERConv/MERConv.html>

2015 October Dates TBD

2016 October Dates TBD – Raleigh, NC

*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**

<b>February</b>	Working Lights in Structure or Rolling Stock
March	Winter Scene
April	Scratch or Kitbashed Freight Car
May	Backdrops or Photos of Backdrops
June	Interlocking Towers
July	Cardstock Construction
August	Lighted Passenger Car
September	Signs on Buildings
October	Scenery

**CPD Meeting Calendar**

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

**2014**

<b>February 18</b>	March 25
April 22	May 27
July 22	August 26
October 28	November 11
	December 9

**Program Topics**

February		Proto Quiz – <u>John Wallis</u>
March		Scratch or kitbash Steel freight cars- <u>Fenton Wells</u>
April		Painting Backdrops <u>Iris Nazario-Dziadul</u>
May		Interlocking Towers <u>Jack Dziadul</u>
June		Cardstock Structures <u>Grif Bond</u>
July		Passenger Car Lighting <u>Mark Blaustein</u>
August		Signs on Buildings <u>Jim Murphy</u>
September	Scenery	<u>Lou Sassi</u>

**Refreshment Hosts**

<b>February</b>	<b>Gene Sing</b>
March	Vic Bitleris
April	Jack Dziadul
May	your name goes here

## **Candidate Statements**

All candidates were invited to submit statements to The Herald. These statements are reprinted from the January Herald due to the storm causing the January elections to be postponed. Jack Dziadul, Clerk and Editor

### **Grif Bond, candidate for Superintendent**

I would be honored to serve another term as Superintendent of the Carolina Piedmont Division. In the past several years the Division has continued to build on recent successes – hosting the 2011 MER Convention “Piedmont Crossing”, several successful raffle layout builds, distribution of train sets with the Holiday Trains for Kids program, special model/diorama contests, and participation in National Train Day.

The Board of Directors has approved an annual budget and managed Division funds at or under budget. Membership meetings continue to be successful. The Division is one of the few in the Mid-Eastern Region that have monthly meetings and we have an average attendance of 25 members or more and a good mix of educational programs.

I have been a NMRA member since 2002 and have previously served the Division as Clerk and Newsletter Editor prior to election as Superintendent in January 2010. An earlier stint with NMRA membership dates from the early 1970s (with the 4 by 8 layout) and got derailed or sidetracked with college and the demands of the fire-rescue-EMS service. Thank you for your support.

### **Gene Sing, candidate for Paymaster**

I have received a lot of ideas and developed numerous friendships over the past decade as a member of the Piedmont Division. After being on the receiving end for all these years, I have decided to support the organization by volunteering to serve as the Division Paymaster. I would appreciate your support in my pursuit for the Division Paymaster position.

### **Stephen Wood, MMR candidate for Director**

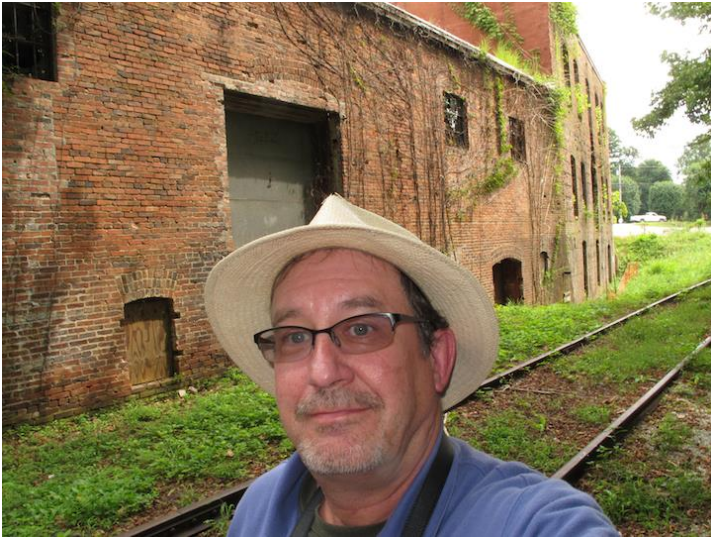


I am honored to be standing as a candidate for the position of Director. I have been a member of the NMRA and this Division since 2002 and I have successfully pursued the Achievement Program receiving my MMR in 2013. I have been a railroad modeler since receiving my first HO train set at age 6. My objective is to find fresh ideas and the best way to achieve this is to become more active in our Division. We have many strong programs in our Division and in the NMRA that I would like to see more participation in them including the Achievement Program, our monthly programs and contests. I believe we can do a lot more if people get more involved in our division. Together, let's make this Division better!

## **The Name Game**

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

**Bob Bridges, candidate for Clerk**



I joined NMRA and MER-CPD 13 in the spring of 2013. It's been one of the best decisions I've ever made in terms of modeling. In the short time I have been a member I have benefited from the expertise of top-notch modelers, built friendships with fellow members through the monthly meetings and participating in the construction of the annual raffle layout. Most of all, I've had a lot of fun.

As CPD-13 Division Clerk my goal would be to build upon the standards & foundation set by the current Clerk, working with the membership to create an informative, entertaining and timely CPD-13 Herald...one of the key communication channels for our organization. If elected I would look forward to serving as a board member to contribute to the programs offered by the division for the education of members and promotion of the hobby.

I have degrees in TV production and print journalism. While a staff photographer at the News & Observer in the 1980's, I was secretary and editor of the NC Press

Photographer's Association newsletter. In 1990 I went to work as a corporate photographer for Glaxo in RTP. Currently I manage the production of corporate meetings and events for GSK. I live in Pittsboro where I currently enjoy modeling a small slice of the Southern Railroad Murphy Branch in HO.

**Bill Hanley, candidate for Director**

As a fairly new member to the division, but a long time member of the NMRA, I would like to become more active in Division 13. Prior to moving to Raleigh three years ago, I lived in Pittsburgh for over forty years where I was active in Division 2 of the Mid-Central Region during which time I served as Treasurer for the 1990 National Convention as well as Regional Conventions.

A 1966 grad of California University of Pennsylvania, I taught high school math, interrupted by 4 years Active Duty in the Army to include a year in Vietnam. With my return to teaching, I joined the National Guard and am now retired from both. If elected to the Board of Directors, I will look forward to serving.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Jerry Mersch, Paymaster**

**January 2013**

Balance In Check Book 12/31/13		\$7,412.47
<u>Income</u>	Total	\$0.00
<u>Expenses</u>		
Meeting room rental 6 months		\$240.00
Train sets		<u>\$515.85</u>
Total		\$755.85
Balance In Check Book 1/1/14		\$6,656.62

**Danial Fisher, candidate for Director**

My name is Danial Fisher, and Will Seehorn made me run for the Director position.

Actually this is something that I have considering for a few years. I've been involved with CPD for about seven years. I've made friends, learned new modeling techniques, presented a few clinics, and even earned my first Achievement Program certificate. However, I've felt that I would like to do more. The Director position is a way to start.

I see the Carolina Piedmont Division as both an educational and social organization. Our clinics help us to learn from each other. Some of the other activities, such as the raffle layout, help us to reach out to the public and educate them on the pleasures of model railroading. As a social organization, we help to forge friendships, and extend our learning opportunities. I would like to see CPD do more to reach out to the NMRA members who do not attend the meetings, and to involve more young people both in model railroading and the NMRA.

**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 February CPD will have its annual election. Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Clerk and Paymaster as well as one Director position will be on the ballot. Please contact Nominating Committee members **Will Seehorn**, **Jim Babcock** or **Don Jennings** if you are interested in serving. So far, **Grif Bond** and **Jim Murphy** have expressed interest in running for another term as Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, respectively; **Bob Bridges** has expressed interest in the Clerk / Editor position, **Gene Sing** is interested in the Paymaster position and we have three candidates for Director: **Danial Fisher**, **Bill Hanley** and **Stephen Wood, MMR**.

**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 to the same office. So, here is an excellent opportunity to run for an open seat.

The unofficial and unconfirmed list of candidates so far has this potential line up:

President PJ Mattson, MMR (current VP)  
 Vice President: Chuck Hladik  
 Secretary: John Siegel  
 Treasurer: Tom Buckingham (incumbent)

Others have also inquired about various positions, so some offices could be contested, which is a sign of a healthy organization.

## **Proposed By-Law Changes**

**Jack Dziadul**, Clerk

Jerry Mersch and Jack Dziadul reviewed the By-Laws to determine if any need revision. The following items were reviewed with the Board of Directors and the general membership in attendance at the November meeting.

1.2 Status. Paragraph 3, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence.

*No part of the net earnings of the Division shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, board members or other private persons, except that the Division shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth hereafter, including nominal cash or prize awards related to contest participation.*

The above change is recommended to recognize that there may be nominal prizes awarded to membership for recognition of popular vote contest results, contest participation, Superintendent's Member of the Year award or other such nominal prizes as determined by the Board of Directors. This change is also in keeping with the spirit of Section 1.4 Purpose, which in part reads "4. To sponsor model railroad conventions, meets, clinics, and contests."

## **Area Model Railroad Clubs**

### **Cape Fear Railroaders**

Fayetteville, NC

100% NMRA Club

<http://www.trainweb.org/capefear/>

### **Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club**

919-460-3003

Morrisville Outlet Mall

1001 Airport Boulevard

Morrisville, NC

<http://nrclub.net/>

### **North Raleigh Model Railroad Club**

NTrak

<http://trainweb.org/nrmrc/info.html>

### **The Sipping & Switching Society of NC**

<http://www.mindspring.com/~gugliotta/>

### **Waynesborough Model Railroad Club**

Goldsboro, NC

<http://wmrrcnc.org/>

### **Wilson Area Railroad Modelers**

252-237-6778

2810 Forest Hills Road SW

Wilson, NC

<http://www.rr-modelers.org/>

## 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](mailto:dziadul@windstream.net). The ad must include your full name and contact information and will be limited to one item per issue.

## Save the Date for Spencer

**Jack Dziadul**

We are reaching out to MER members to see if there is sufficient interest in having a NMRA Day at the NC Transportation Museum. Saturday, May 31, 2014 is one of the days where the museum has a special first generation diesel roster event. So far, twelve operating E and F units will be on display that weekend. Check the web site [nctrans.org](http://nctrans.org) for details. If there are sufficient numbers we will likely be able to arrange for discounted tickets. If you are interested please contact me directly at [JackDziadul@gmail.com](mailto:JackDziadul@gmail.com).

## Mr. Cheap

Have you ever wondered what to do with all of your softball and running trophies that are collecting dust? Mr. Cheap says that if you remove the base from the trophy you end up with some very nice weights for structure modeling and the 90 degree corners come in pretty handy, too. The photo backdrop article on page 13 illustrates another use as well.

## Welcome to the Achievement Program

**Gene Sing**



For those who have Cars, Motive Power, Structures, or Prototype Models and is interested in having them evaluated, there will be a get together at the home of Gene Sing, 206 Widecombe Court, Cary, NC on 3 May 2014 starting at 10:00 AM. Individuals who may be interested in the AP Program are also welcome to attend to gain an insight on how evaluations are conducted. An impromptu question and answer time will follow the evaluations.

Light refreshments will be provided. Please e-mail your name and items to be evaluated (if any) to Gene at [G249Sing@hotmail.com](mailto:G249Sing@hotmail.com) so we will know how many is expected to attend.



## Area Hobby Shops

### **Bobby's Hobbies**

336-444-7565  
103 Burlington Avenue  
Gibsonville, NC 27249

### **BPCS Hobbies**

910-215-8066  
1987 Juniper Road  
West End, NC

### **Hayes Hobby House**

910-485-2337  
809 Elm Street  
Fayetteville, NC  
[www.hayeshobby.com](http://www.hayeshobby.com)

### **Little Choo Choo Shop**

704-637-8717  
500 South Salisbury Avenue  
Spencer, NC  
[www.Littlechoochooshop.com](http://www.Littlechoochooshop.com)

### **The Antique Barn & Hobby Shop**

252-237-6778  
2810 Forest Hills Road Southwest  
Wilson, NC 27893

### **Train Buddy**

919-562-4378  
Wake Forest, NC  
<http://trainbuddy.com/>

### **Tom's Train Station**

919-388-7246  
1239 Buck Jones Road  
Raleigh, NC  
[www.tomstrainstation.com](http://www.tomstrainstation.com)

Support your local hobby shop!

## The Wiscasset, Waterville and Farmington Railway

Gene Sing



Planning for a vacation in New England? Better yet in Maine. Looking for a great time! I had a great time riding an actual 2.0 foot Narrow Gauge railway and getting the grand tour of their facilities.

The Wiscasset, Waterville and Farmington Railway (WW&F) operated as a for profit company from 1895 until 1933. It operated from Wiscasset, Maine to Albion and Winslow, Maine. The line became defunct and was abandoned in 1936.

The Wiscasset, Waterville and Farmington Railway Museum, Inc. was formed in the early 1990s as a non-profit organization to restore several privately owned pieces of former WW&F rolling stock. Approximately 2 miles of former WW&F track in Alna was rebuilt and is currently operated as a heritage railroad using two foot gauge steam and diesel locomotives and other historic equipment.

Their website is: <http://www.wwfry.org/>



Photo above - Right Side: First building is Sheepscot Station Center building is the Ticket Sales and Museum Rear building is a covered waiting area with seating. Left side: Locomotive Barn.

The WW&F Railway complex is located 4.7 miles northeast of Wiscasset, Maine. The museum is open on Saturday and if there is enough workers on hand, you may be able to tour the engine barn and view all the projects being worked on.

If you can go on Sunday, you will be able to enjoy a ride pulled by steam engine # 10 or diesel engine # 52. Go to their website to see what Sundays the steam engine runs.



Sheepscot Station





WW&F Steam Engine # 9 under restoration.



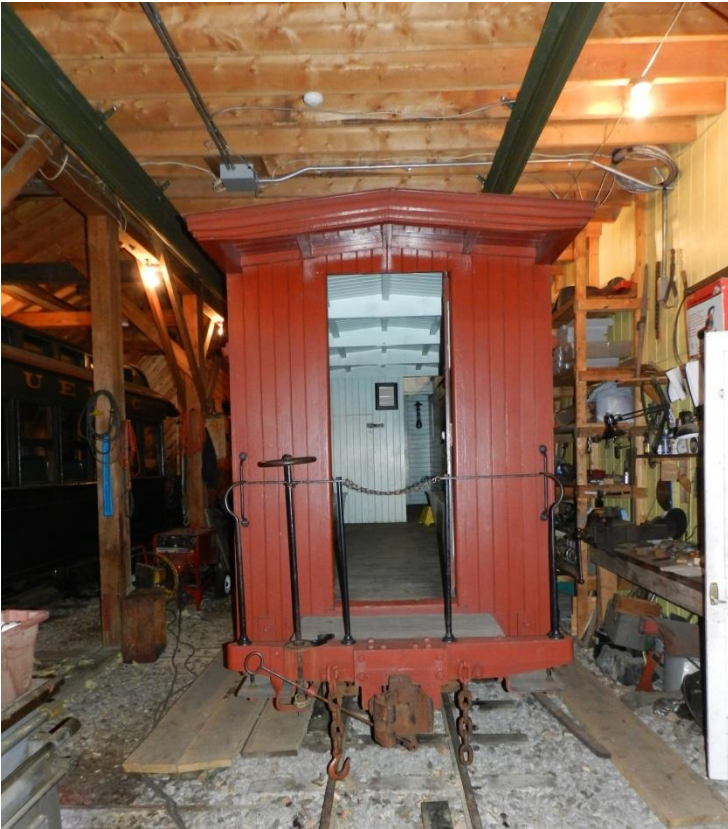
A Wiscasset and Quebec Coach being restored.



Operational Model T Railcar. This car has a center plate which can be lowered to raise the car so it can be turned 180 degrees.



Enclosed water tank, stacks of rail ties in front and rail work cart in the rear.



Restored Caboose

The WW&F Railway is constantly improving the complex. Along with refurbishing Steam Engine # 9, the Museum is constantly upgrading the rail line, fixing culverts, and expanding the complex.

For those who may have been able to go to the Springfield show, you would have had the opportunity to see the Turner Center Dairy Car built in 2011/12.

New structures include a new bathroom building and a new 3 bay vehicle garage.

The museum is also trying to purchase more of the original right of way. Just recently they had purchased an 828 x 66 strip of land.

If you have the opportunity to visit the WW&F, I believe you will have a great time looking at the various projects and riding the narrow gauge train.

## NMRA web sites

NMRA	<a href="http://www.nmra.org/">http://www.nmra.org/</a>
NMRA eBay	<a href="http://goo.gl/BVTIY">http://goo.gl/BVTIY</a>
MER	<a href="http://mer.nmra.org/">http://mer.nmra.org/</a>
MERmailbag	<a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MERMailbag/">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MERMailbag/</a>
CPD	<a href="http://www.trainweb.org/cpd13/">http://www.trainweb.org/cpd13/</a>
CPD	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/cpd13">https://www.facebook.com/cpd13</a>

## Stay in Touch

Address, email or telephone changed? Here is the link to keep your NMRA records up to date.

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

## **InfoNet-News for February 2014**

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

### **DCC Information Tidbit**

To prevent your locomotive headlights from coming on when in consist (second, third, fourth locomotive, etc.) program CV22 to zero (0) before putting the locomotives in consist. It does not affect normal operation or as a lead unit in a consist.

### **Missing forms from the 2014 NMRA Convention insert in the NMRA Magazine**

Three forms were missing from the 2014 NMRA Convention insert in the February issue of the NMRA Magazine. Because of a printing problem, three registration pages were not printed. These pages included the merchandise order forms for men's and ladies' shirts, convention cars and other items, and the Extra Fare order form for ordering banquet tickets and registering for Modeling With The Masters clinics.

You can register online and purchase any of the items mentioned through the NMRA Company Store without the missing forms. For those that want to print out the forms and mail them in with payment the three missing forms have been included as an attachment to an email sent to

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cpd13/>

The 3 missing forms are 1. Merchandise Order Form 1; 2. Merchandise Order Form 2; and 3. Extra Fare Order Form.

*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](http://www.nmra.org) on in the NMRA Magazine.*

## **From the Business Car**

Grif Bond, Superintendent

**Rescheduled 2014 Annual Meeting** – The annual Division meeting originally scheduled for will be January 28, 2014 will be held **February 18, 2014**. The January meeting was cancelled due to the winter weather advisory Business items include the election of all the officers – Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Paymaster and Clerk for 2 year terms and a new Director for a 3 year term, plus voting on a proposed by-laws amendment. Please come to the meeting and vote.

**February Meeting** – Due to a scheduling conflict at the church, our February meeting has been moved to **Tuesday, February 18**. The program schedule has been adjusted and John Wallis will do the annual “Prototype Quiz” and the popular vote modeling contest is “Working Lights on Structures or Rolling Stock”.

**Yahoo Group** – The value to everyone being a member of the Division’s Yahoo Group was demonstrated last month with the 24 hour notice that the January meeting was cancelled due to the winter weather advisory. Hopefully that worked for everyone.

See you at the February meeting.

## **Photo Backdrops**

Jack Dziadul

Several companies produce commercial photo backdrops, and, or course you can produce your own. Some backdrops are from commercial photos and some are commercial artwork. I was able to pick up several backdrops from the white elephant table at a recent MER convention and the application is illustrated below. For my purposes, I needed an urban background to blend the 30 inch benchwork with commuter station tracks to add depth to the scene. Instant Horizons’ 949-712 “Hotel-Business” was the

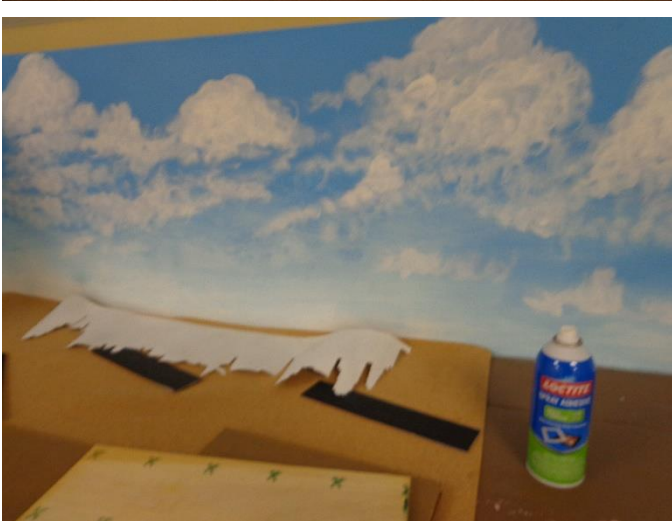
selected background. You will no doubt recognize this scene as a generic effort on many model layouts.

There are numerous ways to customize the stock photo. The structures are easily cut on the vertical to fit available space, or just to mix and match. You can also add details to structure photos such as loading docks, doors or windows to provide an additional dimension. What I have done initially is just cut out the sky. In doing so I removed some of the roof details just to simplify the cutting. On my extensive to do list is to change the signage on the stock commercial photos. (There was no Hotel Gotham in Boston in 1956 or at any other time.)

I have a large cutting glass bordered by duct tape with a blue shop towels underneath. This makes for a great work surface. I have used glass as a preferred cutting surface for quite a while, but the blue shop towels provide a great background to easily keep track of parts, etc. That is a tip that I picked up from Martin Brechbiel.

The folks at Instant Horizons recommend a spray adhesive applied to both surfaces. My backdrop is vinyl flooring painted on the back side. Ideally, you are applying the photo backdrop to a flat horizontal surface, but that is not always possible. Although I sprayed both surfaces I did find that a few building tops did not adhere well and required a second spritz. I used the bases of some old trophies to keep the backdrop in place while the glue dried.





I am pleased with the look. With new signs to better reflect Boston's North station neighborhood and foreground details including canopies over the six rows of station platforms this scene will work fine.

## On the Road Again

Jack Dziadul

What do you do when you are stuck in Cleveland with thousands of flights cancelled due to the weather? Well, if you are the impatient sort, you say the heck with it and drive the rental car all the way back to Cary, NC to pick your own car up at the airport. Of course, you snap a photo of an Ohio caboose as you head out of town.



Then you conveniently tell your company's travel agent that Charleston, WV is as far as you can make it by sundown. Coincidentally, one of the best Boston & Maine Rail Road historians and modelers just happens to live near Charleston, so a slight diversion to check out the projects he has on his workbench was in order.

Colonel TomE Thompson is a nationally recognized expert on B&M passenger cars. His scratch-built and kit-bashed cars have been the subject of numerous articles. He has also been a consultant to a number of product manufacturers. If it is B&M, or for that matter any other road that rolled on Boston area tracks, the ice chests, tool boxes, under-body detail,

vents, interiors, roof contours and more are all as they should be per prototype plans and photos. It is always very inspirational, and challenging, to see expert modeling.





