



The Carolina Piedmont **Herald**

Newsletter of the Carolina Piedmont Division - MER - NMRA

May 2014

Next Division Meeting

Tuesday, May 27, 2014

St. Michael Archangel
Centre & Gallery
830 High House Road
Cary, North Carolina

6:30 PM – Board of Directors

7:00 PM – Membership Meeting

Coming Events

Streamliners at Spencer

NC Transportation Museum
411 South Salisbury Avenue,
Spencer, NC

May 29-June 1, 2014

<http://www.nctrains.org>

NC Rail Run 2014

August 29-31

Sponsored by MER-NMRA

Registration is \$20 for OpSIG
members and \$25 for non-
members

<http://www.ncrailrun.blogspot.com>

Southern Railway Historical Assoc.

Atlanta Railroads Prototype Modelers Meet

September 19-20, 2014

Kennesaw, Georgia

[http://www.srha.net/public/Conventions/2014 Atlanta RPM meet.htm](http://www.srha.net/public/Conventions/2014%20Atlanta%20RPM%20meet.htm)

MER Convention 2014

Hub City Interchange

October 16-19, 2014

Hagerstown, MD

<http://www.smdnmra.org/hubcity.html>

CPD13 Makes National Train Day Fun



Don Jennings and Will Seehorn demonstrate car movements for a young engineer and others at Cary Train Day photos by Russ Austin

On Saturday May 11, CPD 13 members enthusiastically participated in the 4th annual National Train Day in Cary. The event was held at the Page-Walker Museum. The Carolina Piedmont Division 13 had an entire room of the former railroad hotel setup for the display of model trains.

Don Jennings and Will Seehorn had a switching layout with ten different train cars and explained each of the car types to an apprentice engineer. The youngster sat with Don & Will to run the scenario set up for him or her. "It was a lot of fun to watch their faces as they went through the moves to do

the shunting of the cars to their destinations," said Don.

Joel McCurry operated an N-Scale circle of trains and displayed a G gauge caboose on his table.

Gene Sing and Grif Bond demonstrated Don Jennings' layout for the crowd. CPD13 displayed its division banner and provided free model rail magazines to



the crowd, estimated at over 500 by museum officials. (continued p2)

Membership Barometer

NMRA March 18,579
 MER 1,968
 CPD13 May 131
 Voting Members 126

CPD13 Website
<http://www.trainweb.org/cpd13/>

Yahoo Group 101
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cpd13/>

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In addition to the displays by CPD13, the event included railroad exhibits, face painting, food trucks and The Cary Band playing as the 10:05 Amtrak made its morning stop.



CPD 13 members share the fun of model railroading at National Train Day

Carolina Piedmont Division of NMRA Financial Statement

April 2014

Balance in check book 3/31/2014 \$6,522.44

Income
 None
 Total \$0.00

Expenses
 Clinic Supplies \$ 49.29
 Total \$ 49.29

Balance 4/30/ 2014 \$6,463.82

Respectfully Submitted
 Gene Sing
 Division Paymaster
 April 5, 2014

RAILROAD MERIT BADGE DAY

Story and photos by Don Jennings

Being involved with the Boy Scouts of America and also with the NMRA's MER, I have traveled several states in the region's boundaries for any NMRA members willing to assist with a Railroad Merit Badge Class. This year's Railroad Merit Badge Day marks its tenth year that **THE FIRST STATE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB** has provided a Railroad Merit Badge class to the Boy Scouts. This event (to my knowledge) far exceeds many other RR clubs with service to the Boy Scouts. The First State MRR Club owns their building which was a small truck terminal and is located in Dover, Delaware as the name should suggest.



The scouts had to show up in Boy Scout Uniform, with a RR merit badge booklet and the worksheets for the badge. Many of the scouts had their worksheets at least partly filled in only needing some information provided from the instructor(s) of the class. Such a class happened over a two day period on two separate Saturdays. The first one was this past April 12th 2014 and the second one was April 19th 2014. The event has a maximum attendance of 24 scouts for each session.

The Scouts started off the morning by doing the Scout Pledge of Allegiance, followed by their Scout law and Scout oath.



Scouts listen intently during Railroad Merit Badge Class

Then the Scouts were split into four groups of about six boys each. I attended the class on April 12th and provided the club with the MER's HO Scale R F & P RR box car kits. These kits are needed for the badge's requirement 8a2- which states "Build a model railroad car kit or one locomotive kit."



Some of the First State MRR Club members waiting to lead a class of scouts.

All the scouts were eager to learn about the badge and many asked questions and responded as the presenters talked about each subject of the badge's requirements.



Paul Buckley and Jeff Shockley (in uniform) talk about Operation Lifesaver's grade crossing safety.



Book learning and instruction time although needed, the fun part of the day was building the car kits with the assistance of the clubs' members.

After this, the scouts got to run the switching layout with a locomotive and several cars to be placed on different tracks in a timed exercise. Next came the time to operate trains on the clubs two HO Scale layouts that are set up year round. The larger of the two layouts is about 30 feet by 40 feet and is DC controlled with many beautifully scenic areas of local interest.



The large but smaller layout is about 20 feet by 20 feet and is on modules and operated for Digital Command Control. These are both fun to operate with long trains and some switching maneuvers as part of it. The members of the First State Model Railroad Club have constantly provided a quality program for the scout to learn and earn the Boy Scouts Railroad Badge. This year was no exception. Good going GUYS!



Scouts follow a train around the DC layout.

From the Business Car

Grif Bond, Superintendent

National Train Day, Cary, NC – The Division participated in National Train Day for the 3rd year in a row on Saturday, May 10. Our display was on the first floor of the Page-Walker Arts & History Center in Cary. The Division timesaver switching layout and Don Jennings' switching layout were the main attractions and many kids had the opportunity to run a model train. Joel McCurry set up a running N scale loop along with a display of scale models explaining the more popular scales in model railroading. The new Division (NMRA standard) stand-up banner was also on display. A stack of free surplus model railroad magazines from Will Seehorn was a hit.

Thanks to the Division team that “got it done” – set-up, break down, staffing the event and talking with the public – Russ Austin, Gene Sing, Don Jennings, Will Seehorn, Joel McCurry, Rick Allen and Dan Fisher. Gene was available early Saturday morning to allow me to stop by and load up the timesaver switching layout. The Town of Cary indicated more than 650 people passed through the first floor displays at the museum.

NMRA Model Railroad Calendar 2015 – The NMRA is “looking for a few good layouts” to showcase in the 2015 annual calendar. Photos must be received by July 18, 2014 for consideration. See page 10 of the May 2014 issue of NMRA Magazine for the details.
See you at the next Division meeting Tuesday May 27!

Welcome New Members

William Davis and Gerard Infanger

NC Rail Run 2014 Announced

By Marcus Neubacher

To all that attended NC Rail Run in 2012, I would like to invite you back to North Carolina for NC Rail Run 2014. This year the event has reverted to sponsorship by the Mid East Region -NMRA and is being organized by members of the OpSIG.

NC Rail Run will be held August 29-31 (Labor Day Weekend), which is our traditional weekend for the event.

You are the first to be told about the registration, which is now available online at:

<http://www.ncrailrun.blogspot.com>

We are excited to offer some popular railroads from past years as well as two new railroads. We have introduced a choice of two half-day sessions per day (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) or one all-day session per day (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.)

Registration is \$20.00 for OpSIG members and \$25.00 for non-members, payable by check or money order to Mid East Region, NMRA.

Please mail your checks to:

Marcus Neubacher
909 Spring Branch Lane
China Grove, NC 28023

Registration deadline is July 31, 2014.

As always, schedules and layouts are subject to change depending on registration numbers and other factors.

We hope to see you in North Carolina soon!

2014 Program Topics

<i>Month</i>	<i>Topic</i>
<i>May</i>	Layout Design in Proto-1 for ultimate realism – Dan Fisher
<i>June</i>	Cardstock Structures – Grif Bond
<i>July</i>	Passenger Car Lighting – Mark Blaustein
<i>August</i>	Interlocking Towers – Jack Dziadul
<i>September</i>	Scenery – Lou Sassi
<i>October</i>	Hands-On Kit-bash – Dan Fisher
<i>November</i>	Signs on Buildings – Jim & Nancy Murphy
<i>December</i>	Yankee Swap Gift Exchange

Popular Vote Contest

<i>Month</i>	<i>Topic</i>
<i>May</i>	Backdrop or Photo of Backdrops
<i>June</i>	Your Favorite Locomotive(s)
<i>July</i>	Cardstock Construction
<i>August</i>	Lighted Passenger Car
<i>September</i>	Interlocking Towers
<i>October</i>	Scenery
<i>November</i>	Kit-Bash Anything! <i>Use up the Scrap Box</i>
<i>December</i>	No Contest

Classifieds

Operators wanted

Two model railroaders in the Raleigh - Cary area would like a third person to operate two HO layouts involving switching and the running of trains.

Looking for late morning to early afternoon volunteers for operating sessions

Please contact Don Jennings or Erik Dyke

donj1044@aol.com

Erikdyke@aol.com

Meeting Minutes

Carolina Piedmont Division 13

April 22, 2014

Board of Directors

Attendance: Jim Murphy, Steve Milley, Dan Fisher, Gene Sing, Bob Bridges

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - April 22, 2014

1. Meeting called to order at 6:31 PM
2. Minutes from March meeting were reviewed. Motion by Fisher to approve, second by Milley. Approved 5-0 (Murphy, Milley, Fisher, Sing, Bridges.)
3. Paymasters report was reviewed. \$6,523.11 in the account as of 3/31/2014. Motion by Miley to approve, second by Fisher. Approved 5-0 (Murphy, Milley, Fisher, Sing, Bridges.)
4. Discussed 2014 budget. CPD13 was under budget in 2013. In 2014 costs for marketing materials (\$100) and awards has gone up. Costs for Holiday Trains for Kids has gone up from \$500 to \$800. All other costs comparable to last year. Further discussion on budget was tabled until further discussion with Superintendent present regarding clinics.
5. Motion to table the budget discussion was passed 5-0. (Murphy, Milley, Fisher, Sing, Bridges.)
6. **Old Business**
 - a. Audit report resolved at March meeting
 - b. Signed copy needed to give to Superintendent
 - c. Special modeling contest – Miley will make presentation to membership at April general business meeting followed by membership popular voted
 - d. Raffle layout options: Tam will sell layout for \$250.00 to CPD 13
 - e. Board voted 5-0 to accept the offer for the raffle layout. (Murphy, Milley, Fisher, Sing, Bridges.) Pickup date will be scheduled.
 - f. Hands on Clinics: Saturday....Gene Sing reviewed homeowners insurance. No problem as long as no profit is made.

Budget is not affected other than disposables. Further discussion tabled until Superintendent present at next meeting.

7. New Business

- a. **Website Questions:** need someone to work with Rob Rosseau. Discussed current state and business case for making changes to hosting. Current is hosted for free on Trainweb.org. Cons: space limitation, it has banner ads Website for convention was on googlesites (sp?) Pros: No advertising, like trainweb, no special software required (dreamweaver). Users can edit on the fly....Con: It is Google, will it exist 10yrs from now? With google, others can help without special software. Other option is Wix...Rob is not familiar with it. What Rob would envision is build site, beta test with board, then switch over if it works.
 - b. Discussed option of holding June 24th meeting in Fayetteville in order to engage more southern NC membership. Cons: need 2 months lead time at least, to find a place. Board agreed that division would need to find a Fayetteville area member to be champion.
 - c. Tabled discussion of division participation in Maker Faire
8. Dan Fisher motioned to adjourn, BOD meeting adjourned at 6:58pm
-minutes submitted by Bob Bridges, Div. Clerk

Division Business Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2014

1. Meeting called to order 7:05pm by Assistant Superintendent Jim Murphy. 31 members 2 guests in attendance
2. Introduced visitors: Nancy Murphy and Iris Dziadul
3. Announced purchase of raffle layout from Tam, still requires structures and rolling stock
 - a. Steve Miley – described layout

Division Business Meeting Minutes – continued

4. Discussed holding workshops /clinics, most likely at members' homes in order to get a more hands on clinic experience.
5. Rob Rousseau talked about new website and asked for volunteer to help him, discussed options for different hosts.
6. Discussed possible Fayetteville meeting.
7. Vic Bitleris discussed AP evaluation at Gene Sing's house May 3rd 9am.
8. MER President John Janosko – MER update with Jack Dziadul MER Director.
 - a. John discussed new website/convention update
 - i. Fall conv. is Oct. 16-19 in Hagerstown...now a Ramada
 - ii. Will not be a banquet
 - b. Jack gave elections update for fall elections.
9. National Train Day is May 10, Saturday in Cary. Request for volunteers to staff CPD13 display.
10. Upcoming programs and contests
11. Steve Milley presented the special model contest with 5 options:
 - a. Structure kit bash
 - b. Rolling stock kit-bash/build
 - c. **Peanut butter lid challenge**
 - d. Prototype modeling contest
 - e. From scrap to treasure
12. Popular vote taken, Peanut butter lid challenge was the winner.
13. Popular Modeling Contest for Kit-bashed or Scratch-built car had 12 entries. Jack Dziadul won with a Boston & Maine passenger car.
14. Special Guest Iris Dziadul presented a clinic on back drop painting of skies and clouds.
15. Meeting adjourned at 9pm

Service to the Hobby

The following photos were taken at the Feb. Meeting



Gene Sing (r) recognized as Member of the Year by Superintendent Grif Bond



Outgoing Division Clerk **Jack Dziadul (L)** receives certificate from Grif Bond, Superintendent.



Jerry Mersch (L) receives recognition certificate from Grif Bond, Superintendent.



Rob Rosseau (L) receives recognition certificate from Grif Bond, Superintendent.

Contest Participation

Editors Note:

Due to a clerical error, the participation grid will not appear this issue. Jack Dziadul won the popular vote contest for April. (photo below). **The Clerk asks your help in confirming if you entered the April contest.** Please see Bob Bridges at the May meeting, or if you are unable to attend, please email me: rkbridges@mindspring.com to let me know how many entries you had for the April contest. A full update will appear next issue.



March contest winner by Jack Dziadul

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://nrvclub.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/>

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

Area Hobby Shops

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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

Little Choo Choo Shop

704-637-8717
500 South Salisbury Avenue
Spencer, NC
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

Closing July 1 2014

919-388-7246
1239 Buck Jones Road
Raleigh, NC
www.tomstrainstation.com

The Name Game

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

Achievement Program Model Evaluations

On Saturday May 3, 2014 CPD13 members gathered at the home of Gene Sing to participate in Achievement Program model evaluations. The purpose of the AP, as stated in the NMRA AP Judging guidelines, is to recognize and reward good modeling.

The aim of the judges is to evaluate the models both to inform the modelers of their success and to help them improve their modeling skills.

For additional information see the NMRA website at <http://nmra.org/education/achievement/>



AP examiners Charlie Flichman, MRR-MER AP Chmn., Vic Bitleris and Jack Dziadul inspect the detail of a scratch built flat car by Steve Benezra.



All models receive the white glove treatment as points are awarded based on a judging matrix.



Evaluation judge Charlie Flichman asks for clarification from modeler Steve Benezra (left). Stephen Wood, MMR, (standing) observers.



Fine details score points as judges evaluate a water tank car scratch-built by Gene Sing.

Photos by Bob Bridges



Modelers prepare a thoroughly researched background document on the prototype for each submission, along with construction photos.

Refreshment Hosts

May	Dan Fisher
June	Your Name Here!
July	Your Name Here!

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