



The Carolina Piedmont **Herald**

Newsletter of the Carolina Piedmont Division - MER - NMRA

September 2014

Next Division Meeting

Tuesday, September 23, 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

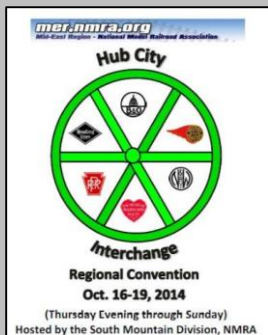
MER Convention 2014

Hub City Interchange

October 16-19, 2014

Hagerstown, MD

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



World's Greatest Hobby

January 10-11, 2015

Hampton, VA

<http://www.wghshow.com>

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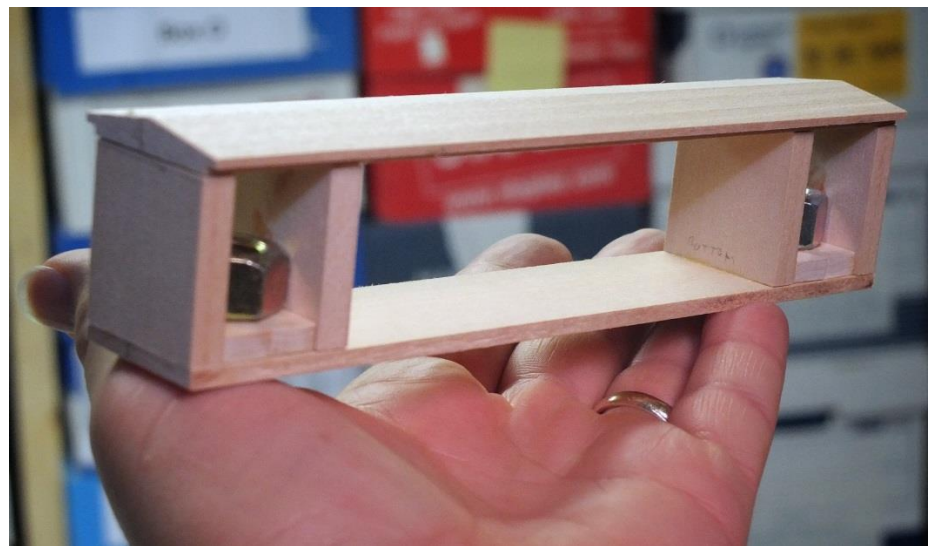
January 17-18, 2015

Raleigh convention center

<http://www.wghshow.com>

Building a Wooden Boxcar *Part 1*

Clinic by Gene Sing, words & photos by Bob Bridges



I have always been in awe of scratch-built rolling stock and structures since I took an interest in model railroading in my early teens. Being able to create a detailed freight car from nothing more than scale lumber, wire and a few hardware and detail parts was a skill I knew I would like to learn – someday. So when CPD 13's Gene Sing offered a clinic on the basics of building a wooden boxcar, I knew "someday" had arrived!

I, along with John Potter, Bill Aulicino, Jack Dziadul, Dick Buchan and Richard Walz gathered at Gene's home on Saturday September 6 to learn and have fun. Gene provided all materials and tools for the class, along with clear instructions, and best of all his experience and patience.

On the following pages are some pictures from the clinic...can't wait for Part 2 on November 1st!

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Membership Barometer

NMRA Jan 1 2014 18,613
MER Jan 1 2014 1,955
CPD 13 August 134
Voting Members 124

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

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

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Building a Wooden Boxcar



Gene Sing, right, assures Richard Walz that his support is square.



Bill Aulicino cuts the floor for a wooden boxcar.



Dick Buchan carefully cuts siding.



Gene assists John Porter

MORE Hands-On CPD-13 Clinics

**October 4 - Proper use and
cleaning an airbrush.** Class size
limit - 15 persons

Attendees are encouraged to
bring old or new railroad car(s) of
your choice to paint, along with a
bottle(s) of paint. If you have an
airbrush, bring it with you so you
can get accustomed to using it.
Cost for the clinic is \$2.00

Location:

Dick Buchan
6221 Allsdale Dr.
Raleigh NC 27617

**November 1 - Scratchbuilding a
wooden boxcar - part 2**

Continuation on building the
wooden boxcar.
Suggested trucks, brake system,
and couplers are to be purchased
by the attendee. I will have the
basic raw materials for the shell
available for purchase. Estimated
raw material cost is \$7.00.

Location: 206 Widecombe Court
Cary, NC

Contact Gene Sing for additional
information.

G249Sing@hotmail.com

Scratch built Clinic *continued*



Jack Dziadul uses a sanding tool to fit siding
to his wooden box car.



September Meeting Program to feature Author & Photographer Lou Sassi

The September clinic is *Fields to Fences & Woods to Walls* presented by Lou Sassi, Carolina Piedmont Division member and *Model Railroader* magazine author and photographer. Lou has been a model railroader since 1958. His former home layout, the HO Boston & Maine West Hoosic Division, was featured in the July 1988 *Model Railroader* and the 1996 and 1999 issues of *Great Model Railroads*, and other publications.

Following his and his wife Cheryl's move to North Carolina in 2009, Lou has made the switch to a new scale, On30, and began working in a new approach to scenery building using lightweight extruded foam. Lou's scenery techniques have been chronicled in his latest book, *Basic Scenery for Model Railroaders – Second Edition*, published earlier this year by Kalmbach Books.

2014 Program Topics

| <i>Month</i> | <i>Topic</i> |
|-----------------|--|
| <i>October</i> | Hands-On Kit-bash – Dan Fisher |
| <i>November</i> | Passenger Car Lighting: Mark Blaustein |
| <i>December</i> | Yankee Swap Gift Exchange |

Popular Vote Contest

| <i>Month</i> | <i>Topic</i> |
|------------------|---|
| <i>September</i> | Cardstock Structures |
| <i>October</i> | Scenery |
| <i>November</i> | Kit-Bash Anything! Use up the Scrap Box |
| <i>December</i> | No Contest |

Contest Participation

| Models Submitted | Aug | Win | 2014 Total | 2014 Wins |
|----------------------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|
| Jim Murphy | 2 | | 14 | 4 |
| Jack Dziadul | 2 | | 14 | 1 |
| Dan Fisher | | | 5 | |
| Rob Rousseau | | | 5 | |
| Grif Bond | | | 4 | |
| Jim Babcock | | | 1 | |
| John Sokash | | | 4 | |
| Bill Davis | 2 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| John Porter | | | 2 | |
| Jim Kalenowski | | | 1 | |
| Mike Humble | | | 1 | 1 |
| Dick Buchan | | | 2 | |
| Total entries | 6 | 1 | 58 | 7 |

August Popular Vote Contest

Signs on Buildings



August Winner by Bill Davis



How many signs can you find?

Photos by Bob Bridges

Popular Vote Contest



Jack Dziadul



Jack Dziadul



Jim Murphy



Jim Murphy



Jim Murphy – the other side of Jimmy's

photos by Bob Bridges

August Popular Vote *Continued*



Bill Davis



Would you like to see your work featured in **TheHerald**

The Herald is always looking for articles written by our members. Please contact the editor, Bob Bridges at rkbridges@mindspring.com with articles or ideas. Also, the editor is always looking to feature the layouts of members. Please contact me if you would like to invite me to visit your layout and take photos of it for the newsletter.

Wilmington Railroad Museum Anniversary Car



To commemorate the 35th Anniversary of the Wilmington Railroad Museum, the museum is offering a special edition box car. If you are interested in owning one, please contact Mark Koenig by calling 910-763-7655

Welcome New Member

Shawn Rains, Cameron NC

CAROLINA PIEDMONT DIVISION NMRA FINANCIAL STATEMENT August 2014

| | |
|--|------------|
| Balance In Check Book July 31, 2014 | \$6,093.84 |
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Income
None

Expenses

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Refreshment Supplies | \$ 9.26 |
| July Refreshments | 13.52 |
| August Refreshments | 42.25 |
| Popular Model Contest (July/Aug) | 20.00 |
| Total | \$ 85.03 |

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| Balance In Check Book August 31, 2014 | \$6,008.81 |
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Respectfully Submitted,
Gene Sing
Division Paymaster
September 14, 2014

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>

Raffle Layout update

*By Steve Milley
Photos by Bob Bridges*

We had a very productive build session in my garage Sunday morning September 7th.

Thanks to Gene Sing, Don Jennings, Dave Derway, Bob Bridges, and Bill Davis for contributing their time and efforts on the raffle layout.

We planted structures, we installed the caboose industries ground throws, we did some track work, and we put down some track ballast. Good progress, and this layout is coming together very well.

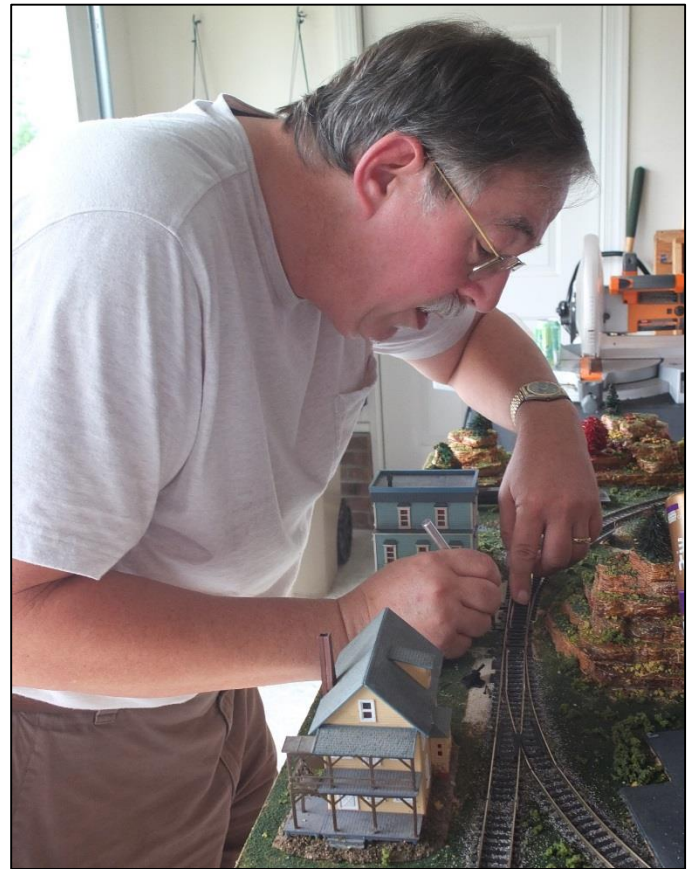
Thanks to all those who have delivered their completed structures to be placed on the layout.

Here's the list of those who have delivered structures this summer:

- Luis Dominguez - DPM Freight House
- Dave Derway - Walthers Bill's Glass Shop
- Jack Dziadul - IHC Freight Shed (renamed as Jack's Auto Repair)
- Will Seehorn - Tyco Freight Station
- Will Seehorn - Rix Freight Car Service Shed
- Jim Babcock - City Classics Gas Station
- David Johnson - Life Like National Oil
- Bill Davis - IHC Switch Tower
- Jim Murphy - "Steve's Surplus Supplies"



Don Jennings (L) and Steve Milley work on scenery



Dave Durway adjusts a turnout between structures.



Gene Sing solders rails on the raffle layout

The structures look great, and are finding their way onto this year's layout. For those that still have your structures (just a few of you left), please coordinate with me to deliver the finished structures... we'll put the final push on completing the layout in September and October.

Meeting Minutes

Carolina Piedmont Division 13

August 26, 2014

Board of Directors

Attendance: Superintendent Grif Bond, Assistant Superintendent Jim Murphy, Paymaster Gene Sing, Clerk Bob Bridges, Dan Fisher and Steve Milley. Will Seehorn arrived after the start of the meeting.

Board of Directors' Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

1. Review and approval of Minutes- approved
2. Paymaster's Report & 2014 YTD budget v expenses – reviewed and approved
3. IRS documentation update –form 990-N tax filing – Completed

4. Old Business:

- 2013 Audit Committee (Seehorn, Babcock, Holly) postponed: Seehorn absent
- Fayetteville Meeting Options – pending
- Website Improvements – tabled until September meeting
- Plans for NRV Train Show – Nov. 8-9, 2014:
 - Gene Sing reported that CPD13 will have 3 tables this year, reservations are complete and check has been sent.
 - Additional NRV materials for display: Pop up banner, brochures & railpass forms, Steve Miley will have miscellaneous white elephant items for sale to support layout project.

5. New Business

- CPD-13 is hosting 2016 MER convention – discussion:

- Conventions committee visited prospective hotel venues
 - Proposed hotel is RTP Marriott on Page Rd. the middle weekend of Oct 2016.
 - Invite Proto modelers
 - 3 clinic rooms
 - 1 contest room
 - 1 White Elephant/Door prizes room
- BOD reviewed contract between MER and CPD-13 to host convention.

BOD meeting adjourned 6:58pm

CPD 13 Business Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7pm by Superintendent Grif Bonds

1. Guest recognized: Joe Gibson, HO modeler from Wake Forest (originally from Buffalo – Rochester New York)
2. Reviewed BOD meeting topics
3. MER update: Jack Dziadul reports that election results will be available after September 21.
 - Reminder that 2014 convention will be happening in Hagerstown MD Oct 16-19 (see page 1 of this newsletter for details, *editor*)
 - CPD 13 will be hosting the 2016 MER Convention in RTP mid-October 2016
4. Saturday clinics: Gene Sing discussed upcoming clinics with meeting attendees. His next clinic: Saturday September 6 -- Scratch-building a wooden boxcar or tank car, Part 1 (other upcoming clinics are outlined in this newsletter)
5. Steve Miley reported on Raffle Layout for Holiday Trains for Kids progress: many members have participated by building structures for the layout. Steve thanked Train Buddy for providing Caboose Ground Throws at a substantial discount for the project.

Meeting Minutes: Continued

6. Refreshment volunteer needed for November: upcoming volunteers are Bob Bridges-September; October – Will Seehorn. (November meeting will be 2nd Tuesday)

Business Meeting adjourned

7. Popular vote contest for August: Signs on Buildings. Winner is Bill Davis. More details contained in this newsletter.

8. Meeting hands-on clinic is building structures from cardstock, presented by Grif Bond.

Meeting concluded at approximately 8:45pm

Minutes recorded by Bob Bridges, Clerk

From the Business Car September 2014

Grif Bond, Superintendent

NRV train show – Volunteers are needed to staff the Division tables and display at the Neuse River Valley train show at the NC State Fairgrounds on November 8th and 9th (Saturday and Sunday), plus set up on Friday afternoon. We will have the 2014 raffle layout with ticket sales to support the Holiday Trains for Kids program. Contact Steve Milley or me if you are able to volunteer to work at the NRV train show.

Los Sassi – Please join your fellow railroad modelers at the September 23rd Division meeting. Well known model railroad author, photographer and scenery expert Lou Sassi will return to present another scenery clinic. Remember to bring you cardstock structures for the popular vote contest!

The Name Game

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

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/>

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: rkbridges@mindspring.com

The ad must include your full name and contact information and will be limited to one item per issue.

Cardstock Clinic

August program presented by Grif Bond

At the August meeting, CPD-13 Superintendent Grif Bond presented a fun and informative hands on clinic on building structures from cardstock. The key to the technique is using computer printouts from Clever Models LLC. At left is a finished example of what can be created.



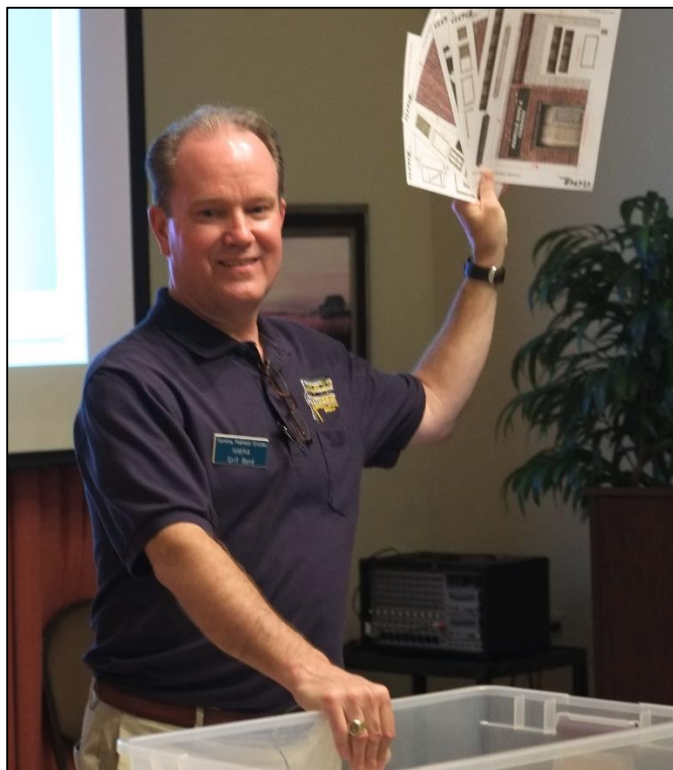
Using either 65 lb. cover stock for most applications, or 110 lb. stock for floors, roofs and bracing, Grif showed how to construct a variety of buildings in scales from **N** to **O** gauge. Modelers carefully cut out the printouts and learned tricks and techniques for folding and gluing the pieces into realistic structures that would be at home on any layout. More information at www.clevermodels.net/



Rob Rousseau (right) and Kim Parker enjoy the clinic



Tom Cook, left, and Mike Humble build HO scale chimneys



Grif Bond shows the variety of structures available for cardstock construction. *Photos by Bob Bridges*



Grif helps Will Seehorn with his structure

Train Clinics

Do you want to learn more about model trains? Need some hands on experience? The Piedmont Railroad Museum & Library, Inc. is offering monthly clinics on various topics related to model railroading. The clinics will be offered mostly on Saturday mornings starting at 9:00 AM and lasting 3 to 4 hours. Unless otherwise noted, the location of the clinics will be at 206 Widecombe Court, Cary, NC 27513. **NOTE: Class size limit is 10 persons per clinic, Reservations Required**

October 11th - Assembling a Tichy Train Group 40'- 50 Ton Flatcar

Each person will be provided a Tichy Flat car kit. All necessary tools and glue will be provided at the clinic. A step to step instruction will be provided to the group with individual hands on help provided when required. Class cost is \$15.00. Displayed below is a flatcar kit along with an assembled car.

SUNDAY – 1:00 PM November 16th - Making a Flat car lumber load.

Make a lumber load for you Tichy 40' Flatcar. Each person will be provided with enough block lumber, several company logo sheets, strapping and a CD with the company wrap sheets. The CD will be yours to keep so you can go home and

make more lumber loads with your lumber company name. Class cost is \$10.00

December 13th - Setting up a train set from the box

Giving a train set for the holidays and not sure how to set it up? We will have an HO and O scale train set in the original box. You don't have to bring a train set to this clinic. The objective of this clinic is to be able to take the items out of the box, set it up on the floor or table, hook up the power supply and operate the train set. We will show you how to wire the track and transformer and any accessories you may have. There will be a question and answer session following the assembly. Class cost is \$5.00

January, February and March Clinics - To Be Announced in November

If there are any topics you are interested in learning, please feel free to send me an e-mail at pres@piedmontrailroadmuseum.org be sure to put "Future Clinics" in the subject box. For reservations either e-mail or call me at 919-931-0946. Thank you.

Gene W. Sing

President,

The Piedmont Railroad Museum & Library

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Gibsonville, NC 27249

BPCS Hobbies

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Fayetteville, NC
www.hayeshobby.com

Little Choo Choo Shop

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500 South Salisbury Avenue
Spencer, NC
www.Littlechoochooshop.com

Nick's Trains

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www.nicks-trains.com

The Antique Barn & Hobby Shop

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Train Buddy

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<http://trainbuddy.com/>



Convention website:

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