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A Series Article: THE CASE FOR THE SINGLE-CYCLE WAYBILL Part 2 of 3

By Mike White
Potomac Division/HO Scale

PART 1 PRESENTED an overview of today's more frequently used operating aids, a short history of their development, a few of the advantages and disadvantages encountered in their use, and an introduction to a different approach to waybill design that combines prototypical appearance and content with a degree of flexibility that expands the possible application and adaptation to operations. This part continues with a general description of the mechanics of using 4-cycle waybills and a more detailed look at the design, making, and use of the single-cycle waybill.

Two of the more popular car forwarding systems in use today are the Setout-Pickup, and Setout-Hold-Pickup methods. In the first a set of two boxes is made available at a town or industry (one labeled "Setout" and one labeled "Pickup"). When a car arrives with a load for that town or industry, the car card with the included waybill is placed in the Setout box. Between operating sessions, the layout owner "flips" the waybill to the next of the 4 destinations and places the car card with the "flipped" waybill in the Pickup box. The next train to visit that town or industry picks up the car and the car card/waybill and follows the instructions on the waybill for the now new destination. The Setout-Hold-Pickup system works similarly but the third

Hold box creates an extra session delay between setout and pickup. The delay has effect of increasing the number of sessions between the original and subsequent appearance of the car at the #1 setout location. The hope here is that everyone has forgotten that the car was here and went through the same sequence several sessions ago. This usually works.

The usual expansions to these systems are the provision of additional special-purpose boxes for interchanging cars with other railroads, specifying certain tracks for specific types of cars at a given location, etc. One of the model railroads I operate on has, at many locations, installed individual card boxes per industry where the car cards and waybills are dropped when the consignment is "delivered". These are usually, but not always, combined with a common "town" pickup box. While this adds a little more realism to the process, unless the entire waybill is exchanged for another at some point, the sequence relentlessly continues.

In the past few years, there has been a movement in the hobby towards developing and using waybill formats which more closely follow the appearance and content of the prototype waybills of the past. The topic of "realistic" waybills, which has stimulated a lot of ink

620 THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD 620 FREIGHT WAYBILL			
TO BE USED FOR SINGLE CONSIGNMENTS. CARLOAD AND LESS CARLOAD			
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		WEIGHED	
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		R—Railroad Scale T—Tare Classification	
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Figure 1: A waybill that looks like this (without any data).

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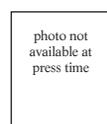
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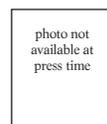
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From The Business Car

By John Janosko
MER President

AS I GET OLDER, I find myself reminiscing more about the quieter times in my youth. I remember back in the fifties growing up in Western Pennsylvania and going to McKeesport with my mother to do some shopping. The most fun for me was to watch the B&O railroad going through downtown with the coal drags, fast freights and passenger trains. The B&O still at that time was running steam and diesel. The variety was just great.

On the Monongahela River we also had the P&LE on the East side of the river and the Pennsylvania railroad Brownsville branch on the West. Pittsburgh at this time had a very extensive trolley system and we rode the trolley a lot on weekends to visit relatives. Most of the cars were PCC's, but the Homeville line was the old double-ended Jonesville cars and since my grandparents lived at the end of the line, on the way back home the motorman would let me reverse the seats. For 8 years I went to St. Agnes School in West Mifflin and I remember the nuns telling me to get back to my studies and not watch the Union railroad through the windows on the other ridge. The Union railroad tracks were going from Duquesne to Mifflin Junction. The hot slag trains seemed to go by about every 15 minutes along with some trains of gondolas with scrap or finished steel products. It was a great place to grow up if you loved trains.

I also remember the first time I went to the McKeesport Model RR Club on the second floor of the old Pennsy freight station in McKeesport. I could not believe all of the trains and scenery in one place. It sure was not something you would see under the

Christmas tree. I sure did miss it when the old station was torn down and the club had to close shop for a while. I do believe these experiences had a lot to do with model railroading becoming a lifetime pursuit for myself. It also has been the reason that I model in the 50's and early 60's. It was a less stressful time and all the problems in the world were not a concern of someone that one day would go into the service and later on had to join the work force to really earn a living. I wonder how many of us have similar stories.

One of the things I enjoy about our conventions is to go on the layout tours. I like to ask the owners how they got into the hobby and why they modeled a particular railroad or area in there model railroad. It is interesting in the answers you receive and I think it shows the owner that you are interested in their hobby. Remember that the people who offer their layout on tour do not have to open their house, but if you are a good guest they will feel more comfortable opening up their layout in the future.

Tichy Models is opening his shop in Graham, NC on April 6, 2013 for the Carolina Piedmont and Carolina Southern Divisions to tour and also to buy parts and kits. Don has done this in the past and it is a great opportunity to see what goes on at one of our model manufacturers. I would like to thank Don Tichy for his support and hope he will continue to support the NMRA in the future.

By the time you read this, the weather should be a lot warmer and the cold winter will be an after thought. I sure am getting tired of the chilly days and cold nights.

The Case for the Single-Cycle Waybill – Part 2 continued from page 1

recently, first attracted attention in a major way in an article by Tony Thompson in the December 2009 **Railroad Model Craftsman** magazine. Tony described the development and use of his new-style waybill on his home layout. Tony's waybill is, by intent, a single-cycle waybill. This was followed, in the summer of 2010 by my article in the **Potomac Flyer** ("More realistic waybills at less cost", **Potomac Flyer**, July-September 2010) describing how to use MS Excel (or any good spreadsheet program) to inexpensively recreate Tony's waybill format.

Tony also explained the construction and rationale for the information contained in his model waybill in an article he wrote for the **OPSIG** magazine in April 2010. Fortunately, it is also available for OPSIG non-members at Google Docs: https://docs.google.com/file/d/0Bz_ctrHrDz4wMDhmMDk1N2MtNzY2MS00Y2RlLW14MGtMGjJODBiNGRhZWly/edit?hl=en&authkey=COyo7MQN.

In a subsequent article, Tony altered the format of his original waybill, to even more closely reflect the appearance of a prototyp-

ical waybill by realigning the consignee and shipper information in a "vertical" format typical of actual waybills.

In Tony's words: "... I was still not entirely happy with the product. It failed to reproduce the prototype's lengthwise division into shipper and consignee parts, and did not have enough space to give routing details. Prototype waybills not only show all the railroads over which the shipment will move they also show the junctions at which interchange will take place. The latter is vital in returning empty cars via their service route".

The above quote is from the first installment of an extensive treatment of the subject of model waybills by Tony on his blog under the headings of "Waybills", "Waybills-2", etc. (see "Anthony Thompson's blog" in References and further reading following Part 3). I have collected Tony's individual postings on waybills together in Tony Thompson on Waybills at my website. Some may find this a more convenient reference than the individual postings: <http://home.comcast.net/~sandpr/opsplng.html>.

The result of this effort was a waybill that looks like figure 1 (without any data).

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Keeping In Touch...

By Bob Price
MER Business Manager

STARTING THIS MONTH I will be taking over the reins of MER Business Manager from Fred Miller, MMR. I hope I can successfully meet the challenge of providing the same level of service that Fred has provided since 2005. Fred's performance in this position was beyond stellar. As part of the transition, Fred and I spent a full day at his home going over the various tasks that the position encompasses. There are a lot of processes for me to master.

I want to thank Fred for his many years of hard work and devotion to the MER. I hope he can utilize the additional free time to continue work on that terrific layout.

Now that Fred has officially retired, I also want to remind everyone to use the new contact information listed for the Business Manager. Especially important is the e-mail address. If you have ever previously e-mailed the Business Manager, e-mail soft-

ware such as Outlook may auto-fill the TO recipient with the old Business Manager e-mail address when you create a new e-mail. Keep this in mind when sending any e-mail to me.

With the weather starting to warm up, I want to remind everyone that we now have an MER Polo Shirt for you to purchase. It's a nice grey short-sleeved shirt with collar and MER Logo. Now is the time to order one (or more) so that you have it in time for those warm weather rail events and the Fall MER convention.

Finally, I checked the archive of **Locals** and learned that the title for this column pre-dated Fred. So I will continue that legacy retaining it and by closing with...

As always *Keep in Touch* with any questions or changes in your subscriptions or addresses. A current address on file saves the MER some money. 📧

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The waybill illustrated measures about 2.5" by 3.5" to fit conveniently in a baseball card collector envelope. These are available, at a very reasonable cost from BCW Supplies at http://www.bcwsupplies.com/products/trading-card-supplies/sortby1-default_sorting-ascending-asc-default_sorting.htm. The purpose of the envelope is to serve as the "car card" once a clear label is applied to the bottom of the envelope (I use 3M 3500-A labels, but Avery 18660 is the same). The reason for placing the label at the bottom of the envelope is that a large clear space has been left on the bottom of the waybill to accommodate the label without covering up any of the other data.

A finished sleeve (car card) with the label applied opens at the top and looks like figure 2.

For those with no investment in car cards or car boxes, this can be an inexpensive way to make your own paperwork.



Figure 2: A finished sleeve (car card) with the label applied.

Also described in Tony's various blog postings are waybills for specialized purposes such as returning empties to either the "home" road or when confiscated by the local railroad for loading with consignments to destinations in the direction of the "home" road, waybills for perishable freight on AAR recommended "pink" paper, livestock waybills, and special freight waybills for returning tank cars and other car types which need to identify the "last contained" information to avoid contamination of subsequent shipments, each of which contain slightly different information specific to the type of commodity being transported.

Part 3 will describe additional development of the single-cycle waybill for use in situations where there is a substantial investment in place for use with the "Micro-Mark sized waybill and car card. 📧

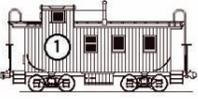
Attention all MER Office Seekers

By Bob Minnis, MMR

If you are still interested in running for one of the three directors positions you have until June 20 to submit a photo, a 200 word candidate statement and a petition of 25 current MER members to the nominating committee. See page 2 for contact details. 📧



ANNUAL REPORTS BY DIVISION



NEW JERSEY DIVISION 1 Annual Report – 2011 By Robert W. Clegg



POTOMAC DIVISION 2 Annual Report – 2011 By Marshall D. Abrams

Meeting Times and Dates:

January 8 – Haddon Twp. High School
March 10 – Switlik Park, Hamilton Twp.
May 12 – Knights of Columbus Hall, Forked River
September 15 – Deptford Municipal Building, Deptford
November 10 – Specific location to be determined, Vineland
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MMR – P. J. Mattson, July 2011
Author – Robert Clegg, December 2011
Dispatcher – William Howard, December 2011
Electrical – Roger Thomas, September 2011
Electrical – William Howard, December 2011
Motive Power – P. J. Mattson, May 2011
Scenery – Frank Neufeld, December 2011
Golden Spike – Ralph Deblasi, July 2011

Secrets to our success:

We listen to what the members tell us they want from the division!

A survey was sent to every member last September. Results of the survey indicated that folks liked the model building clinics most, so we have scheduled more of them. They also liked the “work in progress” style clinics, so we plan to use that format once per year each year. More unstructured time was also high on the list, so we have increased the amount of time between the clinics and accordingly have reduced the time devoted to clinics to an average of 1 3/4 hours at all of the meets except the “work in Progress” format. The meet is as much a social event as a learning experience.

Meeting Times and Dates:

Board meets physically at least every other month, with teleconferencing or e-mail meetings as needed. Division business meeting and elections held at 1 day Mini Convention in early April, or at some other convenient time if there is no Minicon.

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Achievement Program Highlights:

Andrew Dodge and Brian Sheron received *MMR* status.

Planned Activities from the past year:

Spring Minicon, April 2, 2011 at St Mathews Methodist Church, 8617 Little River Turnpike, Annandale VA.
Hands on Resin Casting Two-Part Clinic Resin Casting 101 by Martin Brechbiel, April & June.
Layout Tour (John Sethian, O scale PRR Nassau Division).
January 30: Layout Tour (John Sethian, O scale PRR Nassau Division).
February 20: White Flag Extra Clinic - Make and Take Flatcar by Clint Hyde, Tysons – Pimmit Regional Library, Falls Church, VA.
March 13: Layout Tour (Pete & Jane Clarks HON3 East Broad Top).
May 1: Layout Open House - Bruce Greenburg.
September 17: Layout Open House, Marty McGuirk's HO scale Central Vermont Winooski Subdivision, Manassas, VA
September 24: White Flag Extra Clinics, Modeling The Chemical Industry by Stan Knotts and Railroading along the Waterfront with Walthers by John Teichmoeller, Leisure World, Silver Spring, MD.
November 12: White Flag Extra Clinics, Making Dwarf Sig-

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nals by Marshall Abrams and Southeastern Pine Trees by Mike Hart, George Mason Public Library, Annandale, VA.

November 20: Layout Open House, Bill Day, Reston, VA.

December 3: Layout Open Houses (Double-Header!) Mike White, Lower Marlboro (Owings), MD and Bob Reid, Lusby, MD.

Special projects or working with other organizations:

We invited Chesapeake Division to co-host the 2013 MER Convention. We see this as an opportunity for CD to gain on-the-job training so that they might be able to host a convention in the future.

Any successful or new ideas that your division has tried that might be helpful to other Divisions:

Layout Disposal Assistance to help a member or survivor dispose of model railroad equipment and books whenever needed.

“White Flag Extra” clinics. Two clinics held every other month at different locations around the division. The venues must be free. We have used public libraries and the clubhouse at a gated retirement community.



PHILADELPHIA DIVISION 3

Annual Report – 2011

By John Seibert

Meeting Times and Dates:

The division meets 5 times a year in January, March, May, September and November. It chooses a Saturday well in advance and publishes the meeting times and location in its newsletter as well as announcing it at prior meets. The meetings start at 9:00 AM and run until noon. In the afternoon we typically have 2 or 3 member's layouts open for “open houses.”

We rotate the location of each meeting so that we have one each in Delaware, Bucks Montgomery and Chester counties. Ironically, very few of our members actually live within the city of Philadelphia. Within the past year we have had a joint meet with the East Coast Santa Fe Modelers group at Delaware Valley College in May. Our meet in September was at the Graystone Society building: The former headquarters of Lukens Steel in Coatesville, PA.

In November, we moved to the Brandywine Town Center in Wilmington, DE for a joint meet with the New Jersey Division. In January, the New Jersey Division reciprocated by hosting a joint meet at Haddon Township High School across the river from Philadelphia. We also held our bi-annual Railroad Prototype Modelers meet: a weekend long event held at The Desmond Hotel in Malvern, PA. Our next meet is planned for May, again with our friends the East Coast Santa Fe Modelers group.

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Achievement program highlights:

One AP achievement within the past year: Earl Paine: *Association Volunteer*.

We do have several people working towards various AP certificates.

Planned Activities from the past year:

This past year we have had joint meets with the New Jersey Division and the East Coast Santa Fe Modelers group. We will be doing this again in 2012 as these joint meets were well received by our members. They start on a Friday evening and last until Saturday evening with some open houses on Sunday.

We have had repeated attendance at our meets over the past few years by many residents of the lower counties in the state of Delaware. We supported their petition to the MER in 2011 for inclusion into our division. The entire state of Delaware is now part of the Philly Division.

Special projects or working with other organizations:

Division Car: HO scale RDG HTv offset side hopper car in 6 different unique road numbers. Offered for sale at discounted prices. Manufactured by Kadee.

We continue to support various local model railroad clubs through publicity in our division newsletter: **The Dispatcher**. We also report on progress of individual members layouts plus news within the model railroad community.

We have assisted our RPM committee in planning and running their Valley Forge RPM meet held March 32 to 25 at the Desmond Hotel in Malvern, PA. This is becoming a well-known event among modelers up and down the east coast. There were a record number of presenters and attendees at 280.

Any successful or new ideas that your division has tried that might be helpful to other divisions:

We have procured, through money earned by car sales and the RPM, state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment. We have our own laptop, digital projector, portable wide-screen, and high-resolution camera. The camera in particular has proven itself to be invaluable to allowing the audience to get a close-in view of a hands-on demonstration.

We successfully held a remote clinic whereby the clinician was not actually present at the venue at the time but gave it from a remote location. The presenter was the MER's own Marshall Abrams who, along with a few members of the division, wrote an article for the NMRA magazine on giving clinics remotely. This broadens the availability of clinicians.



TIDEWATER DIVISION 4
Annual Report – No Report



JAMES RIVER DIVISION 5
Annual Report – No Report



SOUTH MOUNTAIN DIVISION 10
Annual Report – 2011
By Michael L Shockey

Meeting Times and Dates:

2nd Tuesday of: Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec., Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., May. Meetings from 2–5 PM

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Achievement program highlights:

Several members getting Golden Spike awards. Working on getting people interested.

Planned Activities from the past year:

Started annual trips to visit/operate layouts from neighboring divisions.

Planned summer trips to ride several local scenic railways encouraged bringing guests on rides.

Any successful or new ideas that your division has tried that might be helpful to other divisions:

Reworked our website.

Added areas of help from members with special skills (DCC, electronics, scenery, etc).



SUSQUEHANNA DIVISION 11
Annual Report – 2011
By John Frantz

Meeting Times and Dates:

4 times a year, as arranged.

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Director: Robert Lyter

Director: Jeff Warner

Director: Ron Parisi

AP Director: Robert Charles, MMR

Achievement program highlights:

None at this time.

Planned Activities from the past year:

Reading, PA area visit, LSOPS 3.0, Harris Tower visit, Mt. Joy, PA area visit.

Special projects or working with other organizations:

None.

Any successful or new ideas that your division has tried that might be helpful to other divisions:

None.



CAROLINA SOUTHERN DIVISION 12
Annual Report – 2011
By Bob Halsey

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Achievement Program highlights:

2 Golden Spike awards in 2011 – J. Howard & D. Draxler

1 Master Builder (scenery) – D. Draxler

1 Chief Dispatcher – D. Draxler

1 member working on 7th Master Builder (cars)

certificate – J. Parker

A dozen others working on various certificates

Planned Activities from the past year:

Conducted several railfan visits, continued restoration of Brookford layout and conducted 12 open house visits there in 2011.

Conducted annual Boy Scout Railroad Merit Badge training & qualification classes (about 35 scouts attended).

Continued to publish Division newsletter (The Brass Pounder) (6 issues in 2011) and the ENews every other month.

Continued to update CSD website (www.carolinasouthern.org) (a first class effort!) and conduct Operation Lifesaver classes for school kids & scouts.

Conducted annual Railroad Modeling University (an all-day series of instructional classes/seminars. Now starting a semi-

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CAROLINA SOUTHERN DIVISION 12 – continued

annual half-day RMU in addition to classes/seminars at the monthly meetings.

Recommend all Divisions institute an RMU-type program! It helps with recruiting and inspires people (both potential and current members) to become more active.

Special projects and/or working with other organizations:

CSD is scheduling more railfan visits to rail museums and places like Tweetsie engine repair shop.

Continuing to conduct RailRun Weekend in coordination with OpSig group, including operating sessions at a half dozen or more member layouts.



CAROLINA PIEDMONT DIVISION 13

Annual Report – 2011

By Grif Bond, Superintendent

Meeting Times and Dates:

Fourth Tuesday of every month

Meetings in November and December held on second Tuesday Cary Senior Center, Fred M. Bond Park, Cary, NC

6:30 PM Board of Directors meeting

7:00 PM Division membership meeting

All monthly meetings (except March & December) included an educational program on prototype railroads and/or railroad modeling. A monthly modeling contest was held with the popular vote winner receiving a \$10 gift certificate donated by Train Buddy Products (Kim Parker), Wake Forest, NC. Each monthly contest has a theme.

List of Officers plus AP coordinator:

Superintendent – Grif Bond, grifbond@embarqmail.com

Assistant Superintendent – Jim Murphy,

berkshireshort@yahoo.com

Paymaster – John Rudisill, Jrudi123@aol.com

Clerk and newsletter editor – Jack Dziadul,

dziadul@windstream.net

Director – John Wallis, wallisjm@att.net

Director and AP coordinator – Vic Bitleris,

vbitleris@nc.rr.com

Director and webmaster – Rob Rousseau, railroad@nc.rr.com

Achievement program highlights:

Rob Rousseau – *Chief Dispatcher*

Jack Dziadul – *Author*

Jack Dziadul – *Association Volunteer*

Stephen Wood – *Chief Dispatcher*

Stephen Wood – *Golden Spike*

A judging event was held in July at a member's home.

Planned Activities from the past year:

Modular industrial building contest – used Walthers 3 in 1 modular building kit as the basis for the contest. Kits were available in HO and N scales. Guidelines included using a minimum of 50

percent of the parts, kit bash or build just from kit, display on diorama, include a sign, etc. Prizes (modeling tools) were awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place popular vote. Three additional prizes were awarded by the Board of Directors.

White elephant sale before/during membership meeting (October)

Raffle layout construction

Purchase of AV equipment with matching funds from the MER Division booth/display at the Neuse River Valley Train Show

Attendance at the NMRA 75th Anniversary National Convention in Milwaukee (8 members)

Produced 12 monthly issues of Division newsletter, The Carolina Piedmont Herald

Established a Planning Committee in order to host the 2011 MER Convention, Piedmont Crossing, October 27-30, 2011 in Cary, NC

Special projects or working with other organizations:

Cary Senior Center education programs – 2 programs were provided to community seniors as part of the meeting room space agreement.

Holiday Trains for Kids – HO scale train sets were provided to needy children at Christmas time. Division membership provided the names of children in need.

Any successful or new ideas that your division has tried that might be helpful to other divisions:

Membership designed and constructed a 4 by 8 sectional HO scale layout as a raffle fundraiser for the Holiday Trains for Kids program. Layout was designed to be rearranged in several configurations to operate in an oval, L share or straight. Sectional layout was based on the “Beer Line” concept shown in Model Railroader magazine. Members provided/donated all the materials, including structures, track, scenery, locomotives (2) and rolling stock. The 2010 raffle layout project raised \$1,180 during 2 days of sales at a local train show.

Holiday Trains for Kids program that provides HO scale train sets to needy children at Christmas time. Train sets are purchased using Division funds, contributions and funds raised from the sale of “raffle layouts”.



CHESAPEAKE DIVISION 14

Annual Report – 2011

By Kurt Thompson

Meeting Dates and Times:

January Meeting – Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, Sun., January 23, 2011, 2:00pm – 4:30pm

Board Meeting – January 18, 2011

February Meeting – The Church at Covenant Park,

Sun., February 27, 2011, 2:00pm – 4:30pm

March Meeting – Charlestown Retirement Community, Sun., March 27, 2011, 2:00pm – 4:30pm

Board Meeting – Sat., April 9, 2011, 4:30pm

Operations Saturday – Sat., April 30, 2011

May Meeting – Carroll Lutheran Village, Sun., May 22, 2011, 2:00pm – 4:30pm

Board Meeting – Didrik Thede's offices, June 2011
Board Meeting – Sep 17, 2011, 7:45pm
September Meeting – Charlestown Retirement Community,
Sun. September 25, 2011, 2:00pm – 4:30pm
Annual Group Meeting – Knights of Columbus Hall,
Owings Mills, MD, Sat, November 5, 2011, 8:30am – 2:00pm

List of Officers plus AP coordinator:

Superintendent: Kurt Thompson
Assistant Superintendent: Tom Casey
Director At Large: Arthur Boyd
Paymaster: Gerhard Klose
Clerk: Russell Forte
Achievement Program: Greg Meeks

Achievement Program Highlights:

None.

Planned Activities from the past year:

Portable Division show layout
Track Plan Contest
Demonstration of scenery building

Special projects or working with other organizations:

Year of the Layout Portable Division show layout
2011 planning sessions for Chesapeake & Potomac Joint
Minicon with Potomac Division held 3/30/2012
Year of the Layout Square foot contest
Year of the Layout Track Plan Contest
Year of the Layout structure building at train shows

Any successful or new ideas that your division has tried that might be helpful to other Divisions:

None. 

Rockville in October: Save the Date

By Bill Day

WHAT MAKES a convention great? People! And the **C&P Junction** Convention in October promises people, starting with nationally known clinicians. Tony Koester is coming from New Jersey. David Popp and Neil Besougloff are coming from Wisconsin. Paul Dolkos is coming from Virginia, Bernie Kempinski and Fred Lagnos are coming from various parts of Maryland.

A veteran modeler once said that, if he learned just one new thing at a convention, it was more than worthwhile. The planners of **C&P Junction** promise you many new things. Check out the initial list of clinics: turnout construction, operations, photography, switch lists, resin casting, judging, roofs, signaling practices, Two-rail O, updates on the Nickel plate and Vermont Central. For steel mill modelers clinics include slag and ingot cars, open hearth modeling, and Mill operations. Clinics will cover tips and tricks of all kinds.

And spectacular layout tours are planned, some 45 in all. Tours will be arranged so that they can be seen before, during and after the convention. Layouts will cover myriad geographic areas: Oregon Coast Railway, Monongah Division, Virginia & Western, Hootch Junction, Central Vermont, Clear Creek and Caldwell

Mining and Railway Company, Long Island Railroad, Erie Lackawanna Scranton Division and virtually every other part of the country.

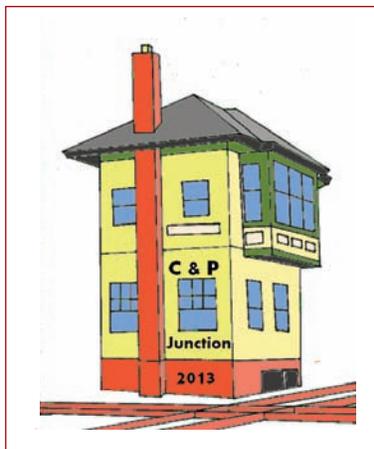
Those interested in operation will pick from six opportunities including Steve King's six-hour clinic and operating session. For prototype junkies, conventioners can tour the Baltimore Light Rail Operations Center and Maintenance Facility.

The convention is also attracting many NMRA officers.

And here's a special bonus. On Columbus day, Monday, October 13, modelers can take the day to see Washington's Smithsonian museums, monuments, Georgetown, C&O Canal, Kennedy Center, Mount Vernon, Old Towne Alexandria, Spy Museum, Air and Space Museum, Newseum and Baltimore's Fort McHenry, Inner Harbor and U.S.S. Constellation. The Crowne Plaza Hotel (www.cprockville.com) offers a free shuttle to the Metro.

This is the convention to bring a spouse, kids and grandchildren. In short, this is the one convention not to miss. Watch our web page for further developments!

Visit our website <http://home.comcast.net/~CandP2013/>. For questions, email CandP2013@comcast.net. 



Call for Volunteers!

With a nod to the U.S. Marines, **C & P Junction**, the coming MER Convention in Rockville, Maryland, over Columbus Day Weekend, October 10-13, 2013, is looking for a few good men—and women. In past conventions, men and women have volunteered to help staff the registration desk, the Contest Room and the Company Store with its accompanying White Elephant Room. Shifts would be three hours in length and only once per day. Virtue will be your only reward, although a handsome certificate will attest to serving your Region. If you are interested, please contact Bill Day at billday22@verizon.net or (703) 406-4112.



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New Membership Recruitment Program

As an aid to membership recruitment, NMRA recently instituted a six month "Railpass" trial membership program which costs the applicant \$9.95. Building on this idea, the MER is instituting a program whereby it will pay the \$9.95 Railpass fee for interested applicants in the MER. In other words, we are making available FREE six month Railpass trial memberships to encourage recruitment of regular members.

What's covered?

Same as Railpass—receive six issues of **NMRA Magazine**, three issues of **The Local**, eligibility to attend conventions and meets, eligibility to participate in contests.

What's not covered?

Same as Railpass—applicants cannot vote or hold office, and will not receive the New Member Pak from national (it's rather expensive).

Who can be recruited?

Anyone living within the MER who has not been a member of NMRA during the past two years.

How will the recruitment process work?

(1) The prospective member fills out the MER trial membership application form which was sent to all division superintendents (not the standard NMRA Railpass form) (2) The "recruiter" should

also sign the form, and then forward it to: Bob Price, Business Manager, 666 Princeton Avenue Collingswood, NJ 08108. (3) Bob will record the information he needs in his data base, and will forward the application to the MER Treasurer. (4) The Treasurer will add the necessary check and forward the application and check to the national headquarters in Chattanooga.

What happens after the member's six month trial period?

The Railpass trial member will receive a standard dues notice from national headquarters. We hope a substantial number of Railpass trial members will sign up to become regular members.

Are there limits on the program?

The MER initially allocated \$2,000 for this program. The Board recently voted to extend the program to the end of 2013, or when the funds are spent – whichever comes first. When and if we approach either limit, Division Superintendents and members of the MER Board of Directors will be notified. At that time, the program will be evaluated by the MER Board of Directors. If successful, we will try to continue it.

For questions?

Contact Bob Price, Business Manager (mailing address is below, (856) 854-8585, MER-BusMgr@comcast.net), or John Janosko, MER President (see contact information on page 2). 

National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) Mid-Eastern Region Application for Free "Railpass" Trial Membership

YES, please sign me up for a free six month Railpass trial membership in the NMRA—which includes membership in the Mid-Eastern Region, and in my local Division. During this six month period, I understand that I may attend conventions and meets, and participate in contests. I will receive **NMRA Magazine**, the monthly national magazine, and **The Local**, the bi-monthly regional newsletter. I will not be eligible to vote, hold office, or receive a New Member Pak.

I also understand that the \$9.95 cost of this six month Railpass trial membership is being paid by the Mid-Eastern Region. (Regardless of who pays, six month \$9.95 memberships are available only once to each person.)

At the end of the six months, I may join NMRA, paying the regular active member dues.

During the past two years, I have **not** been a member of NMRA.

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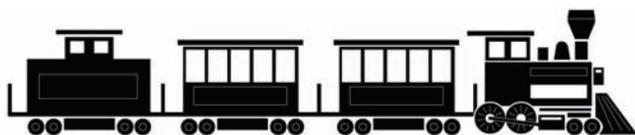
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FOR SALE: Two railroad lanterns – one with “PRR” on top and molded in the glass chimney. Poor condition. \$10 for both plus \$5 shipping. See photos below. Contact Dusty Miller, DustyandBarbara@Verizon.net or (717) 795-2775.

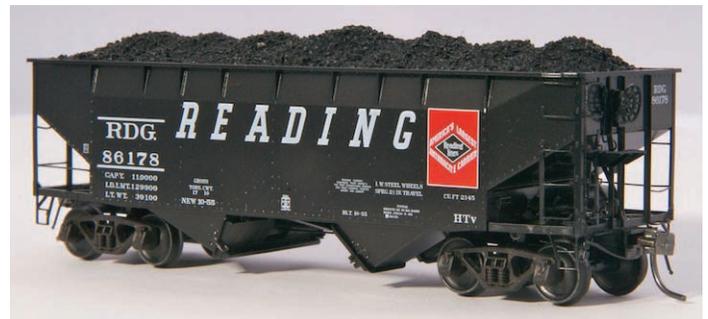


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Special Offer from The Philadelphia Division

WE WOULD LIKE to offer to all members of the Mid-Eastern Region of the NMRA the discount pricing that had been limited to the Philadelphia Division on the special run Reading HTv Offset Side Hopper (pictured below), made in the USA by Kadee. These 55-ton twin hoppers are available in six authentic, limited production numbers in the Reading speed lettering. These are the cars that we offered at the Railroad Prototype Modelers – Valley Forge meet. The pricing and ordering information can be found at our website, www.PhillyNMRA.org. Your active membership number is your key to this great value. For those without Internet access, you may contact our treasurer, Howard Kaplan by phone at (610) 626-4506.



In Memorial: John Roberts

John Roberts passed away peacefully in Williamsburg, Virginia on March 1, 2013.

John was NMRA President, 2004-2006, Vice President, 2000-2004, Eastern District Director, 2009-2013, MCR President and Trustee, 1989-1993, and over the years held a number of other elected and volunteer offices throughout the NMRA. He was a well-known model railroad author and was the builder of several highly regarded layouts in HO and O scale.

John had contracted Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, a rare brain condition that causes a rapid decrease of mental function and movement, and inevitably leads to death. John first showed symptoms of the disease in early 2012.

John is survived by his wife, Suzie, his children, John (Collette) and Whitney, and two granddaughters.

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, memorial gifts be sent to the Diamond Club, National Model Railroad Association, Inc., 4121 Cromwell Rd., Chattanooga, TN 37421. Cards and letters may be sent to the family at 104 Heritage Pointe, Williamsburg, VA, 23188.

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May 4th. New Jersey Division Meet held at Goetz Middle School at 835 Patterson Road in Jackson, NJ 08527. Clinics and meeting from 9 AM until Noon. Layout tours from 1 PM until 4 PM. For more information contact Bob Clegg at (856) 696-0463 or bobcats@comcast.net.

May 11th. Wade's Train Town monthly open house. Operated by Carolina Southern division members at the Brookford Town Center located at 1700 South Center St in Hickory, NC. 10 AM till 4 PM.

June 8th. Wade's Train Town monthly open house. Operated by Carolina Southern division members at the Brookford Town Center located at 1700 South Center St in Hickory, NC. 10 AM till 4 PM.

Divisions and Clubs tell MER members about your upcoming event!! Send your FREE (limit of 75 words) event listings to the editor (contact information is listed on page 2.) Be sure to include all the specifics for the event: including the date/time, place, cost, a contact person, and a means of getting in touch with him/her (address, phone, e-mail, etc.), and if available a web site for updates or to get more information. Please see the publication deadlines on page 16 to make sure your event is published on time. 

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Achievement Program Update

By *Charlie Flichman, MMR*
MER AP Manager

Since the last report in **The Local**, the following Achievement Program certificates were earned and awarded:

Division 2 – Potomac

Ernest Little – *Model Railroad Engineer Electrical*

Division 13 – Carolina Piedmont

Stephen C. Wood – *Master Builder Cars*

The MER is proud to announce our latest MMR. Congratulations to Stephen C. Wood, MMR #507. His Master Builder Cars as shown above was his seventh AP Certificate.

In a perfect world, this information will appear soon in the **NMRA** magazine. This should not deter you from giving recognition locally. Normally you will be able to recognize AP accomplishments long before the names appear in the **NMRA** magazine. 

Congratulations



on your
Achievement!

MER Positions Open:

White Elephant Room and Auction Coordinator – The primary task in the WE room and Auction is to handle sales and keep track of the cash. We typically handle \$2,000 to \$3,000 through the two activities combined. There is a dedicated computer for the job and I have improved the computer program to make data entry easier. There are still some improvements I'd like to make, particularly a second entry error checker, as typos are the biggest problem. Tom Buckingham is a good resource for help with the accounting – I've never been very good at balance sheets. The most important facet of the job is getting some good help from the local group – it is too much for a single person to handle. My preferred approach would be to have 2 or 3 people share the job, then it wouldn't be a big load on any one individual and there would be plenty of opportunity for the workers to attend their activities of interest. One good thing about the job is that you get first crack at anything on sale. Contact current coordinator to apply, Earl Hackett at hackettet@verizon.net.



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<u>Publication Schedule:</u>	<u>Articles/Callboard items due to Editor by:</u>
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