



TIDEWATER DIVISION CALLBOARD

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Division Meetings

Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017, 10:00 AM

Annual Business Meeting and Auction

St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 3314 Sandra Lane, Va. Beach

Directions on back page

Contest: Favorite Train

Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017, 10:00 AM

St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 3314 Sandra Lane, Va. Beach

Contest: Passenger Car

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2017 Division Meeting Schedule (tentative)

Date	Location	Contest
Jan 21	St. Matthew's Church, Va. Beach	Favorite Train
Feb 18	St. Matthew's Church, Va. Beach	Passenger Car
Mar 18	Eastern Shore RR Museum, Parksley, VA	On Line Structure
May 13	Denbigh Community Center, Newport News	Freight Car
June 17	St. Matthew's Church, Va. Beach	Photos
Aug 19	St. Matthew's Church, Va. Beach	Locomotive
Sep 16	St. Matthew's Church, Va. Beach	Off Line Structure
Nov 18	Va. Beach Central Library	Dioramas



The Iron Road

By Conrad Haas

Hello Modelers, It is the beginning of another new year with many modeling opportunities available to us. We are expanding our outreach to different areas and peoples. We are maintaining our membership numbers, but can always have more.

We have annual business meeting and long anticipated auction this January Division meeting. I hope you all have familiarized yourself with the new “Buy it Now” part of the auction and the new “White Elephant Slips”. We hope it will reduce the auction time.

With regards to our meeting schedule, we are expanding our meeting places to get more division member participation. We will have the March meeting in Parksley, Virginia (on the Eastern Shore). The Parksley Museum is opening up for us to meet there in one of their restored dining cars. We are also planning on some open houses to attend while in the area to make a full day of it.

I would encourage each of you to participate as much as time permits and to make time for your modelling interest. You could attend the National Convention in Orlando, FL., the MER Convention in Harrisburg, PA., or attend one of our own eight division meetings with a model you have crafted yourself. And as always, please invite a friend or stranger to visit us at one of our meetings.

Meeting News

Well, we are finally back to a semi-normal schedule. The January Business meeting and Auction will be held at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in the school cafeteria.

January is of course when we elect some of our Board of Directors. This year John Cryderman, Pat Mahoney and John Robey are all up for re-election with no opposition. If you have not received your ballot in the mail, you were not on the roster. Ballots will be available at check in, just bring in your current NMRA card to show you are valid.

And finally, we have our Auction. This year it will pay to arrive early, as we are adding a buy-it-now price line, and limiting the auction to a \$5.00 or larger minimum bid. Hopefully this will allow us to finish the auction earlier than it has been in the past few years.

Awards and Contests

There were three entries in the Diorama contest at the November meeting, so all were winners, First place was won by Ethan Vogel with his switching layout. If you missed it at the Division Train Show, you will have another chance to see it at the Greenberg Show next March. John Fallon took second place and Conrad Haas came in third.

January is the Favorite Train contest. As usual, any scale and any prototype are welcome and encouraged.

2017 Tidewater Division Auction

Those of you who received a ballot in the mail should know about the new “buy-it-now” option we are using for the auction this year. Since not everyone may have been on the roster, I will go over it again.

When you are selling an item, there are two price lines on the slip, minimum bid and buy it now. Figure out the minimum you want to get for each item, remembering that the Division gets 10% of the sale price. For items to be eligible for auction, the lowest minimum bid is \$5.00. If you want less than that, enter the price on the buy it now line. If you want \$5.00 or more, enter that price on the minimum bid line. You can leave the buy it now line blank, or enter some higher price that you would prefer to get. You may also enter in a buy it now price only and leave the minimum bid blank.

For the buyers, you will also have some options. When you see an item you would like, and it has a buy it now price, you can either purchase it right away for that price, or have it put up for bids on the auction if it has a minimum bid. To put it up for bidding, you will need to hand the item over to one of our auction assistants, who will set it on a bid item table. You will need to show the assistant your bid card to confirm that you can bid on the item, and you are not the seller for it. Once the item is up for bids, it is not available for “buy it now”, however buyers can look and see what is up for bidding.

There will be a cut off time of 11:00 AM for buy it now purchases to give us time to enter them in the computer before the auction starts. You can pay with cash or check. The division will receive 10% of all sales, both auction and “buy it now”. There will also be a cut off time for putting an item up for bidding, which will be 12:30.

Time Frame (subject to adjustments)

9:00 AM	Set up begins, sellers may set their stuff out on the tables There will be a separate area for “buy it now” only items
9-10:00 AM	Check in, turn in BOD election ballots, get a bid card
9:30 AM	“Buy it now” purchase period starts
10:00 AM	Meeting starts, deadline for BOD ballots
10:30AM	BOD election results announced, new board meets
11:00 AM	Deadline for “buy it now” purchases Lunch time
11:30AM	Auction begins
12:30PM	Deadline for placing items up for bidding.

Tidewater Division Depot



We have lots of items for sale to show your support for the Tidewater Division. We still have plenty of our HO scale NS (original) 50' boxcar kits, now at \$15.00 each. We also have patches and pins from previous conventions, and will soon have ball caps with our logo. You can also order other apparel with our logo embroidered on.

To place an order or ask about prices, contact John Fallon at zzoxdoc@yahoo.com.

JOINING THE NMRA'S TIDEWATER DIVISION

The Tidewater Division of the NMRA encompasses the South-Eastern Maryland, Eastern Virginia and North-Eastern North Carolina. The area includes Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties in Maryland; in Virginia, the Cities of Chesapeake, Franklin, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, and Williamsburg, plus Accomack County, Gloucester County, James City County, Isle of Wight County, Northampton County, Mathews County, Southampton County, Surry County, and York County; and in North Carolina, Camden County, Currituck County, Chowan County, Gates County, Pasquotank County, and Perquimans County. To be a member of the Tidewater Division, you must be a member of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) and reside in the area covered by the Tidewater Division.

For a limited time, we are offering a FREE six month Rail Pass NMRA membership. This offer is only available to new members, it includes the NMRA's monthly magazine, *Scale Rails*. Contact John Fallon at (757) 636-3023, or e-mail zzoxdoc@yahoo.com.

CALLBOARD SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Callboard is available for free via e-mail or at the Tidewater Division web-site, <http://www.nmra-mer-tidewater.org/>. Printed copies in b/w are available on request, contact John Fallon (see above) to get on the mailing list.

HOBBY SHOP NEWS

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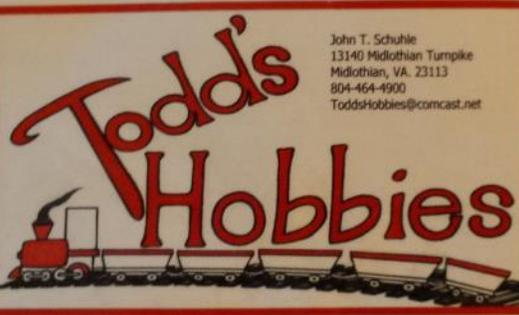
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Timetable 2017

Jan 18	BOD Meeting at Fairfield Train Junction
Jan 21	Annual Business Meeting and Auction at St. Matthew's
Feb 15	BOD Meeting at Fairfield Train Junction
Feb 18	Division Meeting at St. Matthew's
Mar. 4,5	Greenberg Train Show at Hampton Convention Center

Directions to St. Matthew's Catholic Church—From I-64, exit at Indian River Road West. Continue down Indian River Rd, crossing Military Highway. Sandra Lane is a right turn just before the bowling alley. Turn right and it leads directly into the parking lot for St. Matthew's.