



# ***TIDEWATER DIVISION*** ***CALLBOARD***

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## **Division Meetings**

**Saturday, September 16, 2017, 10:00 AM**

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

**Contest: Off Line Structure**

**Directions on back page**

**Saturday, November 18, 2017, 10:00 AM**

**Slover Library, 235 East Plume Street, Norfolk**

**Contest: Diorama**

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### 2017 Division Meeting Schedule

Date	Location	Contest
Sep 16	St. Matthew's Church, Va. Beach	Off Line Structure
Nov 18	Slover Library, Norfolk (tentative)	Diorama

### 2018 Meeting Schedule (tentative)

Jan 20	St. Matthew's Church, Va. Beach	Favorite Train
Feb 17	TBD	Passenger Car
Mar 17	TBD	On Line Structure
May 12 or 19	Denbigh Community Center, Newport News	Freight Car
June 16	TBD	Photos
Aug 18	TBD	Locomotive
Sep 15	TBD	Off Line Structure
Nov 17	TBD	Diorama



## The Iron Road

By Conrad Haas

Is the sun setting or rising? Is it the sun or the moon? It is on the horizon. It is full. What you see in this picture is the Len's perspective. We each see the same thing in our own perspective. We can share our views with others to broaden their perspective. We can share different ideas and help others improve their modelling.

Speaking of looking forward, the Annual Train Show is coming to the Virginia Beach Convention Center on September 30<sup>th</sup>. We are in hall D again and vendor table sales are going strong with Bill saying he may need to order more. Speaking of more, we are going to need all hands on deck for set up and clean up. I am looking forward to good weather, great crowds and super buys of stuff I just can't do without. I hope we all have a good time at the show after having put in so much hard work.

It has been mentioned that we should consider hosting the MER convention again. We last hosted one 5 years ago. The time sure does fly. As always, if you have any comments or suggestion for me or any of the Board members, please don't hesitate to contact us.

## Meeting News

We want to thank Bill Miller for making the last minute arrangements for the August meeting. When our intended location turned out to be unavailable, he found us a room at Miles Memorial United Methodist Church that we could use, For September, we are back at St. Matthew's in the school cafeteria.

The annual Train Show is just a few weeks away, we will be setting up starting Friday, Sept. 29 at 9:00 AM in Hall D of the Va. Beach Convention Center. As usual, we will need plenty of helpers with strong backs to move and set up the tables, and then help the vendors as they arrive. We will also need folks manning the White Elephant Table during the show, the sign up sheet will be at the meeting.

Speaking of the White Elephant, I have been informed that the slips available from the web site are still dated 2016. If that bothers you, you can line out the 6 and write in a 7. Computer issues have hindered the updating of the slips, but that won't stop the sale!

Congratulations to the winners of the Locomotive contest. Dave Hudson was awarded First Place for a model of a slug built from an EMD Switcher. Second Place was won by Dale Ridgeway with his B&O (what else?) F7. There was a tie for third between Ethan Vogel's 0-4-0T switcher and Bob Cook's A-B-A set of Pennsy F3's. Our September contest will be for off line structures, which means buildings or bridges not serving a railroad.

## Help Wanted in Suffolk

The operation of the Seaboard Station Museum in Suffolk has been transferred from the Nansemond-Suffolk Historical Society to the Suffolk City Tourism Department. The city will have a full time paid staff to manage the museum. The HO scale model of 1906 era Suffolk will remain, and the city would like to have it repaired and updated.

We would like some volunteers to work with Conrad to perform some maintenance and repairs to get it running for the Museum's "Touch a Truck" event in October. This would involve replacing some turnouts and redoing some of the wiring.

The Tourism Department would like to institute a monthly maintenance schedule and to simplify the operation of the layout so that their staff can run it for visitors. They have also asked us to help acquire some more 1906 era locomotives and rolling stock.

Anyone who would like to help can call or e-mail Conrad.

## 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](mailto: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.


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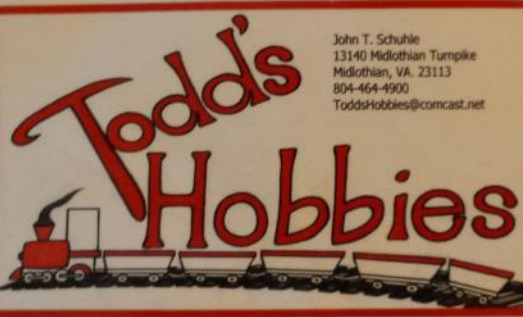
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## Timetable 2017

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| Sep 13           | BOD Meeting at Fairfield Train Junction   |
| Sep 16           | Division Meeting at St. Matthew's Catholic Church   |
| Sep 29-<br>Oct 1 | Tidewater Division Train Show, Va. Beach Convention Center<br>Set-up Friday, 10AM-4PM Saturday and Sunday |
| Nov 15           | BOD Meeting at Fairfield Train Junction   |
| Nov 18           | Division Meeting at Slover Library, Norfolk   |
| Nov 24-26        | Planes, Trains and Santa at the Military Aviation Museum<br>Open 10-4 Each Day, Santa arrives at 11       |

Christmas Train Show Schedule will be posted in November's Callboard, if your group will be having a show or display in December please let me know so I can put the word out. (757) 636-3023 or zzoxdoc@yahoo.com

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.