

Tidewater Division

CALLBOARD

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“From the Caboose”

Fred Humphrey, Superintendent

During the annual meeting, Superintendent Pat Mahoney explained no nominations for the Mid-Eastern Tidewater Division Board of Directors (BOD) were received. A motion and second were put forward to accept and retain the exiting BOD. Membership present voted and approved to retain the existing slate.

However, after the meeting Superintendent Pat Mahoney resigned his position for personal reasons. Per the By-Laws of the Tidewater Division, Article IX, paragraph 1, states: “The Assistant Superintendent will succeed the Superintendent in case of resignation or incapacitation. The Superintendent will appoint a replacement in case of resignation or incapacitation of any other member of the Board for their existing term only.” Fred Humphrey was nominated and approved for the position of Superintendent by the Board of Directors present (except for Bob Cook). Norm Garner was nominated for the Director at Large

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This Month in Railroad History

Jan 1, 1986: the Milwaukee Railroad merged into the Soo Line.

Jan 6, 1893: Great Northern Railway drives the last spike at Scenic, Washington.

Jan 10, 1863: the London underground railway opens for business.

Jan 15, 1953: Pennsylvania RR "Federal Express" train wreck injures 43 at Washington DC's Union Station. There were no fatalities.

Jan 16, 1868: William Davis patents the first refrigerator car.

Jan 17, 1871: Andrew Smith Hallidie patents the first cable car system in San Francisco.

Jan 17, 1957: Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) forms in San Francisco.

Jan 24, 1874: B&O completes construction at Hyattsville on 12.4 mile long Alexandria Branch to Shepherd's Landing.

Jan 25, 1955: British Railway announces plans to end steam operations.

Jan 28, 1935: To mark completion of the electric line from Washington, D.C to New York City, the Pennsylvania Railroad runs a special train pulled by PRR GG1 4800, the electric locomotive making a round trip from D.C. to Philadelphia setting a speed record on the return run of 1 hour 50 minutes

Jan 31, 1935: Union Pacific's M-10000 enters service as the “City of Salina.”

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CN to Double Main Line

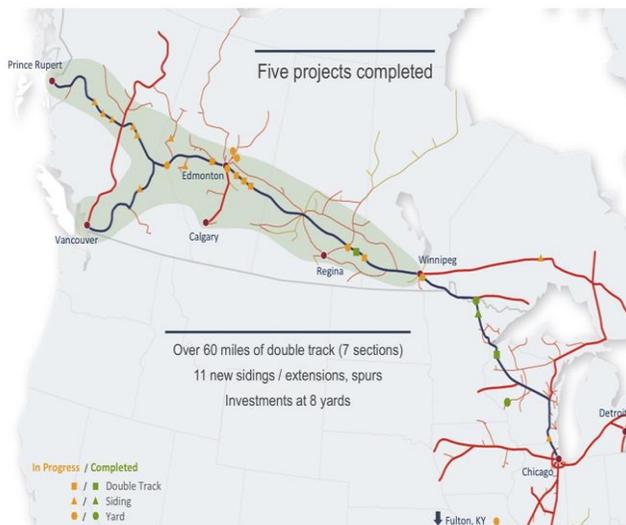
Canadian National will eventually double-track its busy main line between Edmonton, Alberta, and Winnipeg, Manitoba, with the pace of the capacity additions matching traffic growth. Less than 100 miles of the 800-mile corridor is currently double iron, Chief Operating Officer Mike Cory says, this is not including the five sections of double-track that's scheduled to be added this year.

Asked whether the double-tracking is a five- or 10-year plan, Cory responded: "It's a forever plan. This is really in our breadbasket." The Edmonton-Winnipeg route is Canadian National's spine, carrying grain, potash, petrochemicals, energy-related commodities like frac sand and steel pipe, as well as intermodal traffic. The route has about 50 miles of double track between Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, but efforts to continue double-tracking beyond that section stopped in the 1970s, Cory says. CN likely will add another four or five sections of double-track to the line next summer as it anticipates continued strong traffic growth.

CN got into a capacity crunch last year when traffic came on much faster than expected and it was short of crews, locomotives, and track capacity. The railroad did not add track capacity on the line after traffic declined in 2016.



Update on Track Capacity Investments
Execution underway to improve capacity – expect completion in Q4



Pennsy Loco Needs New Home GG1 #4859 "Homeless"

Amtrak's plans to renovate the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, station means that historic Pennsylvania Railroad equipment on display there must be moved. The Harrisburg Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society is seeking a new home for the GG1 and cabin car, both of which it owns and displays on space it leases from Amtrak.

The GG1 is usually displayed on Track No. 5, but Amtrak plans to rebuild the platform for that track to have high-level platforms that conform with the Americans With Disabilities Act. John Smith of the Harrisburg chapter said it is talking with Amtrak for a solution that would enable the equipment to continue to be displayed under cover.

Amtrak has offered use of another track, but that would expose the locomotive to the elements. Another idea being considered is moving the display to a pavilion near Harris Tower and 1,000 feet north of the station.

Smith told *Trains* magazine that he wants to see another track built so that passengers boarding trains could see the equipment and that it would be under cover. He said that because the GG1 is on the National Register of Historic Places that Amtrak cannot put the chapter and its equipment at a disadvantage.

Business Excellence, Kudos to CSX

Wall Street analysts in July peppered executives from Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern with questions about why their railroads, despite record earnings, are not keeping pace with CSX Transportation and its low operating ration.

The answer: Executives are looking long-term--and there's more than one way to run a railroad.

TEX-Rail Starts Regular Service Linking Downtown DFW & Airport



The 27-mile commuter rail line will connect Fort Worth to Grapevine with service to DFW Airport. The line runs seven days a week for roughly 21 hours a day, with the trains reaching top speeds of 70 miles per hour. The route, which skirts Southlake at the SH 26 intersections of Brumlow Avenue and Kimball Avenue, will start service with at least 42 trains a day.

“With that many trains running through the area daily, and the likelihood of more in the future, drivers need to be aware of the potential impact the trains will have at these intersections, particularly at Brumlow Avenue and Ira E. Woods Avenue,” said Assistant Police Chief Ashleigh Casey. “Speeding drivers are still an issue on Brumlow, so we are asking people to slow down and be aware that the train crossing will be in use a lot more than it has been in the past.”

Amtrak Adds 2nd Train to Boston Service to Start March 2019

Amtrak is increasing its daily service between Norfolk, and Boston starting in March. Customers in the Mermaid City and surrounding areas will be able to choose from two daily departures from the Amtrak Northeast Regional when they plan to travel to the Northeast.

Amtrak provides a same-seat trip to and from Norfolk and makes intermediate stops in Richmond, Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York City, and other cities along the Northeast Corridor. The Norfolk station is also a stop for the Thruway bus connection for service to the Amtrak station in Newport News.

"Amtrak service is a vital alternative in the Commonwealth's overall transportation solution," said Joe McHugh, Vice President, State-Supported Business Development for Amtrak. "DRPT and other partners work together to meet the increasing demand for passenger rail service and provide additional capacity."

The additional roundtrip service will officially start March 4, 2019.



CSX-BNFS To Launch LA to Ohio Container Service Customers Can Expect Stepped Up Intermodal Performance

CSX Corp. yesterday announced growth plans for its Northwest Ohio Intermodal Terminal, which include a haulage agreement that enables BNSF Railway Co. to launch direct intermodal service between Los Angeles and North Baltimore, Ohio. CSX's plans also include a partnership with North Point Development to construct a logistics park adjacent to the terminal, and expanded eastern access to the facility via new service to and from the Port of New York and New Jersey, according to a CSX press release.

"CSX's Northwest Ohio Intermodal Terminal is ideally situated on CSX's main line network 30 miles south of Toledo on Interstate 75 and is surrounded by a population of nearly 30 million within a 200-mile radius," said CSX President and Chief Executive Officer James Foote. "We are excited to transform Northwest Ohio into a regional demand point that provides attractive solutions for customers and supply chain needs."

BNSF's domestic and international container-only service is expected to begin Oct. 29. The service will operate eastbound and westbound, with departure offerings five days a week in each direction. The service will enable customers to reach key markets in the fast-growing Ohio Valley region, BNSF officials said. "It's another way BNSF is working to streamline the existing supply chain and makes moving products easier," said Tom Williams, BNSF's group vice president, consumer products. Much like the BNSF route from Southern California to Atlanta, a portion of the new LA-to-North Baltimore service will operate under a haulage agreement with CSX.

Meanwhile, North Point Development will build the logistics park, which will include traditional warehouse and distribution capabilities. It also will feature container yard and equipment storage, export container stuffing and transload and breakbulk resources, all within a heavy-haul local corridor, CSX officials said. To enable customers to take advantage of the amenities offered at the terminal and logistics park, CSX will expand existing East Coast port offerings to and from Northwest Ohio by adding service between the facility and the Port of New York and New Jersey, they said.

Built in 2011, the Northwest Ohio Intermodal Terminal operates 24 hours a day on more than 500 acres. It offers seven wide-span electric cranes, significant track infrastructure and technology that minimizes truck idle time, CSX officials said. Additionally, the terminal has a lift capacity of 700,000 units for local operations, with ground storage available for more than 2,000 units.





Chicago's Corridor Improvements Project

The 75th Street Corridor Improvement Project is aimed at enhancing freight and passenger rail service along the rail corridor in the City of Chicago, US. It is the biggest project in the Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency (CREATE) program, which aims to enhance the rail lines in the neighborhoods of Auburn Gresham, West Chatham, and Englewood.

The improvement project is being carried out by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Chicago Department of Transportation, Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways, and the Association of American Railroads.

The final environmental impact statement and record of decision for the project were approved in September 2014. The ground-breaking ceremony of the project was held in October 2018, with completion scheduled for 2025.

More than \$3.8B in economic benefits is expected to be generated for the city through the \$474M improvement project by reducing congestion in the Belt Junction.



Railroad Fever "Railroad Oddities" by Fred Humphrey

During WWII, many "combat railroaders" were known to have cooked their eggs on a coal shovel heated by locomotive steam.

The capital of North Dakota was changed in 1873 to Bismarck when The Northern Pacific thought that naming it after Otto van Bismarck would entice German settlement (and money) into the territory.

To get around an 1890's law forbidding operation of Sunday trains unless they carried livestock, one resourceful railroad carried a single mule aboard a stock car.

Iowa Interstate Announces Summer Rail Dates

There will be more steam trips on Iowa Interstate this coming summer, presumably with QJ 2-10-2 No. 6988. The railroad announced Nov 30th there will be four trips out of Menlo, west of Des Moines, June 29th to benefit the local volunteer fire department and rescue squad, similar to the trips out of Mitchellville and Brooklyn, Iowa, last August.

The road said there will also be a second QJ summer event



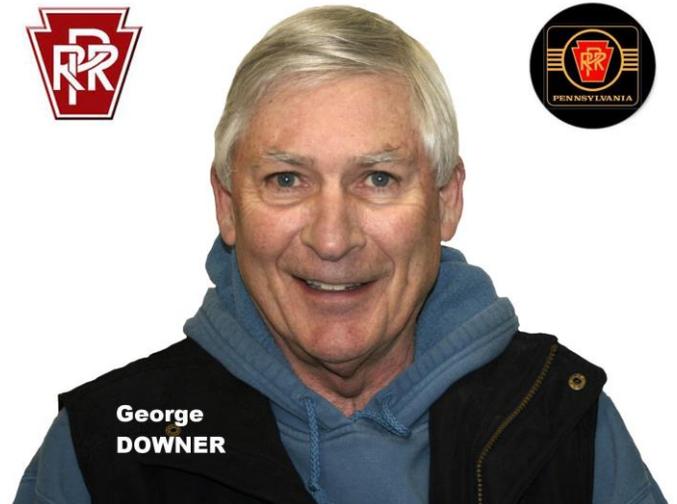
NMRA - Master Modeler Award
Norm Garner #625



Tidewater Division
Superintendent's Award - 2018



Tidewater Division
Volunteer of the Year - 2018



George
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January Contest - 1st Place



January 2019
1st Place

From "the Timekeeper"
Division Business Meeting Minutes
19 January 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1006 at St Matthews Catholic Church in Virginia Beach, VA.

Reports:

Membership: 158 active members in the Division. 2 new. Ken Montero VP of the Mid-Eastern Region was in attendance
Minutes of the BOD meeting of 5 December were published in the Callboard.

John Robey provided the paymaster's report. An audit was conducted by John Hammond and Teena Vogel and the accounts were acceptable

Announcements:

1. Norm Garner was presented with his Master Model Railroader Certificate #625.
Auctioneer for the auction is Fred Humphrey. Stated the minimum bid is \$5.00. Buyer or seller can bring items to the table for bidding.
2. Scott Dayton of Hobby Town offered to allow use of his meeting room for Tidewater Division meetings. He asked that the meetings be open to the public. As well, he offered the use of a display case for promotional purposes
3. NMRA is looking for an archivist for the Mid-East Region. The position of Archivist will become available effective 1 April 2019. Responsibilities and benefits include:
 - a. Repository for legal records, meeting minutes, financial statements, newsletters, etc.
 - b. annually scan documents and deliver cd to the MER Business Manager
 - c. no travel required
 - d. Region level Achievement Program credits toward Service to the Hobby - Volunteer certificate

Please contact MER Director Jack Dziadul with any questions.

4. Meeting schedule for 2019 will be during the odd months (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sep, Nov). The March meeting will be at Hobby Town. The Board of Directors (BOD) will establish the schedule for the rest of 2019 and publish it in the web site. John Robey presented the policy that we will be offering a door prize at each meeting. The winner will have a choice of several prizes, including NMRA basic membership, magazine subscriptions or gift cards, the value of less than \$50.
5. The annual show lost \$2800, attributed to the packed venue (from other activities) and the lack of parking. The membership agreed to not hold a show in 2019 and research other options for 2020.
6. There were no nominations for the Board of Directors, so the slate remains.
7. Jim Curth proposed that the BOD call all the members to query why they attend or miss meetings. Discussion followed and no action was taken.
8. In the interest of promoting model contests and increasing meeting attendance, contest awards were approved by the membership: \$25 for first, \$15 for second and \$10 for third.
9. JJ Johnson is recuperating in Courtland from a stroke and is accepting visitors.
10. The Superintendent recognized Bill Miller, John Fallon, and Teena Vogel for their work on the annual show, and John Robey for his efforts for the model contest for the show.

Annual Awards:

Modeler of the Year: George Downer

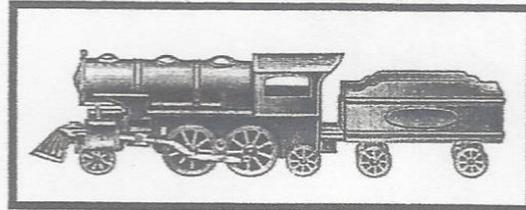
Volunteer of the Year: John Fallon

Superintendent's Award: Bill Miller

Meeting was adjourned at 1120.

Following the meeting and at a break in the auction, the BOD met (with the exception of Bob Cook). Pat Mahoney announced that for personal reasons, he was stepping down as Superintendent and Director. Fred Humphrey was nominated and approved for the position of Superintendent by the Board of Directors present (except for Bob Cook). Norm Garner was nominated for the Director at Large position. The BOD approved Norm Garner to fill the vacant Director's position created by Fred Humphrey moving the Superintendent and will serve the remaining term of 1 year. John Fallon remained Assistant Superintendent, Bob Cook remained as Timekeeper, and John Robey remained as Paymaster

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Large position. The BOD approved Norm Garner to fill the vacant Director's position created by Fred Humphrey moving the Superintendent and will serve the remaining term of 1 year.

As your new Superintendent, I will continue Pat Mahoney's leadership to find ways to organize, to promote educational, charitable, historical and fellowship activities related to model railroading and rail transportation. John Robey presented an idea to help bring members to the meeting in the future. Membership present voted and approved the idea. At every meeting there will be a door prize drawing and the winner gets to select one of the below items:

NMRA basic membership for 1 year
Yard Master membership for 1 year
Magazine subscription; Model Railroader, Trains, Classic Trains, Garden Railways
\$50 Gift Card; Hobby Town, Lowes, Home Depot

The door prize selection list remains the same for each drawing. Additionally, in the interest of promoting model railroading contests and increase meeting attendance, contest awards were approved by the membership. The prizes will consist of cash awards in the amounts of \$25 for first, \$15 for second and \$10 for third. The Callboard will list when and where our meetings will be held and what the model railroading contest will be at that meeting.

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