



Tidewater Division

CALLBOARD

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“Tracks Ahead”

Fred Humphrey, Superintendent

As we begin a new year, let's think about how good or bad division meetings were in 2019. There were several meetings with great attendance and a few featuring a less than stellar showing. Membership showed great interest in meetings held in locations offering something to view after the meeting. At the same time, meetings held outside of the Hampton Roads area saw little membership participation. We did achieve one community outreach effort in moving the meetings around the Tidewater Division. This was showing other model railroad clubs we are interested in what they're doing by being there and viewing the available layouts. I'm looking forward to 2020 and what suggestions the membership bring to the annual business gathering on where to hold future meetings.

Currently we have three meeting sites selected. The first is Jan 18, 2020 at Lee Hall Train Station and Museum in Newport News, March 16th at the

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Business Meeting Timetable 18 January 2020

8:30 a.m. Doors open for WET sellers.

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tidewater Division annual business meeting. (time approximate: The Tidewater Modular Railroad Club will hold their annual meeting at the conclusion of the Division meeting).

11 a.m. White Elephant Sales begin

1 p.m. White Elephant sale concludes.

1:45 p.m. All sellers must have their tables cleared.

2 p.m. Lee Hall Depot Closes

LUNCH: All members are responsible for their own meals. The Lee Hall Depot requests those bringing food to properly dispose of it once completed.

PARKING: is available at the Lee Hall Depot. We recommend the Depot lot be used for our handicapped members first. There is available parking (gravel lot) on the west side of the Depot between Warwick Blvd and the CSX tracks (where the depot once sat). **DO NOT** park at the Boxwood Inn.

DIRECTIONS: the Depot sits on the northeast corner of Warwick Blvd and Elmhurst St, in Newport News.

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Division Member Web Page by Chuck Davis – MMR #425

Hi Guys,

Check out our new division member, Greg Warth's new website: <https://www.building-your-model-railroad.com/>. He has been working on his website for 10 years and it's really comprehensive.

Under the heading, "Want to build an Empire...Try a Model Railroad" gets you started into the great realm of model railroading. The web site features the following topics, "scenery overview, ground cover, trees, retaining walls and roads" just to name a few interesting railroad related topics.

The site is well presented and worth the time to visit.

Railroad "Readings" Railroad Related Publications

"The Milwaukee Road's Steam, Diesel and Electric Era 1950-1957" (Stagner 2005); 48 pages The essence of this effort is the motive power used during the final years of the changeover from steam to both diesel and electric motive power during the time frame 1950-1957. [LN softback \$9] (to Mark Neiting: I know Christmas just passed, but it gives you an early list for 2020)

"Sherman Hill" (Ehernberger & Gschwind 1978); 128pgs The many fine photographs which so graphically portray the all-time story of railroading over Sherman Hill (Union Pacific versus Sherman Hill), are representative of various private collections which were generously made available to the authors for this purpose.

"The Cars of Pullman" (Welch, Howes, & Holland 2015); 176 pages. This wonderfully illustrated history examines the diverse fleet, from the ornate wooden cars to the steel heavyweights and on to the aluminum streamlined era. An expert history written and compiled by 3 acknowledged Pullman experts accompanies period photos, advertising and car diagrams, tracing the composition and evaluation of Pullman's fleet and its use on star passenger trains across the nation.

Wheels fall off engine THE GAZETTE-TRIBUNE, Sibley, Iowa, April 7, 1932

Apparently providence took a hand in a most unusual accident to a railroad engine in Worthington, Minnesota, Friday morning, March 25, in that it graciously permitted the accident to happen while the train was standing still rather than out on the road where a serious wreck would have been the outcome.

While engine No. 378 on train No. 203 of the Chicago St Paul Minneapolis & Omaha Railroad company was taking on water in the yards at Worthington station, the center drive shaft broke allowing the center wheel to fall off. The engineer had pulled the throttle and the parts flew to pieces.

No explanation had been arrived at as to the cause of the unusual snapping of this invulnerable piece of steel. It seems just one of those things that sometimes occur. But it was most fortunate for crew and passengers that it broke while standing on the tracks at the station instead of on the road when traveling at a high speed.

Engineer Merrill of Sioux City, Conductor Ireton of Minneapolis and Brakeman Burbeck of Minneapolis were other members of the crew.

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 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.

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Division Mtg/Contest Schedule

Jan 18, 2020: Annual Meeting & White Elephant Table: 10am, Lee Hall Depot, Elmhurst St, Newport News, VA – Contest: Favorite Train.

Mar 21, 2020: Southampton Heritage Village, 26315 Heritage Lane, Courtland VA. Coordinator: Bryan Holloman.

Division Club Car

(Train Related Events)

Greenberg's Great Train and Hobby Show
Jan 15-16, 2020
Richmond Raceway Park

Great Scale Model Train Show & Railroad Collectors Train Show
Feb 1-2, 2020
Maryland State Fairground
Timonium, MD

Greenberg's Great Train and Toy Show
Feb 15-16, 2020
Hampton Roads Convention Center
Hampton, VA

Board of Director Elections by Ethan Vogel

Here's the final list of candidates for the Tidewater Division Board of Directors:

Roger Bir
John Fallon
Fred Humphrey
Jim Keiper

As a reminder, per Article XV, Section 4 of the Division Bylaws, "any three Division Members may nominate someone via a written notice to the Nominating Committee, with the permission of the nominee. Such nominations must be submitted to the Nominating Committee at least thirty days ahead of the election."

Nominations from the floor are permitted on the day of the board meeting.

Railroad Lingo

BAIL IT IN—Feed the locomotive firebox

DEADHEAD—Employee riding on a pass; any nonpaying passenger. Also fireman's derisive term for head brakeman who rides engine cab. Also a locomotive being hauled "dead" on a train



LOOK SOUTH IN 2020

MID-EASTERN REGION 2020 CONVENTION CAROLINA SPECIAL

OCTOBER 15TH – 18TH 2020

**Crowne Plaza Charlotte, Executive Park
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA**

**Carolina Southern Division is proud to be hosting the
MER 2020 Convention**

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Convention activities will include:

- A wide selection of model railroading clinics, including by some nationally recognized names in the hobby
- Tour of the North Carolina Transportation Museum Back Shop and other non-public areas
- Tour of the Southeastern Narrow Gauge and Shortline Museum
- Tour of Wade's Train World in Brookford, a layout maintained by the CSD
- HO, S and N scale operating layouts in the Convention Hotel
- Home layout tours in the area, to include The Piedmont & Western and NYC Piney Fork Branch, which were both cover stories in *Model Railroader*
- Operating Sessions
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START THE REGISTRATION PROCESS AT THIS LINK:

<http://carolinasouthern.org>

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

8 January 2020

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1831 at Fred Humphrey's home.

BOD Attending: Fred Humphrey, John Fallon, John Robey, Bob Cook, and Roger Bir. Norm Garner and John Cryderman were absent.

Reports:

Membership: No update.

Paymaster's Report: Read without issue.

Elections: Fred Humphrey, Roger Bir, and John Fallon will run again. Jim Keiper will also run.

Division Business:

1. January Meeting:

- a. ABZ Rentals will provide 25 tables and 60 chairs at 1100 on 17 January.
- b. Doors will open at 0830 on 18 January.
- c. Meeting will start at 1000. A meeting of the TMRC will follow. White elephant table buying will start at 1100 or after completion of the meeting and run to 1300.
- d. Tables and chairs will be picked up at 1330 (extension to 1400 will be requested) and we will have exited the building.
- e. Tidewater Division will donate \$300 or 10% of white elephant sales to the Lee Hall Depot.

2. The Superintendent talked to local clubs at the Greenberg show and got permission to put links to their organizations on the web site.

3. The BOD discussed the placement of ads in the Callboard. The topic will be discussed with our lawyer. If permitted, the intention is to allow ads at no cost but a donation will be accepted.

4. The frequency of the Callboard will be bi-monthly and published before the bi-monthly meetings with the minutes of the BOD meeting, which will be held ten days before the division meeting.

5. John Fallon reported a possible site for the 2020 annual show – Shriner's Temple Hall on Woodlake Drive in Chesapeake. The hall is 7000 square feet. Possible dates: Oct 10/11, Oct 31/Nov 1, Nov 14/15.

6. NMRA National is requesting that the Tidewater Division man a booth at the World's Greatest Hobby show in Hampton on February 15-16, 2020. Looking for volunteers.

7. The next BOD meeting will be at John Robey's home on 11 Mar 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 1956.

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Southampton Heritage Village and Agriculture Forestry Museum in Courtland, VA and finally May 9th held in the Denbigh Community Center in Newport News.

I suggest we hold three additional meetings for the balance of 2020. These dates are Jul 25th, Sep 19th and Nov 21st. It has been suggested our July meeting be some type of a social event organized by committee. The two remaining dates would be a central location in Hampton Roads. Additionally, we would plan layout tours following each of these events. The March 16th meeting in Courtland, VA has available O and HO scale layouts for viewing. While the May 9th meeting in Denbigh Community Center has various layout scales to watch as well. We will be working to

include layout tours for the remaining three 2020 meetings. Your support in reaching this goal would be greatly appreciated. The layouts provide an opportunity for the membership to gain ideas applicable to their future layout or modify an existing one. This is all part of our community outreach program to display model railroading layouts and offer education at the same time on how the modeler finished a specific project or idea.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the annual business meeting

FRED