



# **TIDEWATER DIVISION CALLBOARD**

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## **Ride the Tide**

Norfolk's new light-rail system opens August 19



### **Meeting Schedule**

Saturday, August 20, 2011, 10:00 AM

St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church

Directions on Back Page

Saturday, November 19, 2011, 10:00 AM

Virginia Beach Central Library





## A Word from the Chief

By Jimmy Curth

Hello and greetings to all. I hope this finds you in the best of health and spirits. The summer has been good and continues to bring nice sunny days upon us.

Well, it's time for the big show again. All of our efforts must now focus on getting the word out to all we know to support and promote this joyous event. Things are progressing well and the calls will soon be piling in to Steve and Sharon for tables and space. Remember also to get your own stuff ready for the white elephant table to help you "thin the herd" some. I look forward to this show every year and love to see and hear all the vendors comments on our great divisions work and efforts. I feel really blessed to have such a great group to work with. I commend all of you for your efforts and help with this show.

Remember also our Division sponsors the convention next year and we have just had a great brainstorming meeting and are starting to put things in place. Contact Gary or any of the staff with any suggestions or ideas. Things are moving along in a positive direction that's for sure.

The two HO clubs, TMRC and GLSE, just had a nice get together with the folks at Wheeler Interests who manage the Fairfield Shopping Center. They shared a nice dinner at Frankie's and a good time was had by all. Mr. Wheeler praised us for all of the outreach and people we are bringing to the shopping center and we thanked them for the space and provisions. I hope that this great relationship with them continues for a long time.

Have you been to any hobby shops lately? Did you buy anything? Lets do what we can to keep them afloat. We are the main cause for their existence. Well lets keep our thoughts positive and promote this show and as always in closing may the gates be down as you approach the crossing and your favorite train be the one that passes by. Thank you all again.

## Awards and Contests

The July Diorama contest only had two entries, but they were both outstanding. Richard Hudson took first place with another of his highly detailed scenes, this one of a generic industry. Chuck Davis entered a small but well detailed chicken coop. Chuck included a sound module hidden under the base which provided random chicken noises throughout the meeting, much to the amusement of the attendees.

Our August contest is for photographs. Prizes will be awarded for two categories, prototype photos and model photos. There is a limit of five total entries per person, and the person entering the photo must have taken it.

## 2011 Train Show and Sale

The August Meeting is where we are getting ready for the annual Train Show. So far, table sales have been slightly ahead of last years. The clubs are all anticipating showing off their stuff, and division members are anticipating the White Elephant Table. Now is the time to be sorting out your stuff, which stays and which goes to the table!

Show setup starts on Friday, Sept. 16. We will need volunteers to set up tables and chairs, gloves are highly recommended! We will then need more folks to help the vendors to set up. This is one part of our show that is very appreciated, as is the take-down assistance on Sunday.

Saturday and Sunday we will need people helping Sharon to check vendors and exhibitors in at the back door, and then of course help is always appreciated at the White Elephant Table. Sunday afternoon brings on the previously mentioned take-down and cleanup.

We will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting.

# Club News – Events & Information

By William “Bill” Miller

Here you will find news from Clubs, upcoming events, and general information that directly relates to trains and the hobby of Model Railroading. If you have any information of interest relating to trains or the hobby I can be contacted by e-mail at [KTSDAD1994@Cox.Net](mailto:KTSDAD1994@Cox.Net) or by phone at 757-409-3623.

## Club Info

Summer is here and I realize many people are busy and on vacation. I looked at the other clubs calendars and there is not much going on. The Tidewater Division’s train show is the main upcoming event for most of our area’s model railroad clubs.

## TMRC/GLSE

There are open houses at Fairfield Junction each Wednesday from 10 until 2, and each Saturday from 10 until 4. The clubs’ work and meeting night is Tuesday, starting around 7. There are many club members who are there on other nights working on their stuff or just playing with trains. Fairfield Shopping Center is in Va. Beach at the corner of Providence and Kempsville Roads.

## Peninsula Model Railroad Club

Meet every Thursday at 7:00 PM at the Denbeigh Community Center Annex to work on their new N scale layout. Visit their web site at <http://www.nnprc.org/> to find out more.

## Open House

Tom Holmsted will be hosting our Open House for the August meeting. Directions will be given out at the meeting.

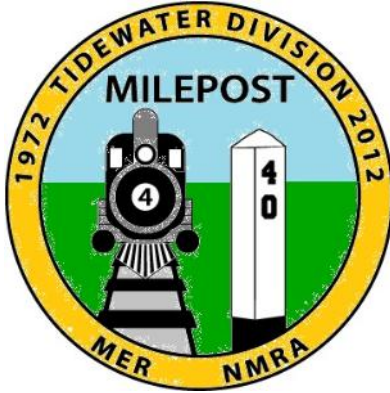
CB&W will be hosting their next Open House sometime in November. Hours are 10:00 – 4:00 Saturday and 12:00 – 4:00 Sunday.

If you would like to host an Open House following one of our Division meets please contact me. This is a great way to show the Division your layout, what you’ve been up to, and your modeling progress, not to mention it also counts towards your Association Volunteer AP.

## 2012 Convention

I currently have a “pretty good” list of layouts for our 2012 Convention Open Houses , However, If you have a layout or know of a layout that should be seen by the public, let me know. Hosting an Open House is not that hard. It would only be one day of the convention, and only for a few hours or so. All layouts will be viewed prior to the convention in order to get information about the layout for the convention booklet.

William “Bill” Miller



## Milepost 40 2012 MER Convention

Gary Brown announced at the July meeting that the location for the 2012 ME Convention will be the Hilton Garden Inn in Suffolk. The Hilton Garden Inn is located at the corner of Constance Road ( Rte 58 Business) and North Main Street, just across the street from the old courthouse that JJ modeled. This is only a few blocks away from the Seaboard Station Museum.

There were several reasons we considered Suffolk for the convention site. Suffolk has a rich railroad history, and is located about equal distances from the Norfolk/Va. Beach area and the Peninsula. What won us over was that the Hilton Garden Inn has the facilities we want and they were willing to bargain with us to reduce costs.

There will be more meetings held to choose tours, clinics, and other activities associated with the convention. If you would like to host a layout tour or give a clinic, we would love to have you. Convention contact people are listed on page 2 of the Callboard.

### JOINING THE NMRA'S TIDEWATER DIVISION

To be a member of the Tidewater Division, you must be a member of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) and reside in one of the following cities or counties in Virginia: Chesapeake, Franklin, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, Williamsburg, Gloucester County, James City County, Isle of Wight County, Mathews County, Southampton County, Surry County, and York County.


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# HOBBY SHOP NEWS

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## Timetable 2011

Aug. 20	Division Meet at St. Gregory's Church
Sept. 17,18	Annual Train Show, Va. Beach Convention Ctr
Nov 18-20	Va. Beach Central Library, TMRC Show Division Meeting

Peninsula Model Railroad Club meets every Thursday at 7 PM at the Denbeigh Community Center Annex, 14302 Old Court-house Way, Newport News. They are building a new N scale layout.

TMRC holds open houses at their clubhouse in the Fairfield Shopping Center, Va. Beach, each Wednesday from 10-2 and Saturday 10-4. Work night is every Tuesday from 6-? There is usually someone running trains or working every day, come on by!

Directions to St. Gregory's : From I-264, take the Witchduck Road exit and turn right. Go up to Virginia Beach Blvd. and turn left. One block past the next traffic light, turn left into St. Gregory's parking lot. The NMRA meets in the School cafeteria on the back of the church.

**Editor's Note:** Contributions are always welcome. Articles of general interest to the Tidewater Division membership not only welcome, they are eagerly solicited. Please submit items well in advance if the information is time sensitive. Letters to the editor are also welcome, and are the appropriate vehicle for airing suggestions, gripes, proposals, questions, etc. If you know of a railroad related event within reasonable driving distance, please submit the information for inclusion in the timetable. You may send material for the Callboard to the editor at the above address or email.