



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

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## ***Starting Our 40th Year***



### **Meeting Schedule**

**Annual Business Meeting & Auction**

**Saturday, January 21, 2012, 10:00 AM**

**St. Gregory's Church**

**Directions on back page**

**Saturday, March 17, 2012, 10:00 AM**

**St. Gregory's Church**





## A Word from the Chief

By Jimmy Curth

Hello and greetings to all. I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful start to another New Year. Can you believe 2012!!

The weather here has been great as well and people ask why I didn't move back to Chicago to brave the cold there. Anyway, I have a lot of Thanking to do for yet another wonderful year as your Superintendent. Steve and Sharon Prescott first and foremost 16 years of awesome shows and all planning, time and the headaches that went with it. THANK YOU!! The Board of Directors, who are awesome and come from our own great division. And then the Volunteers that help out with the Annual show and sale, the Train Doctor and Surgeon, the White Elephant table crew, our Publicity, Hospitality, AP Coordinator, Callboard Editor, Webmaster and anyone else who helps out in the smallest way to continue on the success of our Division. It is not a one man job and with all of you things fall into place much easier.

The outreach of the local model railroad clubs has brought in many new members and continues to shine in the public's eye of all who see it. From mid-November to the first week in December there were displays and train shows everywhere. I hope you got to see them. If you haven't seen the display at the Fairfield Train Junction, please stop by and take a look. There sure is a lot of great work there to be seen. Santa came by to visit again and was well loved and greeted by the Children who saw him. Funny there seemed to be a lot of train sets requested.

Our future is looking good and with the Convention really coming into swing now the meetings have been great with lots of great thoughts and learning from the past ones. We will kick butt and have a great Convention. Thank you to Gary Brown, who is our Convention Coordinator.

We would like to see your model railroad if you have one in the works or if you'd like to give a clinic on something you do on your railroad. Any and all ideas and thoughts are welcome. We have a diverse group and that fact alone brings with it a lot of life that comes from different areas we grew up in. Those things can put a great spin on any model railroad that comes to life as our miniature world. Don't forget our auction and all the fun that goes with it.

Well in closing these past 4 years have been a wonderful time for me as your Superintendent and I hope to see your continued follow on support for the Board of Directors and your Division. As always may the gates be down as you approach the crossing and your favorite train be the one that passes.

## BOD Election

This year there are four members of the board running for reelection; Len Boucher, Gary Brown, Conrad Haas, and Bill Miller. No one else has been formally nominated to run against them. Ballots have been mailed out to all division members appearing on the latest roster from the NMRA. If you have not received a ballot, they will be available at the January meeting. You must be a current (dues paid up!) NMRA member residing in the Tidewater Division in order to vote.

## Annual Auction

January is also the time for our Auction, with our favorite auctioneer Jerry Kay once more at the podium. Clean out those attics, garages, and train rooms to get rid of your old stuff and make room for some new stuff.

Auction rules and slips are available on the Division web site, as is a link to download Tom Holmstedt's free auction program. This program creates your auction slips and an inventory page for you, it really speeds up the preparation.

You will need to know your Division ID number for the auction, this is NOT your NMRA number. If do not know your number, e-mail John Fallon at [zzoxdoc@yahoo.com](mailto:zzoxdoc@yahoo.com) and he will e-mail it to you.

## Awards & Contests

Congratulations to Tom Holmstedt for a well deserved Golden Spike Award.

Everyone was a winner at the Favorite Locomotive contest last November. For diesels, Bill Miller's B&O units came in first, followed by John Cryderman's Pere Marquette switcher set. Chris Stickney's FM switcher and Dyllen Miller's UP GE unit tied for third. Shawn Henderson took third in steam with his N&W A, Tom Holmstedt was second with a UP Mountain. First place was John Fallon's extremely weathered "Lost Engines".

The January contest is for Favorite Train. Bring out your favorite!

# 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.

There's not too much information to put out. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Don't forget January is our annual Business Meeting, Election, and the ever-famous Auction with Auctioneer Jerry Kay. I hope to see you all there!!!

## Shows/Public Displays

January/February. TMRC Clubhouse open to the public every Wednesday 10 - 2, and Saturdays 10 - 4.

January 15th. The VTC (Virginia Train Collectors) Meet @ Nansemond-Suffolk Academy, Suffolk, VA. 9:00am – 1:00pm.

January 21st – 22nd. Greenberg Train Show @ Fredericksburg, VA.

February 25th – 26th. Greenburg Train Show @ Virginia Beach, VA.

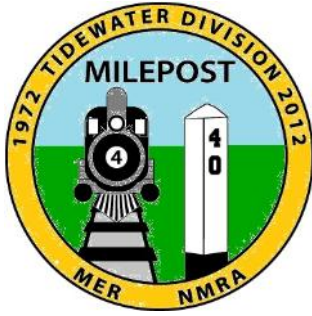
## Open House

The Tidewater Division will not be hosting an Open house following our meet in January. 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 about two dozen layouts for our 2012 Convention Open House. 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 Convention News

The convention committee met on Dec. 12 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Suffolk, the site of the convention this October. We all got a tour of the facilities which we will be using during the convention.

Things are progressing at a good pace, but there is still a need for more help. As with our Train Shows, the volunteers make it happen. We do need a few more local folks to do some clinics. Most clinics are not that complicated to do, they are mainly a slideshow presentation on a particular subject. Look through your photo collection and you may have a great clinic just waiting to be found.

Gary will have more information at the Division Meeting, and the committee will meet again on January 30, 7:00 PM at Hope Lutheran Church.. The church is located at 5350 Providence Road in Virginia Beach.

### 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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### 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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## **Timetable 2012**

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| Jan 15     | Va. Train Collectors Association Swap Meet, 9 AM—1 PM<br>Nansemond-Suffolk Academy, 3373 Pruden Blvd., Suffolk, VA<br><a href="http://www.vatraincollectors.com">www.vatraincollectors.com</a>                                    |
| Jan 21     | Tidewater Division Annual Business Meeting & Auction<br>St. Gregory's Church, Va. Beach   |
| Jan 28, 29 | Cape Fear Model Railroad Society Show & Sale, 10-5 Sat, 10-4 Sun<br>American Legion Post 10, 702 Pine Grove Rd., Wilmington, NC<br><a href="http://www.capefearmodelrailroadsociety.org">www.capefearmodelrailroadsociety.org</a> |
| Jan 30     | Convention Committee Meeting 7 PM<br>Hope Lutheran Church, 5350 Providence Rd., Va. Beach   |
| Feb 25, 26 | Greenberg Toy & Train Show, 10-4 both days<br>Va. Beach Convention Center, Va. Beach, VA  |
| Mar. 3, 4  | Chesapeake Central Library Train Days<br>298 Cedar Road, Chesapeake   |
| Mar 17     | Tidewater Division Meeting, St. Gregory's Church  |

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.