



# **TIDEWATER DIVISION CALLBOARD**

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Steve and Sharon,  
Thank You for 16 Fantastic  
Train Shows



## **Meeting Schedule**

Saturday, November 19, 2011, 10:00 AM

Virginia Beach Central Library

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**Annual Business Meeting & Auction**

Saturday, January 21, 2012, 10:00 AM

St. Gregory's Church

Directions on back page





## A Word from the Chief

By Jimmy Curth

Hello and greetings to all. I hope this finds you in the best of spirits and good health.

Well, the weather will soon be changing again and I hope your summer was excellent. Autumn brings about some other things as well, like our latest Annual Train show, and I'm proud to announce that it was once again a successful event. I am always impressed by the work of our Division volunteers, as are our vendors. Many of them have made it a point to mention this as they left. Steve and Sharon Prescott have put in a lot of work for their final show as Chairpersons, and much THANKS are given to them both (Heck, it's only been 16 years now). Attendance was up from last year, the Division made a profit, and the White Elephant Table set a new sales record. I found many things I couldn't live without (Imagine that LOL).

We are making great strides in our progression towards the 2012 MER Convention. Make sure your thoughts and ideas keep coming in to Gary Brown. I know it will be a fantastic time.

This brings us to our November meeting at the Virginia Beach Central Library. November is Model Railroad Month and the Division will have displays set up there for the whole month. Pat Mahoney is the point of contact if you would like to display something from your collection. The Library will also be hosting the Tidewater Modular Railroad Club's "travelling layout". They now have enough modules to keep their main layout at Fairfield Shopping Center open while they have a show elsewhere.

The next big Model Railroad event will be the Planes and Trains show at the Military Aviation Museum in Pungo on Thanksgiving weekend. Almost all of our local railroad clubs participate in this event. The Museum is well worth a visit anyway, and the trains just make it even better!

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## A Word from the Chief, continued

As the end of the year approaches, I look forward to the January Business meeting and with that our Famous Auction, (It's Jerry Kay time again). Get your excess goods out and ready to go. My time as Superintendent will end this January (can you believe it's been 4 years already)? It is also time to elect some Board members. Those interested in running should get their bios in to John Fallon as soon as possible. We have an awesome group for our Board of Directors and they all come from our awesome group of division members. I am so lucky to have this group of y'all to work with. I enjoy all of your company and friendship.

So this ends the 2nd to last message from me and I say "May the gates be down as you approach the crossing and your favorite train be the one that passes."

## Model Railroad Month at the Virginia Beach Central Library

Once again the Tidewater Division is helping bring attention to Model Railroad Month at the Library. There will be several displays of model trains in the showcases all month long, thanks to the efforts of Pat Mahoney and other Division members who have volunteered their stuff. Also, the Tidewater Modular Railroad Club will have their travelling HO scale layout set up in the Library's meeting room from the 18th until the 20th.

Saturday the 19th we will be having the Division meeting at the Library. Following the meeting, Bob Langer will be giving a clinic on using his Easy Model Railroad Inventory computer program. The program is available for free at Bob's website:

<http://easy-model-railroad-inventory.rclsoftware.com>

Bob has put in a lot of effort and listened to a lot of feedback in creating this program. It is a lot more versatile and user friendly than other programs you have to pay for.

Congratulations to the many winners in August's Photo contest: Mark Neiting, Bill Miller, Nelson Clarke, JJ Johnson, and Sharon Prescott. The November contest is for favorite locomotive, and ribbons will be awarded in two categories, Steam and Diesel/Electric.

To get to the library from I-264, take the Rosemont Road exit and turn north (right turn from 264 West, left from 264 East). One block up, turn left onto Virginia Beach Blvd. Four traffic lights down is Stepney Lane, turn right there and then left into the Library parking lot. The meeting rooms are to your right as you go in the main entrance.

# 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.

Congratulations to Tom Holmstedt and Max Robbins, both have earned the NMRA Golden Spike Award.

## Shows/Public Displays

November 5<sup>th</sup>. The VTC(Virginia Train Collectors) Fall Meet @ Hanover Academy  
Ashland, Va. 9:00am – 3:00pm.

November 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. TMRC @ Virginia Beach Library.

November 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. Planes and Trains weekend @ Military Aviation Museum.

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>. TMRC @ Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. TBTO Annual Holiday Show @ Avalon Church.

December 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. Greenburg Train and Toy show @ RIR (Richmond International Raceway)

## Open House

The Tidewater Division will not be hosting an Open house following our meet at the library. CB&W will be hosting their next Open House November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. 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

## January Meeting Heads Up!

The upcoming new year means two things, our Board of Directors elections and our Annual Auction.

First off, the elections. We are voting on four of the directors, all of whom are running for re-election: Len Boucher, Gary Brown, Conrad Haas, and Bill Miller. As of this date, no one else has expressed any interest in running. If you would like to run, get a brief biography in to John Fallon by Nov. 30th. Ballots and candidate bios will be mailed out in early December.

Next, the much anticipated Auction! Few people can appreciate another person's junk like a model railroader. Jerry Kay will bring his talent as Auctioneer to full speed. Auction Rules, Item Slips, and a link to a computer program from Tom Holmstedt that helps make your Item slips are all available at the Division's web site.

The January Meeting will be held on the 21st, at our usual location, St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church. Directions, as always, are on the back page.

### 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

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# HOBBY SHOP NEWS

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# **Timetable 2011**

Nov 18-20	Va. Beach Central Library, TMRC Show Division Meeting Nov. 19
Nov 19, 20	CB&W Open House, Grafton, VA
Nov 25-27	Military Aviation Museum Planes & Trains Show, Pungo, VA
Dec 2-4	TMRC Show, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Va. Beach, VA
Dec 2-9	Tidewater BTO Christmas Show Avalon Church, Va. Beach
Dec 3,4	Albemarle Railroad Club Display, Southgate Mall Elizabeth City, NC
Jan 21, 2012	Tidewater Division Annual Business Meeting & Auction St. Gregory's Church, Va. Beach

Peninsula Model Railroad Club meets every Thursday at 7 PM at the Denbeigh Community Center Annex, 14302 Old Courthouse 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 Blv d. 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.