



Welcome to the James River Division

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JRD website: <http://www.trainweb.org/jrd/>

JRD Discussion Group: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/JRD_Members/

JRD Blog Posts: <http://jrdsnrmra.blogspot.com/>

Meeting Notice

Joint meeting with Tidewater Division, MER
Saturday, June 15, 2013

Location:

Army Transportation Museum located on Ft
Eustis in Newport News, VA

Hours:

9:30 AM Registration
10:00 AM Meeting begins
12:00 approximate close of formal meet
1:00 – 4:00 Layouts open for visits

Contest:

Photography—Prototype or Model

Clinics

Trains in the Attic—by Frank Edgecomb.

Layouts:

There will be layouts open in the afternoon
in and around the area. These will be
announced at the meet.

Army Transportation Museum at Ft. Eustis:

Heading east on I-64, take exit 250 off I-64 (Ft Eustis Blvd) and follow it right to the gate. Any driver with a military sticker on their auto, or having a military ID can get right in. If not they will have to stop and get a base pass, although last year some guys said they were let right in when they told the guard they were going to the Transportation Museum. Everyone will have to play it by ear depending on who is on the gate. Once thru the gate, go past the museum, which is on the left, and make a U-turn at the next break to come back in the outbound lanes. Use GPS or search the location on Google or MapQuest. Below is a link to Google Maps of the meet location.

<http://goo.gl/maps/WWYDI>

Agenda:

Social from 9:30 to 10:00, meeting starting at 10:00. There will be coffee (free) and donuts for sale as folks arrive, then bar-b-que and hot dogs with the trimmings for sale for lunch. The museum has a large collection of transportation related items on display, but the main attraction will be the Rail Yard Display adjacent to the museum; several locos, cars, and a brownhoist crane on display adjacent to the museum. In addition, we are working to get a tour of their operating rail yard like we had last year.

The guest speaker is Frank Edgecomb. Frank has a long history with model railroading. In the 50s he worked for A.C. Gilbert (American Flyer); he then worked for Polk Brothers in NYC and then AristoCraft. He worked for 2 other companies but I don't know the names. Frank is past president of the Peninsula Model Railroad Club and is an associate professor at Hampton University. He has a very interesting talk on the hobby entitled "Trains in the Attic."

Treasurer's report:

By Doug Barry

Account Balances for Division:

Balances:

	Schwenk/Singer	General	Total
1/1/13	\$248.14	\$1447.75	\$1695.89
1/31/13	248.14	1447.75	1695.89
2/28/13	248.14	1447.75	1695.89
3/31/13	248.14	1447.75	1695.89
4/12/13	Deposit 50-50 April meeting Expenses	19.00 <13.84>	
4/30/13	248.14	1452.91	1701.05

Clerk Report: Minutes of last Meeting:

By Jim Mueller

Saturday, April 6, 2013

Fort Hill United Methodist Church

106 Oakridge Boulevard

Lynchburg, VA

Membership: 136:

Attendance: 18 (13%)

Visitors: 8

Railpass applications submitted: 2

Old Business:

Bob Minnis provided information on the MER Convention: C&P Junction Rockville to be held October 10-13, 2013 in Rockville, MD. Layout tours will include Howard Zane's Piedmont Division(HO) and Monroe Stewart's Hootch Junction(N). Among the clinics will be a session by Marty McGuirk's Central Vermont Winooski Subdivision(HO). Further information can be found at the MER website.

Chuck Hladik reminded members that AP

credits can be obtained by being yardmaster at operating sessions. John Board explained how

it can be done. Chuck also reminded us to submit the paperwork for volunteer activities.

New Business:

The next meeting will be June 15, 2013. It will be held jointly with the Tidewater Division and feature a tour of the US Army Fort Eustis Train Museum. The contest will be photos. There will be several layout tours.

The 2013 MER convention Pride of Dixie theme is an outhouse. The 2014 theme is Y'all Railroad pulpwood car.

Reminder that the Maloney lending library is available to the membership.

Paymaster Report: none

Clinics:

Marty McGuirk presented a clinic on how he developed and built the HO scale Central Vermont Railway Winooski Subdivision. He discussed the research involved in identifying the significant elements of a prototype layout. He stated that the key elements he learned in the process were to have fewer scenes, focused details, and minimized mess.

Contest Results:

Fire Equipment Contest

1st Bob Minnis Mack Pumper

2nd (tie) George Gage Fire Train

Ron Gareis Ladder Truck

Photography Contest Information"

Photography contest is broken into categories Model, Prototype, Steam, Diesel and sometimes color and B&W. The only hard rules are that the person submitting must have personally taken the photo, and no more than 5 entries per person.

From the Cab by Bob Minnis

Warm weather has finally arrived and I find myself divided between the external gardening duties and the train room. I try to devote an hour a day to the hobby, maybe two or three when the weather precludes gardening activities.

The next JRD meeting will be held at the Ft Eustis Army Transportation Museum on June 15th. Additional details are printed elsewhere in this letter. A month following, the NMRA will hold the annual convention in Atlanta GA. Hope to see you all there.

I want to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to Mike Garber for his past and current work in publishing the JRD Crossties. This is his last issue as assistant editor. He is leaving for personal reasons. If anyone is interested in assuming these duties, please contact me.

Also, Doug Barry has resigned as Paymaster. I have appointed Jerry Ritter (with his concurrence) as Paymaster until the next regular election.

OTHER THOUGHTS/IDEAS.

Manassas Rail Days (old town) June 1 2013
NMRA Convention Atlanta July 14 - 20
MER Convention C & P Junction Oct 10 - 13 (Columbus Weekend)

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