

THE BRASS POUNDER

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happy to see that our Superintendent, Larry Lau, was able to attend.



Relaxing at the CSDiv Annual Picnic

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Jim Teese, MMR, a former member of the CSDiv and very active member of the model railroad fraternity. A memorial service was held at the Holy Comforter Episcopal Church on Friday, October 8th. Among those attending were some modelers from the community. Another former member, Paul Rivers passed on some of his remembrances and a portion of those are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

After some relaxing on the lawn while the members arrived, we held a brief meeting. The discussions included:

- No progress to report on the layout project but Rick Knight suggested it might be raffled off at the upcoming events at Spencer. He will contact Martin Oakes

Editor's Notes

We've had some Division activity since the last Brass Pounder, and in particular the Annual Picnic was held on October 2nd, albeit delayed somewhat from the original schedule by a few errant hurricanes. Here are a few notes about the July 17th meeting for those folks who were not able to attend:

The meeting was hosted by Jack Parker as is usual for the annual event. The turnout was lighter than usual with a count of 15 including 4 guests and spouses. We were

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Superintendent.....	Larry Lau
Asst. Superintendent....	Jack Parker
Clerk.....	Fred Miller, MMR
Paymaster	Dick Bronson
Director 2004.....	Michele Chance
Director 2005.....	Dave Chance
Director 2006.....	Bill Jennings
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Membership Chairman	Jack Parker
Fund Raising Chair.....	Bob Johnson
AP Chairman.....	Fred Miller, MMR
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for feasibility.

- Dick Bronson reported the bank account



Dick Bronson explains Decoder programming

remains at the \$280 mark.

- Larry reminded everyone that the next NMRA annual convention was going to be at Cincinnati next year, followed by Philadelphia the following year.
- The MER fall convention this year is coming up on us quickly. The event will be at Hagerstown, MD Nov 11-14.
- Rick Knight gave us a status on the upcoming Boy Scouts weekend. He passed around a sign-up sheet for helpers. See his article elsewhere in this newsletter.
- Larry convened the Nominating Committee (everyone) and the following nominations were presented and seconded: (1) Superintendent—Rick Knight; Asst. Super—Jack Parker; Paymaster— Dick Bronson; Clerk—Fred Miller; Director (2007) - Michele Chance. Note that Larry has declined to continue in a leadership position but all others have agreed to continue their responsibilities.
- It should be noted that an opportunity for additional nominations will be provided at the Annual Meeting in January, 2005.
- Rick Knight was presented his Scenery



Merit Award and acknowledged for achieving the Scenery AP Certificate (see details elsewhere in the newsletter.)

- The next meeting was finalized for 10 AM, Nov 20 at Bob Johnson's house. Michelle will provide a clinic on switching operations.

The "meeting" broke up (as the rain drops began to fall) and we reconvened in the P&W Dispatcher's Office for a clinic on "Programming Decoders with a PC" presented by Dick Bronson.

After the informative clinic we "broke for beans," the picnic held on Jack's porch.



NMRA AP PROGRAM

Our Division is continuing to move ahead in NMRA AP Program. Rick Knight submitted a portion of his layout for judging in the Scenery category. He won the necessary Merit Award and that, along with his application papers for the AP Certificate, has earned him the certificate. The Merit Award was presented at the Annual Picnic meeting but unfortunately, the AP Certificate was not as yet received from National.

Our Division's AP achievements

Former and Current CSDiv Members	Gold Spike	Motive Power	Cars	Structures	Scenery	Prototype	Civil Eng	Elect Eng	Dispatcher	Official	Volunteer	Author	MMR	Total APC	
Bostian, Phillip										92	89			2	
Chance, Dave									03					1	
Chance, Michele									03					1	
Rick Knight	04				04									1	
Lau, Larry	01														
Miller, Fred	98	04		03	03		01	00			03	99	04	7	
Oakes, Martin									03		04			2	
Parker, Jack	97			03	03		03	03	03					5	
Teese, Jim	93	91	91		91	91	91	91					92	92	7

Fred Miller, MMR
Division AP Chair

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JOIN THE FUTURE OF MODEL RAILROADING

By Rick Knight

I'm one who, as a boy, had a 4' x 8' sheet of plywood with a loop of .027 track. Up the street, one of my friends had an older brother, Bill, whose huge HO layout took up almost the entire basement. I was dazzled. It was a spark that never really went out. Today I have a 24' x 24' "garage" with over 800 feet of HO track on three levels. And I'm trying to pay back my dues – repay Bill for the kindness of introducing me to the World's Greatest Hobby. It's up to us – those of us who truly love this hobby – to plant the seeds and ignite that spark.

On Saturday, November 6th I'm inviting Boy Scout Troops from four local Councils to come to the Amtrak station in Charlotte in the morning. I'm suggesting that they go up to Salisbury and ride the *Piedmont* into Charlotte – probably their first trip on a revenue railroad.

At Charlotte, the Norfolk Southern Exhibit Car with all of its interactive simulators will be parked on the coach track. The Lancaster & Chester Railroad will have a private car open for tours. An "Operation Life-saver" locomotive has been requested and there will be an on-going Operation Life-saver presentation.

Then the Scouts will be given a list of major model railroad layouts that will be open for tours in the afternoon. Already on the list are: the Charlotte Trolley Museum; the Belmont Museum; the Cherryville station; the Lancaster & Chester museum; the Metro-lina Model Railroaders (who will be setting up their modules at the Southern Christmas Show that afternoon); the *Piedmont & Western*; the *Knight Bros. & Dad*. More are being added as we speak!

Three or four decades from now, will one of today's Scouts be organizing a Railroad Day to introduce young people to "his" hobby? Time will tell.

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MER Convention

The South Mountain Express Fall 2004 MER Convention will be held in Hagerstown, MD, November 11-14, 2004.

It looks like the South Mountain Division has a good meet scheduled. Currently on the agenda are:

- over 30 layout tours some available each day including Thursday night
- 30 clinics, many by some notable clinicians
- model, photo and craft contests
- live auction and White Elephant table
- module displays
- prototype tours
- Banquet, Awards & Guest Speaker, Howard Zane.

If you haven't attended a Regional Meet, now is the time to join in the fun. The old timers already know it's a great opportunity to learn and see new things in our hobby and to meet old and new friends.

Check out the MER *Local* or the MER website: <http://members.cox.net/chyde/MER/MER.html> for details and registration forms.



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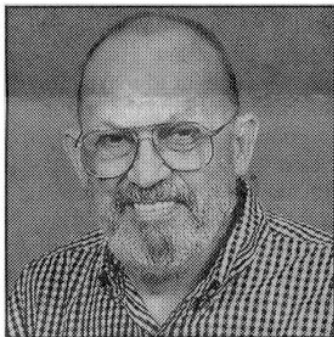
<i>Coming Events</i>	
Nov 13-16 Hagerstown, MD	Annual MER Convention
November 20 Charlotte, NC	Division Meeting Bob Johnson
November 27-28 Charlotte, NC	GATS Train Show at the Cabarrus Arena
January 15, 2005 Waxhaw, NC	Annual CSDIV Business meeting

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James Lemman Teese

Major James "Jim" Lemman Teese, United States Army Retired, died on October 3, 2004, at the Harris Hospice at

Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte. Born on November 8, 1924, in Cincinnati, Ohio, he was the son of Col Harry F. and Mrs. Eugenia L Teese.

Jim was a Senior Army Aviator, both fixed wing and rotary wing qualified, a founding member of the Army Aviation Association and a former member of the American Helicopter Society. A graduate of Converse College and the University of Maryland with the a BS and an MA, he was also a perpetual member of the Military Order of the World Wars and a member of the Charlotte Chapter. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, having joined at the University of Cincinnati in 1942. An avid model railroader, he was a life member of both the National

Model Railroad Association and its Mideast Region, having served as a former Director. A well-known model railroad author, his work was published in several of the magazines in the field. He had earned the designation of Master Model Railroader, No. 190, in the early 1990's, was instrumental in the establishment of several local model railroad groups, and was a long-time member of the Charlotte Civitan Club, where he was a former Director, Sergeant at Arms and Chaplain. He was predeceased by both his first wife, Rabbi, and his second wife, Joann.

He is survived by his daughter, Susan Haass and her husband; his son, Geoffrey Teese and his wife and son; and his stepson, Stevan Thompson, his wife and their two children; and two sisters, Barbara Watson and Gail Martin.

A memorial service will be held at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, of which he was a long-time member, on Friday, October 8, 2004, at 11:00 am. with the Reverend David Hodges officiating.

His remains have been donated to the medical school at Wake Forest University.

He was well loved, and will be sorely missed by his family and friends.



I Will Remember Jim Teese

by Paul Rivers

I learned that I had lost a friend the other day. Jim Teese, the TeeseMeister has passed-on. I deeply feel the loss yet at the same time I am so thankful that his suffering has finally concluded.

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My friendship with Jim goes back “a few moons”. Some time soon after John Allen's death, the spring of 1973, I recall listening while Jim spoke of the Gorre And Daphetid. While living at Fort Ord, California, Jim had become involved in operations as a member of John Allen's operating crew.

Later on I would find myself seeking out Maj. Teese. I seemed to find myself hovering like one of Jim's non-fixed wing aircraft around his conversations at various train shows and swap meets. Jim seemed to draw a crowd of knowledgeable model railroading people.

In the early eighties I was invited over to visit Jim's home to see the new *Tyger Mountain Railway*. During one of my visits Jim reminded me of times spent “listening in”, (eavesdropping) to a master telling his craft. However, Jim was far removed from braggart status - he knew what he spoke about and when the chips were down had the models and the skill to prove it. He was an educator - his chosen subject matter - Model and Prototype Railroading.

Jim taught me a valuable lesson. "Do your best, and try something new. Once you've

NEXT MEETING

Date: November 20th, 10 AM

Place: Bob Johnson's

Clinic: (tent) Using your PC to program DCC decoders conducted by Dick Bronson

Remember: This is the last meeting of the year. The following meeting will be the Annual Meeting in January, 2005.

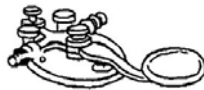
Check our website for further details, maps, etc. <http://www.bytedesign.com/CSDiv/>

tried something you have already surpassed 99% of the rest of the folks out there. If you do your best and fail, learn from the experience then try again.”

Master Model Railroader #190 - James Leman Teese has passed away. Although he has departed this life he will never be truly gone. For our memories of him keep him alive in our hearts.

(These thoughts edited from Paul's printed remembrances by permission—ed)

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