



# The Bulletin

## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !



Finding red and green on the P&W was easy on December 5 thanks to Joe Bost's F-units and a Clinchfield caboose in the Asheville yard. *photo by the editor*

The P&W Bookshelf: A Book Review

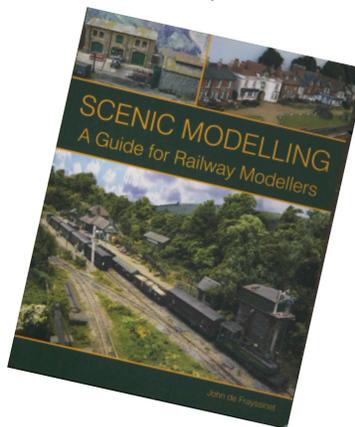
## Scenic Modelling

A Guide for Railway Modellers

by John de Fraysinet

The Crowood Press

\$34.95 US (available from Amazon)



Your Editor has been a fan of professional modeller John de Fraysinet since stumbling onto a YouTube® of John's 009 scale *County Gate* narrow gauge layout several years ago. That magnificent layout has been followed by *Cliffhanger*, with its incredible waterfall simulation. Google® and YouTube these two layouts and you will know why I think John is the best scenic modeller on the planet, period.

I think the best way to summarize this wonderful, 160 page soft-bound full color book from England is to simply list its chapter titles: **THE LANDSCAPE WAS THERE FIRST; A QUESTION OF SCALE; DESIGNING YOUR LAYOUT, THE BUILD PROCESS; BACKDROPS AND LIGHTING; BUILDING TOPOGRAPHY; MODELLING WATER; TEXTURES AND GROUND COVER; TREES, SHRUBS, AND HEDGES; INCLEMENT WEATHER; and MAKING IT REAL.** In this day of \$250.00 DCC HO-scale diesel locomotives, 35 bucks for *Scenic Modelling* is some of the best money you will ever spend on our hobby.

*Reviewed by the editor*

## December 2013 Minutes

### Members in Attendance:

Tim Skidmore, Grant Robbins, Lynn George, Gene Austin, Alan Coleman, Bill Poteat, Mike Outen, Sr., Dick Miller, Kevin Stine, Ken Humphreys, Frank Steele, Larry Weed, Joe Bost

The meeting was called to order on December 5 at 7:35 PM by Tim Skidmore.

**Financial Report:** Treasurer Gene Austin reported that the club treasury has a balance of \$4,177.48 prior to payment of \$2,250.00 for rent and \$214.00 for liability insurance. The club's NMRA insurance has been increased to \$70,000 and cost \$716.00 for the year. There are still several member in arrears on 3rd and 4th Quarter dues; we currently have 18 paying members. The *Christmas in November Open House* drew \$108.00 in donations.

**Wiring and Track Report:** Tim and Bill are working on wiring the Murphy Branch room; a donated computer is now being installed for our virtual dispatcher system. wiring in the new museum room has been completed. A short in the Ben's Cut turnout has been reported.

**Scenery Report:** Work continues on the hallway farm and fair scenery (Frank and Alan, respectively).

**Old Business:** A reminder that the Christmas Parade and our Open House are scheduled for December 7. Positive comments were made on recent operating sessions, Kevin Stine has volunteered to implement improved operating sessions.

**New Business:** The nominees for 2014 club officers were elected by acclamation: Tim Skidmore, President, Grant Robbins, Vice-president, Gene Austin, Treasurer, and Alan Coleman, Secretary. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Submitted by Alan Coleman



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**RANDOM SHOTS OF THE 2013 VALDESE CHRISTMAS PARADE  
 PIEDMONT & WESTERN OPEN HOUSE (STARRING JOE BOST)**



# Places to Visit

The New Hope Valley Railroad and the North Carolina Railroad Museum are a few hours away just south of Raleigh. Along with viewing its outstanding collection of North Carolina rolling stock, you can buy an operating session on the 4-mile line at the throttle of either a steam or diesel locomotive. For more information, go to [www.triangletrain.com](http://www.triangletrain.com)

*photos by the editor, May 3 and 4, 2013*



Operating sessions include lessons on unlocking and throwing switches....

The Next Meeting of  
 the P & W  
 is Scheduled for  
 Thursday, January 2,  
 2014 at 7:30 PM

Rescued from rusting away in Georgia, Cliffside #110 is back in North Carolina and NHVRR plans to restore it to operating condition. Here is the engineer's side of the Vulcan product.

