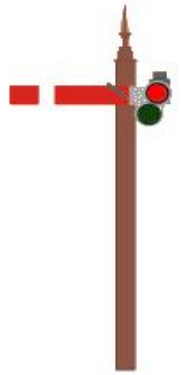


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Our next meeting is on January 7th at 7 PM.

Send comments about and contributions to this newsletter to [editor](#).

Please keep us informed of changes in your address, phone number or email address.



**Christmas 2009 at the NC Transportation
Museum in Spencer, NC**



NEWS FOR OUR MEMBERS

OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be starting at **7 PM** on **Thursday January 7th**.

Clinic: Joe Norris will present a power point presentation on "How you can have an operating session on a small layout".

Raffle Ticket: We have reach a 100 tickets sold. We need more sales, please join in the fun. Contact [Fred Coleman](#) for more info.

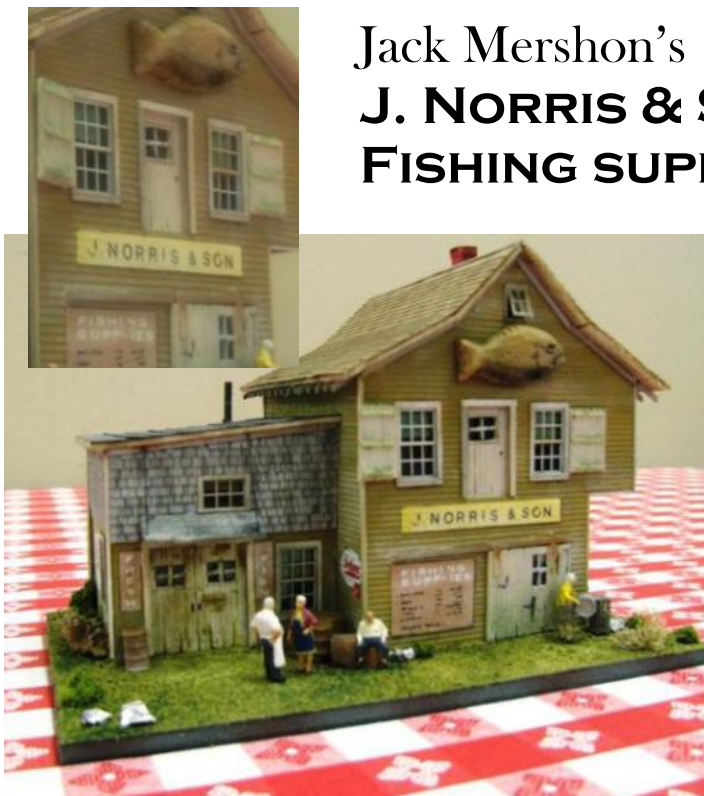
BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE MEETING/CHRISTMAS PARTY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2009

The meeting was called to order by **Fred Coleman**

Fred Coleman reported that the **Kent Roberts, MMR 195** passed away last night (December 2nd). A prayer was said for blessing the food and for comfort to **Kent Roberts** family and friends during this time of grieving. **Bill Seibert** provided a personal tribute to his long time friend, sharing a moving account of their experiences together in model railroading going back 30 years. **Kent** had an impressive home layout and was involved in the early phases of our module program. His talents and friendship will be missed.

After the fine tribute by **Bill**, the buffet line was open and everyone ate well. We had the opportunity to view two of **Jack Mershon** excellent buildings as we dined and mingled. ***Our thanks to all who brought food or drinks. It was very delicious.***

Jack Mershon's
**J. NORRIS & SON
FISHING SUPPLY**





NEWS FOR OUR MEMBERS (CONT.)



**JACK MERSHON'S
THOMAS KINKADE
INSPIRED HOUSE**





EVENTS FOR MODELERS:

Land O'Sky will meet on Saturday, January 16, at 10:00 am in the Fletcher Library.

38th Atlanta Model Train and Railroadiana Show

Saturday, January 16, 2010, at the North Atlanta Trade Center, Atlanta, Georgia,
see [website](#) for details.

Toy Train Sale

Sponsored by Southeastern Division of the Train Collectors Association
Kerr Scott Building, NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, North Carolina
February 7th, Hours: 10:00am – 3:30pm
Check out their [website](#) for details

→ **Our 20th Trains Show** ←

See [next page](#) for flyer and [door prize raffle](#). For the latest detail see the [website](#).

15th Annual Train Show

Sponsored by the Carolina Coastal Railroaders on March 6 & 7, 2010.
The oldest and largest Train Show in Eastern North Carolina! at New Bern High School
Check out their [website](#) for details

The Best Little Train Show in Greensboro, NC

There will be a train show in Greensboro on Saturday, March 13
at the Depot, 236 East Washington Street.

The Model Train Show 2010

Sponsored by The Piedmont Division, at the Cobb Galleria Centre,
2 Galleria Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30339.
March 13th and 14th, 2010
Saturday: 10 - 5 & Sunday: 10 - 4
Check out their [website](#) for details

Great Train Expo

Dixie County Fairgrounds, Winston-Salem, NC
March 27 & 28
11 AM—4 PM
Check out their [website](#) for details



EVENTS FOR MODELERS: (CONT.)

8th Annual North Carolina Railroad Expo

Sponsored by the Alexander Chapter-NRHS
Hickory Metro & Convention Center (The Hickory Metro Center is located at Interstate 40 Exit 125.)
Hickory, NC
April 10, 2010 from: 9:00am – 4:00pm
Check out their [website](#) for details

2010 SOUTHEASTERN REGION CONVENTION

THE BIRMINGHAM SPECIAL



“YOUR LAYOUT, FROM CONCEPT TO REALITY”

**MAY 21-23, 2010
THE BESSEMER CIVIC CENTER**

The clinics will evolve around giving you all the information you need to design and build your own railroad empire.

“The Birmingham Special” [Convention Registration Form](#)

For the latest information check out the [SER Website](#).

NMRA 2010 CONVENTION

NMRA 75TH ANNIVERSARY

JULY 11-18, 2010

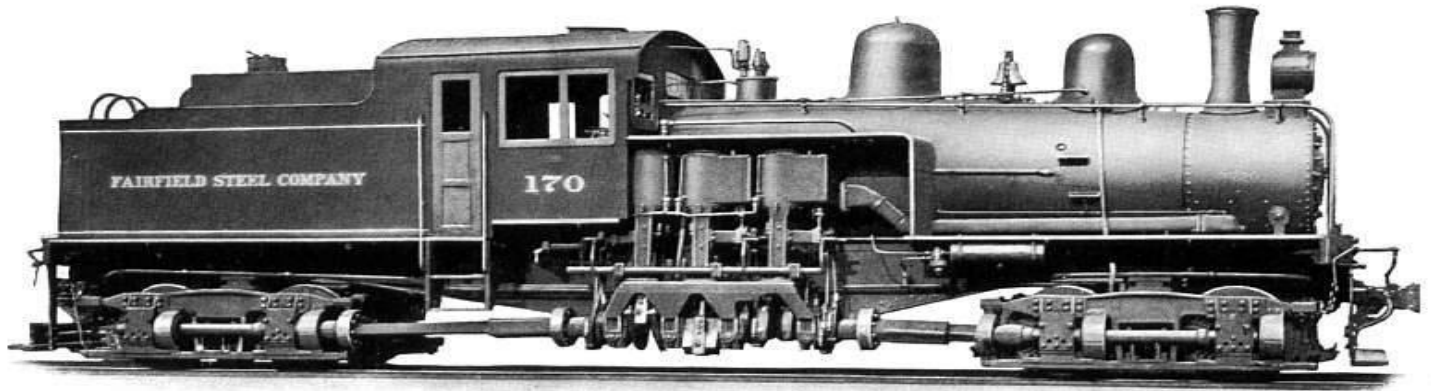


The convention will be held at the Midwest Airline Center located on Wisconsin and Fourth in Downtown Milwaukee. We have planned an outstanding modeling program and an excellent general interest program, so bring the entire family. There are special events to choose from each night of the week. There will be operating sessions, layout tours, prototype tours, clinics on Midwestern topics and of course the contests and silent auction.

For the latest information check out [the website](#).

WNC Model Railroaders, Inc.

20th Annual Model Train Show



Will be held at

WNC AG CENTER

From *North/East/West*: I-26 East, then exit 40 turn right at end of the ramp, then...
From *Hendersonville/South*: I-26 West to exit 40, turn left at the end of the ramp then...

...go just past the airport, WNC AG Center will be on the left hand side use Gate #5 and follow the signs to the show

March 5 & 6, 2010

Friday March 5, Noon to 7 PM

Saturday March 6, 9 AM to 4:30 PM

**Free
Parking**

ADMISSION:

\$5.00 PER DAY

(Children under 13 FREE with adult)

**Free
Parking**

THERE WILL BE 3 OPERATING LAYOUTS

OVER 100 TABLES

Need Info? Contact Fred Coleman @ 828-699-0983 or email: fred_coleman@bellsouth.net

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2010 TRAIN SHOW RAFFLE

Three Prizes!

Original Water Color
by Ann Vasilik

Date: 3/6/2010

Price per ticket
\$1.00 or
6 for \$5.00



Machinist Tool Box



Also,
an N scale layout that is
3' x 5'