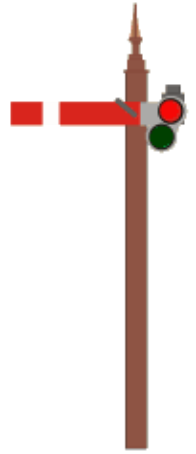


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Our next meeting is on February 5th at 7 PM.

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

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



A SCENE ON THE LAYOUT AT MINIATURE WORLD OF TRAINS IN GREENVILLE, SC. FOR MORE INFO GO TO [PAGE 3](#).



NEWS FOR OUR MEMBERS

OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be starting at 7 PM on Thursday February 5th

Clinic: Weathering

Synopsis: A discussion of your method of weathering. Please bring examples and any jigs you use.

As always, bring a model (in any phase of construction) any size or scale for discussion. **See you there!**

REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Superintendent **Dave Anderson**.

We noted the recent passing of **Mike Smith**, a long-time member of the club. His model layout is available. See **Fred Coleman** for more information.

We had the pleasure of the company of **John Williams**, recently absent from our meetings. **John** reported on the dismantling of the model railroad he and others built on our behalf at the Terrace Hotel at Lake Junaluska.

We discussed interesting articles in the current model railroad press.

Clint Smoke talked about the recent operations at the Arboretum. In spite of cold and sometimes wet weather, the light show went on and the trains ran as a scheduled.

We talked about the need for a work session for the modules. The club's trailer (for the modules) has been repaired. Some rework of the lettering is still pending. Looking for better weather, details to follow.

Our train show is March 6 and 7. **Fred Coleman** reported 154 tables sold, about the same as at this point last year.

We have about 19 raffle items for the raffle; we would like to have about 25. The raffle will be set up inside the big room near the front door. We will have separate boxes for the tickets for each item. We will need to staff this table continuously. The drawing for these items will occur just before closing.

The schedule of themes for the clinics for the membership meeting for the year was announced: For thru April 2015 – Weathering; May thru August – Scenery; September thru November – Planning a model railroad.

Members are asked to prepare a 10-30 minute clinic on one of these themes. If everybody takes one, we will have plenty of interesting programs for the balance of the year. Pick a topic, let **Dave** or **Tom** know of your interest, and start work on it.

Dave showed an interesting video showing the abilities of a new device called the Cricut Explore, a computer-controlled precision cutter, a great tool for model builders. Our Board of Directors authorized the club to purchase one, it will be kept in the barn. The Eliada Hobo program has at least 5 buildings that are hand cut and this will reduce the time involved. More details to follow.

This led to a discussion of 3D printers which Dremel has recently put out, and websites like Shapeways.com, that provide 3D printing services that have a lot of model train items available for sale.

These websites also provide printing of your 3D files for the cost of materials. They do have some limitations on minimum detail and total size.



THE MINIATURE WORLD OF TRAINS IN GREENVILLE, SC.



This is a new attraction in downtown Greenville, SC, about an hour south of downtown Asheville. It is well worth the trip. Visiting is fun for all, as they have an amazing layout. Your editor attended a recent meeting of members (44 at present) and prospective members. They are looking for volunteers to help staff the operation.

For more information call (864-991-8347), [email](#) or see their [website](#) . Here are several pictures of the HO scale layout. They also have an O scale layout



**MINIATURE
WORLD OF TRAINS**
featuring the TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM OF THE WORLD
GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

LOCATED IN THE HISTORIC WEST END
ACROSS FROM FALLS PARK
AND MICHELIN ON MAIN AT

**7 WEST CAMPERDOWN WAY
GREENVILLE, SC 29601
PHONE 864-991-8347**

Location Info [CLICK HER](#)

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EDITORS REPORT OF LAND O'SKY DIVISION QUARTERLY MEETING

The meeting was at the *Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community* in Asheville.

Superintendent **Ken O'Brien** called the meeting to order at 0930.

There were 22 members and guests present.

Several members brought items for show and tell. These were of recent acquisitions or of recently-completed kits.

We discussed the upcoming SER convention at Greenville, SC on June 5 and 6. Given the reputation of the host organization, this is expected to be a first-class convention. Information is available at [convention website](#). Several of our members will provide clinics.

The current issue of the *NMRA Magazine* contains a ballot for electing national officers. Members are encouraged to vote.

Clinics:

Ken O'Brien provided an informative clinic about model railroad paints.

Dan Lang provided an interesting clinic about the construction (scratch-built) of a crossing and a turnout to satisfy, in part, his *AP Certificate for Civil Engineering*.

The next meeting is on April 18.

CALL BOARD

The upcoming 25th Train show will need all of our help. We need to have people for the raffle, modules, company store, concession and admissions.

I want you to share time between the area you normally like with at least one other area. Sign up will start at our next meeting.

If you are getting the NMRA magazine, you may have seen the little blurb about a train show that had members wearing "How can I help you with model railroading?" buttons. As said in the NMRA magazine, this is a way to grow the hobby and hopefully our membership.

We have some great modelers in this club, but think back as to starting in this hobby. It probably was a train set on the rug (or maybe a sheet on the rug). Think of what books, magazines would be useful for a beginner in today's market. Let us look around the vendors and be able to direct people to vendors that should be able to possibly provide them with items they need to get going in our hobby. Let us come up with a list of suggested sites, books, YouTube videos for them to use. World's Greatest Hobby is a great beginners website, let's think of others.

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO WAIT FOR THE NEXT MEETING TO GET YOUR COMPANY STORE LIST, GO TO [PAGE 7](#) AND START TODAY.

TRAIN SHOW FLYERS ARE ON [PAGE 8](#) FOR YOUR USE AND COPING PLEASURE. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ANY COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD HAS ONE. THANKS FOR HELPING GET THE WORD OUT!



CLUB CALENDAR

This is listing of know activities for our club members in the near future:

February 4th **Eliada Hobos**
Downstairs in the Barn
 Session 1 2:30 –3:15 PM
 Session 2 3:30—4:15 PM
 Session 3 4:15—5:00 PM
 Session 4 6:00—6:45 PM
 Session 5 7:00—7:45 PM

February 5th 7:00 PM **Club Meeting**
Eliada Admin Building

February 11th **Eliada Hobos**
Downstairs in the Barn
 Session 1 2:30 –3:15 PM
 Session 2 3:30—4:15 PM
 Session 3 4:15—5:00 PM
 Session 4 6:00—6:45 PM
 Session 5 7:00—7:45 PM

February 18th **Eliada Hobos**
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 Session 4 6:00—6:45 PM
 Session 5 7:00—7:45 PM

March 5th 7:00 PM **Club Meeting**
Eliada Admin Building

March 6th noon to 7 PM **Train Show**
WNC Ag Center Expo Building

March 7th 9 AM to 5 PM **Train Show**
WNC Ag Center Expo Building

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April 1st **Eliada Hobos**
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 Session 1 2:30 –3:15 PM
 Session 2 3:30—4:15 PM
 Session 3 4:15—5:00 PM
 Session 4 6:00—6:45 PM
 Session 5 7:00—7:45 PM

April 2nd 7:00 PM **Club Meeting**
Eliada Admin Building

April 8th **Eliada Hobos**
Downstairs in the Barn
 Session 1 2:30 –3:15 PM
 Session 2 3:30—4:15 PM
 Session 3 4:15—5:00 PM
 Session 4 6:00—6:45 PM
 Session 5 7:00—7:45 PM

We have things for you to do, expand the hobby and your talents! Come out to see what your fellow club members are doing.



EVENTS FOR MODELERS:

WORLD'S GREATEST HOBBY ON TOUR

FEBRUARY 14&15, 2015

Kentucky International Convention Center, Louisville, KY

For more information see their [website](#).

CENTRAL RAILWAY CENTRAL RAILWAY MODEL AND HISTORICAL MODEL ASSOCIATION, INC.

2015 TRAIN SHOW

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2015

From 10 AM to 5 PM both Saturday and Sunday

J.B. Owens Sports Complex, Easley, SC, in the Bagwell Gymnasium

ADMISSION: \$6.00 Adults, For more information see their [website](#).



25TH ANNUAL ASHEVILLE TRAIN SHOW

MARCH 6 & 7, 2015

FRIDAY MARCH 6 FROM NOON TILL 7 PM,

SATURDAY FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM

WNC AG Center, Expo Building, see the [website](#) for details



2015 NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION

August 23 - August 29, 2015

80th Annual NMRA National Convention, Portland, OR. Check out [the convention's website](#) for details.



2015 SER CONVENTION

June 5 & 6, 2015

Palmetto Excursion, Greenville, SC, check out the [website](#) for more details

Inventory of Goods Offered for Sale

WNC Model Railroaders, Inc

COMPANY STORE

	Description of the item(s)	Quantity	Asking Price	Minimum Price	Selling Price
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Instructions: Please complete the first four columns. Company Store personnel will record the actual selling price in the right hand column.

Notice to Seller: Goods are offered at your own risk. Store representatives will make every reasonable effort to protect your property from harm and to sell your goods at the asking price. Your minimum price will not be shared with customers but will be used to set the minimum price for an acceptable offer. In consideration of these efforts the Western Carolina Model Railroaders Inc. will take a 10% (percent) commission on items actually sold. Your proceeds and any unsold goods will be available for pick up during the final two hours of the show. Thank you for your participation and your support of our organization.

SELLER'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY): _____



25TH ANNUAL
Asheville



Model Train Show



WNC AG CENTER

FLETCHER , NC

NC HWY 280 (AIRPORT RD) EXIT 40 OFF I-26

ENTER AT GATE #5 FOR

→→FREE PARKING←←

March 6 & 7, 2015

Friday March 6, Noon to 7 PM

Saturday March 7, 9 AM to 5 PM

ADMISSION: \$5.00 PER DAY

(Children under 13 FREE with adult)

THERE WILL BE OVER 6 OPERATING LAYOUTS OVER 200 TABLES

Need Info? Contact Fred Coleman 828-699-0983 or email: tsinfo@wncmrr.org

Visit our Show website: www.asheville-trainshow.com

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