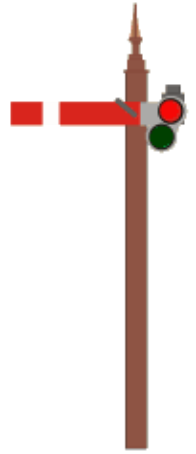


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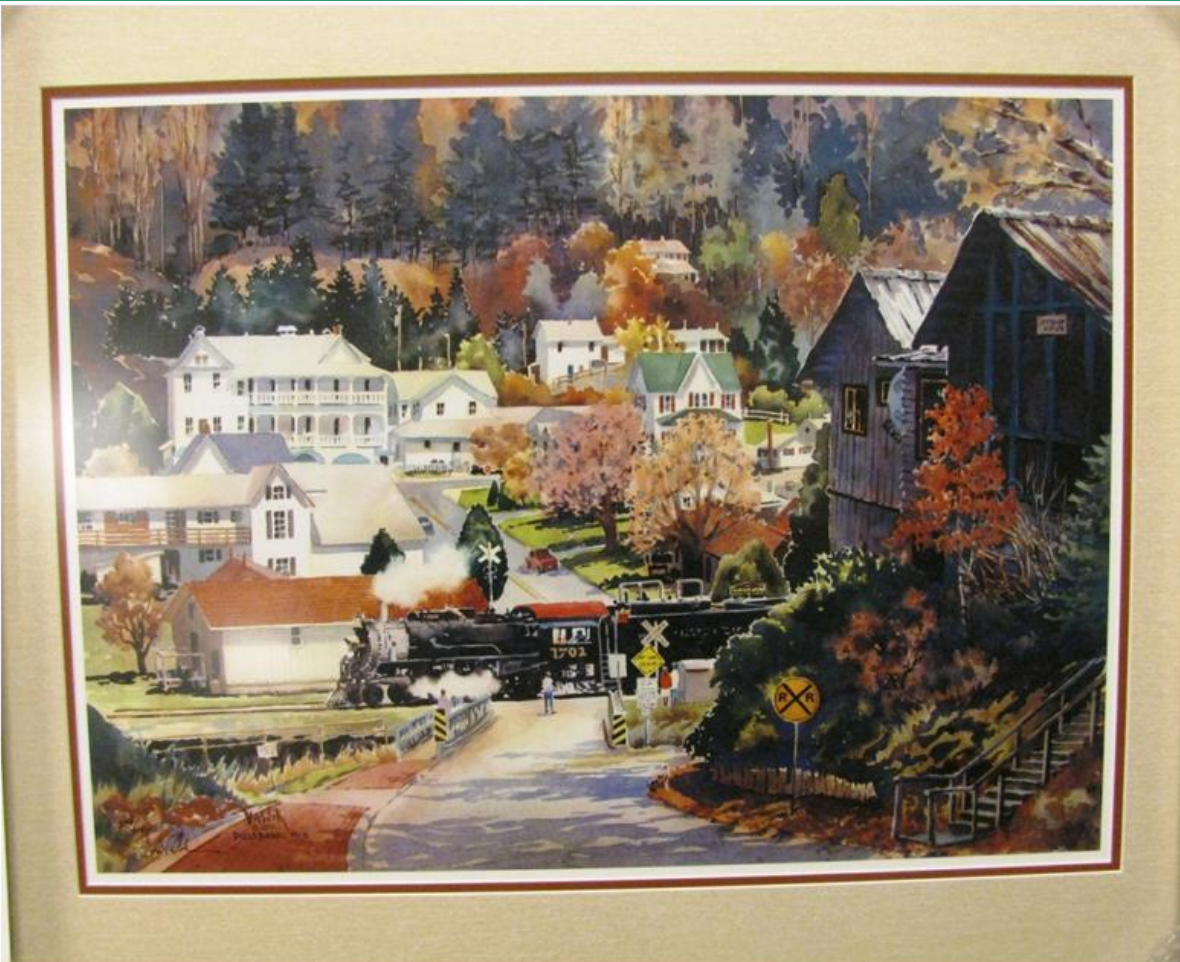
## March 2012

### VOLUME 41 NUMBER 9

Our next meeting is on March 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



**THIS BEAUTIFUL PAINTING BY ANN VASILIK  
IS A RAFFLE PRIZE FOR OUR TRAIN SHOW.**



## OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be starting at **7 PM** on **Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

### Clinic: Train Show Primer

Synopsis: Fred will talk about the Train Show and what needs to be done over the he show days. Get ready for your assignments. **See you there!**

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## REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

Superintendent **Fred Coleman** called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm on February 2, 2012.

With regard to the upcoming train show.

- We are doing well on getting set up for our show in March.
- We have sold over 110 tables.
- We will have eight operating layouts representing scales from Z, N, HO, S, O, G (Live steam and electric) and Thomas on the floor.
- A raffle prize of a tool box was donated. (picture on right)
- We will have a nice painting by **Ann Vasilik** for raffle or door prize (picture on page 1)
- We should all be out promoting the show, selling raffle tickets, and admission tickets.
- Setup of our modules will start at 8 AM on Thursday.
- We should be promoting our show, selling raffle tickets, and signing up for positions at the show.
- Club shirts for the show days.
- **Company Store:**
  - **Gordon Fewster** is in charge this year since Ben is going to be recovering from surgery.
    - Inventory sheets (on [page 8](#)) need to be filled out and items marked (on sheet and item) to help out whoever is selling your inventory. Do not forget about



Our raffle prize to be given away at the Train Show. (Continued on page 3)



the minimum price column. Neatly filling out the form and marking of item properly will help get you paid correctly.

- The club has donated items that it is selling. Please sell these for some price, make deals so that we don't have to continue to store this stuff. We will be making 100% profit on any amount that comes in.
- **Thursday** helped needed to put the modules, signs, load in company store item donated to club and other set up items.
- TV commercial will run during the week prior to the show on WLOS. It will start off with our train whistle, which should get peoples attention.

**Fred** gave an update on the building that will hopefully be funded by grants on the Eliada campus. It is moving forward. The aspect of utilities have to be ironed out with Eliada, but also what will be the monthly cost for the club with utilities and insurance. **Fred** asked for help with calls once we know the division of utilities for the building. **Gordon Fewster** asked what were some of the specs of the building. Fred answer that we are looking to build a 45' by 80' metal building with 2 bathrooms, meeting room. Hobo room with the rest open for the modules, 2 doors and a 10' by 10' roll up door to be able to bring the trailer inside for loading or unloading the modules.

SER update for elections, which are coming up in March, **Fred** is running for *Vice President* again and asks for your votes. Please send in your ballot, the voting percentage is about as low as the last Asheville city council election somewhere around 8% of the eligible voters. **Your vote counts!!**

Speaking of elections, the January issue of the *NMRA magazine* has a ballot in it. We are eligible to vote for most of the positions. Please vote (see above) and we would like you to vote for **Howard Goodwin** for VP of administration. **Howard** is a member of the SER from the Piedmont division and if you ever have been to an SER convention you have probably met him since he seems to introduce himself to everyone.

The Piedmont Pilgrimage last year had 79 layouts on display and had 5000 visitors. That is quite an accomplishment.

**John Williams**, our Paymaster gave an update on our finances. We are solvent. He is working on our 501 (c) (3) paperwork for the IRS. That will help for the grant and any donations toward the building.

**Clint Smoke** acting for Land O'Sky, AP chairman **Ben Bartlett**, MMR, presented NMRA certificates to **Fred Coleman** and **Dave Anderson**, as follows:

**Fred Coleman** - Chief Dispatcher

**Dave Anderson** – Chief Dispatcher and Association Volunteer

Congratulations!

We welcomed Tom McPherson who was visiting us. We hope that you will join us in the future.

After a short break we watched a clinic presented by **Bill Schaumburg** on *Basic Model Railroad Photography*, presented at a recent NMRA National Convention, through a DVD from **NMRA's Kalmbach Library**





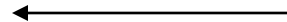
Superintendent Fred Coleman received an NMRA AP certificate for Chief Dispatcher. His third AP certificate earned.



Photographs by Jeremy Cress



Assistant Superintendent Dave Anderson received two NMRA AP certificates – Chief Dispatcher and Association Volunteer. His first two AP certificates earned



For a full list of members AP certificate earned, see our website [Member Awards page](#).



# CLUB CALENDAR

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

Feb29th	<b>Eliada Hobo's</b> <i>Downstairs in the Barn</i> 2:30 –3:15 PM 3:30—4:15 PM 4:20—5:00 PM 5:15—6:00 PM 7:00—7:45 PM	March 28th	<b>Eliada Hobo's</b> <i>Downstairs in the Barn</i> 2:30 –3:15 PM 3:30—4:15 PM 4:20—5:00 PM 5:15—6:00 PM 7:00—7:45 PM
March 1st	7:00 PM <b>Club Meeting</b> <i>Eliada Admin Building</i>	April 4th	<b>Eliada Hobo's</b> <i>Downstairs in the Barn</i> 2:30 –3:15 PM 3:30—4:15 PM 4:20—5:00 PM 5:15—6:00 PM 7:00—7:45 PM
March 2	Noon to 7:00 PM <b>Train Show</b> <i>WNC AG Center, Expo Building</i>	April 5th	7:00 PM <b>Club Meeting</b> <i>Eliada Admin Building</i>
March 3	9 AM to 4:30 PM <b>Train Show</b> <i>WNC AG Center, Expo Building</i>	April 11th	<b>Eliada Hobo's</b> <i>Downstairs in the Barn</i> 2:30 –3:15 PM 3:30—4:15 PM 4:20—5:00 PM 5:15—6:00 PM 7:00—7:45 PM
March 7th	<b>Eliada Hobo's</b> <i>Downstairs in the Barn</i> 2:30 –3:15 PM 3:30—4:15 PM 4:20—5:00 PM 5:15—6:00 PM 7:00—7:45 PM	April 18th	<b>Eliada Hobo's</b> <i>Downstairs in the Barn</i> 2:30 –3:15 PM 3:30—4:15 PM 4:20—5:00 PM 5:15—6:00 PM 7:00—7:45 PM
March 14th	<b>Eliada Hobo's</b> <i>Downstairs in the Barn</i> 2:30 –3:15 PM 3:30—4:15 PM 4:20—5:00 PM 5:15—6:00 PM 7:00—7:45 PM	April 21st	TBA <b>Land O'Sky Meeting</b> <i>TBA see <a href="#">website for details</a></i>
March 21st	<b>Eliada Hobo's</b> <i>Downstairs in the Barn</i> 2:30 –3:15 PM 3:30—4:15 PM 4:20—5:00 PM 5:15—6:00 PM 7:00—7:45 PM	April 25th	<b>Eliada Hobo's</b> <i>Downstairs in the Barn</i> 2:30 –3:15 PM 3:30—4:15 PM 4:20—5:00 PM 5:15—6:00 PM 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:



### 2012 SER CONVENTION

**June 1-3, 2012**

*Tracks To The Smokies' . Hosted by the Smokey Mountain Division.  
Check [out their website](#) for latest details.*



### 2012 NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION

**July 29 - August 4, 2012**

*Grand Rails 2012, 77th Annual NMRA National Convention,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan. Check out [the convention's website](#) for  
details.*



**PEACHTREE EXPRESS**  
NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION  
[nmra2013.org](http://nmra2013.org)

### 2013 NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION

**July 14 - July 20**

*Peachtree Express 2013, 78th Annual NMRA National Convention, At-  
lanta, Ga. Check out [the convention's website](#) for details.*



### 21<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MODEL TRAIN SHOW

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**

At the WNC AG Center, visit our [train show website](#) for the latest information.

### LAND O'SKY MEETING

**April 21st**, Place to be announced, see our [division's website](#) for more details



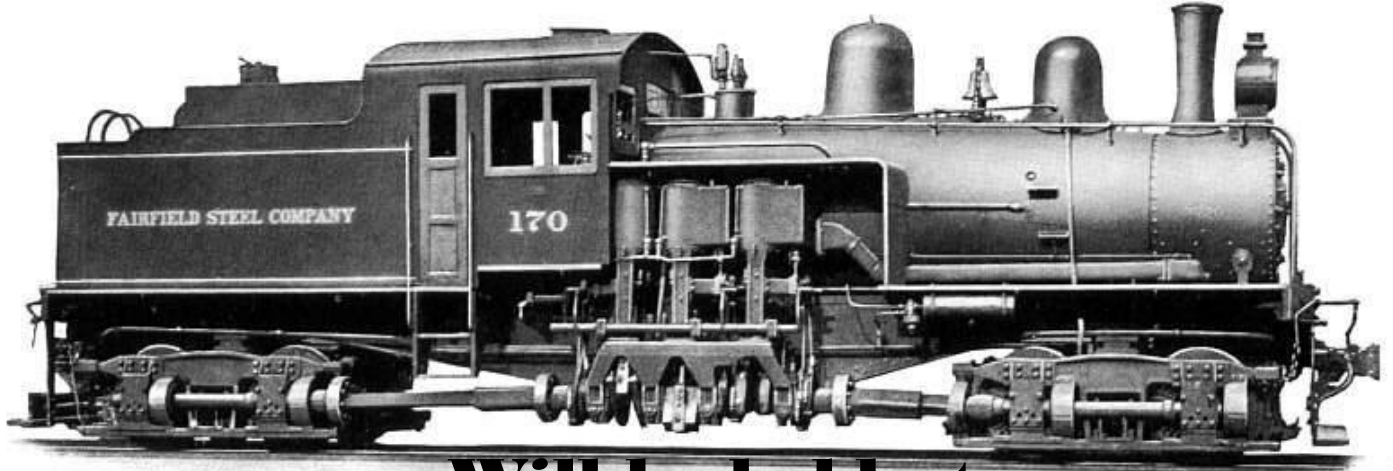


# 2012 TRAIN SHOW RAFFLE PRIZE



WNC Model Railroaders, Inc.

# 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Model Train Show



**Will be held at**

**WNC AG CENTER,**

**→ BACK IN THE EXPO BUILDING ←**

**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 2 & 3, 2012**

Friday March 2, Noon to 7 PM

Saturday March 3, 9 AM to 4:30 PM

**→→FREE PARKING←←**

**ADMISSION:**

**\$5.00 PER DAY**

**(Children under 13 FREE with adult)**

**THERE WILL BE OPERATING LAYOUTS  
OVER 60 TABLES**

**Need Info? Contact Fred Coleman @ 828-699-0983 or email: [superintendant@wncmrr.org](mailto:superintendant@wncmrr.org)**

WNC Model Railroaders Inc., a nonprofit organization



# Inventory of Goods Offered for Sale

WNC Model Railroaders, Inc

COMPANY STORE

Description of the item(s)	Quantity	Asking Price	Minimum Price	Selling Price
1				
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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):**

Total Sales: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Less Commission (10%) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = Proceeds to Seller \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_