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Our next meeting is on May 3rd 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.



PENN BULLOCK WAS RECENTLY SALUTED BY WLOS-TV AS PERSON OF THE WEEK, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING WORK AT ELIADA HOME.



NEWS FOR OUR MEMBERS

OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be starting at 7 PM on Thursday May 3rd.

Clinic: Natural Materials on your Layout

Synopsis: Joe Norris will be discussing what materials you can use inexpensively on your layout.

See you there!

REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

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

Most of the discussion was focused on the Train Show held on March 2 and 3.

Train Show

By all accounts the Train Show was a success. We had good publicity, good weather, and a good turnout with over 2300 attending. The canteen sold over 300 hot dogs and was running dry on everything by early Saturday afternoon. The company store did well, thanks to all who helped out on the table.

There were 11 operating layouts. The vendors seemed happy and we have already sold 80 tables for next year's event. The financials are that we are able to have the train show for next year, for more details talk to **John Williams** at the next meeting,

Thank you to all who contributed their time and talent to this great undertaking.

SER News

Fred and **Dave Anderson** are among the candidates running for office in the Southeast Region. Ballots are in the current SER newsletter. Be sure to vote, preferably for our own candidates.

The SER Annual Conference is in Gatlinburg on June 1, 2, and 3. This is close and convenient. We should all plan to go. Details on the [page 4](#).

Land O'Sky Division Meeting

The next **April 28th at 9:30 am in the lower level meeting room of the Fletcher Branch Library.**

Show and Tell models

Popular vote model contest – Freight Cars

We are adding this to our regular agenda, with a revolving theme. Bring your favorite freight car.,

Clinics: Constructing a Laser Kit” – Ben Bartlett,

“Sanborn Insurance Maps - What and Why” – Frank Pearsall,

“Railfanning the Southern Loops” - G. Fewster

Open House, Bob Barnes layout, Etowah, NC

Other items

Jack Mershon brought in a few excellent scratch-built model structures, see the [next page](#) for the photos of his work.

Gordon Fewster presented an interesting and informative clinic on “How to Make a Rocky Hillside.”





Photographs by Dave Anderson

Jack's Conoco Gas Station above, and houses and hotel.





2012 GATLINBURG CONVENTION



This convention will be the first SER's convention in the heart of both Tennessee's and the National Park Service's premier visitor's area. Located in the heart of Gatlinburg, Tennessee, the convention site is right at the north entrance to the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Within a one-hour drive is Pigeon Forge and Dollywood, Townsend, Knoxville, Cherokee and of course all of the Smoky Mountain National Park. You will have ample time before, after and during the convention for you to enjoy Gatlinburg's shops, arts and crafts driving tour, outstanding restaurants or just relax. Plan to attend now and you will see why we say - "Arrive Early - Stay Late". Enjoy your journey through our site and we will see you at the convention.

Home Layout Tours: Because Gatlinburg is in a remote place and travel to and from can take time, all layout tours have been scheduled for Sunday after the convention is over when you can stop by on your way home or just enjoy the day if you are staying over for a little vacation. Descriptions and maps are in your registration package. All lay-

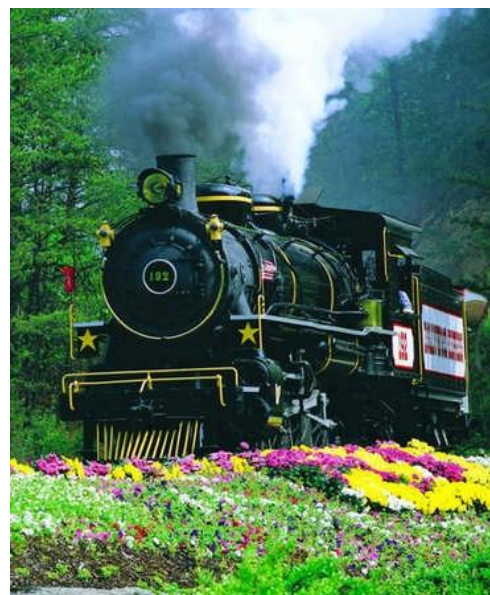
outs will be open from 10 am to 3 pm Sunday.

A New Model Contest You Might Want To Enter At This Year's Convention! The structure can be built in any scale, but must adhere to the basic dimensions shown in the plan. The base that the structure sits on is to be a maximum size of 40 scale feet by 20 scale feet. The footprint of the structure is 10 scale feet by 20 scale feet. For example in HO, the base would be a maximum of 5-3/8" X 2-3/4" and the base of the structure 1-3/8" X 2-3/4". The structure may have as many doors and windows, etc., wherever you choose to place them. You may also add porches, chimneys, attached lean-to, fences, a fully detailed interior and any other details unique to your building. Figures, animals, vehicles and scenic details can be included. If a walkway or a porch is added to the front, the maximum allowable width is 6 scale feet. Because no two modelers will build the same model exactly the same, this competition will allow you express your own creative abilities. There are no restrictions to style, type or materials used in building the model. It can be built to scale and prototype, or not, so it can be used on your layout after the contest. See [SER website](#) for details.

Dollywood Engine Facilities and Operations Tour: Dollywood, one of the most visited tourist attractions in the United States, operates a tourist train that carries up to 600 passengers on a twenty minute dog-bone round trip excursion through the park and the surrounding wooded hills that includes a 6% grade. The park maintains two 2-8-2 narrow-gauge locomotives that were obtained from the White Pass & Yukon. Two tours will be conducted on Saturday, June 2nd - one at 9 am and another at 1 pm. There is space for 45 attendees on each tour on a first come first served basis.

The convention hotel for the 2012 Convention is the Glenstone Lodge. Please make your reservations directly and ask for the model railroad convention rate of \$75/night. Rate is good three days before and after convention dates. Phone: 1-800-362-9522

This conventions is close by, we hope to see many of you there!





ELIADA HOBO'S UPDATE

Here are some more pictures from our young modelers at Eliada's Trains program. When they graduate from Eliada they earn "Hobo" status.



"William's Eats" by Derrick



"Libra Rising" by Mahaley

Photographs by Dave Anderson



"Endless Summer" by Summer



"Walter Creek Police Station" by Hayden



"Black Horse Ranch" by Courtland



"Jupiter Rising" by Codie



CLUB CALENDAR

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

May 2nd **Eliada Hobo's**
Downstairs in the Barn
 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

May 3rd 7:00 PM **Club Meeting**
Eliada Admin Building

May 9th **Eliada Hobo's**
Downstairs in the Barn
 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

May 16th **Eliada Hobo's**
Downstairs in the Barn
 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

May 23st **Eliada Hobo's**
Downstairs in the Barn
 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

May 30th **Eliada Hobo's**
Downstairs in the Barn
 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

June 6th **Eliada Hobo's**
Downstairs in the Barn
 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

June 7th 7:00 PM **Club Meeting**
Eliada Admin Building

June 13th **Eliada Hobo's**
Downstairs in the Barn
 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

June 20th **Eliada Hobo's**
Downstairs in the Barn
 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

June 27th **Eliada Hobo's**
Downstairs in the Barn
 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.

June 1 to 3, SER Convention, Tracks To The Smokies'



EVENTS FOR MODELERS:

LAND O'SKY MEETING

April 28th, at 9:30 am in the lower level meeting room of the Fletcher Branch Library, see our [division's website](#) for more details

PIEDMONT DIVISION SPECIAL AUCTION

MAY 5TH, 2012 STARTING AT 2:00 PM

A LIFE-LONG PRIVATE COLLECTION, OVER 600 HO & N SCALE DIESEL & STEAM ENGINES, STILL IN THEIR ORIGINAL BOXES! SOLD AT ABSOLUTE AUCTION IN INDIVIDUAL LOTS

Located at :First Presbyterian Church, 189 Church Street Marietta, Georgia

For the [Auction Flyer](#), and [list of engines](#) see the SER website for the [latest information](#).



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.



2013 NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION

July 14 - July 20

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

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