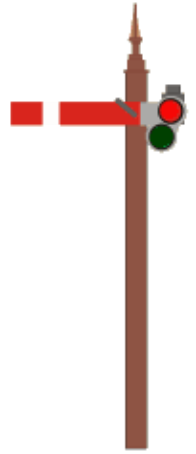


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Our next meeting is on May 7th at 7 PM.

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

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



**JACK MERSHON'S WORK AS EXAMPLES OF WEATHERING IDEA AND
USES OF DOC O'BRIAN'S POWDERS.**



NEWS FOR OUR MEMBERS

OUR NEXT MEETING

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

Clinic: Scenery

Synopsis: Starting this month is a discussion of scenery ideas for your model railroad. Tell us what worked and what didn't, to help us all not repeat mistakes. We like any structure, diorama, track, etc. Bring in your example or latest project (in progress or finished). **See you there!**

REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

The meeting on Thursday, **April 2, 1015**

Superintendent **Dave Anderson** called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

We approved the minutes of the previous meeting.

The first topic discussed was the display now under construction for Town Hardware in Black Mountain. Work sessions are on Tuesday and Thursday times are generally 10 AM to 2 PM at the store. With a limit of 4 people since there is not much room in the store area. Track work is underway; scenery and structures are coming together. We need more participation. Call Dave to help.

Dave reported positive accomplishments with the recently acquired Cricket cutting machine. There are some tricks to it, but it does a very good job of scoring styrene.

Dave also reported on the recent Train Show. Over 2000 attended, not counting vendors and children. We should develop a way of tracking the attendance of children, as it will add to the overall attendance figure. Financially it was a success.

LOST RR will be in Hickory on April 11 and June 20 at the Charlotte Expo Center. We will be displaying in September at Biltmore. We will be displaying the TTrak modules in Old Fort since it will be less than 24 hours from the Biltmore to Old Fort. (Pictures from Hickory Train Show on [page 5](#).)

Rick Pyeritz and **Gordon Fewster** had birthdays in April, and no other members said we missed or owned up to their birthdays. No other health and welfare items were noted.

We continued the discussion on weathering. Several members brought samples. Pictures on the cover and on [pages 4](#) and [5](#) show some of their beautiful work.

There will be a Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2015.

We discussed some of the items in the Model Railroad magazine and products that have come out.

Our next meeting is on May 7th at 7:00 pm.



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF WNCMR, INC. DIRECTORS MEETING ON APRIL 7, 2015

Present were Dave Anderson, Penn Bullock, Fred Coleman, Charles Krug, Tom McPherson, and Clinton Smoke. We meet at ABC on Coxe Avenue.

The Paymaster provided Board members with a detailed report of the financial aspects so the recent Train Show. We did well in all activities and showed a profit overall.

We discussed several changes to consider at the next train show:

- We need a way of counting children. The tickets would help us better record the true attendance and could be used for door prizes.
- We discussed the age for children tickets versus adult tickets. There will be a new age for the children next year.
- We must be mindful of the backup of the line at the door. If it gets too long, folks may walk away.
- We should put signs up at the other shows going on at the Agriculture center.
- We should get some signs, similar to signs used by real estate agents, that announce "Train Show this weekend at the Agriculture Center"
- We talked about the raffle. This year we had 25 prizes to recognize that this was our 25th annual show. However, it might be better to limit that to 10 or 15 prizes. We should have them on hand at least 60 days in advance of the show. Promoting significant prizes could be used in our advertising.

Our vendors suffered a bit from the lack of cash at the show. Most vendors do not take credit cards, and the in-house ATM was out of service. We can hope that this will be fixed next year.

We are considering using PayPal to take donations since there is no cost to us for donations.

We discussed building the Thomas the Train Engine layout at future train shows. The layout would have to be modular, and about two feet off the floor to make it "Kid Friendly."

LOST RR will be this coming weekend we have a show in Hickory. June 22 we will show in Charlotte Expo Center. Next fall we have two events scheduled, one at Biltmore and one at Old Fort.

Our next Board of Directors meeting is July 7.



WEATHERING DISCUSSION PICTURES





MORE WEATHERING EXAMPLES!

PICTURES FROM OUR HICKORY TRAIN SHOW



**OUR JUNIOR ENGINEERS
RUNNING TRAINS**



**A modelling idea for our club
members from another layout.**





CLUB CALENDAR

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

May 6th **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

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

May 13th **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

May 20st **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

May 27th **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

June 3rd **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

June 4th 7:00 PM **Club Meeting**
Eliada Admin Building

June 10th **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

June 17th **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

June 24th **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

June 29th **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

July 1st **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

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

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:

NATIONAL TRAIN DAY

MAY 9TH

NC Transportation Museum has a lot of activities scheduled, see the [website](#) for details.

TOY TRAIN SALE

MAY 30TH & 31ST FROM 10:00AM TO 3:00PM

N.C. State Fairgrounds, Kerr Scott Building, Raleigh, NC

DONATION \$6.00 (\$5.00 with flyer or News Paper Ad), Children under 13, accompanied by an adult are FREE.

See their [website](#) for more information

11TH NORTH CAROLINA RAIL FAIR

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

Metrolina Expo Center
Charlotte, NC

NATIONAL N SCALE CONVENTION

JUNE 24 TO 28

Sacramento, CA
See their website for details.



2015 SER CONVENTION

June 5 & 6, 2015

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