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Our next meeting is on August 2nd 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 YEAR'S SUPERINTENDENT AWARD RECIPIENT
IS MAUREEN RIGG.**



NEWS FOR OUR MEMBERS

OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be starting at 7 PM on Thursday August 2nd.

Clinic: A double feature presented by Gordon Fewster.

Synopsis: A short opening act, “**Inventories and Estates**”, will discuss inventorying your model railroad equipment and suggest ways to dispose of it as part of an estate. The main feature, “**Local Control Panels**”, will describe designing and building a local panel and show some possible features of local panels. Come to have fun. *See you there!*

REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

Superintendent Fred Coleman called the meeting to order at Noon on July 7, 2012.

The short business meeting had only one item up for discussion, which was the presentation of the Superintendent's Award. It was given to Maureen Rigg for her work helping the club during the train show, picnic and other events. Congratulations!

With the business done members turned to the food and fellowship.

LAND O'SKY NEWS

Email Addresses: We depend on email to keep everyone aware of Division activities. Please notify the clerk of any address change. (gfewster@morrisbb.net).

If anyone would like to give a clinic at a future meeting contact Ken O'Brien kobrien1600@live.com or Ben Bartlett b3j2c@yahoo.com. If you can assist in manning the NMRA table at the French Broad train show on Oct. 13th or 14th, let Ken know.

A report on the meeting held will be in the next Semaphore.

LOCAL RAILROAD NEWS

GREER, S.C. – The South Carolina Ports Authority has announced plans to build an intermodal facility near the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport in a public-private partnership. The 100 acre facility would facilitate the handling of containers between the Port of Charleston and inland customers.

The port authority purchased the property for [this] type of facility in 1982 but it has been unable to develop it until now. The port authority hopes to have the facility online in 12 to 18 months, for an opening in the second half of 2013. Initially it projects to handle 25,000 containers in a year and up to 50,000 containers over time.

Norfolk Southern is the closest railroad to the planned facility.



AREA GROUPS OR CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

The Apple Valley Model Railroad Club's HO club layout is in the Hendersonville, NC depot. It is open every Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. See their [website](#) for details.

The French Broad E'N'pire, a N scale club is based in Hendersonville, NC. See their [website](#) or contact Chuck Place at hmp3@blueridge.net.

The Smoky Mountain Model Railroaders meet in Clyde, NC at 7:00 pm Tuesdays, off Exit 107 near the hospital. They have two 3 rail O gauge modular layouts. For more information, contact Sam Hopkins at 828-773-0550 (cell) or csamh@att.net.

The Central Railway Model and Historical Assoc. Inc, is in Central, SC. Their museum (HO scale and tinplate layouts) at 108 Werner St. in downtown Central is open from 9 am to noon on the second Saturday of each month. See their [website](#) for details

For those who are also railfans, the **Asheville NRHS** Meets 6:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Enka-Candler library, Candler, NC. See their [website](#) or contact katiphelps@charter.net or 828-670-7709.

The **Hub City Railroad Museum**, a project of the **Greenville Chapter NRHS**, is located at 298 Magnolia St. in downtown Spartanburg, SC. Summer hours are 8 am until 2 pm, winter hours 10 am until 3 pm every Saturday, Wednesdays 10 am until 2 pm all year. See their [website](#) for details

LOST RR

WILL BE AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

Sept 20, 21 Biltmore House (setup on **Sept 19**)

October 6, Farm City Days at Jackson Park 10:00AM-4:00PM (setup at 8:30 AM, weather permitting)

October 13, 14 Autumn Rails, see below

October 20 Boy Scout Merit Badge Midway (set up on **October 19**)

Look at your colanders and lets have a good turn out for all these events! .



ELIADA KID MODULE UPDATE



Celtic Horse Land by Ryleah M



Summer Valley by Carolyn J



Happy Days by Bishop S



Morning Walk by Sandra A



Mountain Hid-away by Jo H



Helen Lights by Tristan

These are some of the modules made in the last few months. Come down and join the fun. No experience required, just some problem solving. Learn from helping them get to the finish!



CLUB CALENDAR

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

August 1st **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

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

August 8th **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

August 15th **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

August 22nd **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

August 29th **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

September 5th **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

September 6th 7:00 PM **Club Meeting**
Eliada Admin Building

September 12th **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

September 19th **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

September 19, 20, 21 **LOST RR**, Biltmore House
 Setup on 19th
 Operating on the 20th, 21th

September 26th **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

October 3rd **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

October 4th 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:



July 29 - Aug. 4

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](http://www.gr2012.org) for details.

NMRA National, Grand Rapids, MI
Grand Rails 2012
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SER REGION MINI MEET - AIKEN, SC

September 29

The Southeast Region will kick off the first of a series of Mini-Meets this fall at the University of South Carolina campus. On September 29, a mini-meet will be held in Aiken SC in the Central Savannah River Division. This will be a FREE event, open to NMRA members and soon-to-be NMRA members.

See the [website](#) for more details.

NARROW TRAK MEET

October 12th, 13th

Frank Pearsall's Narrow Trak in Brevard, NC. Contact Frank for more information.

AUTUMN RAILS 2012

October 13th, 14th

French Broad E'N'pire's annual train show at the Western North Carolina Ag Center. See their [website](#) for more details.

LAND O'SKY DIVISION MEETING

October 20, see [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.