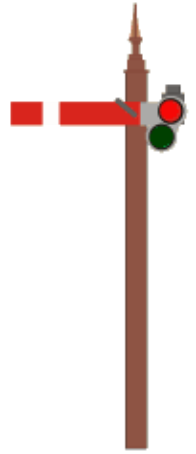


# The Semaphore



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Our next meeting is on September 6<sup>th</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.

## OCTOBER MEETING LAYOUT PLAN CHALLENGE

The challenge is to plan a layout that meets the minimum size for scenery and civil AP certificates.

### Scenery AP requirements:

O scale 60 square feet

HO scale 32 square feet

N scale 18 square feet

Other scales in proportional relationship to HO scale.

### Electrical

Prepare a schematic of the model railroad showing gaps, blocks, feeder, power supplies, etc.

For more specifics see the NMRA [AP website](#) or the [Civil](#); [Scenery](#); [Electrical](#) pages of the NMRA website.

### Civil requirements:

O scale 75 feet of track    HO or S scale 50 feet of track

N, Z, TT scale 25 feet of track

- Plan must have adequate terminal facilities for freight and/or passenger cars
- Terminal facility for storage and service of motive power
- Minimum of one mainline passing siding
- 4 switching locations, not counting yards, interchanges, wye, & reversing loops
- Provision for turning motive power
- Simultaneous operations of at least 2 trains in either direction
- Six of the following examples:

Passing siding

Spur

Crossover

Reversing loop

Wye

Simple ladder (3 track minimum)

Compound ladder

Turntable

Transfer Table

Super Elevation

Simple/Compound Overhead wire

Scale Track

Coal Dump

Ash Pit

Cog Railway

Service Pit

Grade Elevation



## NEWS FOR OUR MEMBERS

### OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be starting at 7 PM on Thursday September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Clinic: DCC system discussion by Dan Lang.**

Synopsis: A look at the various DCC system by our local "Dr DCC" **Dan Lang**. **Dan** has vast knowledge of DCC and is ready to impart as much info as you can handle on the different base stations. Come to have fun. **See you there!**

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## REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

**Superintendent Fred Coleman** called the meeting to order at 7 PM on August 2, 2012.

The first item of business was the installation of the new officer. **Fred** introduced the new officers: **Dave Anderson** Superintendent, **Tom McPherson** as Assistant Superintendent, **Clint Smoke** as Company Clerk. Fred turned the meeting over to Dave.

**John Williams** is the temporary Paymaster, we are looking for someone who would like to be Paymaster. **John** reported are still solvent. John mentioned that September is when our annual Dues need to be paid. Please bring in your \$12 to our September meeting. **John** gave an update on Lake Junaleska which is close to being done. There are still a lot of trees to be done. **John** said **Bill Siebert** is not doing very well. His back is giving him problems and is in *Autumn Care* in Waynesville. If you want to visit him, please do.

**Tom** gave a thank you for voting him in despite being a beginning modeler. He is in the process of moving. He built a train table and the house sold. A discussion ensued about how building a train table helps sell a house. No resolution was achieved but many anecdotes were presented. Tom also gave a briefly discuss the division meeting. Don't pass up a chance to go the Land O'Sky meetings.

Up coming or possible LOST RR events:

- Biltmore House  
September 19th setup, September 20th times will be announced. This is for a group of home schoolers. Fred will have more details at the September meeting. This is on a Wednesday and Thursday.
- Farm City Days, October 6th—Setup at 8AM weather permitting
- Autumn Rails, October 13th awaiting invitation from French Broad E'N'pire
- Boy Scout Merit Badge, October 20th, more info at the September meeting on this date..

Good and welfare:

Keep the following people in your prayers: Beside Bill, **Penn Bullock** just had eye surgery and is recovering. **Mike Smith** has been diagnosed with two types of cancer. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

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NS heritage engines were at Spencer. **Troy Carroll** and **Clint** were there, but no one else was there. Since neither of them were present, we will have to wait to hear their report. Since most of us didn't go, **Fred** had the latest Trains magazine which was mostly about the event in Spencer and the different locomotives. Fred picked it up from Factory Direct Trains and you can go visit Joe Grubba pick up a copy. Factory Direct is located at 7 Glenn Bridge Road, Unit B, Arden directions: on Glen Bridge Road off US 25, in the first strip mall, the second unit down. There are a lot of items for sale but also see their [website](#) for other items.

To relieve the load on **Mike Smith**, we need someone to take over the Train Show publicity and website. Anyone wishing to help please contact **Dave** or **Tom**. Mike has done a wonderful job over the last few years and we appreciate all he has done.

In a discussion between **Dave** and **Joe Gelemni** (Our SER President) while visiting his layout, he stated that some one (I believe Joe Nichols Jr.) gave a clinic at the Piedmont Division that a 4' by 8' HO layout can qualify you for scenery, civil, and electrical certificates. The basic requirements for the Scenery is 32 square feet of scenery in HO, 16 square feet in N or the same dimension for other scales. Civil requires 50 ft of track, N scale requires 25 feet of track for starters. You must have other requirements for the plan. Electrical is for a wiring diagram of the layout. Since we have some smart people and ones who have made layouts, this is the quest: Design on paper a layout that will satisfy the first requirement of the civil and electrical by our October meeting. You could build it if you want, but it is not required for this exercise and discussion in October. See the [AP web page](#) of the NMRA for the particulars, check out the [Civil](#), [Electrical](#) and [Scenery](#) pages for more information.

On September 29th there is a mini meet in Akin, SC. You should take a look at going to the meet it is about 150 south of here.

Asked for updates on peoples layouts or items previously brought up. Some item have been resolved, but other are still in progress. Thanks for the input and the help from others. Bring up your progress or snags to help motivate others or find solutions.

Since no other business was brought up from the floor, the meeting was concluded. After a short break **Gordon** gave two great clinic on estate inventory and wiring panels for your layout. Thanks **Gordon!**



## **DUES ARE DUE!**

If you have paid your dues, thanks. If you have not paid your dues yet, please remember to bring cash or a check \$12.00, payable to WNC Model Railroaders, Inc.. See our Paymaster John Williams at the next meeting.

Thanks!

## **WANT A CLINIC?**

- If you have an idea for a clinic see Dave or Tom to bring up the idea. We'll see if we can find someone with that expertise on that subject.
- If you have a clinic you would like to give, see Tom or Dave with what you want to give. Try it out on us before going big time at a SER or Land O'Sky meeting.

Even if you don't want to go big time, we would love to hear about your niche of our expansive hobby!



# 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 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*

October 6th 8:00 AM **LOST RR**  
*Farm City Days*

October 10th **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 17th **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 24th **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 31st **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.





## EVENTS FOR MODELERS:

### 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

### 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 sign up at the next meeting. Lets have a good turn out for all these events!



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

### 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.*