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Our next meeting is on September 4<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.



RAILS TO TRAILS, ONE OF MANY FINE MODELS AT THE RECENT NMRA CONVENTION THAT MEETS THE AP REQUIREMENTS FOR A BRIDGE.





# News for our members Our next meeting

Our next meeting will be starting at 7 PM on Thursday September 4th

Clinic: Summer Convention review and any train related activates done this summer.

Synopsis: Bring a model (in any phase of construction) any size or scale for discussion. See you

there!

## REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

Superintendent **Dave Anderson** called the meeting to order.

First order of business was to accept the minutes as stated in the August Semaphore, **Fred Coleman** motion, **Troy Carroll** seconded, membership approved.

**Fred** reported that the town of Old Fort will have is annual Rail Road Day on September 20. The <u>SER mini meet</u> is September 27 in Huntsville, AL right next to the Army rocket museum. LOST RR will be at Farm City days the first Saturday in October, see him if you can help.

**Dave** brought up the following things coming up, which are: Oscale convention in Indianapolis, IN on September 19&20; Spencer Train Show on August 23&24; Atlanta Train Show on August 9th; Peachtree Pilgrimage in October and November see the Piedmont's division website for details; Atlanta Protype Meet on September 19 & 20

Bill Lipfird who lives in black mountain is selling his HO scale 22'x8' DCC layout. He has steam and diesel engines and rolling stock. Contact **Dave** for contact info.

**Penn Bullock** reported that the *Laurels of Asheville* has a nice article about our relationship with the Eliada Home in the current issue.

**Gordon Fewster** reported that **Joe Norris** had completed the requirement for his MMR. Congratulations, **Joe**!

**Dave** and **Fred** had a conversation with Peter Ballhausen who owns Town Hardware in Black Mountain. He has a space 8' x 9'8". In his store by his book area where he would like to have a model railroad there. We would get signage that we have done the work. He would like the downtown area which would include the depot to Town Hardware basically, in the 1950s. A motion was placed that we pursue this endeavor, and was passed. If you are interested in so AP work you now have an opportunity as many of these buildings will be scratch built. So you could take charge of 32 square feet of scenery for the Scenery AP, 6 buildings or equipment will give you the prototype AP. The operating scheme would be run for 5 minutes then stop, then switch trains when the next time the button is pushed. It was placed for a vote, and approved.

We noted **Penn Bullock's** birthday. Congratulations, **Penn!** 







## REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING (CONT.)

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In our September meeting have what you are going to have for the raffle. We are looking for items in any scale and any type (engines, rolling stock, structures, etc.). Our goal is to have at least 25 items for the raffle (to celebrate our 25th train show). People will be able to bid on any particular item.

**Troy Carroll** brought the Mountaineer paper that had a good article of the new short line that is operating in our area.

We didn't have a program due to construction in the cafeteria, but **Gordon Fewster** shared some comments regarding his work on several nice looking industrial buildings.

Our next meeting is on September 4, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

## 25TH ASHEVILLE TRAIN SHOW

Bring in your ideas for items to be raffled, and how you would procure these items. They can be anything from custom painted rolling stock, engines to structures or other items that may generate raffle ticket sales. We are looking at having 25 items available for the raffle.



## **CLUB DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE**

Our club dues for the inflation adjusted price of \$12 and are now payable to our Paymaster. Please bring your dues to the meeting or mail a check to Rick, correct change is appreciated. **Thanks!** 

#### **TOWN HARDWARE PROJECT**

Looking for project leader

Need a researcher, scenery people, structure builders, track workers, electronic person.

#### ELIADA CORN MAZE TRAIN

Need help to change the Biltmore Square train to a gas power engine and some type of passenger cars.

See our superintendent to volunteer



## **CLUB CALENDAR**

This is listing of know activities for our club members in the near future:			October 8th Eliada Hobos  Downstairs in the Barn		
September 3	Downstairs Session 1 Session 2	Eliada Hobos in the Barn 2:30 –3:15 PM 3:30—4:15 PM 4:15—5:00 PM 6:00—6:45 PM 7:00—7:45 PM		Session 1 Session 2 Session 3 Session 4 Session 5	
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October 2nd	7:00 PM Eliada Admir	Club Meeting n Building			





## **EVENTS FOR MODELERS:**

## **SER MINI MEET**

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2014** 

The Mid-South Division will host a mini-meet in Huntsville, AL. This is a FREE event, open to NMRA members and soon-to-be NMRA members.

### ATLANTA RAILROADS PROTOTYPE MODELERS MEET

SEPTEMBER 19 & 20, 2014

This meet is a joint effort of the SRHA, Atlantic Coast Line & Seaboard Airline Railroads Historical Society, Central of Georgia Railway Historical Society, and Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis Preservation Society. See their <u>website</u> for details

#### RAILROAD DAY

**SEPTEMBER 20, 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.** 

Main Street and Catawba Avenue, Old Fort, NC

Presented by Old Fort Mountain Heritage Alliance, see www.Old Fort.org/festivals for more info

#### **AUTUMN RAILS 2014**

**OCTOBER 11 & 12, 2014** 

WNC AG CENTER EXPO BUILDING, FLETCHER, NC



## **2015 NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION**

August 23 - August 29, 2015

80th Annual NMRA National Convention, Portland, OR. Check out <a href="mailto:the-convention">the convention's website</a> for details.



## 2015 SER CONVENTION

June 5 & 6, 2015

Palmetto Excursion, Greenville, SC, check out the <u>website</u> for more details