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Our next meeting is on September 6th at 7 PM.

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**AN ELIADA HOBO TTRACK MODULE
FROM MIKAYLA USED IN OUR SCENERY CLINIC
FOR DEMONSTRATING WATERFALL TECHNIQUES**



NEWS FOR OUR MEMBERS

OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be starting at 7 PM on Thursday September 6th

Clinic: Layout Design and construction

Synopsis: We will start a discussion of layout design and construction. As always bring a model (in any phase of construction) of any size or scale for discussion. **See you there!**

REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

Superintendent **Dave Anderson** called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Dave reported on progress at Black Mountain. Penn is moving mountains. Dave is in the highway business. Help is always welcome.

MMR Joe Norris brought some supplies to give away and two beautiful dioramas to admire. Both feature LED lighting, showing the potential of these modern compact light bulbs for modelers. There are pictures on the following pages.

Dave reported that Lionel has opened their new headquarters in Charlotte and that he is organizing a tour.

The picture on the cover of this issue is a T-track module made by one of the Eliada youth. The theme for our clinics this quarter is scenery. To help with that program, **Penn Bullock** brought the module and explained how they made waterfalls. The scene features a beautiful waterfall and stream. An interesting discussion followed in which several members shared experience modeling water.

Upcoming Events

August 22-25 Train Show at the NC Transportation Museum in Spencer.

August 28 and 29 The Lincoln Funeral Train will be at the NC Transportation Museum.

LOST RR will be at the following:

September 16 and 17: *Antler Village at Biltmore Estate*. Set up on September 16, run trains starting on September 17. Passes are needed. Contact Fred Coleman for details.

September 19: T-Track modules will show at Railroad Day at the Depot at *Old Fort*.

October 3: Farm City Day, *Hendersonville*.

October 9 and 10: Autumn Rails 2015 in the Expo Building at the WNC Agriculture Center in *Fletcher*

November 7: *Saluda* in the Trains Station.

IF you can help out in any phase of setup, running or clean up, contact [Fred Coleman](#)..

September 18 and 19 Prototype Modelers at Kennesaw, GA, sponsored by the Southern Railway Historical Society and others. (More info on page 3.)

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September 19 and 20. Tidewater Division Train Show 2015 at the Virginia Beach Convention Center 1000 19th St., Virginia Beach, VA.

Our next meeting will be September 6 at 7:00 pm. We will be continuing our discussions on layout building and design (tips, techniques, materials). Layouts are anything that has track and a theme applied to the area. Micro layouts to base size are open for discussion. Everything from concept to completion is involved with this quarters discussion. Most importantly things that worked and what didn't, help out your fellow modelers. Let's try to make new mistakes not old ones!



DUES REMINDER

Our club dues for the inflation adjusted price of \$12. Please bring your dues to the meeting and update your contact info with Rick. Exact change is appreciated, Thanks!

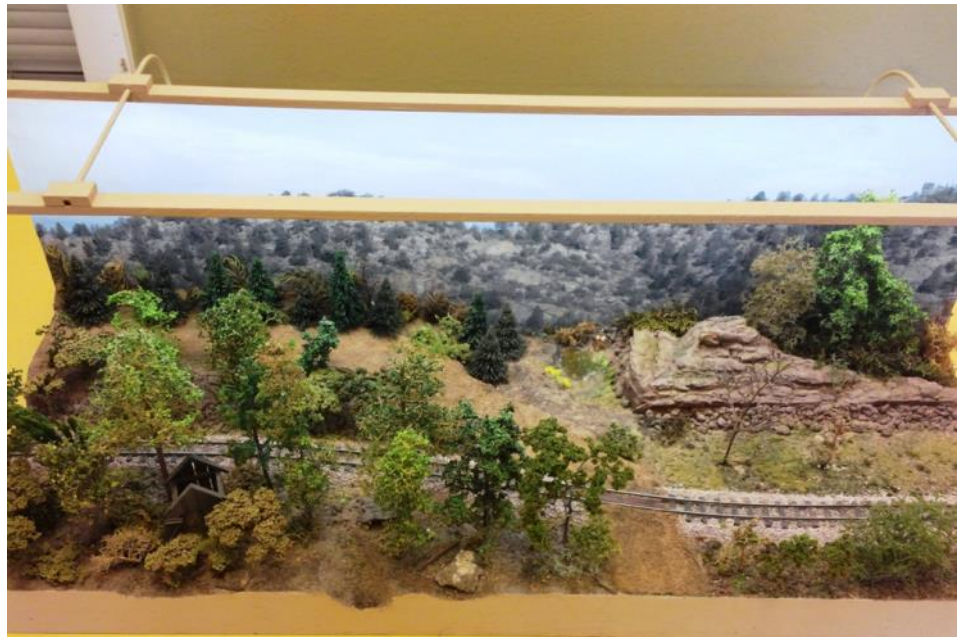
JOE NORRIS, MMR



Joseph Norris completed the requirements for and was awarded Master Model Railroader certificate number 546. He continues to amaze me with his creative talents.

At the August meeting, he brought some supplies to share with members, but the real delight were the two dioramas he brought. Both were built to show the capabilities of LEDs.

This one is lighted with a sting of miniature LEDs concealed in the bar across the top of the diorama. Power for the lights is transmitted through the thin metallic supports - one positive, one negative.





This diorama shows how the colors can be adjusted to simulate the colors that occur in nature during sunset. As you can see in the picture, you have a brightening of the horizon that is controllable. Joe also had controls for the street and building lights, along with the background lighting.



Both modules are amazing from both a lighting and modelling aspect! Thanks for sharing that Joe!

All of the wonderful photographs in issue are by Patrick Davis. Thank you!

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.

Piedmont Garden Railway Society, the NC/SC area. We are interested in the hobby of garden railroading and having open houses. Contact Email their newsletter [editor](#) for details

For those who are also rail fans, 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



CLUB CALENDAR

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

September 2nd **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

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

September 9th **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

September 16th **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

September 23rd **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

September 30th **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

October 1st 7:00 PM **Club Meeting**
Eliada Admin Building

October 7th **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

October 14th **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

October 21th **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

October 28th **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

November 4th **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

November 5th 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:

2015 NATION O SCALE CONVENTION

SEPTEMBER 18 & 19, 2015

Indianapolis, Indianapolis

See their [website](#) for details

THE ATLANTA RAILROADS PROTOTYPE MODELERS MEET

SEPTEMBER 18 & 19, 2015

The Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History

2829 Cherokee St., Kennesaw, GA 30144

See their [website](#) for details

TRAINS DAY

SEPTEMBER 19

at the Depot at Old Fort

for more detail see the [website](#).

PALMETTO TCA TRAIN SHOW

SEPTEMBER 19 FROM 10 AM TO 3 PM

National Guard Armory, 1225 Bluff Road, Columbia, SC 29201. See [website](#) for details.



2016 NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION

July 3 - July 10, 2016

81th Annual NMRA National Convention, Indianapolis, IN.

Check out [the convention's website](#) for details.



2016 SOUTHEASTERN REGION CONVENTION

June 10 and June 11, 2016 in the city of Huntsville, Alabama hosted by the Mid South Division. See [website](#) for more information