



NEWS FOR OUR MEMBERS

OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be starting at **7 PM** on **Thursday October 1st**.

Clinic: DVD — Adding Sound to your Model Railroad Scenes. What sounds have done to realism to locomotives, various sound modules can bring realism to other parts of the layout.

Health & Welfare: Bill Siebert is getting physical rehab twice a day now. Playing kickball (for balance), hiking through and over an obstacle course of canes laying on the floor and performing other supervised feats of exercise.

Unsupervised exercise is scooting around in a wheel chair using his own legs. When his strength and balance are deemed sufficient, then he will be permitted to use a walker unsupervised. And the physical therapist is beginning to think he might be able to graduate and go home within the next two to three weeks if he continues progressing this well. Wouldn't that be grand?!?!?

And, to everyone's delight, he celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday WooHoo!!!

Thank you all for the continuing support and prayers. They're very much appreciated!

Update provided by his son Joe on 9/17.

The house shown on page 1, located in historic Abingdon, Va., is a former N&W section foreman's home, and presently is a bed-and breakfast. It is now on the market. The restored Abingdon Depot

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE DIVISION MEETING, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

Ken Granzin, Company Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Jim Fuqua gave the treasurer's report. He mentioned that fees (formerly incorrectly called dues) are now due. The amount has not changed, so please give Jim \$12 for the year, either in person or via USPS.

Jack Mershon passed around a get-well card for Bill Siebert so members could sign. John Williams gave a status report on Bill's condition.

Fred Coleman related the success of our move out of the space in the barn we have occupied for 4 ½ years.

We moved from upstairs to downstairs in the barn for N-scale equipment and supplies and moved HO modules, equipment, and supplies to a storage building nearby. He asked for help after the meeting to move some last items from the upper floor.

Fred already has some vendors interested in our annual show, which will be held at the WNC Fairgrounds 5, 6 March. Flyers will be distributed at the Mountain State Fair beginning 10 September. Also, the HO modules will be shown in Hendersonville 3 October for Farm-City Day and in Black

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Mountain 17 October for *Autumn by the Rails*.

Dan Lang reported on the Apple Valley Club's plans for public visiting during the Hendersonville Apple Festival to be held over the Labor Day weekend. An NS locomotive will be present at the depot. On 13 August the club shared operating time with members of our club, who behaved well enough that a second invitation is extended for 16 September. Those participating are requested to take a radio device and controller if they have one. They should be there no later than 9:15 a.m. for a meeting.

Frank Pearsall spoke about a proposed division meet, with 9-10 April a possible date. He reminded members about the Narrow Track conclave scheduled for October in Brevard. Our own **Gordon Fewster** will present two clinics and there will be many other clinics.

Joe Norris reported that the *Railroad Model Craftsman* magazine is close to folding.

On Tuesday, 8 September, club members will set up a traveling O-scale layout at the WNC Ag Center. They will be given free passes.

The clinic for the evening was not held because of a computer failure.

Fred brought up the possibility of acquiring a deed at Eliada for land to hold a building for our HO modules and equipment. We would build the structure, but we need a grant to fund such an enterprise. If you have any relevant ideas, contact Fred.

Joe Norris displayed his scratch-built representation of a Campbell Scale Models engine house from the 1960s.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 .

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Can anybody but **Joe Norris** identify what this is in this close up?



FEES, FEES, FEES

TIME TO FOR OUR ANNUAL FEES FOR THE LAND O SKY, DIVISION 15

Again after much discussion, the fees shall remain at \$12.00 and are due September 1, 2009. Collection of fees has begun, please remit your fee to our paymaster.

Please be sure to pick up your new membership card when paying your annual fees

WNC FAIR 2009 REPORT

Thanks to all the volunteers who manned the NC Dept Ag G-scale layout. We donated over 156 man hours of work, and were rewarded with a Blue Ribbon for Best in Show for our category. (We have no idea what category it was in.) It was a good opportunity to talk about our division, model railroading, and our upcoming show in March. The volunteers gave out about 700 brochures for our train show.

Fred says "Thanks to all who helped out at the fair! "