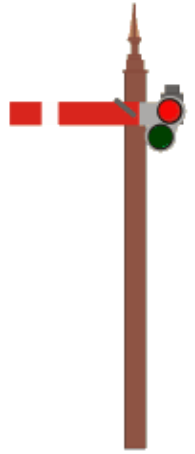


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Our next meeting is on December 1st at 7 PM.

Send comments about and contributions to this newsletter to [editor](#).

Please keep us informed of changes in your address, phone number or email address.



THESE GOOD CLUB MEMBERS HELPED SET UP AND RUN THE MODULE LAYOUT AT THE CRAFT SHOW ON NOVEMBER 10TH.



NEWS FOR OUR MEMBERS

OUR NEXT MEETING

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

Clinic: Annual Christmas Party

Synopsis: After a quick business meeting, dinner and fellowship with any thing that you would like to sell as a white elephant gift. **See you there!**

REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

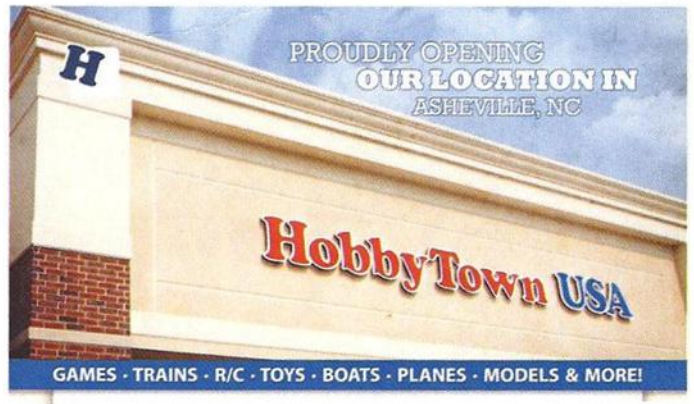
Superintendent **Fred Coleman** called the meeting to order at 7 pm on November 3, 2011.

He reported that we had received a nice letter of appreciation, and a check, for our participation at Farm City Day in Hendersonville in September.

He reported on his attendance at MER's annual convention in Cary, NC. There were about 200 attending, 63 clinics, and 20+ layout tours.

He invited participation in our involvement in sharing our modules at the Craft Show the following weekend. (See photographs on page 1 and 3 of the results of that call.)

We welcomed Mr. **Bob Barnett** representing the new Hobbytown USA store that is opening in Asheville. *Bob* is the manager of the Hobbytown store in Johnson City which is reported to rank 6th in volume among 140 stores in the model railroad business. He is opening a new store in the Riverside Shopping Center, near J&S Cafeteria and A.C. Moore. He has a large inventory of model railroad supplies and equipment, will order anything from *Walthers*, and will extend a discount to club members. The store phone number is 298-4445.



Let's keep him here – Support your local hobby shop.

Fred reported on the progress on a new club building, the first step in having our own home in the Elida community.

Charles Krug reported on a successful weekend that **Charlie** and **Ken Vaslick** helped several scouts earned the Railroad Merit Badge. **Charlie** did say that things had changed from the time he was a scout on what the troop leaders required of the scout for mastery of the material for a badge. **Charlie** also discussed how the Railroad merit badge is handled at Scout National Jamboree. He give a short test of our knowledge, which was informative and fun. (webmaster note: **Charlie** has earned enough points for his AP Volunteer certificate by his participation with the Scout Railroad Merit badges. Good Job **Charlie!!!**)

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Clint Smoke requested the use of the club's modules for a display at the Deerfield Retirement Community during November and December. A motion was made and seconded, and the members approved the motion. We will set up on November 19, starting at 10 am.

Penn Bullock reported on our continuing involvement with the youth at Eliada Home. He welcomes participation, and anything N-scale – railroad cars, vehicles, structures, etc. Contact Penn at 253-9643 for more information.

There was a discussion of the upcoming train show, and some logistics of the event. It will include a live steam G scale and Z scale layout will be at the show.

Fred suggested we consider a nice raffle item like a handsome wooden tool box at the next Train Show, with a prize for the member who sells the most tickets. Ideas for the raffle prize and the prize for the member who sells the most tickets are welcome. A motion was made, and seconded, to purchase a tool box and give the winner of the most tickets sold prior to the train show will have a year of NMRA membership paid. It was approved.

He also tossed out the idea of our making an HO scale 4 x 12 - foot layout similar to the Beer Line featured in *Model Railroader* in January 2009 as a raffle or door prize for the 2013 show.

It was reported that **Bill Seibert** is in an Autumn Care Nursing Care Center. Let's keep **Bill** in our thoughts and prayers this holiday season. Feel free to stop by and sit a spell with him, if you are in the area.

Charlie talk about his experience with the some of the Eliada youth, and how rewarding it to hear how they like it, even though they give you despite the blank stares at you sometimes get while working with the kids.

Our next meeting will be our Annual Christmas Party. After a brief business meeting we will have refreshments. Please call Fred or Dave to let one of them know of your participation, any guests, and what you will to bring to make this a successful and enjoyable event for all of us.

Fred brought up a reminder that if you sign up for the NMRA convention in Atlanta before the end of the Grand Rapids convention, you will get a discount. Something to think about.



ENJOYING THE TRAINS AT THE CRAFT SHOW





EVENTS FOR MODELERS:



2012 SER CONVENTION

June 1-3, 2012

*Tracks To The Smokies' . Hosted by the Smokey Mountain Division.
Check [out their website](#) for latest details.*



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](#) for
details.*



2013 NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION

July 14 - July 20

*Peachtree Express 2013, 78th Annual NMRA National Convention, At-
lanta, Ga. Check out [the convention's website](#) for details.*



21TH ANNUAL MODEL TRAIN SHOW

March 2nd and 3rd, 2012

At the WNC AG Center, visit our [train show website](#) for the latest information.

SEE THE RAFFLE PRIZE ON THE [NEXT PAGE](#).



2012 TRAIN SHOW RAFFLE PRIZE





ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our December meeting contact [Fred](#) or [Dave](#) with the number of your party and what appetizer, side dish, dessert, or drink you will bringing.



Merry Christmas to all!