

# "Land O Sky" Division 15 NMRA

## January 16, 2016, Quarterly Meeting

Chuck Place, Assistant Division Superintendent, conducted the meeting in place of Ken O' Brien who was ill.

Clint Smoke provided introductory remarks about our Deerfield meeting place. They are increasing residency capacity and there is a 2 year waiting list.

A new member to the Div, Richard Shook, introduced himself. He models the C B & Q and is from Winchester, Mass.

Coming Events - Asheville Model Train Show at the Ag Center by the airport. The show is sponsored by Western North Carolina Model Railroaders. The date is March 4 and 5.

Dan Lang spoke about the Amherst show in Springfield, Mass. This is a very large show.

Rocket City Rails in Huntsville, AL, is a regional convention with clinics, RR tours, Layout tours, and a trip to the intermodal yard.

The national NMRA show is in Indianapolis starting in July. Registration is underway now.

Treasurer Report - Dave Hull delivered his report.

Election - By unanimous ballot Ken O' Brien was re-elected Superintendent and Greg Williams is the new Paymaster. Congratulations to you both for your participation!

Show & Tell - Wayne Hamilton brought his 1:29 Scale GE 44 tonner diesel. He is not quite done, yet the fine detail work and paint job portray an excellent model.

Joe Dunn brought a large N scale building he had kitbashed and showed castings he had done himself by making his own molds. His is also making N scale loads for coal cars that can be unloaded with a magnet.

Ed Krause mentioned a recent trip to the area of the Clinchfield RR.

Jace Kahn showed a Japanese brass On30 locomotive that he soldered together from a kit he purchased while stationed in Japan.

Club Reports - The Apple Valley club is continuing work on their G Scale garden layout.

French Broad e 'N'pire - 2 new people have joined the club and have become active participants.

Western North Carolina Model Railroaders - The club made a deal to set up in a store front for 5 week-ends at the local outlet mall. The Black Mountain hardware store layout project is progressing. The club is looking for a permanent home in the Asheville area.

Piedmont Garden RR - They meet in Greer yet there is a branch in Asheville also.

Regional Convention - Ben Bartlett & Fred Coleman, Chuck Place - Fred Coleman volunteered to be convention chairman and Dave Hull volunteered to be convention treasurer.

We are looking for ways to raise money for the financing of the convention. A suggestion was a NMRA table at the upcoming Asheville show on 3/4 & 5 to sell donated equipment. One member has already provided a donation.

Volunteers currently in place - Fred Coleman - convention chairman; Dave Hull - convention treasurer, Ben Bartlett - Clinics; Contests - Howard Garner; Chuck Place - Op Session coord.

There will not be a train show at the convention.

A strong suggestion is to read the "Convention Handbook" on the SER region website. I found it by typing "convention handbook" in the "search box". There are guidelines that should be helpful.

Program - French Creek Mfg. Co - Ben Bartlett built the company from scratch and his power-point presentation described the process. DPM Models and Walthers supplied many of the parts for the buildings as Ben implemented his plans.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30

The division's commitment to the 2018 regional convention will require participation from the members of Division 15. The following are jobs (some already spoken for) or areas of responsibility that will need help to ensure a successful meet.

2018 Division 15 Regional Convention Preparation Activities

Convention Chair and Committee - Fred Coleman Chair

Facilities - Fred Coleman has a contract with Lake Junaluska

Public Relations, Website, Logo Visuals, Etc. - Mike Nicoletti

Clinic Chair & Committee - Ben Bartlett

Contest Chair - Regional Contest Chair

Convention Treasurer - Dave Hull

Registrar -

Door Prize Chair -

Layout Tour Chair -

Operating Session Chair - Chuck Place

Rail Prototype Tour Chair -

Non-Rail Prototype Tour Chair -

Banquet, Program and Speaker Chair

The board and the convention committee would appreciate volunteers for the positions that are vacant. Contact Fred Coleman or Ken O'Brien.