

**MEETING NOTES- DIVISION 15**  
**SOUTHEASTERN REGION**  
**NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION**

Held: April 28th, 2012, Fletcher Library, Fletcher, NC

Attendance: 18 NMRA Members, 1 guest

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 am by Superintendent O'Brien.

**Announcements:** After Ken's election as Superintendent, he appointed Chuck Place to fill the balance of the Assistant Superintendent's term. Mike Nicoletti has resigned as Paymaster, so Ken appointed Dave Hull to fill the remainder of that term.

Members were reminded of the Southeast Region NMRA Convention at Gatlinburg on June 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3rd.

**Clubs and other local activities:** The French Broad E'N'pire is moving into their new (to them) building in Hendersonville on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue near the RR tracks and the local depot.

The Western North Carolina Model Railroaders had a very successful Train Show at the Ag Center in March.

The Apple Valley Model Railroad Club is constructing a 13' extension to their Ritter Lumber Co scene. WiFi is now available in the depot, so with the Asheville computer now online and JMRI software installed those who wish can run their train with a smart phone, ipod, or ipad. They now have access to a Pricom DCC pocket tester. It is very user friendly and was helpful in sorting out some DCC problems. Information is available at Pricom.com.

The NMRA Palmetto Division is planning a summer trip to Columbia, SC to visit a club and the State Museum there, date to be determined, and their regular fall meet will be on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012.

Frank Pearsall's Narrow Trak 12 weekend will be held again this year at The Transylvania County Recreation Center in Brevard, NC on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

The late Kent Roberts and his layout is the subject of an article in the June Model Railroader.

There was a good variety of show and tell and popular choice model entrants on display. The popular choice winner was Chris Elliott's On3 motor car.

Clinics were presented on:

Constructing a Laser Kit, by Ben Bartlett

Sandborn Insurance Maps, by Frank Pearsall

Railfanning the Southern Ry. Loops, by Gordon Fewster

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

We enjoyed an open house at Bob Barnes O Scale layout in Etowah, NC in the afternoon.

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After the meeting, we verified the meeting room reservation at the Enka-Candler library for our next meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup>. The library hours require an afternoon meeting, 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Our reservation can be preempted if a library function is scheduled for the room later. The contact for the room reservation is Kathy Penland, 828-250-4758, [kathy.penland@buncombecounty.org](mailto:kathy.penland@buncombecounty.org).

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