

MEETING NOTES- DIVISION 15
SOUTHEASTERN REGION
NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

Held: July 16th, 2011, Fletcher Library, Fletcher, NC
Attendance: 13 NMRA Members, no guests

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Superintendent Pearsall.

Ben Bartlett has agreed to chair the nominating committee for the January, 2012 elections. The two year terms for Superintendent (Pearsall) and Paymaster (Nicoletti) will expire then. Frank Pearsall indicated he would be a candidate for re-election.

A Golden Spike Award was presented to Clint Smoke.

National: It was noted that there is a photo gallery on the National website, which should be useful for modeling or just general interest. Copies of photos on the site can be purchased from National.

The National convention will be in Atlanta in 2013, the closest for several years. Early registration forms are available on the National website.

Liability insurance policy coverage was clarified. Non-NMRA members are covered at NRMA activities, but non-members whose layouts are open during NMRA activities will be dependent on their homeowner's policies for liability coverage at the layout, they will not be covered by the NMRA policy.

The National data sheets are being rewritten and upgraded; volunteer assistance is solicited.

Regional: The next regional convention will be in Gatlinburg, TN on June 1-3rd, 2012. All activities will be at the convention hotel. The Prototype tour will be at the Dollywood steam locomotive shop.

A new assistant treasurer has been added to the regional board; the goal is to insure better separation and documentation of convention funds.

The regional 501(c)3 status had unintentionally been allowed to expire, this is being corrected. (This status is desirable to allow contributions to the group to be income tax deductible.)

Regional tank car models are still available.

The Piedmont web site is available for use by local divisions that do not have their own.

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The French Broad N scale group will be having a train show at the Western NC Ag Center Oct. 13-15th, 2011. This is a new, larger location, and they are changing from semi-annual shows to an annual one in the fall, to alternate with the regular Asheville club spring show.

The Asheville Club is hoping to obtain a permanent building. Land may be available on the Eliada Home campus.

Some excellent modeling was exhibited by several attendees at the show and tell session, followed by a clinic on Local Control Panels by Gordon Fewster.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Gordon Fewster, Clerk