

DIVISION 15 NEWSLETTER

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A publication of information

Upcoming Events

Narrow Trak 10
Pisgah Forest, N.C.
October 8, 9, 2010
narrowtrak@mac.com

French Broad E" N"pire Show
Hendersonville, N.C.
Saturday, October 9, 2010
hmp3@blueridge.net

Division 15 Mini-Convention
Best Western, Hendersonville
Saturday, October 16, 2010
plans@citcom.net

Palmetto Division Meeting
Greer, S.C.
Saturday, November 13, 2010
jackvaradi@yahoo.com

World's Greatest Hobby Show
Cobb Galleria Center, Atlanta, Ga.
Feb 12, 13, 2011

Division 15 Meeting
Location TBA
Saturday, January 15, 2011
plans@citcom.net

Piedmont Division Train Show
Atlanta, Georgia
March 19, 20, 2011
info@themodeltrainshow.com

Division 15 Mini-Convention
Location TBA
Saturday, April 16, 2011
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SER Annual Convention
Macon, Georgia
May 21, 22, 2011
ser2011@bellsouth.net

Division 15 Meeting
Location TBA
Saturday, July 16, 2011
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Division 15 Mini-Convention
Location TBA
Saturday, October 15, 2011
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SER 2012 Annual Convention
Gatlinburg, Tenn.

October 16th—Next Up!

Our next Mini-Convention is fast approaching. We will have a model contest and a good lineup of clinicians. As of press time:

Gordon Fewster—Tortoise switch machine care and installation

Mike Nicoletti—Introduction to Panel Pro Software

Joe Norris—Photocell Detectors: Theory and Practice

Ben Bartlett MMR - Detailing a structure with Walthers Modular Panels

This Mini-Convention location has changed from the one we used in April 2010. Our new location will be at the Best Western Motel at 105 Sugarloaf Road, Hendersonville, N.C.

The motel is easy to reach from I-26. Coming from Asheville or south, take Exit 49A towards Bat Cave. Sugarloaf Road is the first right turn off of U.S. 64 (Chimney Rock Road).

Coming east from Hendersonville, take U.S. 64 past I-26 and the Best Western will be on the right.

Coming west from Bat Cave/Lake Lure, the Best Western will be on the left (turn at Sugarloaf Road).



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2010-11 Meeting Schedule

Saturday, October 17, 2010
Saturday, January 15, 2011
Saturday, April 16, 2011
Saturday, July 16, 2011

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Commentary...

Some "Emma-Ray" Stuff...

I've picked up a few pieces of information here and there that I thought might be of interest to you.

If you've received the latest edition of the *NMRA Magazine* (formerly *Scale Rails*), you've seen the new NMRA logo. A fair amount of folks felt it was confusing and didn't really promote the organization. Some felt the membership should have had more input. I personally don't like it 'cause I didn't "get it" right away. (That's my problem though.) However, unless there's a mass movement with torches, tar and feathers, we need to accept the change and move forward. Anybody think of a better logo?

At this year's national convention, bids for the 2014 national convention were heard from representatives of Calgary, Cleveland and Memphis. After deliberation, Cleveland was selected. Too bad for Calgary. I was there for the national in 1979 and it was one of the best ones I ever attended. And naturally, Memphis would be a good choice because of its proximity to us.

The final count for paid registrations for this past summer's Milwaukee convention were over 1600. The 2010 National Train Show was larger than the last three with all 345 booths being sold. That's the official party line anyway...

It was announced at the Board meeting that an anonymous donor had pledged \$250,000 to be used as a matching grant for the model railroad display at the California State Railroad Museum. Remember that no NMRA dues or funds will be used to build the display, which will be seen by over 600,000 museum visitors a year.

After serving as head of Meetings and Trade Shows for 24 years, Henry Jordan will retire. His successor is current NMRA Legal Counsel Bob Amsler (served as chairman of the 2000 convention in San Jose).

Long time Membership Services Department Chair Jan Wescott has retired. She'll be replaced by Howard Goodwin (Piedmont Division superintendent).

Treasurer Kevin Feeney retired at the end of the Milwaukee Convention. That's interesting, 'cause he was in office only a year or so. I'll bet he doesn't get a gold watch. Wonder what that story was?

Frank

The National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) is an organization of scale model railroaders, advancing the model railroading community through education, standards, advocacy and fellowship.

Our New Website!

We have finally uploaded our new division website. I apologize for taking so long but this old dog had to learn some new tricks. Thank you for your patience. Our new site is: www.division15nmra.com Some things you need to know:

There are URL links on the left hand side of each page. I hope you will find these useful. On the home page there is a calendar. Take your cursor and pass it over any date that is colored. Then left click on the colored box to see more detail about the event. At the top of the calendar, you can print a month, week or day at a time. When you go to the "Members Only" page it is password protected. Contact me at my e-mail address (see page 2) for your "members only" password.

Note: we are trying to have all files in PDF format. If you don't have Adobe Reader installed on your computer you will not be able to read these files. Adobe Reader is free; you can go to the Adobe website and download it.

When you go to the Past Newsletters page, you will see past newsletter files follow by page numbers. Left click on the page number to open the file.

When you go to the Clinics page, you will see many different categories. Right now there is only one clinic loaded (more to come). To open it left click on the file. Presently, there is a glitch as a password box pops up. To get by this, click on "Cancel" and the presentation will open. (Note: most clinics are done with Microsoft Power Point (such as the one currently shown), so some of you will not be able to view it. I am looking into converting Power Point presentations into PDF format.

When you go to Photo Galleria, this will take you to a Photo Album site where we store all of the pictures for the division and others that are related to the hobby of model railroading. The first priority will be given to members of Division 15. Note: when you get to the site, click on the pictures you want to view and they will pop up as a slide show. All individuals submitting photos for this site should send them to Mike Nicoletti. Credit will always be given to the photographer for their photos. If you have many photos, I would like to have them sent to me on a CD via the U.S. Postal Service. Your photos should be approximately 250x300 pixels. Our storage space is limited, so I must make sure we do not run out of space.

Finally, you will find at the bottom of the Home page and on the Meet the Board page e-mail addresses. You can click on the e-mail link or you can copy and paste it into your own address book. If you click on the e-mail address it may or may not directly link to your own personal e-mail browser. If this happens then copy and paste it into your personal e-mail. Note the following e-mails will be monitored by:

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You can also contact any of us though our normal, personal e-mails addresses as shown on page 2.

Your constructive comments and suggestions are always welcome.

Mike Nicoletti

We're always looking for more information for our website!

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