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This Spring I attended my grandson's middle school graduation ceremony at the Chattanooga Convention Center in downtown Chattanooga, TN. While I was there, I looked around and thought this would be a great place for a convention.

I sent pictures of the center with diagrams of the facilities to Rick Coble and Mike Cummings. They agreed it looked promising, so I contacted the Convention Sales Manager and arranged a tour of the facilities.

In July, Jenny Hendricks, NMRA CAO, Rick, Mike and I toured the convention center. We also toured 4 hotels with representatives of the Chattanooga Tourism Company. One of the hotels is connected to the Convention Center and the others within a 5-minute walk. Afterwards we were given a guided tour around downtown and the north shore tourist areas. The SER Board of Directors reviewed the information we gathered and confirmed that we should see if the NMRA would approve of holding the convention in Chattanooga. I then notified President Robinson that we intended to bid on a National Convention.

At the Texas Express, 2023 NMRA National Convention, held at the Gaylord Resort in Grapevine (Dallas/Fort Worth), Texas, August 20 -26, Mike Cummings gave a presentation before the NMRA Board of Directors at their Annual Board Meeting which was well received.

During the week I spoke with Gordy and all the Board members that attended and they were enthusiastic about coming to Chattanooga. As in all large organizations, there is a requirement for the NMRA to complete the required due diligence before signing any contracts. A process has been put in place to expedite the site inspection and move towards formal approval quickly.

We already have a major sponsor, ScaleTrains, and the Tennessee Valley Railroad will run special trains for attendees. The Southern and L&N Historical societies will hold their conventions at the TVRM during the NMRA

convention and open their archives to attendees of the convention.

I had a great time in Dallas!

It was hot! 110 degrees when Brian Ford and I drove into Dallas. On the way we did a lot of train watching in Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Texas. Especially in Texarkana where the state line runs through the middle of town and the old train station.

We attended 3 operating sessions around Dallas, toured a few great layouts, and got to tour the Saginaw Grain Elevators and the TEXRail Shops. Brian was lucky enough to snag the BNSF Rail Tour.

On Friday we rode the Grapevine Vintage Railroad to the historic Fort Worth Stockyards. While we were there, cowboys put on a gunfight in the train station for the tourists. There were plenty of restaurants to choose from.

The banquet on Saturday was good and Spencer Christian formerly on ABC's Good Morning America was the guest speaker.

The Gaylord Texan Resort is huge, and the Lone Star Region volunteers worked hard to put on a great convention. The only major complaint most people had was the lack of moderately priced food choices at the resort and wait times were a problem. Those that had

cars occasionally headed out to fast food or other restaurants in the area.

There were over a thousand attendees, and I felt like I met most of them while I was there. I saw a lot of SER members at the convention. I also met members from Australia, across the US, Canada, and the UK. And at the National Train Show, like everyone else, I probably bought more than I should have.

If the SER is approved for the NMRA convention, we too will need a lot of volunteers. This will not be a one-division event. We will need volunteers from across the SER that want to help. The National Train Show is run by a company contracted by the NMRA, so we won't have that issue to worry about. If you want to help, please let me know.

Pages 6 through 8 are a few of the pictures taken during the NMRA convention. [SER](#)



Roy and NMRA President Gordon Robinson (r) at the convention reception.



# About John Stevens



At the NMRA National Convention Banquet in Dallas, President Gordy Robinson, MMR, presented SER member John Stevens with an *NMRA Honorary Life Member Award*.

Honorary Life Membership is the highest honor the NMRA can bestow upon one of its present or past members. It is given only in recognition of outstanding elective or voluntary service to the NMRA.

John became the *National Boy Scout Coordinator for the NMRA* in 2003 and continued in that position even beyond 2008 when he volunteered to become *Assistant Secretary* for the Association, serving for four years under then Secretary Bob Gangwish.

When Bob retired in 2012, John was appointed *Secretary*, a position in which he served until 2018. Most notable in that position, John instituted and coordinated worldwide electronic election voting.

In 2018 John was elected *NMRA Vice President-Administration* and served in that position until 2021. At that time, he agreed to become the *Howell Day Museum Department Manager*, a position in which he actively serves.

Within the SER John has served as the Good & Welfare Chairman where he started the Milestone Birthday Program; SER Secretary for two terms prior to 2008. John's term as Director ended at the 2023 Annual Convention in Cartersville.

John is a retired Delta Airlines Pilot, he and his wife, Sue, are both members of the Piedmont Division residing in Marietta, Georgia.

Congratulations John and thank you for your many years of service to the SER and at the National level. We look forward to your continued service to the NMRA and the SER. **SER**

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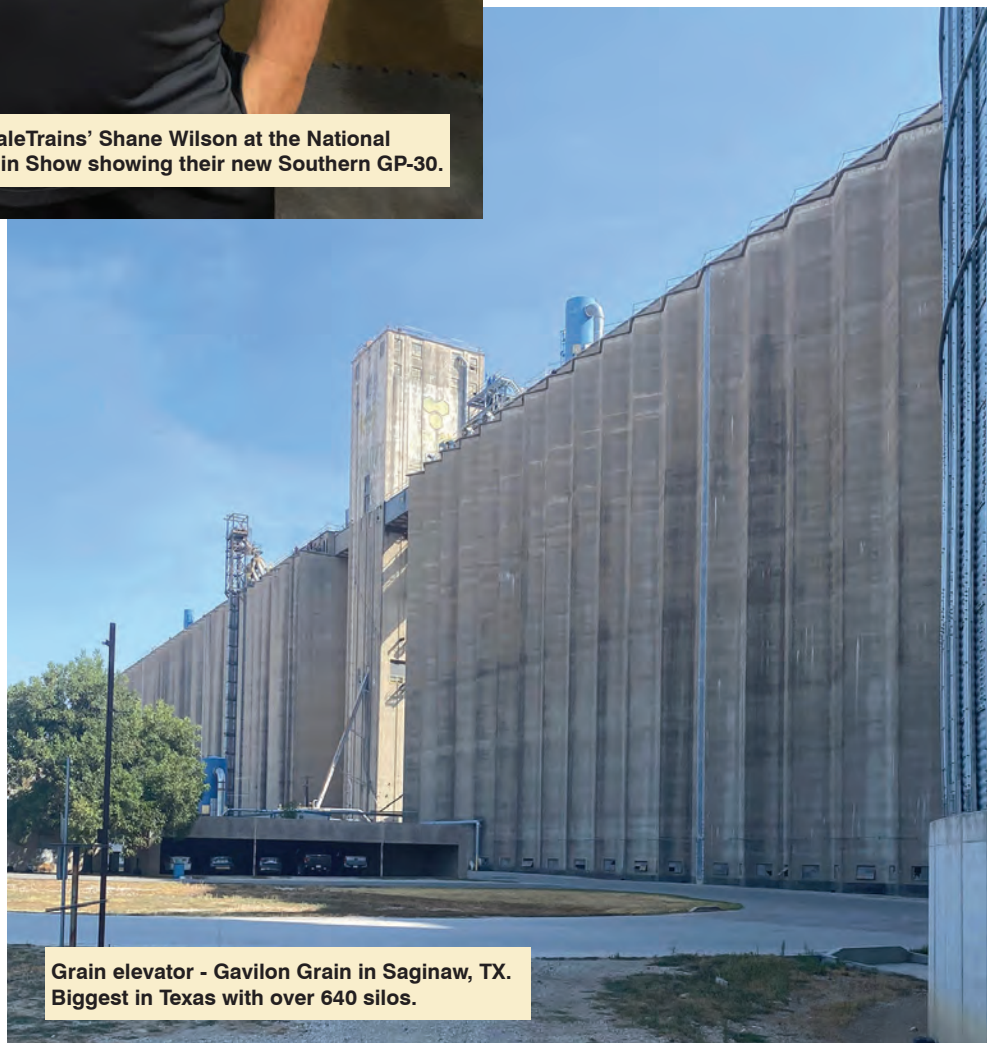
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I hope this issue of The Southerner finds your family and yourself well.

I am reaching the age were getting under the layout is not as easy as it once was. Then working down there is also harder. I had to replace a switch machine mounted under the layout. Not much fun, so how to support my back while looking up at the layout bottom and using both hands.



So, I came up with this idea. It is a creeper from Harbor Freight, made of plastic with much of it hollow inside. I didn't think I could screw anything to it, but I could drill some holes and have dowels keep it from moving around. Also, easy to pull out should I need to actually use the creeper as designed.

At the head end of the creeper there is some room to have the dowel holes made in line with the dolly brackets. I made this from wood I had already.

Here is the parts list:

2 pcs 2-3/4" by 16-1/4" by 3/4"

1 pc 2" by 18-1/2" by 1/2"

1 pc 18-1/2" by 20" by 1/2"

4 pcs 1" by 2-3/4" by 3/4"

A loose pc 2" by 16" by 3/4"

4 pcs of 1/2" dowel, the length depends on the thickness of the wood with the first 2 pieces. The dowel should be flush with the top of the wood and just 1/8" below the bottom of the plastic of the creeper.

First, I centered the 1/2" hole on the 16-1/4 long boards 1-1/2" from one end and 2" from the other. I drilled through both at the same time so the holes should be the same distance apart in each board.

I then positioned the boards on the creeper, clamped then and drilled 1/2" holes into the creeper. If you miss the metal brackets for the wheels, you are good. I then cut the 1/2" dowel so it would be flush with the top of the board and stick out about 1/8" out the bottom hole of the creeper. I glued and put a finishing nail in one side of the board, pre-drilled the hole for the nail.



Then I attached the 2" by 18-1/2" board to the tops of the first boards. Three (3) or 4 screws will do, shank holes in the top board and pilot holes in the bottom boards.

Next, I attached hinges to each board and the back board. For the back board, the width is what it turned out to be by the 2 boards with the dowels. The 20" length is what I came up with for my back and layout height. You can always shorten a too tall back board. Again, I had these 2 hinges already. I did put a spacer under the back board to bring it to the same height as the other boards just to fasten the hinges.



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I then attached one (1) cleat to one board and three (3) up the back of the back board (photo right).

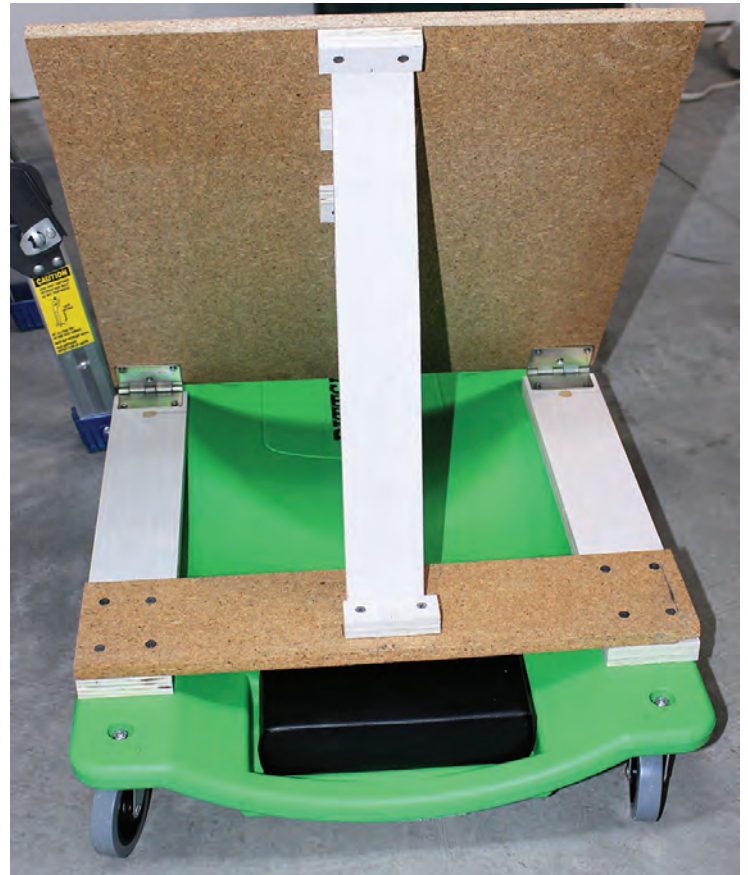
The board that holds up the back board, I did not fasten. I am not done working with this new tool yet. The board seems to stay where I put it. Again your results may vary and you may want to change the length of this item. Adding foam and a vinyl cover over the foam would be the next thing to do. I did put a foot long piece of pool noodle I silt the length as a head rest.

In the last issue, it was printed that I did get my Model Railroad Author Achievement Award. You have been reading my articles for a couple of years now. If I can do these you can to. You can start with posting one in your division newsletter or submit to our editor here. Ed is always looking for more material for the *SouthEneR*. He will help edit your work. I will too, just send it to me. We will be happy to go over what you write and get it in print. You will then find the next one will be much easier to write.

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# Craig Mountain Lumber #3

*article and photos* **by Doug Scott**

Garibaldi, Oregon - On the afternoon of October 4, 2022, two-truck Heisler locomotive, Craig Mountain Lumber Company #3, returned to revenue service following restoration after arriving at the Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad in 2016.

Last steamed in 2009, the Heisler formerly pulled trains at the National Railroad Museum in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and also operated for a short time on the Arizona Eastern Railway. The Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad acquired it in 2016 from the Rio Grande Scenic Railroad in Alamosa, Colorado.

Craig Mountain Lumber #3 was built in September 1917 by the Heisler Locomotive Works in Erie, Pennsylvania for the Craig Mountain Lumber Company to pull log trains in Idaho. In the 1920's, it was modernized by adding a generator, electric lighting, and conversion to oil burning.

Craig Mountain Lumber #3 made its excursion debut on the Oregon Coast Scenic based in Garibaldi, Oregon during a two-day LERRO PRODUCTIONS photo charter on October 4-5, 2022. The restoration work was done in the railroad's shops next to the Tillamook Air Museum in Tillamook, Oregon.



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# Playing with Water

## by Steve Folino

photos by Steve

It is hard to believe that even though I have been an avid model railroader for over 50 years that I have never included a water feature on any of my four previous layouts. It is not that I did not want any or that they were not appropriate to my scene, I was just too intimidated. I had no idea where to begin.

When it is time to try something new, some phase of model layout construction that I have never done before, I practice several different techniques by constructing mini scenes or what I like to call "skill builders." When it was time to construct the mountains for my preceding layout, I built three of them, each two feet by four feet and applied various techniques to parts of the entire unit. I tried chicken wire covered in plaster-soaked paper towels, Joel Bragdon's resins, shaper sheets, drywall shims interlaced and covered in plaster cloth, and EPS foam carved to shape. After playing and playing and playing, I was ready to transfer the skills to my layout.

Well, fast forward a few years and I am in the process of constructing version 5.0 of the Fungus and Mungus HO scale model railroad. This time, I am going to put on my big boy coveralls and incorporate some water features. But where to begin... I began where I always do by constructing a skill builder (actually a few of them), until I got what I wanted. Until it looked like it was supposed to.

After several futile attempts, each fully documented with copious notes accompanied by detailed photographs, I succeeded. It is exactly what I am looking for. I now have the skills and have mastered the technique so that I can repeat the process on my 20 by 30 feet basement layout. I am going



**Three pieces of one inch EPS foam are cut to size to form the riverbed and the two banks.**

three inch wide pieces for the two banks (#1). Do not worry about any rough edges, we will clean them all up later.

The three pieces were then glued together to roughly form the riverbed and the two banks. Again, do not



**The foam pieces are glued together using Hot Wire Foam Factory Foam Fusion foam glue and held in place with toothpicks and weighted down overnight to allow the glue to fully cure.**

worry about rough edges, this is just to develop the skills necessary for the real layout (#2).

After the glue had fully cured overnight, I used some hot wire cutting tools and carved contours into the sides of the river's banks. It took several passes to get just the look I wanted. Cut is however you like (#3). If you do not like it, carve it again.



Next, I mixed up a batch of SCULPTAMLD modeling compound. One thing about to know about SCULPTAMLD is that, like drywall compound, it does not contain any hardeners. You can come back days,



**A mix of SCULPTAMLD modeling compound and 1/4 cup of USG Hydrostone is mixed with water to a goop-like consistency.**

and Portland Cement, so it dries exceptionally hard.

I applied the SCULPTAMLD goop with a putty knife, roughly following the contours that I had carved into the foam with the hot wire tools. I tried my best to keep the goop layer thin to not mask the contours that I had created (#5). I allowed the skill builder to dry for several days. After it was completely dry, I brushed on a thin layer of Hydrostone with a disposable paintbrush to smooth out some of the roughness inherent in SCULPTAMLD (#6).



**The mix is applied with a putty knife roughly matching the contours of the two banks. The applied goop is allowed to fully dry for several days. The thinner the layer, the better. You do not want to mask the contours.**



**To smooth out some of the roughness caused by the fibrous compound, I applied a thin layer of USG Hydrostone using a disposable paint brush. This was allowed to fully dry.**



The next step was to apply a base coat of paint. Years ago, I discovered a hobby craft paint at Hobby Lobby called Mississippi Mud. It was perfect for the base coat across the entire layout. So, I had Home Depot custom match it and



The entire exposed surface is painted with “Mississippi Mud”, a Hobby Lobby craft paint which Home Depot color-match by the gallon.

purchased a couple of gallons. It is a forty-five-minute drive to the nearest Home Depot, so I have to plan ahead (#7).

Two coats were ultimately applied to ensure complete coverage. The liquid water resin will find even the smallest pin hole and leak, creating a mess on the floor; so, two coats provide a little extra protection.

Because my diorama is not only being used to develop the technique and master the skill but will be used for a workshop and this article, I trimmed up the edges with my band saw (#8). I



cut off the tiniest fraction of an inch to give the diorama a nice, clean edge. If you are building it just for practice, you can omit this step.

Nothing has the look and feel of real dirt better than, well, real dirt. Since I am modeling the Colorado high country it seemed appropriate to use some real Colorado dirt. When my wife and I were on our last road trip through Colorado, we stopped at several places along the way and filled some five-gallon buckets with some local, native dirt.

Back home, I sifted the dirt using a series of geological sifting pans with screens starting at 1/2” and going down to .001 inch. I spread the contents of each pan onto a rimmed baking sheet and baked them in the oven at 250 degrees for 30 minutes to kill off any biological material. Each tray was emptied into a clear glass Mason jar so the size and color of the contents would be visible (#9).



When it was time to start the landscaping portion of the diorama, I placed the larger rocks first. That way the smaller rocks would fill in the space and partially bury the larger ones. I selected some smooth ones for the center of the creek since they had probably eroded the most (#10). I used a dab of white glue to hold them in place.

I then added some medium rocks (#11) and finally some

smaller rocks (#12). I tied it all together using some Woodland Scenics S191 Scenic Cement (#13).





The cement was applied with a disposable pipet (#14), fully saturating the rocks. If you do not have any Scenic Cement, you can prepare a solution of 1-part white glue (not school glue), 4-parts water, with a couple of drops of liquid dish washing detergent.



**Using a disposable pipette, the blended stream bed is fully saturated with glue.**

Before applying the glue, I lightly sprayed the area with either 70% isopropyl alcohol or some wet water. I allowed the glue to thoroughly dry overnight - note the differences between #15 and #16.



**Before drying overnight. Notice the white glue shows between the rocks.**



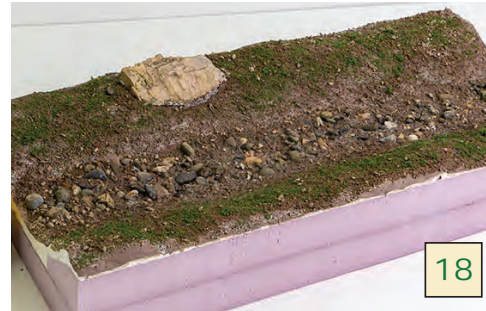
**After drying overnight, the fully-dried glue is not noticeable.**

Next, I moved on to landscaping the stream's banks. I applied a full-strength coat of white glue, completely covering the banks (#17). While the glue was still wet, I added layers of coarse and fine sand and finished with some very fine dirt. Do not worry if the base is not 100% covered.



**Full-strength white glue is applied to the banks.**

It is OK if some of the Mississippi Mud base color shows through.



**Layers of various sizes of sand and dirt are applied to the glue-covered banks, then Woodland Scenics turf is applied and the area fully saturated with glue.**

Before the glue dried, I added some Woodland Scenics Blended Turf Green Blend T1349. After I was satisfied with the overall look, I saturated the banks with Scenic Cement and allowed it to thoroughly dry overnight (#18).

After everything was thoroughly dry it was time to add some landscape details. I have a large tub of sticks, twigs, and branches of all sizes and shapes that I have collected during my travels. Some have been sitting around for over ten years. I selected a few appropriate pieces and using some white glue, added them to the skill builder to simulate a dead tree and some fallen branches (#19).



With the skill builder diorama fully dried, and I mean fully dried, it was time to begin the process of adding the water. In order to keep the water from running off the edges, I applied two layers of a very sticky duct tape, ensuring that there was no place for the water to leak out (#20).





For the water I chose Woodland Scenics Deep Pour Water Murky CW4511, a 2-part epoxy. The kit included parts A and B, a measuring cup, gloves, and a stirring stick (#21).

Following the directions, I mixed parts A and B and thoroughly stirred for several minutes to make sure they were properly combined. I then slowly poured the mixed resin into the skill builder diorama



diorama allowing it to partially cover the landscaping. I allowed some of the wood and rocks to show above the waterline (#22).



After the resin had fully cured, I removed the duct tape

from the ends of the skill builder diorama. Using Woodland Scenics Water Waves and Water Ripples, I brushed

and dabbed on some additional texture, giving the water a look of some slight movement.

The entire skill builder diorama was allowed to fully dry and the resin allowed to fully cure. A couple of bare spots in the landscaping were touched up, completing the finished project (#23).

It was a fun project. Overall, it took a little more than a week from start to finish because of the drying and curing times involved. It certainly looks real enough to incorporate the same technique on my HO scale model railroad. Looking back, I think I will add some additional twigs and broken branches to the next version. [SER](#)

### About Steve Folino

Steve is an avid model railroader. As is the case with most, his adventure into model railroading began with a second-hand Lionel O gauge set. Over the years, he constructed larger and more complicated scale models. His current layout, version 5.0 of the HO scale Fungus and Mungus Railroad, is a proto-freelanced layout set in the year 1906, somewhere in the Colorado high country. It features logging and mining operations. The layout and its crew lounge occupy his entire 1,600 sf basement. Construction of the layout began in September of 2022 after moving from California to Tennessee. The bench and track work are 100% complete.





# 2023 NMRA National Convention Report

by Scott Dunlap *photos by Scott*

The first thing one might want to know about the recently completed NMRA National Convention in Grapevine, Texas, is, was it big? Well heck yea it was big! It's Texas partner, everything's big! The airport I flew into was big. Dallas-Fort Worth Airport covers 27 square miles. The hotel was big, I got lost coming back from breakfast the first morning and couldn't find my room. Monday, I took a tour of the BNSF Network Operations Center and, guess what, it was big! The dispatcher's floor alone was the size of a football field. The layouts were big, the conference rooms were big, heck, even the name badges were big!

Let's take a closer look.

## The Hotel

The convention was held at the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center. It certainly is big and yes, all kidding aside, I really did get lost the first morning after breakfast. As prices go now a days the room rates were reasonable.



Indeed, they were not much higher than what was charged by the Marriott Courtyard during the SER Convention in Cartersville, GA and the Courtyard is not nearly as nice.



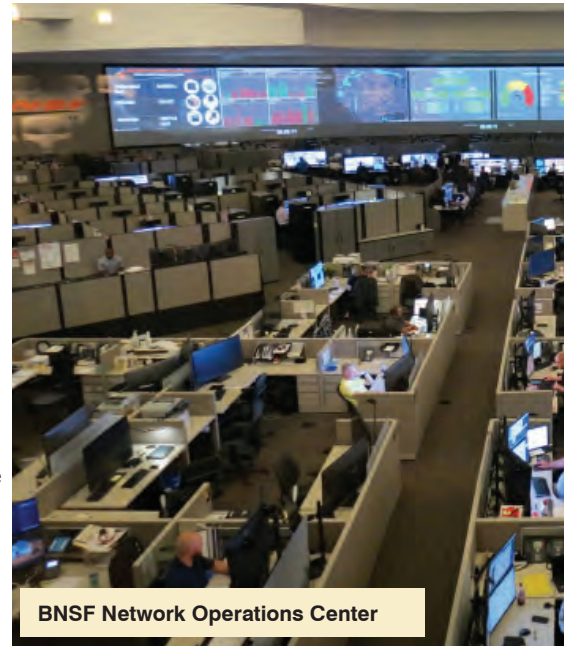
The Gaylord is located on its own huge campus a mile away from the nearest road. And there are no restaurant alternatives within walking distance. So, without a car or a taxi you were not going anywhere.

## The Clinics

According to the official timetable there were 144 different clinics presented by 99 different clinicians. Almost 90

were presented two or more times. In addition to the regular clinics there were also seven hands-on Modeling with the Masters extra-fare clinics available.

It was nice to see a good number of new clinicians. Too often at past conventions I would see the same people presenting the same clinics



BNSF Network Operations Center

year after year. Now, don't get me wrong, there's nothing wrong with having those same clinicians and clinics available too, and some were at this year's event. But for many folks, my roommate for example, the clinics are the conventions' main attraction so it's important to have plenty of new ones each year in order to keep people coming back.

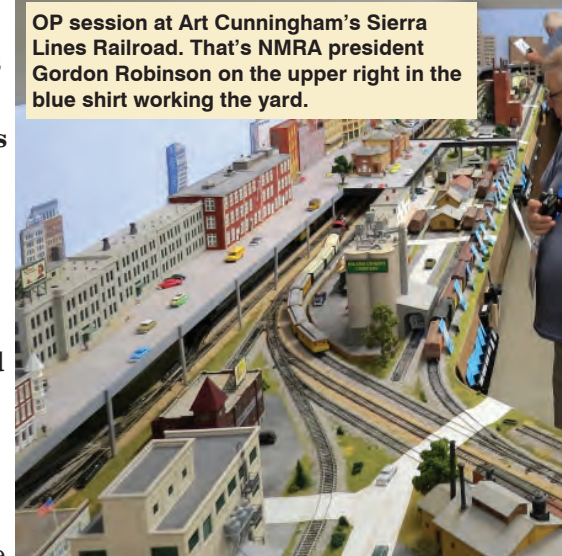
Most clinics ran for about one hour starting as early as 8:00 AM and ending by 9:30 PM. In years past the clinics went up to 11:00 but I think

most people would agree that 9:30 was late enough.

## The Layout Tours

This year's convention offered a mix of bus tours and self-guided tours to see home and club layouts. When I first started going to national conventions back in the early 1990s a typical bus tour cost about \$20.00. This year they were \$60.00 or more. So, the self-guided tours are certainly a welcome alternative, that is as long as you have a car. You get to pick the layouts you like and spend as much time

OP session at Art Cunningham's Sierra Lines Railroad. That's NMRA president Gordon Robinson on the upper right in the blue shirt working the yard.





there as you desire. (According to the convention website, all of the layout tours will be self-guided during 2025 NMRA National Convention in Novi, MI.)

As usual the Layout Design Special Interest Group had their own self-guided layout tour on Wednesday following their annual meeting that morning. I always make a point to devote the whole day to the LDSIG tour and for me it is often a highlight of the week. This year was no exception.

One complaint that I have, however, is that once again there were too many layouts crammed into one

day. There was no way that anyone could have done all twenty layouts on the LDSIG schedule. My roommate and I managed to do ten, including lunch and dinner we were out for eleven hours. Why they couldn't split the tour into two days, Dallas area one day, Fort Worth area the next is beyond me.

### The Prototype and General Interest Tours

There were seven prototype tours and five general interest tours available. Prices ranged from \$55.00 to \$140.00. I attended the BNSF tour to the Network Operations Center, and it was interesting. That tour also included visiting the BNSF's huge Alliance Intermodal Yard.

Those with a car could have gone to the general interest tour destinations on their own for a fraction of the price.



The Sixth Floor Museum tour to Dealy Plaza, the site of President Kennedy's assassination, for example cost \$85.00 but if you went on your own admission would be only \$18.00.

### The Op Sessions

The Operations Special Interest Group organized an impressive lineup of layouts for op sessions

this year. A total of 23 layouts were available for 64

sessions starting the first Sunday of the convention and going through the following Sunday. Most of the layouts were HO scale but there were three N scale layouts, and one was O scale.

As these events continue to become more popular every year, attendees were originally limited to two sessions but



Master Model Railroader Jim Packer's Nevadun Railroad



Dean Ferris' N scale Oregon Joint Line Railroad.

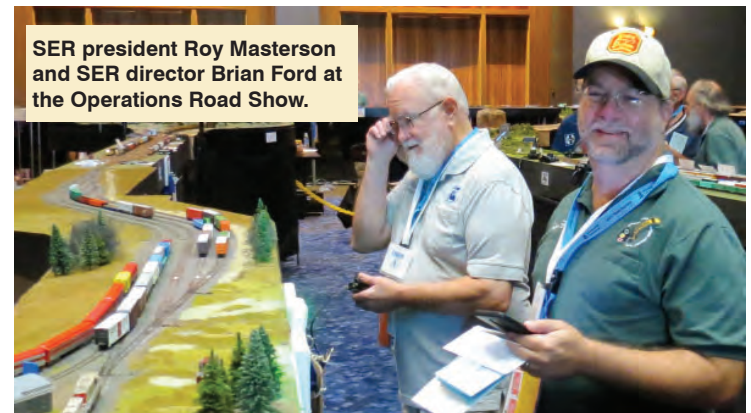
later on we were all allowed to request two more. I was able to get four, including the one O scale layout and found all to be enjoyable.

In addition to the OPSIG sessions the Operations

Road Show offered all attendees nine opportunities to operate on a huge modular N scale layout using prototype Time Table and Train Order without having to leave the hotel.



One of the many highly detailed scenes on Leo and Lorrie Palitti's Black Bear and Bayou Railroad.

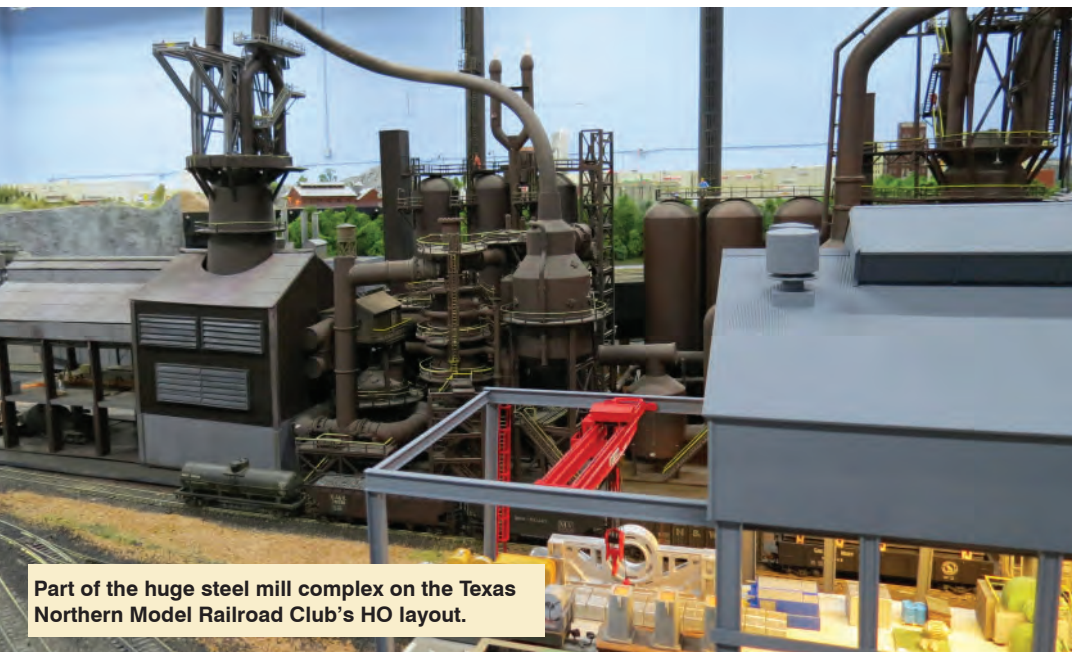


SER president Roy Masterson and SER director Brian Ford at the Operations Road Show.





An evening shot of David Heyde's MKT Railroad.



Part of the huge steel mill complex on the Texas Northern Model Railroad Club's HO layout.



Another view of the TNMRC.

## The National Train Show

Every National Convention ends with the National Train Show. The National Train Show is open to the public, but convention attendees can attend for free and are allowed to enter early on Friday before the public is admitted.

At one time the National Train Show may have been the train show to end all train shows. That is certainly no longer the case and has not been for some time. And I suspect, it will not be for the foreseeable future.

As far as vendors go, I think that the Piedmont Division Train Show could give the National a run for its money.

The difference is that the National Train Show features many manufactures and magazine publishers that normally don't attend most other shows.

For me, I don't go to the conventions for the train show. I certainly spent a couple of hours there but if it was canceled it wouldn't change my convention plans.







Friday morning at the National Train Show.

### The Other Stuff

I haven't even touched on the door prizes, the contests, the banquets, and other social events that are all part of national conventions every year. I have yet to mention the beautiful commemorative HO scale covered hopper from ScaleTrains, that early registrants received as part of their registration.

### The Verdict

Overall, this was a very good convention, and the organizers should be proud of the job they did. Was everything perfect - no, it never is, but so what, it was fun and I'm glad I went.

### The 2024 NMRA National Convention

Next year the convention will be held in Long Beach, CA at the Westin Hotel. I used to work for a company headquartered in Long Beach and made many trips there. In addition to the Westin there are a number of other 4-star hotels close by and, more importantly, many restaurants within walking distance.

I attended the last national convention in Long Beach in 1996 and remembered there being a number of nice layouts to see. I'm sure it will be a good time. SER



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# Southeastern Region Division News



## Division 1 - Mid-South

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Submitted by  
wAndrew Smith, Secretary

Mid South Division continues throughout the summer supporting the local visiting community to the Decatur Union Depot. We provide layout operations, narrations, and modeling information throughout the weeks and especially for the Riverboat Landings – 8 so far this season.

We will be hosting the 2024 SER Convention in Decatur, Alabama next June.

Mid South is not a large division, but many members are stepping up for the many responsibilities of planning, organization, fulfillment, and control. We are lining up clinics, displays, judging, speakers, op sessions, raffles, and industry visits. In addition, we will have an adjunct

tive River Rails Train Show, the first in north Alabama.

Our activities include clinics for our members and public walk-ins. We cover computer model design for 2D -> 3D, Arduino projects, and field visit reports and recordings from rail fan members. Our autumn clinics are scheduled for DIY resistor wheel sets, video and audio creation and editing including layering, and block occupancy detection.

Our Web Master, Ken Mattern, is a master videographer and produces, records, edits, and presents our clinics on our YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/@mid-south-nmra651](http://www.youtube.com/@mid-south-nmra651).

Visit Mid South Division at [www.MidSouthNMRA.org/MidSouth.php](http://www.MidSouthNMRA.org/MidSouth.php). SER

## Division 2 - Steel City

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The Steel City Division (SCD) has been active since the last report. We have had some really fun meetings recently. Isn't that what Model Railroading is all about! At our April meeting, we had a Zoom meeting with Walt Lyles where he gave the division a presentation on the SER Cartersville upcoming convention and answered a barrage of questions. It looks like a banner convention!

After the presentation, Larry Smith, MMR, announced our and hopefully to be, an annual challenge to convert a boxcar shell into an *Anything But a Boxcar* event! All that was given to the members was an undecorated 50' boxcar shell.

At our May meeting, I contacted each of the local Model Railroad clubs in our division boundaries to attend the meeting as a "meet and greet" type meeting to give us a history of their club, events etc. We had a good attendance but only had representatives from The Wrecking Crew (WC), Smokey City Rails (SCR) and an update from the Heart of Dixie Railroad Museum's (HOD) future model train layout.

Jim Woodrow from the SCR brought in an old photo album and oh the memories which flowed from that book. Many of the members within those pages are no longer with us but it was fun to reminisce about the *good old days*! He gave a great history on the SCR from inception to present day.

Dave Whikehart WC president gave a brief history of the WC and our participation in the annual "Magic of Model Trains" at the McWane Center. Matt Stitt and Jason Parham, members of the HOD, gave us updates on the "Goings On" and future events to be held at the HOD. Fun was had by all and everyone expressed that it was a great meeting, and we need to do it annually – possibly with pizza! I like it when various clubs can get together and just have fun.

Our June meeting was a blast! We had five (5) people do an outstanding job on the "Anything But a Boxcar" challenge. Mike Burns, who does a phenomenal job as Secretary, converted the boxcar into a MOW type car using L&N articles and photos to create a prototype car (1).



Chuck Lampman converted the boxcar into a little choke and gag "Route 66 Diner" restaurant with full interior, stools, kitchen area and even included ceiling fans! It was cute and I bet the hamburgers were tasty (2).





Dave Whikehart took the whimsical approach to create “Bubba’s Jurassic Park Pet Store and Farm Supply” with some fun signage and even a dinosaur on a leash with high voltage electrical fencing in the back 40 to hold in those nasty overgrown reptiles (3).

Carey Ketchum, our SCD treasurer, took a more modern approach and converted the boxcar into a nice looking home in the woods. The landscaping was awesome as was the concept. The diorama scene included realistic landscaping, a dog chasing a rabbit, mailbox, bike, roll to the curb type trash container and the boxcar had a full interior which was illuminated – quite impressive (4).



The fifth entry which won the *Best of Show* was done by Craig Gardner. He converted the boxcar into a house by the river with some incredible details. Some of the details included an impressive covered wood deck on the river side with leaf debris on the roof (5)!

The deck included lawn chairs, table and chairs, a nice-looking grill less the steaks (guess he just ate them) and a guy fishing in a boat.



This house also had a full-blown interior with lighting. What made this scene jump is that he had the whole diorama on a lazy Susan so you could gently spin the scene around to see everything. Well, each time you spun it you would see something new – another detail! We all felt that each of the entrants won First Place as each was quite impressive on their own merit and was obvious that a lot of work went into the thought and building of the models. [SER](https://www.facebook.com/ser.nmra)







## Division 7 - Palmetto

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NMRA SER Late  
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Edition Palmetto  
Division Report

The Palmetto Division received donated model railroad materials and electronic equipment from the family of a recently deceased member. The board decided to first offer the items for sale to raise funds to support future activities and events; \$300 was raised.

After the fund-raising deadline, the Board donated the balance of the items to the Apple Valley Railroad in Hendersonville. The deceased member had devoted a lot of time and effort in helping the organization to complete its layout.

The division participated at the Hub City Railroad Museum's Train Day held on May 13 in Spartanburg, SC. It had its Railroad Scale exhibit and handed out past copies of various model railroad magazines as a way of increasing interest in not only the hobby but also the NMRA and Palmetto Division.

Also in May, the division held a board meeting to make final plans for the Summer Division Meet in Columbia, SC. The dates for the next two board meetings were set for August 14 and September 11, both beginning at 6:30 pm and held in the Northgate Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Additionally, the division fall meet was set for October 14 in Greenville, SC.



The summer downstate division meet was held on June 10 and was hosted by the Associated Model Railroads of Columbia (AMROC) and held in Columbia, SC.

There was a total

of 24 individuals attending including Palmetto Division and AMROC members.

The morning began with self-introductions by new NMRA members followed by the presentation of seven models, one tips & techniques and one photo for the various contests.



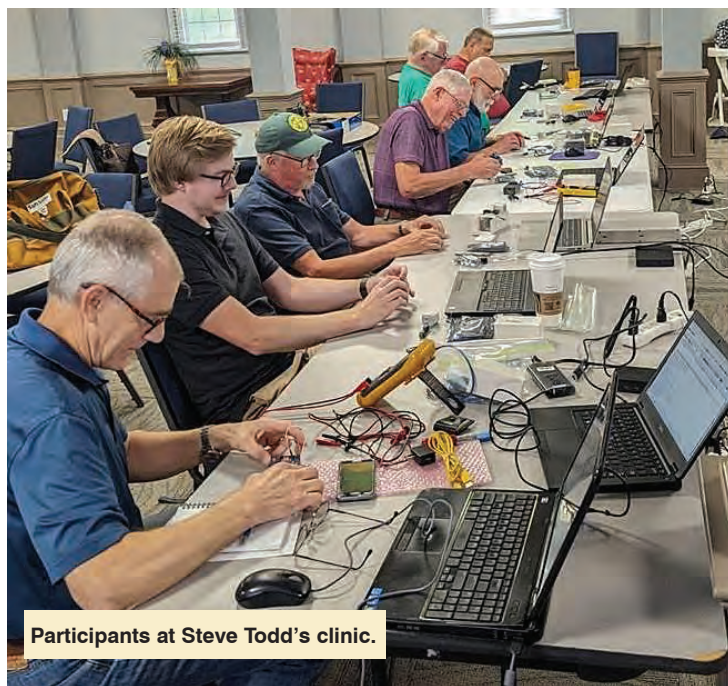
Following a short break, Roger Liska presented the benefits of joining NMRA and our region and division. He also described how one could join, including taking advantage of Rail-Pass.

Rich Lehman presented his clinic. "Nearby Excursion Railroads," which consisted of a review of excursion railroads and museums that are about a six-hour drive from Columbia.

The following individuals were selected as the winners of the noted contests: Popular Models – First Place, Tony Rotola; Second Place, Jeff Hacker; Popular Photograph, Dave Winans and Tip/Techniques, Steve Todd.

Immediately following a short business meeting, a brief presentation was made by Dean DiAntonio, President of AMROC, about the history and activities of the organization. Attendees then had the opportunity to view the various scale AMROC operating model railroads located in the lower level of the building. This was followed by an on-your-own lunch and then a visit to Bob Pascoe's N-scale Pennsylvania layouts consisting of a 13' x 6' N-scale layout and a small 3' x 5' subway layout.

Steve Todd, Division Secretary, conducted two very successful and well attended DCC-EX Hands-On clinics on June 19 and July 8 at Northgate Baptist Church in Greenville, SC. Each clinician built, configured and tested their own Arduino-based DCC-EX command station. Chuck Jenkins is working with Jack Varadi in planning a Railroad Car Weathering Clinic. This clinic will provide the opportunity for attendees to learn about and practice weathering railroad cars using at least three different mediums. [SER](#)





## Division 8 - Atlantic

### Rick Fulkerson ~ [rick@mountaingoatbroadcast.com](mailto:rick@mountaingoatbroadcast.com)

Our division continues to become more and more active. We held our summer meet in Charleston on August 12 with a 50% increase from last year's meeting (including new members and guests) in attendance at Easterby's Seafood Restaurant with lunch, a show and tell display, 3



Easterby's restaurant meeting.

clinics ranging from prototype research to TT planning, to how old boxcars are being used after they were retired, 3 private layouts N, HO and On30 and the Charleston Model Railroad Club to visit afterward.

Several attendees indicated wanting to get together for op sessions as well. All of our feedback has been very positive, and everyone is looking forward to more great events. We



Rick Fulkerson's HO Rialto Diablo and Arizona switching layout with Bob Hultman working the switch list while I answer questions from Lloyd Bloom.



David Pitcher's N scale Southwestern Pennsylvania Railroad with his new operational massive steel mill.

also had one guest who wants to join the NMRA.

Our next event will be in November in Kingsland, Georgia at the Grand Isles Model Railroad Club in their new location even bigger and better than before. We are truly excited as to where this division is headed. SER



Tom Sullivan's Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes On30 railroad that has great expansion.



## Division 15 - Carolina Mountain

### Paul Spilman - [paul@spilman.me](mailto:paul@spilman.me)

The Carolina Mountain Division has had a great summer and we are looking forward to our Fall activities.

First up, we will be set up at the Autumn Rails train show in Asheville, NC on September 29-30. We are looking forward to implementing even more improvements to our division outreach tables including additional signs, new tablecloth for the TV stand,

and more mini clinics. We hope to continue to grow awareness of the NMRA and local Division activities with the show attendees, and ideally increase membership.

Our next meeting will be in October, date and time to be announced. Please be sure to check the Division Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/groups/CarolinaMountainDiv](https://www.facebook.com/groups/CarolinaMountainDiv) and watch for update emails. If you are not receiving emails, please let me know at [paul@spilman.me](mailto:paul@spilman.me). SER

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## Division 9 - Central Savannah River

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Five Division 9 members participated in a road trip on July 8 to the Railroad Museum of South Carolina for a fan trip then visited Tim Chandler's large layout in Prosperity, SC.



Tim proto-freelances a copper mining and processing road in Alaska. The historical railroad was closed in the thirties, but Tim

advanced the road to the 1950's and bought second-hand equipment from bigger roads. He has all the track down with bridges built and now beginning scenery. The layout operates with a



port scene, large bridge, and an impressive model of the copper stamp mill. He uses Digitrax DCC. See much more about Tim's layout in the next issue of the *SouthErneR*. If you have not seen it, check out the back cover of this issue.

Our next meeting is planned for October 23. [SER](#)



## Division 10 - Bluff City

### Steven Flowers ~ [palmodelrailroader@gmail.com](mailto:palmodelrailroader@gmail.com)

The Bluff City Division has been busy with monthly meetings, clinics, and working on layouts.

During our monthly meetings, we've had some great clinics involving painting plaster cast rocks and weathering freight cars. Steven Flowers gave a good clinic



on the techniques he has used on painting the Woodland Scenics plaster cast rocks from molds.

Dalton Flowers gave a great clinic on weathering freight cars with



acrylic paints and fading the lettering using small files.

I thank all the folks in the Bluff

City Division, who thought I have done a good-enough job to keep me in office long enough to earn the Association Official certificate.

Thank you to all! [SER](#)







## Division 12 - Smoky Mountain

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The Smoky Mountain Division continues to have its meeting every other month on the first Thursday evening. We have approximately 12-18 members attending the meetings. Steve Folino also hosts the Zoom meetings between the regular meetings. The meeting's exchange ideas with other members and show what each one of us is doing in model railroading.

July's meeting finished with a meal and discussion



by our point man, Steve Folino, for the 2025 Regional Convention to be held in Gatlinburg, TN. He brought us up to speed on the facilities and other parts of the convention workings in preparation of the convention. We're looking to provide a great time in Gatlinburg for the SouthEastern Region in 2025.

Steve Folino was our clinician for the evening, talking about Time Table and Train Orders on his pike, The Fungus and Mungus Railroad. The next meeting will be on September 7. [SER](#)



## Division 13 - Cherokee

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In July we held a cookout at Roy Masterson's home in the Brainerd area of Chattanooga TN, followed by a tour of his fantastic HO scale layout. Roy has been hosting monthly operating sessions on his layout since 2013 and it will be operating on Sunday September 17 as part of the Cartersville Express.

Cherokee Division's next meeting/activity will be on Saturday, October 7 in Jasper TN, followed by tours of Chuck Higdon's HO scale layout and Steve Lamb's HO scale layout, both in Marion County, TN. More details in the upcoming Cherokee Dispatch.

Cherokee Division is up to date on filings with State of Tennessee and also renewed annual subscriptions for two website domains that may be of use for a near future NMRA convention

Within the Cherokee Division, the Tennessee Valley Model Railroaders, inc (TVMRi) continues completing the large HO layout of the CNO&TP's Rathole Division (Danville, KY to Harriman Junction, TN) at the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum headquarters in Chattanooga. Signal wiring and scenery is in progress; the railroad is operational and has been hosting open houses on the fourth Saturday of each month. Operation Sessions are due soon. Check out the track plan, event schedule, photos, and videos at [www.tvMRI.org](http://www.tvMRI.org).

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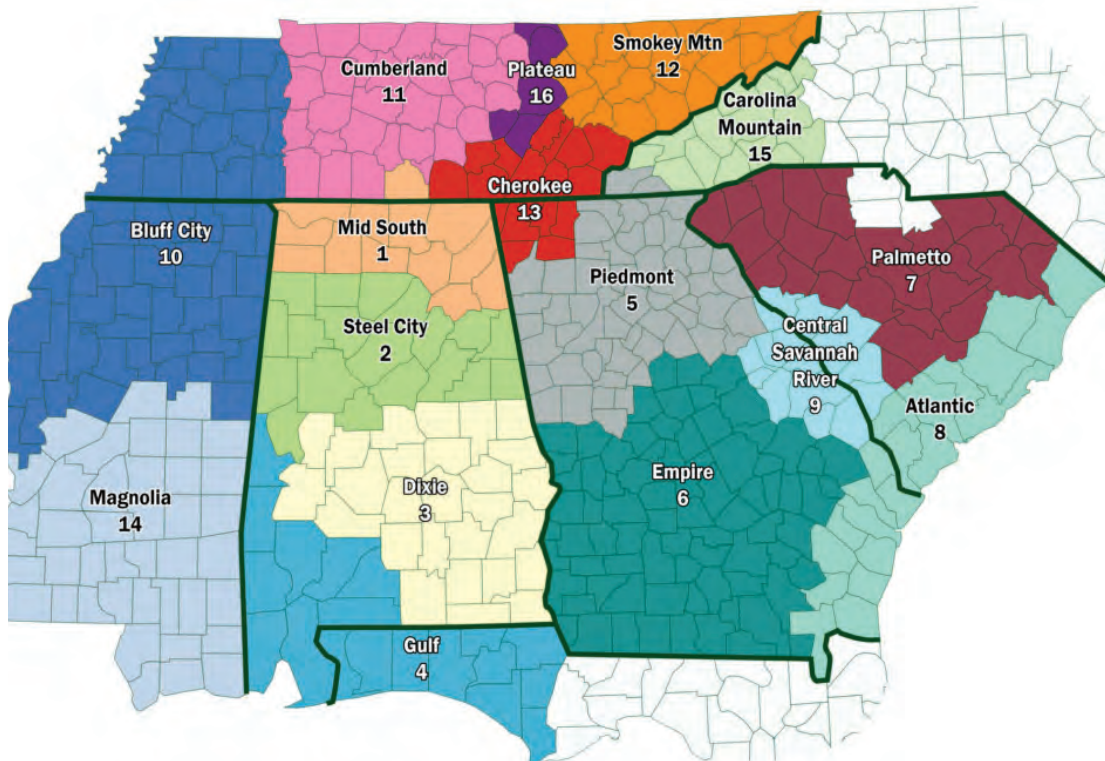
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