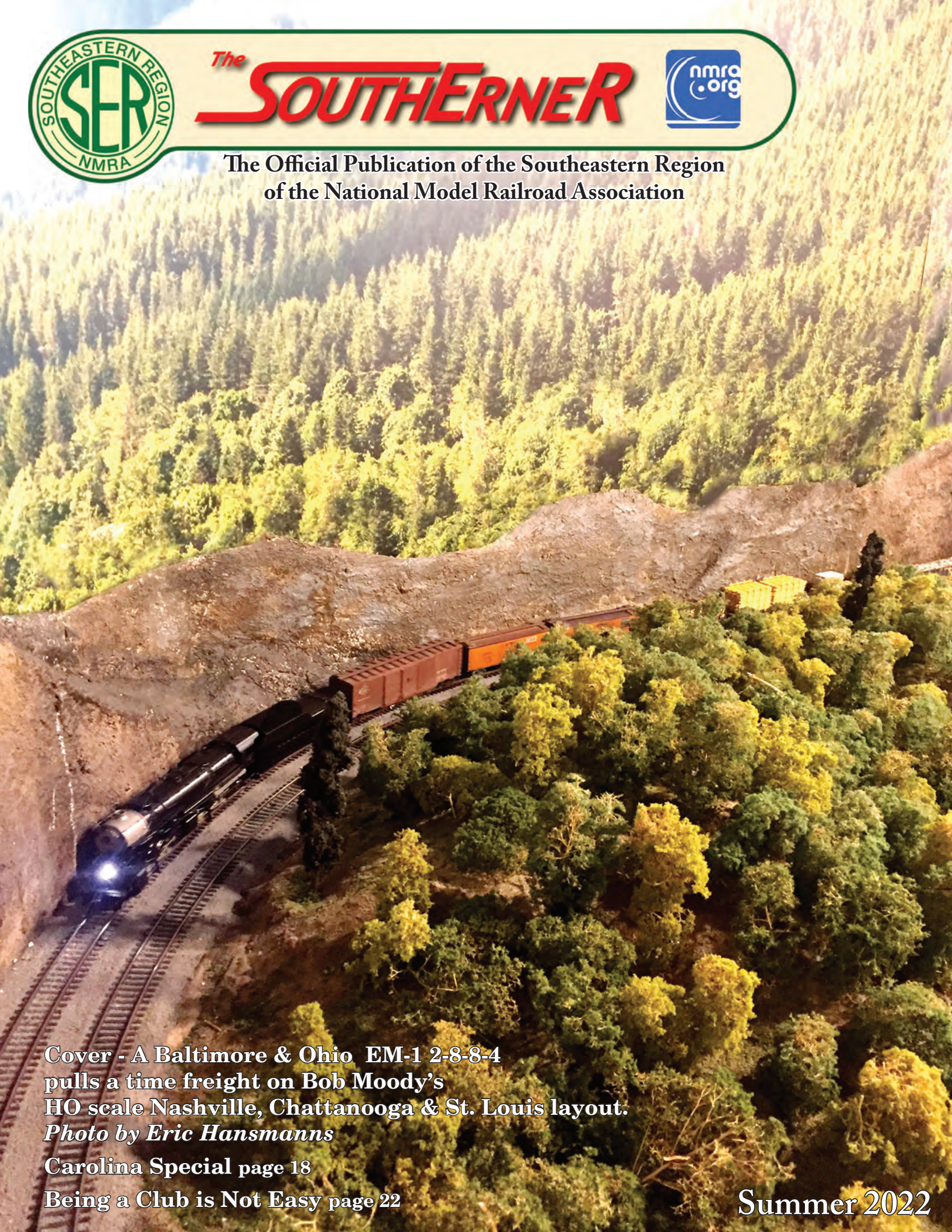




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Summer 2022



The President's Car Roy Masterson

It's Summer and it looks like we are getting back to normal. I hear of

activities across the region where clubs and divisions are meeting again. And operating sessions are abundant again. There is still a lot to be done in some areas that shut down during Covid to get them re-energized and meeting again. Here in Chattanooga, the Tennessee Valley Model Railroad club located at the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum usually has a crew of 15 or more on Tuesdays and Wednesdays working on the layout. We are in the scenery phase now and the layout is really looking good. And in May we had a great turnout at the Chattanooga Modular Modelers club house along with members from the TVMRi and Cherokee Division for a combined barbecue luncheon. Over 40 people attended the event.

The Web Design Committee has continued to hold meetings as they determine what the new SER website could offer our members. If you have ideas on content, we'd like to hear from you. Please send your comments to me rwmasterson@epbf.com or Bill Raymond trainman@morrisbb.net.

Speaking of new websites, look at the Piedmont Division's brand-new website that went online recently at piedmont-div.org. Looks great!

Eric Hansmann and the Cumberland Division team are hard at work on the SER Music City Mini Meet to be held on Saturday, October 8 at the Lane-Agri Park in Murfreesboro, TN. We will be holding the semi-annual Board of Director's meeting and the General Membership meeting on Saturday morning. There will be clinics, layout tours and other activities Friday through Sunday. We will resume regu-

lar conventions in 2023 in Cartersville, GA hosted by the Piedmont Division.

As in 2021, we are again holding elections for SER Officers and Directors latter than normal to coincide with the SER Mini Meet in October. When you get the SER election information and list of candidates be sure to vote. The electronic system is easy to use and only takes a few minutes of your time.

The NMRA National Convention will be held in St Louis, August 7 -13. Hopefully we will have good representation from the SER at the convention.

And lastly, we need photos and articles for the SouthErneR Magazine. iPhones and other brands we have today can take high resolution photos that Editor Ed can put in the magazine as is in most cases. So, help Ed out and snap a photo or two and email them to him. We also need advertising and with the ever-increasing expense of printing and postage we would also appreciate Pike Ads. Ed can help design one for you. And finally, Ed could use some feedback from you readers on the magazine. Are you happy with the magazine or are there changes you'd like to be considered?

Even though it's Summer I hope you'll find time on those hot afternoons work on your layout or run trains with friends. Let me know how it's going in your Division. **SER**

Correction

In the printed version of the Spring 2022 *SouthErneR*, on page 8, John Bryan's name was misspelled. My apologies to John.

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Cherokee Division

I hope this issue of The South-erner finds your family and you well, and virus free. Also hope your division is doing something. In the last issue, I mentioned I had my first Op Session. I now have had a few more. One thing I do that many do not, is ask the operators to “Flip the Waybills”

once the car is “set out” at its final destination. Doing this allows for the same train to run twice in the session. It allows for cars to move 2 or 3 times in a session. So, it expands what can be done on your railroad. I use my staging yard tracks 2 or 3 times in a session. This also allows for less equipment on the railroad.

I learned this at the layout of Dick Genthner, MMR. His current layout is rather small. It fits into a single car garage, along with the car. The garage is longer than most by about 6 to 7 feet. Along the sides of the garage the layout is about a foot wide. These 2 sections feed into a yard area that is over the front of a parked car. But no car during Ops. There is another section along the side for staging. This staging area has 2 passenger cars, a motor car and 4 freight yard tracks.

A person works this staging yard by taking arriving cars off the tracks and placing them on a shelf for later reuse. Then placing cars from the shelf back on the track to feed



the middle freight yard section. The freight yard section has some sidings to work during the session besides working yard processing. The 2 side sections deal with 6 cars max at a time/cycle. The 4 sections then require 4 or 5 people to work the session. The 5th person would be in the yard, with one person running the loco and the other calling the moves and helping with coupling/uncoupling.

Here we see the right-hand side and the center yard section. A work bench is behind the backdrop of the center yard section.

As you can imagine, the waybills need to be flipped often

during a session. So, all operators flip the waybills once a car is “Set out” in its final spot with the Car Card then placed into the “Set out” bin. Then at listed times on the schedule, the Car

Cards are moved one slot to the right. Of the ten other people that also operate on this layout, at least 2 of us flip waybills during our Ops. The others with layouts, don't have the operator flip the waybills. They have bigger staging yards and re-stage after the session is over. The 2 of us that flip the waybills have smaller staging yards and a lot less work to re-stage for the next session. We just look to make sure the waybills have been flipped and are ready to go.

If you don't do Ops because your layout is too small, this process could enable you to have Ops. Trains are made up in the yard by the Yard Master. An engineer takes the train from the yard to different locations along the mainline and switches cars from the train to be “Set Out” at certain sidings. While “Picking Up” or “Pulling” other cars from the spots on the sidings. After doing this for a distance, the train could head back to the yard “side” it left from. Making this a “Turn,” or continue to the other side of the yard and be a “run.” The yard being worked as two different locations at each end.

Yes, it might not be the best, but the process would work. Even on a 4' by 8' oval with 2 double ended sidings on one side and industrial sidings all along the rest of the oval mainline. Waybill 1 could be yard east end to siding A1, then 2 could be siding A1 to yard west end, 3 could be yard west end to siding C3 and 4 could be siding C3 to yard east end. So, 2 different “turns” could work this, one going from

the east end of the yard out to drop off and pick up cars. Then a different turn from the west end picks up this car and others, returning back to the west end of the yard.

Another turn then leaves from the west end yard to drop off this car and then another turn comes out from the east end of the yard to bring the

car back to the yard. The cycle would then start over again or change the waybill in the car cards. On my main turn I have 3 cement plants. While they always need aggregate, they don't always need powder for the mix. So, I have three waybills, one for each plant and I swap them out when the covered hopper gets back to the yard. This way the one covered hopper goes to a different facility each trip. A small change between sessions to mix things up a bit.

Many waybills have a car type spot, so I keep my extra waybills by car type. This way I find it easier to change out waybills with a train in staging.

Below is a waybill that Shenware produces with their software. The rows are as follows:

XM	Bonaventure	3
Rte: FEC 1/344		
Via: Hialeah 0 Old Town Inter.		
To: Bonaventure, FL		
8 Nolan		
From: Miami, FL		
14 Industry		
Contents: Merchandise		

Contents: MTY		
8 Nolan		
From: Bonaventure, FL		
8 Nolan		
To: East Berg Trk 3		
Rte: FEC 915		
4	East Berg	XM

the address location of the “Pick Up” location.

Contents what the car is carrying, the load or not “MTY.”

Shenware also offers a number to show location, I am not using that line at the moment.

Micro-Mark waybills have similar line items but in a different order.

As you become familiar with these waybills, you will be able to work up more than the 4 moves. Using the “Via” line to equal a yard, can double the trains that handle the car. Allowing for 3 people to move the car on the one step. So, working with the waybills helps each operator understand the process better. The more the whole crew understands the whole process the better it will be.

Since our last issue, I have gotten more buildings out on the layout. I also built two 5 track storage yards for trains that are not in Ops, but I want to watch run on the layout.

So far, I only have these cars placed. Just not enough time in the day to do all there is to do.

If you have a topic that I may be able to help with. Or if you have a clinic you want to present to the Region. Please let me know. We can set up a webinar to show it. The SER does have the Zoom accounts we can use for presentations, discussions or meetings should the need arise. I am also looking for topics and presenters for more Webinars, please let me know at vze5crrw1@outlook.com if you would like to present one or know someone that would.

Enjoy life and take care.

Another software vendor you may want to look into is Albion Software (www.albionsoftware.com) - Ed SER

Micro Mark waybill and what each row is reading from the left-hand side first.

Freight Waybill

CONSIGNEE
 ADDRESS.....
 ROUTING.....
 VIA.....
 SHIPPER.....
 ADDRESS.....
 LADING
REORDER MICRO-MARK #22911
 LADING.....
 ADDRESS.....
 SHIPPER.....
 VIA.....
 ROUTING.....
 ADDRESS.....
 CONSIGNEE.....

for “Pick Up.”

ADDRESS - the address of the “Pick Up” location on the railroad.

LADING - what the car is carrying, the load or “MTY.”

FREIGHT WAYBILL - shows sequence of waybill.

CONSIGNEE - the company to receive the car in the address location for “Set Out.”

ADDRESS - the address of the “Set Out” location on the railroad.

ROUTING - shows the train that will do the move, it may be more than one train.

VIA - indicates from/to where the train leaves from and where it is going by the train above.

SHIPPER - the company that is shipping the car in the address location



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From Your Achievement Program Manager

Tips and Understanding the Achievement Program Regulations by **Randall V. Watson**

In the Spring 2022 issue of the SouthErneR AP column, the Golden Spike Award was covered.

Now it is time to cover the Achievement Program Certificates in each quarterly issue of the SouthErneR; I will be covering at least one of the eleven Certificates in each publication.

A little background information on obtaining Master Model Railroader® (MMR). You must earn a minimum of seven AP Certificates from the eleven available. You must receive at least one Certificate from each of the four areas listed below toward the seven Certificates.

- **A. Railroad Equipment:**
 - Master Builder-Motive Power
 - Master Builder-Cars
- **B. Railroad Setting:**
 - Master Builder-Structures
 - Master Builder-Scenery
 - Master Builder- Prototype Models
- **C. Railroad Construction & Operation:**
 - Model Railroad Engineer-Civil
 - Model Railroad Engineer-Electrical
 - Chief Dispatcher
- **D. Service to the Hobby & NMRA Member:**
 - Association Official
 - Association Volunteer
 - Model Railroad Author

What about the last three Certificates? That is your choice. You can have more than one AP Certificate in each category. Most members involved in the AP Program are aware of the program's structure.

The above information about the AP Program is for the benefit of any member that is not currently involved in the program. Hopefully, this is of some help and encouragement to participate in the AP Program.

The Association Volunteer Certificate

Now for the good stuff. This article will provide tips and clarity on the Association Volunteer and Association Official Certificate requirements. These two Certificates are similar. They are in the service to the Hobby & NMRA Member category.

A Side Note: Of all the Certificates I have received from the membership over the years, the Association Volunteer was their first choice. The NMRA organization requires many volunteers at the (Division, Region, and National) levels. Without all the volunteers at each level, the NMRA would stop existing. I'm grateful to all the volunteers and delighted that the Association Volunteer AP Certificate is their first Certificate to earn.

The Association Volunteer regulations state, "Serve actively on one or more NMRA committees (National, Region, or Division) and/or as an Officer long enough to accumulate sixty 60 certified Time Units (TUs). The TUs you receive

for various types of services are listed below."

See the Statement of Qualification (SOQ) section. All the services listed below are in the regulations; the areas you can receive TUs in to accumulate the 60 needed to qualify for Association Volunteer Certificate. But, you may ask, what in the world are time units (TUs). I'm delighted you asked. The time unit (TUs) is essential credit given for numerous volunteer activities performed by NMRA members.

For example, you have Superintendent/President; according to your division bylaws, their term of office is two (2) years. Per the regulations, a Division Superintendent will receive 2 TUs per month. A Time Unit (TU) is associated with physical time (days, months, etc.). Their term of office is twenty-four (24) months (24 months x 2TUs per month) = 48 TUs. Based on the position held, all the checkboxes on the SOQ have different TUs associated with them; check the SOQ and regulations.

Now is an excellent time to confirm your regulations, and SOQ is the most current copy. If not, print one from the NMRA.org website.

Statement of Qualification (SOQ)

Association Volunteer - Statement of Qualifications Form dated February 2019. This SOQ has three (3) pages - use it as a reference.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FORM February 2019	
page 1 of 3	
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Division:	#5 Piedmont Div.
Date Submitted:	Jan. 14, 2020
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Phone:	770-920-9030
To qualify for this certificate, you must:	
1. Serve actively on NMRA Committees (National, Region or Division) and/or as an Officer long enough to accumulate at least 60 certified time units (TU).	
<input type="checkbox"/> Active satisfactory service as a National Department Head at the rate of 4 TU per month.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Active satisfactory service as a National Committee Chair, reporting to a Department Head, at the rate of 3 TU per month.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Active satisfactory service as a Region Committee Chair or a National Committee member or as a Division Superintendent/President at the rate of 2 TU per month. A Division Superintendent/President has the option to use their service toward the Official certificate if they do not already hold it.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active satisfactory service as a Region Committee member, a Division Officer other than Superintendent/President, or Division Committee Chair at the rate of 1 TU per month.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Active satisfactory service as a Division Committee member or Division Board member at the rate of 1/2 TU per month.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Editors of an NMRA publication shall receive credit for their service at the rate appropriate for Committee Chairs at the same level. At least four (4) issues of the Newsletter, edited by the person applying, shall be attached to the SOQ or a URL provided for electronic Newsletters before points will be considered for credit.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Official judges at an NMRA sponsored model contest shall be given time units for such service at the same rate, not mutually, as a one-time service credit per contest as follows: National 3 TU, Region 2 TU, Division 1 TU.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individuals (and their crews) who open their home or club layout for tours or operating sessions in conjunction with NMRA conventions or other NMRA sponsored events earn credit of 3 TU/day that the layout is open for viewing to a maximum of 12 TU for a National event, 6 TU for a Region event or 3 TU for a Division event.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individuals who participate in modular layouts in conjunction with NMRA sponsored events earn credit of 3 TU/day for each day that the layout is open for viewing at the event to a maximum of 12 TU for a National event, 6 TU for a Region event or 3 TU for a Division event.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge Counselors who are NMRA members can earn 1 TU per month of active service plus 1 TU per Scout that qualifies. This credit is retroactive with no time limit for those who have served as Counselors in the past provided that they were also NMRA members during the time of service.	
<input type="checkbox"/> A live clinic that is presented more than once earns Author credits for the first presentation and Association Volunteer credits for each additional presentation. If the applicant already holds the Author certificate, then all presentations of a clinic earn credits toward Association Volunteer at the following schedule: National Clinic - 3 Time Units Region Clinic - 2 Time Units Division Clinic - 1 Time Unit	
2. Certification of accomplishment shall be by the committee chair in the case of committee members and by the appointing officer in the case of a Committee Chair. Certification of active service as Chair of a convention sponsoring group shall be by the Region or National President as appropriate. Current Region Secretaries or the National NMRA Secretary may provide certification when the appointed officer is not available or when many positions will require several signatures.	
3. Submit a completed Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) itemizing evidence of the completion of the above requirements. In case of exceptionally outstanding service, the Chair of a committee or the appointing officer, in the case of a Committee Chair, may initiate the SOQ for a member whom he or she knows to have met the requirements. However, the member must sign the "Member's Statement and Agreement".	

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On page three (3), at the top of this page, NAME: (print your Name), SIGNATURE: (sign your Name), next DATE: (Current date MMDDYYYY format). The rest of page three



I certify that I have completed all of the requirements for this Certificate of Achievement as listed above and that I will agree to assist other members in this subject whenever possible, whether or not they are participants in the Achievement Program.

NAME: Dottie Maiuro SIGNATURE: Dottie Maiuro Date: Jan. 14, 2020

Certification of Region Achievement Program Chair

As the NMRA Region Achievement Program Chair of the SER, I certify that I have examined this SOQ and, having compared it to the stated requirements for this certificate, I am satisfied that the stated requirements have been met.

NAME: RANDALL V. WATSON SIGNATURE: *Randall V. Watson* DATE: 1-14-1920

Region Cert #: 660

Approval by AP National Executive Vice-Chair

NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____

Note for Check Box # 5: If you are a Division Committee member on the AP Committee, the Division Train Show

Committee, or any Committee at the Division level, check box number #5 is a reference to Division Board member is only another name for a Committee member, not an elected board position.

Check Box # 6: Editors of an NMRA publication shall receive credit for their service at the appropriate for Committee Chairs at the same level. At least four (4) issues of the Newsletter, edited by the person applying, shall be attached to the SOQ or a URL provided for electronic Newsletters before points will be considered for credit.

Note for Check Box # 6: Service at the appropriate Committee Chair would be (National, Region, or Division) levels. For example, the National Chair Editor receives 3 TUs per month, Region Chair Editor 2 TUs per month, and Division Chair Editor 1 TU per month.

Check Box # 7: Service as a Division Officer (other than Superintendent/President) or Division Director shall be credited at the same rate as that for service on Region Committees of 1 TU per month.

Note for Check Box # 7: This is self-explanatory; elected Division Offices and Division Directors receive 1 TU per month.

Check Box # 8: Newsletter Editors of 100% NMRA Clubs with ten or more members may earn one 1TU per issue of the Club Newsletter (print or electronic), providing it is four pages or more. At least four (4) issues of the Newsletter, edited by the person applying, shall be attached to the SOQ or a URL provided for electronic Newsletters before TUs will be considered for credit.

Note for Check Box # 8: All Club members must be NMRA members. In addition, all four issues of the Newsletter must be on file in the NMRA Library, edited by the individual member applying for TUs. Association Volunteer TU credits are not awarded to club officers even if 100% NMRA Clubs.

Check Box # 9: Official judges at an NMRA sponsored model contest shall be given TUs for such service at the contest only, not monthly, as a one-time service credit per contest as follows: National 3 TUs, Region 2 TUs, Division 1 TUs.

Note for Check Box # 9: The model contests (including non-rail) and the TUs are (not monthly); they are a one-time service credit per contest. Per the Association Volunteer Regulations, "This credit is in addition to any credit you may receive for being on the Committee that works to set up the contest event." Contest at National Conventions, Regions Conventions, Mini-Meets, or Division meetings. The TUs are everywhere. Be on the lookout for them.

Check Box # 10: Individuals (and their crews) who open their home or club layout for tours or operating sessions in conjunction with NMRA conventions or other NMRA sponsored events can earn a credit of 3 TUs/day that the layout is open for viewing to a maximum of 12 TUs for a National event; 6 TUs for a Region event or 3 TUs for a Division event.

Note for Check Box # 10: Per the Association Volun-

teer Regulations, "This credit is in addition to any credit you may receive for being on the Committee that works to set up the contest event." For example, at a National Convention, the host and all crew members can earn a credit of 3 TUs per day at home layout tours. Some layouts at a National Convention are on tour more than once. 3 TUs per day. The National Convention has a maximum of 12 TUs for the event. The same thing applies to Regions events. The host and all crew members can earn a credit of 3 TUs per day with a maximum of 6 TUs for the event. At a Division Event, 3 TUs/day with a maximum of 3 TUs per event.

Check Box # 11: Individuals who participate in modular layouts in conjunction with NMRA sponsored events to earn a credit of 3 TUs/day for each day that the layout is open for viewing at the event to a maximum of 12 TUs for the National event, 6 TUs for a Region event or 3 TUs for a Division event.

Note for Check Box # 11: Per the Association Volunteer Regulations, "There is generally a maximum of 48 TUs credited for any one National Convention, 24 TUs credited for any one Regional convention, and 6 TUs credited for any one Division event." Therefore, a member may receive credit for being on the Committee that worked to set up the event and receive credit for the modular layout participation. Remember it has to be an NMRA sponsored event. For other Train Shows your time will not count.

Check Box # 12: Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselors who are NMRA members can earn 1 TU per month of active service plus 1 TU per Scout that qualifies. This credit is retroactive with no time limit for those who have served as Counselors in the past, provided that they were also NMRA members during the time of service.

Note for Check Box # 12: At one of the 2018 board meetings, the National Model Railroad Association voted to stop participating in the Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge Program. However, if an NMRA member served as a counselor before the vote, they can count their time 1 TU per month of service on the Committee and 1 TU for each Scout that qualifies for the Railroading Merit Badge. This credit is retroactive with no time limit for those who have served as Counselors in the past, provided that they were also NMRA members during the time of service. Therefore, you can use the service time if you have not already before the 2018 vote by the NMRA.

Check Box # 13: A live clinic that is presented more than once earns Author credits for the first presentation and Association Volunteer credits for each additional presentation (If the applicant already holds the Author Certificate, then all presentations of a clinic earn credits toward Association Volunteer) at the following schedule: National Clinic 3 TUs, Region Clinic 2 TUs, Division Clinic 1 TU.

Note for Check Box # 13: The first time you present a live clinic, it is credited toward the Author Certificate. The clinic must be at least 30 minutes with a handout. Each subsequent time you present the same clinic, it will count towards the Association Volunteer Certificate. (The

keyword here is more than once). Time units are credited for the same clinic. What if you have an Author Certificate when you present your first live clinic? In that situation, your first live clinic is credited to Association Volunteer.

Page Two of the SOQ Form

Page two of the SOQ is where you list all Records Of Service for the Association Volunteer Certificate. **Please keep track of your service as you Do it:** Print out the Statement of Qualifications Form. I **encourage** you to fill it out and have it signed when you accomplish one of the checkboxes on Page one. It is much easier than going back looking for someone's signatures later. To qualify for the Association Volunteer Certificate, you must accumulate 60 certified TUs. If you are involved in your local home Division and Region or even the National, it will not take long to reach the 60 TUs. You may have fun doing it!

Page Three of the SOQ Form

On page three of the SOQ, Member's Statement and Agreement section, print your Name, sign your Signature, and the Date you submit the SOQ. Then, turn the SOQ into your Division AP Chairman. He will present the SOQ form to the Region AP Manager. If your Division does not have an AP Chairman submit the SOQ Form to your Division Superintendent/President, he will present the SOQ form to the Region AP Manager. The bottom half of the SOQ Form is for the Region AP Manager; It will be processed and forwarded to the National AP Manager Mr. Frank Kock, HLM. Frank's cutoff time for processing the Achievement Program Certificate he receives from all the Regions is between the 21st and 24th of the month. If received after Frank's cutout date, the Certificate documentation goes into the following month's cycle.

Last Thoughts on The Association Volunteer Certificate

Included in this article on Association Volunteer AP Certificate is a copy of an SOQ from a member of my home Division. She (yes, guys, it is a lady, I wish there were more involved in the Divisions and Regions) earned her Volunteer Certificate working at the Division level, all except one entry at the National level. Piedmont Division sponsored the National Convention in 2013. She worked on the silent auction for three days at the National Convention. All her other time was at the Division level, not even as a Division Officer or Director but as one of the Division Chairman positions. Also, she worked on many Division NMRA sponsored one and two-day events.

As you look at her Statement of Qualification Form (SOQ), I hope you will be inspired. You can receive the Association Volunteer Certificate without being a Division or Region Officer or Director. There are TUs to be accepted everywhere. Be patient; you will accomplish your task.

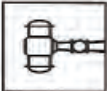
Look at the photographs of members working at a Train Show. In addition, you can receive TUs toward an Association Volunteer Certificate in all of these positions.

I desire that the tips, notes, and explanations have offered you some clarity in this article on the Association Volunteer Certificate.

Association Official Certificate Requirements

In the beginning, I started the Association Volunteer and Association Official Certificate requirements; these two Certificates are similar; both are under the category of Service to the Hobby & NMRA Member, which is one of the four categories where you will need a Certificate.

Be sure you have a current copy of the Association's Official regulations and the Association Official Statement Of Qualification Form (SOQ). If your documents are not recent, download them from the NMRA website.

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 - ☒ Division Superintendents or Directors who serve as voting members of the Regional Board of Directors, either by election, appointment or automatic by-law provision shall be eligible for the Certificate on the same basis as any other Regional Board member.
- Submit a completed Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) listing the offices held with dates (which must be a matter of record) and containing the signature of a qualified witness to the record (usually the Region President or Secretary).

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The Association Official regulations state, "Serve in an office of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee, or Director, and have completed satisfactory service in one of the following." First, let's look at what completed satisfactory service is. Before the (Covid-19) virus outbreak, our Region met four times a year or once a quarter. The Region meetings are now held three times a year in person or using the electronic Zoom meeting software. Therefore, to complete the satisfactory service part of the regulations, you must actually perform your official duties, not just being elected and holding the title while doing nothing. Again, attendance must be in person or use the electronic Zoom software.

Some Region board members will not be able to attend one of the three meetings a year due to a conflict with work, and you may be ill, family vacations, weddings,

funerals, children's graduations, etc. Attending two (2) or the three (3) meetings per year will satisfy the requirement "Completed satisfactory service," which applies to the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee; the four elected Directors, and all of the Division Superintendents/Presidents that have a vote and voice on the Region Board. If you have not participated in or attended less than two (2) meetings, you will NOT qualify for your service for that year.

Achievement Program Association Official Statement of Qualification Form: (SOQ)

Page One See the photo - (Association Official Statement of Qualifications Form) (SOQ) dated May 2006. This SOQ has two (2) pages; use it as a reference. In addition, national has a new Form on the website dated February 2019.

The top half of the SOQ, Member's Name: NMRA #: Exp: (date membership expires), etc., the rest of the top part is self-explanatory.

Next, is **To qualify for this Certificate, you Must:**

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Check Box # 1: At least one (1) year in office at the National level.

Note for Check Box # 1: Only use this check box if you have service at the National level.

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Note for Check Box # 2: This check box is for the Region President with two (2) years of service in the office for Region President.

Check Box #3: At least three (3) years in the office(s) as a voting member of a Region Board, if other than that of Region President or National Trustee.

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2: Submit a completed Statement of Qualification (SOQ) listing the offices held with dates (which must be a matter of record) and containing the signature of a qualified witness to the record (usually the Region President or Secretary). **Note:** The Region Secretary records in the meeting minutes all who attended.

In the bottom half of page One of the SOQ, fill in the blanks **Position Held** Example: Region Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or one of the four elected Directors. **From: TO:** dates held the position in MM/DD/YYYY format. **Level:** If at National, enter an "N," Region enter an "R," Division enter a "D." The following field **Verified By:** signature of the Region President or Secretary. The last area is the **NMRA#** of either the President or Secretary signing the Form.

Page Two **Member's Statement and Agreement:** Print your Name, sign your Signature, and the Date you submit the SOQ. Then, turn the SOQ into your Division AP Chairman. He will forward the SOQ form to the Region AP Manager. If your Division does not have an AP Chairman submit the SOQ Form to your Division Superintendent/President, he will forward the SOQ form to the Region AP Manager.

Certification of Region Achievement Program Manager

The bottom half of the SOQ Form is for the Region AP Manager; It will be processed and forwarded to the National AP Manager Mr. Frank Kock, HLM. Frank's cutoff time for processing the Achievement Program Certificate he receives from all the Regions is between the 21st and 24th of the month. If received after Frank's cutout date, the Certificate documentation goes into the following month's cycle.

I hope the tips, notes, and explanations we have covered on the Volunteer and Official Certificate have offered you some clarity in this article. If you need assistance (questions answered), contact your Division AP Chairman. Unfortunately, some of the Region's smaller Divisions do not have AP Chairman. Get with your Division Superintendent with any AP questions or contact your Region AP Program Manager. I'm here to help.

Look for the AP article, "From Your Region Achievement Program Manager," in the Fall issue of the SouthErneR. The next AP Certificate that I will be covering is the Chief Dispatcher. (This is going to be a fun one.) Quite a few Region members are working on their Chief Dispatcher. It may help those members and others, so continue working on the Achievement Program.

Until next time. **SER**

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2022 BOD Candidates for Election

Vice President

Bill Raymond, MMR

I am running for election to the office of SER Vice President which I have been serving in since May 2021 as a result of my predecessor's resignation. I have been a member of the NMRA since 1973 and a member of the SER since 1991 and have served in a number of positions over the years.

I am currently a member of the Carolina Mountain Division (2016 to present) and I have served as the Assistant Division Superintendent and the Division Superintendent, the President of the French Broad N'Pire Railroad Club, the Layout Tour Coordinator for the 2018 SER Convention and as the SER Contest Chairman for the 2021 SER Convention.

While a member of the Piedmont Division (1991 to 2016), I have served as the President of the Northwest Georgia N Scale Club, the N Scale Coordinator for the 1995 Atlanta NMRA National Convention, the OPSIG Coordinator for the 2013 Atlanta NMRA National Convention and as an at Large Director of the Piedmont Division.

I have also served 6 years on the Operations Special Interest Group Board of Director's; three as an at Large Director and three as the President. Also while a member of the Piedmont Division, I started on the Achievement Program in 2012 with the goal of earning my Master Model Railroader certificate, which I achieved in February 2020 as MMR #652.

Since assuming the role of SER VP, I have been working closely with President Roy Masterson and the rest of the board to look at and implement actions that will make the SER more responsive to the needs of its Divisions and members.

One of these initiatives is my role as Chairman of the SER Website Committee which has been formed to identify ways to renovate and improve the website. We are in the early stages of this effort but it is important and one I would like to be able to continue and see to completion.

From a personal standpoint, I have been married to my wife Elaine for 48+ years; we have two children and three grandchildren. I retired from Lockheed Martin in February 2010 after a 31 year career as a Subcontracts Program Manager.

If elected I pledge to do everything within my power and abilities to implement ways to better serve the

SER membership and its divisions, improve communications, streamline services and grow the SER. Thank you for your consideration.

Secretary

Walt Liles

I am asking that members please consider voting for me in the upcoming SER Elections. I am currently filling the remaining term that Mike Cummings had after moving up to the NMRA Board. Really just learning the ropes and would like to continue serving in this capacity as Secretary.

If you are not familiar with me, I am a HO modeler that loves the CLINCHFIELD and SCL Railroads of the 1970s and 80s. I live in Marietta, GA and I am member of the Piedmont Division. I love model railroading and I am a highly active modeler. I am also a member of the North Atlanta Rail Barons operating group, and I am VP with Tri State Model Railroaders in Mineral Bluff, GA.

I am also the chairperson for the upcoming SER -2023 Convention in Cartersville along with a fine team of volunteers that will be organizing and hosting the convention. I am originally from the Savannah, GA and lived in Mobile, AL and Atlanta throughout my career. I love the southeast US and enjoying traveling around as much as I can to see a train or two. Maybe a few more.

So, when you receive your chance to vote please vote for me. I look forward continuing serving the SER membership.

ThankYou,

Walt Liles

Director

Steve Prevette

I've been a scale model railroader since 1970 in Burnt Hills NY, and learned to operate from a Jr High School Teacher who allowed several of us students to descend upon his layout. Due to this experience, I firmly believe we should support younger model railroaders participation in the hobby. I did join the Pacific Coast Region during a Navy tour of duty in Monterey CA in 1987 at the urging of several former Gorre and Daphetid crew.

I was an SER member living in Charleston SC in the late 80's, and then moved to the Pacific Northwest Region after leaving the Navy. I served as the Office

Manager (similar to my current Registrar Position) and in the last two years there was VP of the Pacific Northwest Region. My model railroad (Burnt Hills and Big Flats bhbfb.weebly.com), wife Jennie and I moved from Washington state to South Carolina in 2009. Upon arrival, I was quickly fingered to the Registrar for the SER. I do intend to continue Registrar duties if elected to the Board. I served for six years as the Superintendent of the Central Savannah River Division, the smallest division in the region.

One goal I will have as a board member is to support the smaller divisions and encourage the Region to improve the viability of the smaller divisions. I will push for doing something about the division boundaries that are impractical and too small to provide members the service they deserve. For all of SER, we have the challenge of coming out of COVID precautions and forming the "new normal" for the Region and the NMRA.

I have recently retired from my "day job" and am focusing on model railroading and teaching college courses part time remotely for Southern Illinois University. I look forward to serving the SER members, the NMRA, and the hobby.

Ut Prosim (that I may serve, Virginia Tech slogan).

Steve Prevette
SER Registrar

Director
Ken Mattern

I have been a member of the NMRA for nearly fifteen years and have been an active member of the Mid-South Division of the SER since it was re-activated. I'm the division webmaster and am on the Mid-South BOD. I worked as a software developer for the Department of Defense until my retirement in 2017. I've been active in the SER and NMRA and have attended five national conventions as well as numerous SER meetings.

Presently I am on the SER web redesign committee. Before moving south I was a minister in the church and owned and operated an electronics manufacturing business. I am currently serving my first elected term on the SER BOD and wish to serve another term as an elected official, among other reasons to complete the web redesign. I believe that my past experience will serve the SER and model railroading community well.

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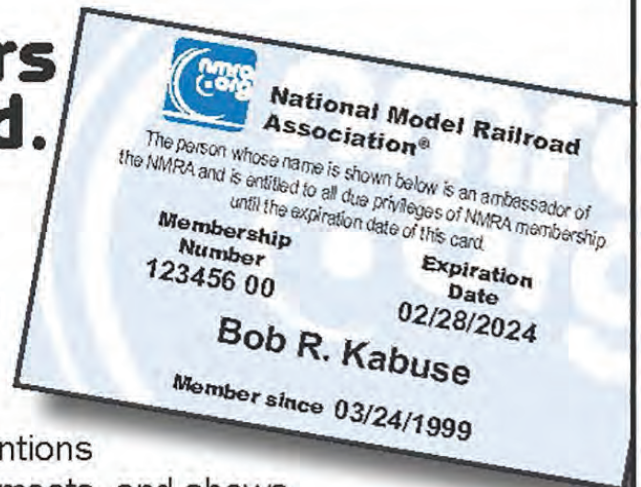
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Carolina Special article by Bob Halsey

The NMRA Mid-Eastern Region (MER) convention will be the *Carolina Special Look South 2022* on October 20-23! Your trip to Charlotte, North Carolina, will be way more than worthwhile - it will be downright memorable!



We have several tours lined up – starting on Thursday, October 20 starting at 12:30 p.m., we are offering a complete tour of the North Carolina Transportation Museum (NCTM) back shop, turntable, and

roundhouse with its large collection of historic locomotives, railcars, and maintenance/restoration work in progress. You can get a ride on one of NCTM's own passenger trains

pulled by one of their ex-Southern diesels. NCTM has a well-stocked gift shop and directly across the street from the best and largest model railroad store in the state.

Another is an all-day excursion tour on Friday that will include visits to: the KK&L HO basement-sized layout of Neal Anderson (MMR); the restored freight/passenger depot and Southeastern Narrow Gauge & Shortline Museum in Newton, NC, (including their impressive collection of restored rail cars, diesel and steam locos, and the Model Railroad Center with its O, HO, and N gauge layouts), followed by lunch at the Depot station, and then a couple more unusual layouts in the afternoon!

That same day, there will also be an optional guided tour of the Lionel Corporation's development facility in Concord, a few miles north of Charlotte, where they always have something new coming up both in O and HO.

We are still arranging the clinics and presenters and have several scheduled, again too many to list them all here.





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There is a “Make & Take” session on building a Section House or Crossing Shanty, including a list of tools to bring with you; modeling the Dixie Flyer (ACL trains 5 & 6); Pullmans for Patients; modeling Urban Scenes (based on NYC locations) and Model Railroading in a limited space – Downsizing to a shelf layout.

The complete list will appear soon in our web site at www.carolinasouthern.org/MER2022.html, along with other important details such as registering/costs, etc. You can make your room reservations now at the Hilton Charlotte University Place on this website and get our discount rate.

We can always use more clinics so if you would be interested in hosting a clinic, feel free to contact our clinic chair at: 2022clinics@carolinasouthern.org.

I can't list all the many layouts available for visiting in this article, but they are amazing. And you won't starve to death because there are numerous feeding facilities close to the hotel. Whatever you expect to find at a model railroad convention will be here along with many locations for the non-model railroad people. [SER](#)



The P&W layout of Jack Parker, MMR, will be open for a tour and operating session.



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Being a Club is Not Easy article by P. D. Hutcheson

A look at the life and times of the Middle Georgia Model Railroad Club.

Aside: The following article has been gleaned from the records of the MGMRC, members *Recollections of the Middle Ga. Model Railroad Club in WR* by Tom Miller and *A History of the Middle Georgia Model Railroad Club* by Gary L. Howard© 2016.

The Middle Georgia Model Railroad Club (MGMRC) has been started-stopped-restarted. It has been in two locations, homeless and remains homeless today. This is the story of the MGMRC, so far...

The First Club Version 1.0

According to *A History of the Middle Georgia Model Railroad Club*, Gary Howard writes "In the early 1970's there was about a dozen or so model railroaders in the town of Warner Robins, Georgia who were looking for a place to meet, share ideas, and possibly build a permanent layout to run their model trains. But space for a clubhouse was, not surprisingly, hard to find. This loose-knit group regularly crossed paths at the town's only store dealing with model trains and accessories, Parkerson's Hobby Shop, and thus had a somewhat informal alliance. So, when word spread through the grapevine that the former Southern Railway depot on Front Street across from Robins Air Force Base might become available to one or possibly two lucky clubs, then the wheels of organization began to turn for these model railroaders."

He continues with "The leading contender for a meeting place was the Warner Robins Art Association which had been the first group to approach the city when the depot became available. And in 1974 the city decided that the WRAA could set up their studio-gallery in the climate-controlled former passenger waiting room. But all was not lost for the MGMRC; the art club didn't want the unheated freight and baggage section and agreed to permit another club to use it if a permanent barrier was installed between the two sections. ... the freight room was never intended for extended periods of human occupation – with a concrete floor and walls, no insulation, and no ceiling it was extremely hot in summer and extremely cold in winter. But it was a place to meet and build a layout."

The End of MGMRC 1.0

Gary Howard continues: "Throughout the late 1970's the club had steady membership and participation, but around 1980 both of these figures started to wane. ... By 1982 club membership could be counted on the fingers of two hands and meetings were being attended by even fewer folks. The original MGMRC simply dissolved as members drifted away."

The Resurrection, MGMRC 2.0

Gary Howard tells us: "Around 1985 the idea of resurrecting the MGMRC was spreading in local model railroading circles and by early 1986 enough people were showing an interest that it was decided a meeting should be held to

see if people were really serious about reorganizing the club. During the second week of April about a dozen or so folks gathered at the freight room and voted to resurrect the model railroad club. On Thursday April 17, 1986, the "Second Section" of the MGMRC got rolling."

Tom Miller states "We obtained the hard copy of the NMRA HO scale modular standard (National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) had published a specification on module standards - *Introduction To Module Standards & Recommended Practices* - NMRA Bulletin 3 March 1990." Tom continues, "After several years of work and some turn-over of members, we had a 24' x 12' wide module layout..."

Homelessness

In late 1996 the MGMRC was asked to leave its first home in the Wellston Terminal baggage room. Now homeless, the club looked for another home for its layout and meeting place.

A New home

Gary's History states "It would come in the form of long-time club friend Ted Pulsifer, who managed the old Hous-ton County Fair and had several historic buildings on the fairgrounds. Mr. Pulsifer had long wanted the club to leave the depot and move the entire layout to the fairgrounds for display and operation during the annual Fair." Tom adds, "We salvaged enough modules to have a 12' by 12' modular layout..."



Figure 1

Homeless Again

This arrangement lasted until late 2001 when the fairgrounds were sold and the club was asked to leave the Elberta Station. Again, the club was homeless. The Elberta Station was eventually moved to 'station row' next to the Wellston Terminal which was now the Warner Robins Welcome Center.

Gary Howard continues: "The club dismantled and discarded most of the original layout - keeping a small portion for potential future use and began meeting regularly at member Marc Beaven's combination recreation room and basement, complete with a large, complex HO scale layout, where monthly meetings and operating sessions were held. And here, over the next couple of years, the idea of a traveling-modular-layout would begin to take shape."

The club members decided to stay with the modular layout. Jack Copeland remembers: "HO Modules were constructed in the first half of 2003. Twelve modules were assembled for the first time in David Rayburn's garage 27 September 2003." Their first display was at the 2003 Georgia National Fair in Perry. By then, they had enough 'modular dioramas' to connect into a layout to display to the public. Displaying HO Scale and N Scale - the N Scale layout was based on the Boulder Model Railroad Club FoamRail specification - they attracted more members and the membership soared to over 20 members.

Note: Of which I was one, joining the club in January 2005 after seeing the display at the Georgia National Fair and talking to a co-worker, Bryan Combs (the club Secretary/Treasurer at the time.)

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Gary states, in fact, the MGMRC motto – paraphrasing a famous 1950's TV western – is "Have Layout, Will Travel." And this is just what the club would do, many times, when their run at the Georgia National Fair ended in the fall of 2006.

Displaying at the Georgia National Fair, the club gained more members, but lost members also. Some of our modules have engraved plates memorializing the past owners that are no longer with the club but donated their

modules. The club continued to build modules and display larger and larger displays.

The club found other opportunities to display their work over the years. Planes, Trains and Automobiles in Hampton, GA; The 1918 Train Wreck Celebration in McDonough, GA; the Battle of Bryon in Byron GA; the Cherry Blossom Festival in Macon GA; at the Macon State Fair in Macon GA; Museum of Aviation Young Astronauts Day; at Rock Ranch in Rock, GA; the 2013

National Train Show in Atlanta, GA; Trains, Trains, Trains in Kennesaw, GA; and the Smoke Rise Display in Stone Mountain, GA.

The clubs premiere display event - the largest train display in the Middle Georgia area - Planes & Trains at the Museum of Aviation on Robins Air Force Base next to Warner Robins, GA is coming up on the 14th annual event.

With all the public displays and the fact that the modules are 30 inches from the floor, the members began calling the modular layout 'Nothing on the floor

layout.' Keeping the trains off the floor proved difficult when, at the Cherry Blossom Festival, a child got behind the barrier and grabbed Thomas off the tracks and, when shouted at, threw the tank engine on the floor. Emergency repairs were unsuccessful and our first Thomas was laid to rest shortly after the display event was over.

A side note, the sixth Thomas is now entertaining children on Sobor Island with James (the third) and Emily (the second.)

Convid-19's Impacted

Covid's impact on the club has been a large factor in displaying our layout at different venues. Plains & Trains is the only event that has not been canceled through these trying times. The club stopped all meetings from April 2020 through April 2021, relying on Zoom meetings on Tuesday evenings. Many members attended the meetings at first, but it soon became evident that some members were reluctant to use zoom. When the club meetings resumed, zoom has been at the meetings for members who are reluctant to attend meetings for fear of contracting Covid.

In Transition

The club became a 100% NMRA club on 25 April 2018, this move allowed the club to get liability and collection insurance. The club became a Georgia Not-For-Profit Corporation on 22 May 2019, and on 24 November 2021 was approved by the Internal Revenue Service to be a 501 (c) (3) Public Charity which allows the club to take tax-deductible donations. The club has received many donations from people that have no idea what to do with "Grandpa's old trains."

The Club Today

The club is strong today with over thirty members from all over Middle Georgia. The club owned modules and other support property is stored at a local storage location when not in use. The club continues to display its modules having just completed the Trains, Trains, Trains event at the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History in Kennesaw, GA. On the schedule for 2022 are the display events at SAMs Shortline in June, Smoke Rise Baptist Church in July and our Planes and Trains in November. SER



Elberta Layout by Jack Copeland

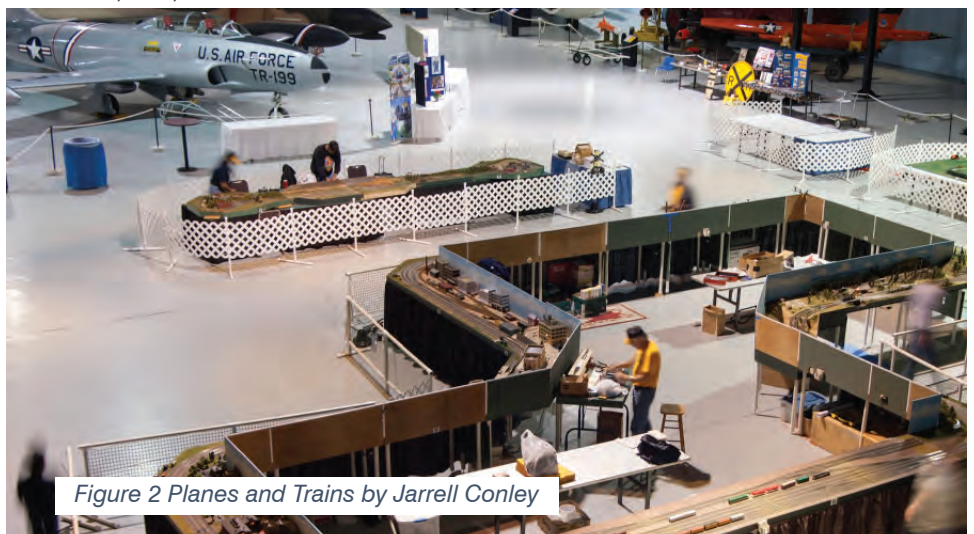


Figure 2 Planes and Trains by Jarrell Conley



Southeastern Region Division News



MID-SOUTH



Division 1 - Mid-South Dave Carlton ~ dpcarlton59@att.net

This has been an exciting quarter for the Mid South Division. We usually meet monthly in the historic Decatur Union Depot and museum – an active apart of Decatur Historic Preservation.

Mid South Division constructs, maintains, and operates scale model railroads both inside (HO) and outside (G).



A recent advancement for Mid South is its application and acceptance as a Not-For Profit Corporation in the State of Alabama. Our Federal IRS 501(c)(3) status has been accepted and is in very active progress. Both these events will enable our Division, Region, and National programs to proceed apace. We are able to draw upon the facilities of the City of Decatur and Morgan County Alabama for holding Regional Meets, Train Shows, and coordinated public efforts.

Decatur rails are located at a regional crossing of the Tennessee River at the Norfolk Southern Lift Bridge. Both NS and CSX yards are located in Decatur. The “Y” to the two yards and both yard limits are located in proximity to the Decatur Union Depot. With crossing (in both directions) from both NS and CSX, the location sees about 40 trains per day.



Recent city council considerations have allowed plans for the Virtual Railfan network to commence. A rail-fan

pavilion and seating is in the offing. For coordinated other public events (such as arrival of passenger riverboats close by and holidays), Mid South is well positioned to take a lead role. In addition, the rail-fan pavilion area planned for a 7.5” ride park with an operating G-scale inside it.

In our spirit of outreach, we were happy to welcome the

members of The Wrecking Crew, a 100% NMRA club from Steel City Division, SER, NMRA Birmingham, AL. After our meet, they were escorted to a layout visit of the Red-stone Arsenal Railroad Club.

Assistant Superintendent Bill Eberle has completed recreating “The Tennessean” passenger train on the Decatur Union Depot layout partly through donations and restoration and partly through thorough research, acquisition, and modifications.

Our Director and Webmaster, Mr. Ken Mattern (also SER Director) is an accomplished videographer working for

years on public, private and religious events. As such he has added his efforts to recording, editing, and finishing video production Mid South Clinics. These videos and concomitant PowerPoint presentations are added to our website at MidSouthNMRA.org.

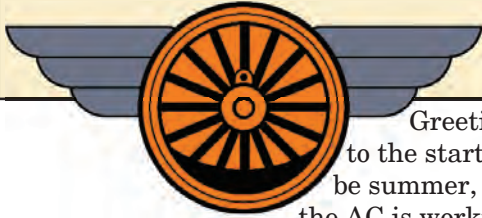
Our clinic schedule has been fulfilling with topics of DCC, Scenery Techniques, Paper and Cardstock Builds, 3D Design and Print (both filament and resin). Coming up are Arduino Basics, Arduino Advanced, Arduino Speed Match (for consisting), Build-and-Take-Aways.

Mid South Division expects to proceed and prosper. Our unique position and quasi-partnerships will greatly expose our Division, Region, and NMRA to the public and all NMRA members and expand membership, camaraderie, hone skills, have fun.

We have noted two recent Association Volunteer recipients in our ranks: Mr. James Norris and Mr. Dieter Grethmann.



Andy Smith, Secretary, Mid South Division 



Division 5 - Piedmont

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Greetings and welcome to the start of Summer! Must be summer, its hot, humid and the AC is working. The only really good thing about Summer, like Winter, is it makes me want to go down to the basement and work on the railroad. Well, there is the pool, but I do love trains!

The Summer is starting out busy for the Piedmont Division! We have a great slate of clinics at our monthly meetings, our new website, www.piedmont-div.org, is up and running. Content continues to be added. The Pilgrimage website is progressing as is The Piedmont Division Model Train Show site. All three have the same look and feel, and the content is more easily added and edited. Bob Kelshaw and his team have done an amazing job on this project. Thanks folks!

Our June meeting features Scott Dunlap and a discussion on the AP Author Certificate. Scott will discuss his process in completing this certificate and what paperwork he produced during his journey. I'm interested in this clinic as the Author Certificate will be my next step towards MMR. Please join us. The meeting will also feature favored prototype photos from our members. I'm looking forward to seeing a wide variety of images from all over the place. Finally, we will be having a member-only open house. Should be grand!

July's clinic should be very interesting! Craig Knox, creator of much of the video for our Virtual Piedmont Pilgrimages over the past couple of years, will present a session on "Shooting the Crescent." Using both photographs and video "footage," Craig will demonstrate tips and techniques for producing quality video and, hopefully photo images of our favorite subjects. In our Bring and Brag segment, we'll be treated to samples of favored prototype railroadiana. I think that will be fun to see!

In August, we are having a clinic that will, I think, make many Digitrax users happy. Norm Stenzel will be presenting "Digitrax Tricks of the Trade, Making your Digitrax System ALMOST bullet proof." While my DCC system isn't from Digitrax, I know a huge number of layouts in our area that are. In fact, there are a huge number of Digitrax layouts in the Region. This should be a great clinic!

As always, our meetings are also available on WebEx, in the Division's room, at: perrylamb.my.webex.com/meet/perry_lamb.

The Division is also working towards our biggest Fall event, the annual Piedmont Pilgrimage. Of special note, this is the 20th Anniversary Pilgrimage! The Pilgrimage will be running the last half of October and most of November, over the weekends. This year, we will have all live and in person tours, and are looking forward to being back to a full schedule. I know there has been a lot of progress on a number of layouts in the area and this year's event

should be grand. Heck, I might even have my own new town of Crescent, Washington ready for viewing!

As things continue to return to normal, I am thankful that I live in such an active Division and Region. The Piedmont Division continues to be, I believe, the most active Division in the NMRA. We conduct monthly in-person and virtual meetings, and our Train 'N Camp program is active. We have members actively working in the AP program, and our major annual events, the Pilgrimage and our Train Show, draw in modelers of all ages. We also live in a Region that is just as active. Planning for the 2023 Convention in Cartersville, Georgia, is in high gear. There will be a slate of excellent clinicians, layouts on tour and open for operations, and both the hotel and convention center are easily accessible and are first class facilities. I'm looking forward to attending and I hope you are too!



OK, it is time for me to stop writing and to get back to my real job. Not time to retire yet, sadly. Later this evening, it will be time to get back to the workbench and another project. In the meantime, take time to enjoy model railroading.

Until next time, Engage! **SER**

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Division 8 - Atlantic
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We had a great division meet in Conway, SC April 23, at the Horry County Library. There were two clinics given, one by the Horry County Museum focusing on railroad history with maps and photos, and one by Rick Gartrell, the director of the C&O Historical Society, on selective compression showing the process he used to reduce the footprint of the Gauley Mountain Company store in Ansted, West Virginia to fit his model railroad but kept it very recognizable.

We also had some great models on the show and tell table.

Two layouts were open after the meet for the attendees. They were the Grand Strand Model Railroad Club in Myrtle Beach and Rick's layout in Conway where you could see his Gauley Mountain Company store properly positioned across the tracks from the depot, very convincing.

We are looking forward to our next meet in the Charleston, SC area in late July. Details will be posted on our website www.Atlantic-div.com as they become available. [SER](#)





From Rick Gartrell's C & O Hawks Nest subdivision.
 ww#1 is the branch line to Ansted which has no turning capabilities so the train pushes uphill.

#2, the Ansted station with the store behind.

#3 is the Gauley Mountain company store.

#4 is downtown Ansted.

#5 is one of the coal mines.

All photos on this page are from the Grand Strand Model Railroad Club, Myrtle Beach.

Division 10 - Bluff City

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The Bluff City Division has been busy the last couple of months with layout visits, open houses, and other modeling activities associated with specific events.

There were a small group of folks that travelled to the Steel City Division in the Birmingham area to operate on Craig Gardner's layout. His Birmingham Southern did not disappoint. We operated for about 3 hours and enjoyed

every minute of it! A big shout out to Craig for opening his home to us, Thank You Craig!

Also, on May 7th, the Memphis groups held their bi-annual open house at AZO. We had quite a few folks that showed up to enjoy our trains running around the layout. Every scale is displayed from Z Scale to G Scale. A big thank you to all that participated in the open house, you all Rock! SER



Division 12 - Smoky Mountain

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Two members presented projects they have been working on. Mark Johnson showed his N scale t-track module that he had built of a mine scene. He explained how he made the rock work from foam insulation

and the trees from skewers and a/c filters.

Jim Grossen presented a board with alternative connectors for electrical connections on layouts, instead of soldering wiring underneath. SER





Division 15 - Carolina Mountain

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The Carolina Mountain Division is having a great year so far. Our first 2 meetings went very well, and our attendance keeps increasing.

We are back to our pre-COVID attendance and hope to keep it there going forward. We have once again changed meeting locations due to scheduling issues. We now meet at the Fletcher Library beginning at 9:30am. Be sure to check our Facebook page and the update emails for more details.

Our April meeting had a special guest clinic presented by our friend Jerry Ledford on Champion Fibre Company's narrow-gauge railroads at Smokemont. Jerry is the editor and author of the "If Rails Could Talk" volumes detailing the logging railroads of Western North Carolina. We hope to have Jerry back soon with additional clinics.

We were pleased to present to our Assistant Superintendent, Robert Bell, the Association Volunteer AP Certificate. A big congratulations to Rob! We also recognized Edward Prime for receiving his Golden Spike certificate.

Our next meeting is planned for July 19 at the Fletcher Library at 9:30am. Be sure to watch for email updates and

check our Facebook page for more details as we get closer to the meeting.

Photo below: Robert Bell (right), is presented his Association Volunteer AP Certificate by Division AP Chairman Ben Bartlett (left) at our April Division meeting. [SER](#)



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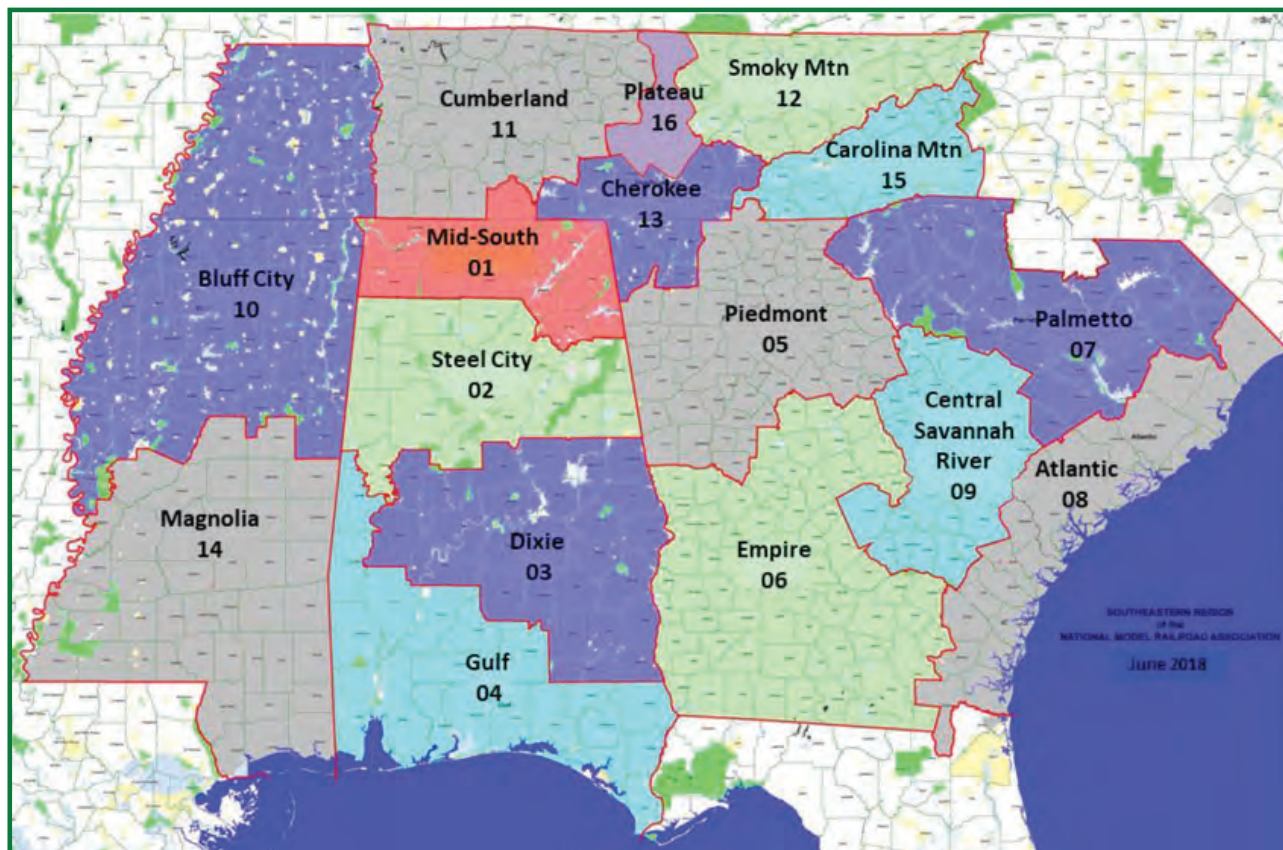
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Piedmont - Division 5

Atlanta Interlocking Model Railroad Club;
 Charlie Crawford, 678-982-4699
Athens Bend Track Railroad Club
 Peter Wood, 706-215-3313; www.facebook.com/AthensBendTrack
Atlantic Coast S-Gaugers, Bob Lacheen
 home 770-578-9937; cell 404-431-8032; www.trainweb.org/acsg
Boomers, John Rieken, Saturday a.m.; OPS Athens, Gwinnett, Commerce areas
 email for specific dates; jrieken@windstream.net
Chattahoochee Express Operating Group, Chris White, 770-594-2618
Georgia Garden Railway Society, Terry Manning, 770-564-8822
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Georgia Society of Ferroequinologists, Marietta
 Bob Hoenes, 770-422-0081; Jasper Roundhouse, Jasper, GA
 Phil Stead, trainman07@aol.com; all scales, meets weekly at a member's home
Metro Atlanta N-Scalers, Atlanta, GA, Charles Leak, 404-262-2969
Model Railroad Club of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA
 Terry Weldon, 770-979-0473; www.oscale-atlanta.info
North Atlanta O-Gauge Railroad Club, Roswell, GA, Jeff Pergl, 770-516-6378
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Railroad Model Club of Atlanta, Bob Peppel, 770-934-4067
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Volunteer Garden RR Club,
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Plateau - Division 16

Crossville Model RR Club, Crossville, TN; Tom Shallcross, 931-484-7565
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Smoky Mountain - Division 12

Knoxville Area Model Railroaders, Oak Ridge, TN
 Brad Tutt, 865-776-4703; meetings are 1st & 3rd Sundays
Mountain Empire Modular Railroaders, Johnson City, TN, East TN State Univ.
 George Carter Museum, Dr. Fred Alsop, 423-929-3733; www.memrr.org
Maryville MRRRC, Alnwick Community Club
 2146 Big Springs Rd., Maryville TN 37803
 Don Clark, 503-730-4869; meets first Saturday each month, 10 a.m. to noon

Steel City - Division 2

Black Warrior Model RR Society, Tuscaloosa, AL, Bob Way, 205-556-3073
Smokey City Model Rails, Birmingham, AL; www.smokeycityrails.com
Wrecking Crew Model RR Club, Birmingham, AL; Whit Francher; 205-746-0007
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