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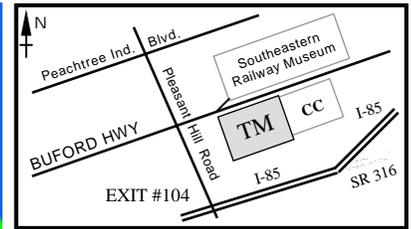
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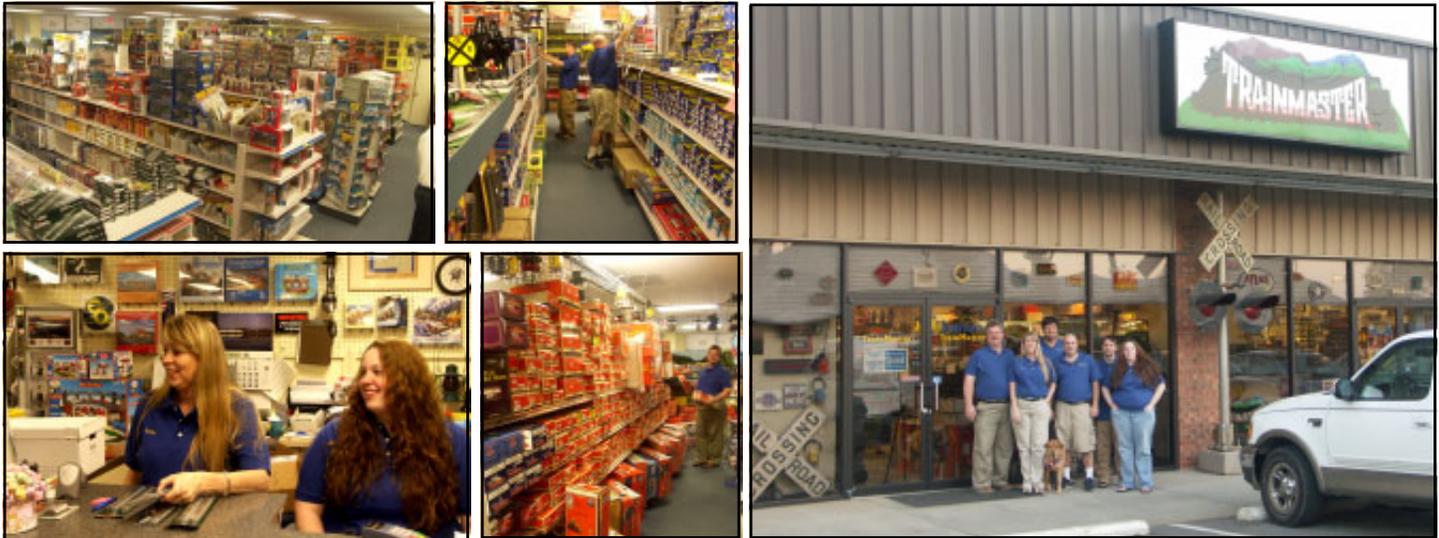
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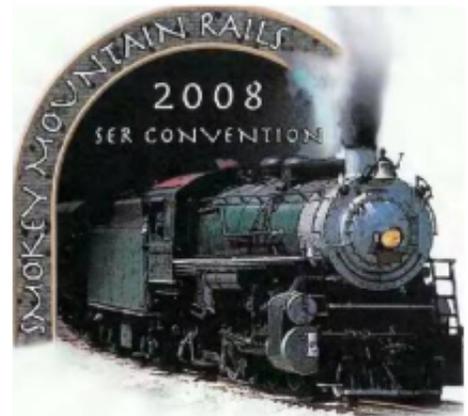
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ON THE FRONT COVER: A N&W Y6 crosses a tall bridge on one of Metrolina Model Railroader's (Belmont, NC) HO modules at the Land O'Sky's Division's Winter Train Show at the Haywood County Fairgrounds this past December.

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Editor's Soapbox



Well, it finally died.

What died?

My desktop computer, the one that I had built five years ago, it finally threw in the towel. The CPU, the brains of the computer, fried itself which would not have been a problem if I had bought one or more replacement CPU's for spares just in case it died some time in the future. However they weren't exactly cheap so one was all I bought. Now they are no longer made and haven't been since 2004.

So what now?

Well, I was thinking of getting a faster computer anyway and had in fact been in the process of building a second one (for the last two years) but since I didn't actually "need" it at the time, I had been kind of dragging my feet. Of course now that "new" one is over two years out-of-date and I haven't even got to the point where I can turn it on yet! (Sigh) OK, so the logical thing to do would be to finish the "new" one and start loading the OS and the programs. Yeah, well...

So, OK why not just buy yet another computer (collection of parts really) that really is current and put that one together instead, then go back and finish the first one. Yeah, that makes sense! Well, whether it does or not, there is a new, "new" computer being built as I am typing which is actually a gaming computer but will be used for photo work and to do ***The SouthErneR***.

As fellow model railroaders I am sure you are well aware that this seemingly insane bit of logic isn't a whole lot different from what we do in our hobby. I mean, you add an industry on your layout and then you have just got to run out and get a GE 44-tonner to switch that industry! Add in a few specialized cars with special paint schemes and there you go. Then you may decide that you need another industry to support that industry and now you have a justification for that little, tiny brass Shay you've had your eye on! So the wife comes in and says "Whoa, what about the other 287 locomotives you've already got? You mean you need just one more locomotive!!! **Are you NUTS???**!!!" (This would be the clean version.)

Yeah, well not having a wife to rein me in means a new, "new" computer does not sound that unreasonable. So what hobby am I really in? Well, lately its been computers. So where is the model railroad connection? Well, I write about them and the people who build them (which used to include me). So what will having a newer, faster computer mean for doing the newsletter? Well, it will mean that some things will go faster (a lot faster) and I will be able to do more things at one time. Hey, did I mention that the old Lexmark Z52 printer died too... (Groan!) ...and so that new Epson C120 should be a lot faster and.....

The Dave Muller Award

“Presented for Individual Achievements and Volunteerism in Promoting the Hobby of Model Railroading.”



Yeah, this is it at left. So who will be the 2008 recipient? Well, you'll just have to wait until the SER convention to find out!

Whoever it is, they will be in good company. There have been ten recipients so far.

The names include **Robert Beaty, Ron Gough & Dean Belowich** (all MMRs).

Randall Watson, Scott Perry, Pat Turner, John Stevens, Howard Goodwin, Paul Voelker and Charlie Crawford round out the list.

It takes a lot of work and dedication to get this award. Hopefully, many more SER members will follow in the footsteps of those honored few.

SOUTHEASTERN REGION of the NMRA presents: CLINICS ON DVD

Our first clinic in this ongoing series by the Southeastern Region is entitled:

"Building a Timber Trestle"

Our second clinic is entitled:

"Light Emitting Diodes & Their Application in Model Railroads."

Look for more titles coming in the future!

These DVDs sell for \$10 each (Free shipping) and you may order them by sending a check to the SER Treasurer. Make the check payable to: Southeastern Region

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245 Hidden Meadow Dr.
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April 19, 2008 **Middle Georgia Railroad Association** presents its **Second Annual** **Model Railroad & Train Show** **9am-4 pm** **at the MACON Coliseum**

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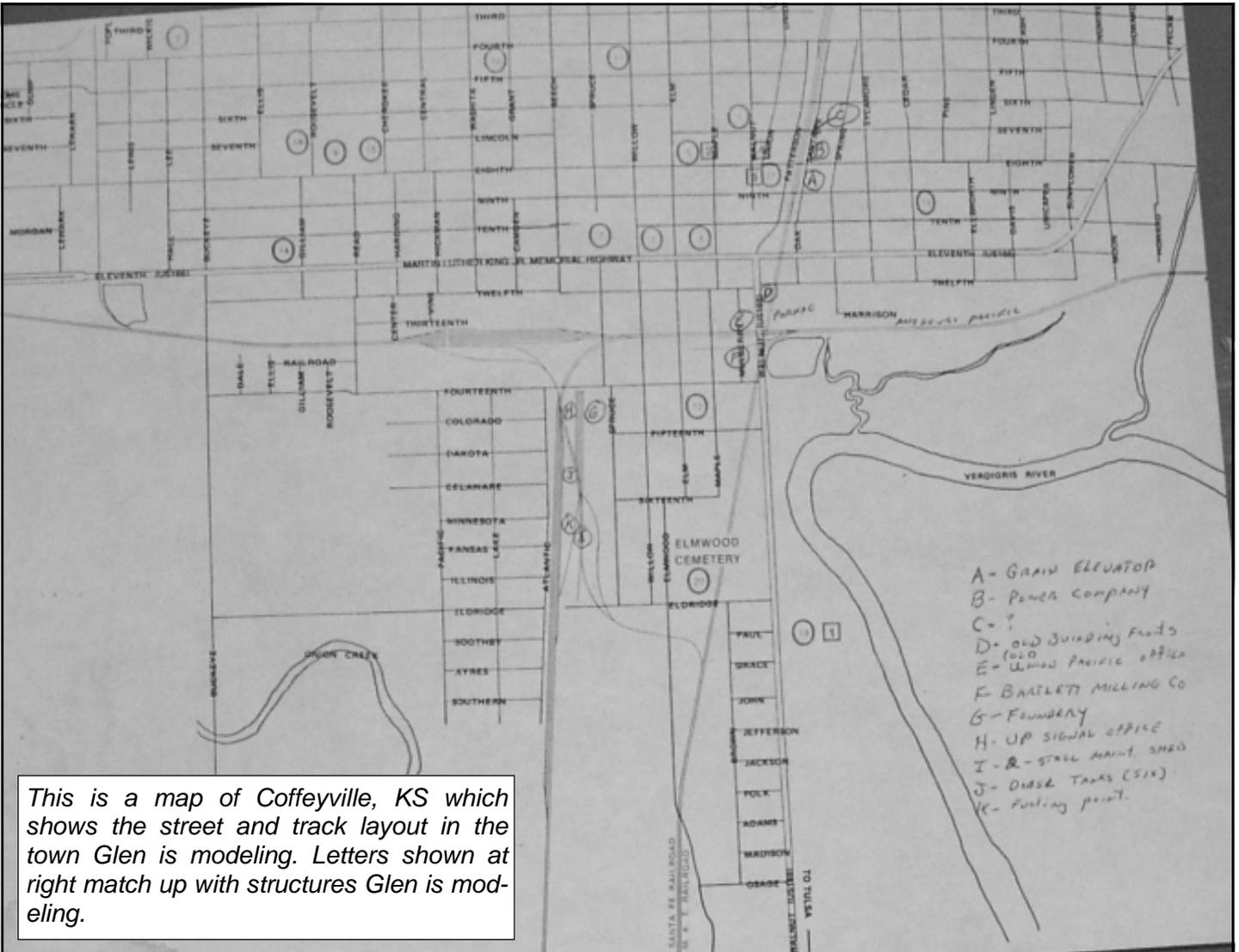
For more information visit the website at:
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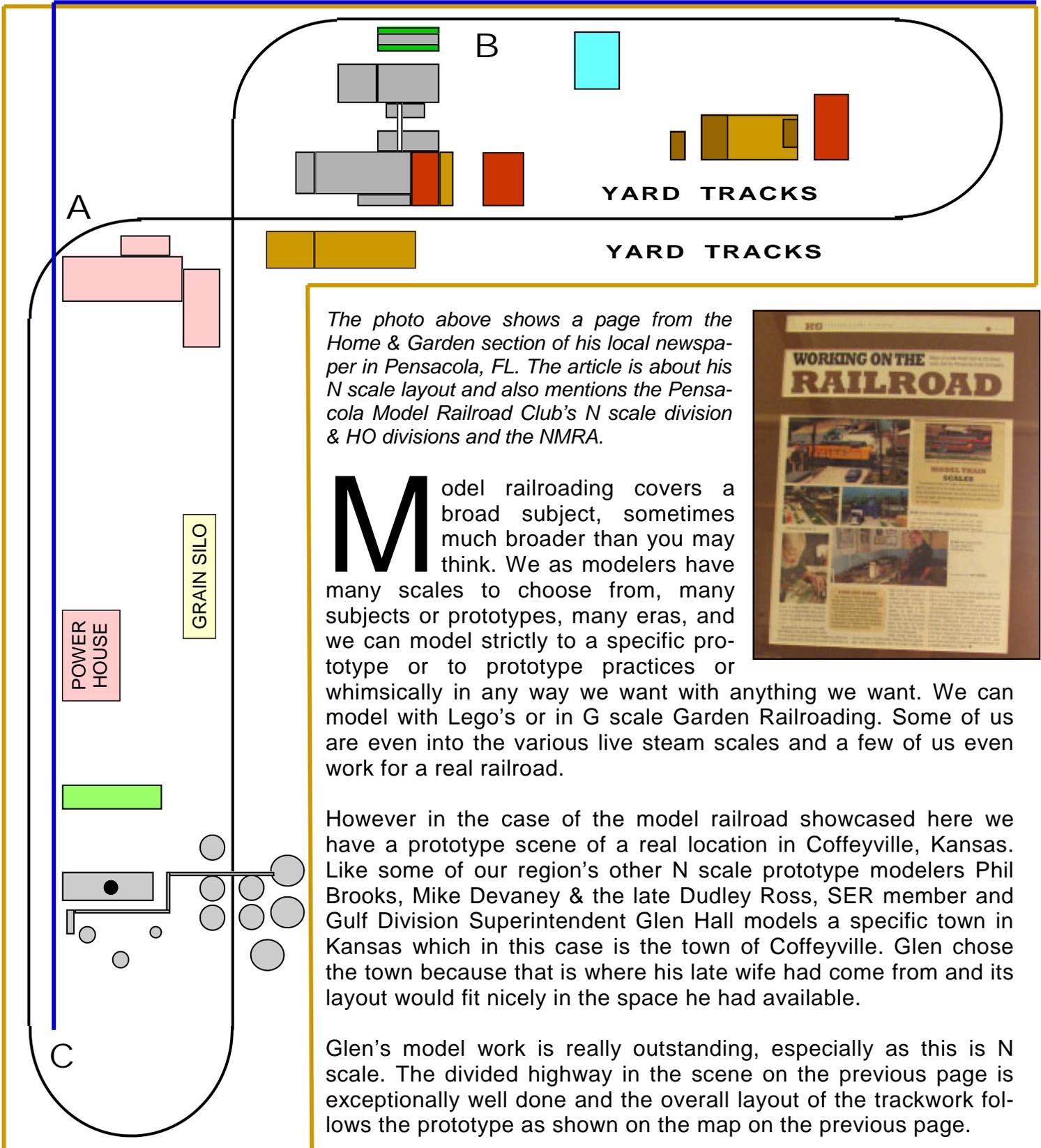
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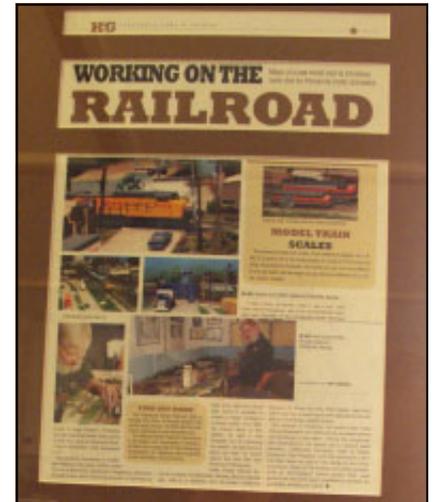
Prototype Modeling Coffeyville, Kansas in N Scale



This is a map of Coffeyville, KS which shows the street and track layout in the town Glen is modeling. Letters shown at right match up with structures Glen is modeling.



The photo above shows a page from the Home & Garden section of his local newspaper in Pensacola, FL. The article is about his N scale layout and also mentions the Pensacola Model Railroad Club's N scale division & HO divisions and the NMRA.



Model railroading covers a broad subject, sometimes much broader than you may think. We as modelers have many scales to choose from, many subjects or prototypes, many eras, and we can model strictly to a specific prototype or to prototype practices or whimsically in any way we want with anything we want. We can model with Lego's or in G scale Garden Railroading. Some of us are even into the various live steam scales and a few of us even work for a real railroad.

However in the case of the model railroad showcased here we have a prototype scene of a real location in Coffeyville, Kansas. Like some of our region's other N scale prototype modelers Phil Brooks, Mike Devaney & the late Dudley Ross, SER member and Gulf Division Superintendent Glen Hall models a specific town in Kansas which in this case is the town of Coffeyville. Glen chose the town because that is where his late wife had come from and its layout would fit nicely in the space he had available.

Glen's model work is really outstanding, especially as this is N scale. The divided highway in the scene on the previous page is exceptionally well done and the overall layout of the trackwork follows the prototype as shown on the map on the previous page.

Photos & Story by Paul Voelker

The letters **A**, **B**, **C** on the track plan shown here correspond to locations in the photos on the next two pages. Glen's track plan is a figure '8' with one leg of the '8' hidden behind the backdrop emerging at **A** & **C** on the track plan. The other leg of the '8' runs along but in front of the backdrop at **B**. Only the basic figure 8 track plan is shown here.

Some members of the SER Board of Directors viewing Glen Hall's layout. Seen here are SER Prez Bob Beaty, MMR (facing camera), Rick Coble and Randall Watson. Glen Hall is barely visible to Bob's left (blue shirt). The layout occupies Glen's small living room.



SER Registrar & Piedmont Division Timetable Editor Rick Coble works at photographing Glen's layout. The SER Board of Directors met in Pensacola for the Winter BOD meeting and to tour the convention facilities that will be used for the 2009 "Rails to Sails" convention next year.

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Smokey Mountain Rails 2008

Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center

91 N. Lakeshore Drive, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

Convention Accommodations

The Lake Junaluska website is not set up to take reservations on the web, reservations need to be made by telephone and use the key word - **NMRA** in order to get the discount rate. Rates are per person per night. Children 11 years and under who stay in the room with their parents are free.

The Banquet and Breakfast meeting will be held in the **Terrace Hotel**. Reservations are to be phoned in at 1-800-222-4930, Key word - NMRA.

Three meals a day are offered as an option at time of registration at \$27.00 per day or Breakfast \$8.00 Lunch \$10.00 Dinner \$12.00 Rooms will be held from public until March 22, 2008, so to ensure you can get a room please respond by the 21st of March 2008.

With over 400 lodging rooms we can easily accommodate groups of all sizes and budgets. All of our facilities are unique inside and out. From the historic columns of Lambuth Inn to the spectacular views from the Terrace dining room, our lodging will make your visit exceptional and memorable.

Location	Single	Double*	Triple*	Quad*
Terrace, Lambuth	\$67.00	\$42.00	\$35.00	\$31.00
Lakeside Lodge	\$57.00	\$35.00	\$29.00	\$25.00
Junaluska Apartments	\$56.00	\$34.00	\$28.00	\$25.00

* Rates shown are PER PERSON. Add all persons staying at the hotel for total room price per night!

Please check-in for all Lake Junaluska Lodging at the Bethea Welcome Center.

Coming from Asheville - 25 miles:

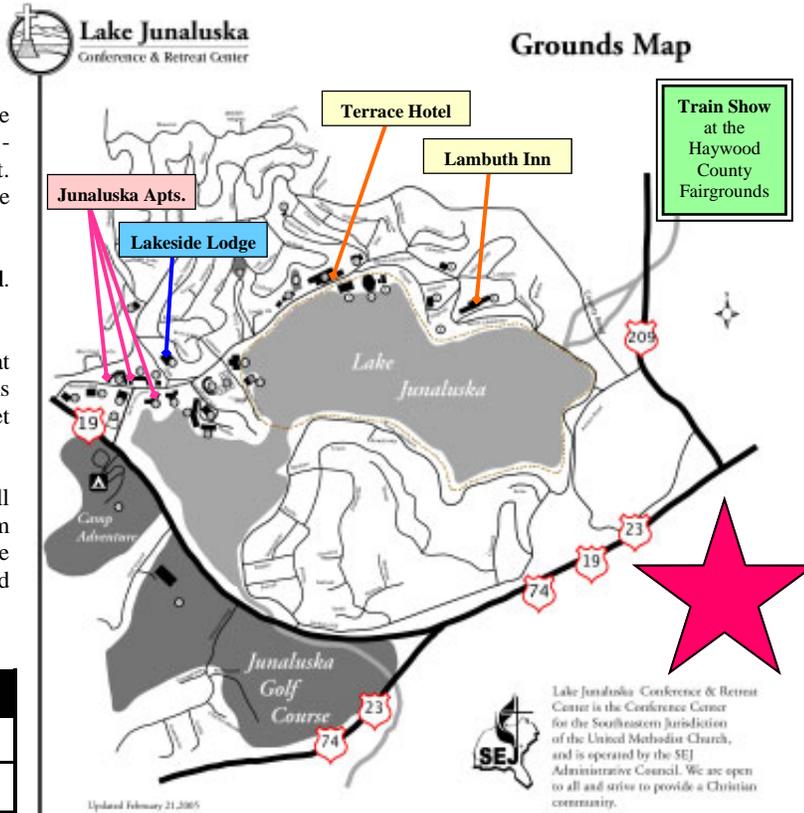
From I-40, take exit 27 onto US 19-23. Drive 3-4 miles. **Do not take exit 104 -- it is easy to get lost!** Take exit 103 and drive about 1 mile until you see Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center front entrance gates on the right. Bear right and follow the main road to the Bethea Welcome Center.

Coming from Knoxville - 92 miles:

From I-40, take exit 20 toward "Lake Junaluska, Maggie Valley". Bear right on the ramp. Drive 7 miles until you come to the stop light. Turn left at the light and drive 3 more miles until you pass the second stop light. The Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center front gates will be on your left shortly after. Turn left and follow the main road to the Bethea Welcome Center.

Coming from Atlanta - 172 miles:

I-85 North to I-985 North. At Gainesville, GA take SR 365 North to US 441 North into NC. Just past Dillsboro, NC, US 441 merges with US 74 which will turn into US 23/74. Take US 23/74 North Lake Junaluska/Maggie Valley Exit (102-B). Travel two miles then turn right on US 19. The entrance to Lake Junaluska is approximately ¼ mile on left. Turn left and follow the main road to the Bethea Welcome Center.



Updated February 21, 2005

Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center is the Conference Center for the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church, and is operated by the SEJ Administrative Council. We are open to all and strive to provide a Christian community.

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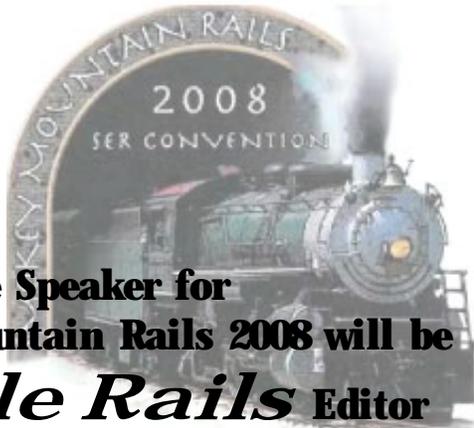
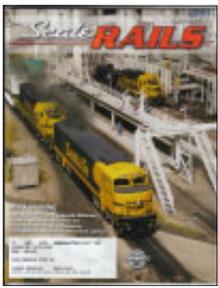
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2 Junaluska Cross and Amphitheater	18 Shackford Hall
3 Colonial Hotel	19 Sunnyside Lodge
4 Atkins House - Intentional Growth Center (IGC)	20 Mountainview Lodge
5 Memorial Chapel	21 Jones Dining Hall
6 Stuart Auditorium	22 Lakeside Lodge
7 Harrell Center with Cokesbury bookstore, Sunset Café, Boat Dock, Susan Todd Lounge and SEJ Heritage Center	23 Brookside Lodge
8 Branscomb - Allen Administrative Building	24 Junaluska Apartments - Units 41-50
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SOUTH EASTERN REGION

Smokey Mountain Rails

Lake Junaluska, NC
May 22-25, 2008

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**The Keynote Speaker for
Smokey Mountain RAILS 2008 will be
Scale Rails Editor
STEPHEN M. PRIEST, MMR**



CONTEST TIME

Now is the time to start wrapping up our entries for the SER Smokey Mountain RAILS model contest in May. **Entries will be accepted from 1PM on Friday until 10 AM on Saturday.** This cutoff is required to allow judging of the contest entries. Models for Display-Only will be accepted until 4 PM on Saturday but please bring them early for maximum exposure. Models entered into the contest must be able to remain in the room until the breakfast on Sunday morning. If your entry cannot remain during the entire contest you still may be able to submit the model for AP Merit judging provided that the judges have adequate time.

This year's Theme Contest is "Logging"

Any model may be entered in the theme contest, whether it is entered in the model contest or not. The model must represent a logging theme in the opinion of the judges. It may be motive power, car, structure or diorama. The entry may have been previously entered or even won in other contests. A NMRA Entry Form is required for all models brought to the contest room unless it is being donated to the judges. A completed Contest Judges Score Sheet is required for all models in the contest or submitted for AP Merit judging. Both of these forms are available at:

<http://www.nmra.org/convention/contests/modelcontest.html>

If you have never participated in a region contest, please join the fun. It is a great way to improve your modeling and to allow other members to learn from your work. The NMRA now has a service to assist you in completing the paperwork involved in contests. Please visit...

<http://www.nmra.org/convention/contests/contest.html>

...and look under the heading of "New Feature" for more information. If you are interested in learning more about judging model contests, please write to me at alpinerr@mindspring.com so that I may schedule you as an apprentice judge during the contest.

Happy Modeling!
Joe Nichols, Jr.
SER Contest Chairman

Convention Pre-Registration Operating Session

Pre-registration will be from
4:00 -- 6:00 pm on May 22, 2008

You must sign up for operating slots to be able to operate Thursday evening on the Land O' Sky Terminal layout known as the L.O.S.T. RR.

The session will start at 6:30 pm at the Train Show site at the Fair Grounds. You may bring your own controller and engines if you like, the layout is set up with Digitrax. It will be a great opportunity to meet other modelers and have fun with 700 feet of track to run on.

To reserve a slot or if you have any questions call Fred Coleman at:
828-699-0983 or by email at:
fred_coleman@bellsouth.net

Smokey Mountain Rails 2008 Clinics

Working with Styrene By Ben Bartlett

Ben will discuss techniques, tools and materials he uses to scratchbuild or kit-bash structures. He will use different aspects of four models to show how he produces styrene structures. There will also be a discussion on how he brought an old structure up to the quality of models he builds today.

Ben has been in model railroading for approximately 60 years. Currently, he is building his last (?) HO layout representing a fictitious division of the Erie Railroad. Ben is the Clinic Chairman for Smokey Mountain Rails 2008 and the Operations Chairman of the Apple Valley Model Railroad Club.

Installing Sound in Steam Engines By Rick Bell

This clinic presents detailed steps and illustrations of advanced techniques for retrofitting a steam sound decoder into an HO scale locomotive. It will include the installation of a cam for chuff timing.

Rick is a 61 years old retired law enforcement official. His great grandfather, two grandfathers and a father in law all retired from class 1 railroads. He is on the board of directors of the Southern Railway Historical Association and a member of the N&W Historical Society.

The Wrong Way to Paint a Backdrop By Charlie Crawford

We've seen backdrops that were painted using artists brushes & tubes of paint. This is an alternative method using interior flat house paints, two inch brushes and some easy faux finishing techniques. With apologies to the late Bob Ross.

Charlie models the New York Central circa 1926-27. He is a member of the Atlanta Interlocking Model Railroaders, a modular club. He also serves as Operations Director for the Piedmont Division. Currently he holds AP Certificates for Cars, Chief Dispatcher and Volunteer.

Scratchbuilding 101 & 102 By Ron Gough

Starting from "scratch," 101 will demonstrate the basic procedures and principles involved. Ron will provide a step-by-step process of how to apply the basics, including the construction of a simple structure and a box car. The 102 clinic will further expand and show how to build many different prototypical details.

Ron has been actively involved in the NMRA having served in many different positions all the way up to region president. A Master Model Railroader since 2003, he has received the Piedmont Division's highest achievement, "The Engineer Award" in 2007.

A Brief History of the ET&WNC RR By Johnny Graybeal

The narrow gauge ET&WNC, known as the "Tweetsie," was the most famous narrow gauge railroad in the southeast. Johnny will give a brief history, emphasizing the busiest days of the line when multiple trains operated over a single track mainline.

Johnny is the president of the East Tennessee & Western North Carolina Railroad Historical Society and author of seven books relating to the railroad. He is also on the 2011 National Narrow Gauge Convention planning committee, and on the committee for the restoration of the Linville Depot.

Introduction to Decoder Pro By Dan Lang

Decoder Pro and Panel Pro are two programs contained in the Java Model Railroad Interface (JMRI) available as freeware. Dan will cover the basics of programming with Decoder Pro and how this tool can be used to simplify programming complex sound decoders in both paged and operations mode programming.

Transplanted from upstate New York and New England, Dan models the Boston & Maine's Fitchburg Division in HO scale. He has authored DCC articles and given clinics on various aspects of DCC. He is a member of the JMRI user's group and has used several versions of Decoder Pro.

Western North Carolina Mountain Lumbering and Railroading By Gerald Ledford

Gerry's presentation will be on the Champion Lumber and Suncrest Lumber Companies. These companies had many miles of railroad and large sawmills not far from Lake Junaluska. His presentation will feature several maps and many photos of those operations.

Gerry is a native of Western North Carolina, growing up in Canton. His family was involved in the early lumber industry in this area; his grandfather was a superintendent for Norwood Lumber at Forney, N.C. His great uncle Louis Carr founded the Carr Lumber Company at Pisgah Forest, N.C.

Exploring Transfer Tables By Joe Norris

Transfer tables can provide exciting operational features to both large and small layouts. Joe will show how they might be used and how to construct both manually operated and powered versions. Actual models will be on display.

Joe is an internet consultant and draws liberally on his background in electronic engineering to automate portions of his small layouts in HO and On30.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps By Frank A. Pearsall

Part of recreating the prototype on our model railroads involves a fair amount of research. One valuable resource can be maps of the area you are modeling from the Sanborn Fire Insurance Company. This clinic will provide background information, handouts (with sample maps) and sources.

Frank started out as an HO scale New York, Ontario & Western modeler. He now models free lance On2 and On30. He is currently researching WW I 60cm (23 5/8 inches) gauge military railroads at Camp A. A. Humphreys (Fort Belvoir), Virginia in 1918.

High on the HOG: A Better Beginner's Operating Layout By Scott Perry

The Heart of Georgia project layout is designed as a starter operations layout for those new to operating. Having been frustrated with the continual display of 4x8 layouts in popular magazines, Scott decided to re-think the 4x8 in HO and came up with a new design built around prototypical operations.

Scott has been an NMRA Piedmont Division member for almost 30 years and models in HO and On30. He has given clinics at the national, regional, and divisional level. He has published articles and was the editor for the SER South-erneR. Scott owns Layout Design Service, a layout design company.

Scratchbuilding Signs By Scott Povlot

Learn how to find and create unique signs to match your prototype and time frame. You will learn how to find real signs on the internet, print them at actual size using your computer and apply them to make realistic models.

Scott is in the Piedmont Division serving as the division webmaster. He is active on several committees including achievement program, train show and Piedmont Pilgrimage. He also served as an NMRA judge at division and region level. He is modeling the Central of Georgia Railway's Atlanta District in HO scale.

Southern Steam in Western North Carolina By Tom Sinks

This clinic will discuss which steam locomotive types the Southern Railway used in Western North Carolina. There will also be a discussion of motive power requirements and how locomotives were allocated. Finally, Tom will show how to model SR steam with commercially available models.

Tom is an HO modeler who enjoys doing prototype research. He lives in Black Mountain, N.C. where he plans to model Centralia, Illinois. A railroad town, it was served by the CB&Q, IC, MOPAC and the Southern's line to Saint Louis.

Modeling Maine By Sam Swanson

From sea walls to rocky coast lines to white-capped wavy water, techniques used to model a Maine seaport can be used for a variety of locales. This clinic will show methods for completing a 2x4 foot module (emulating Frary & Hayden's Thatcher's Inlet layout). Details for a coastal scene will also be covered.

Sam has been in model railroading for the last 30 years. HO scale modeling interests include standard and narrow gauge, predominantly Appalachian logging and coal mining, in the 1930s. Currently, he's building an 11x16 foot layout to include several dioramas featuring these themes.

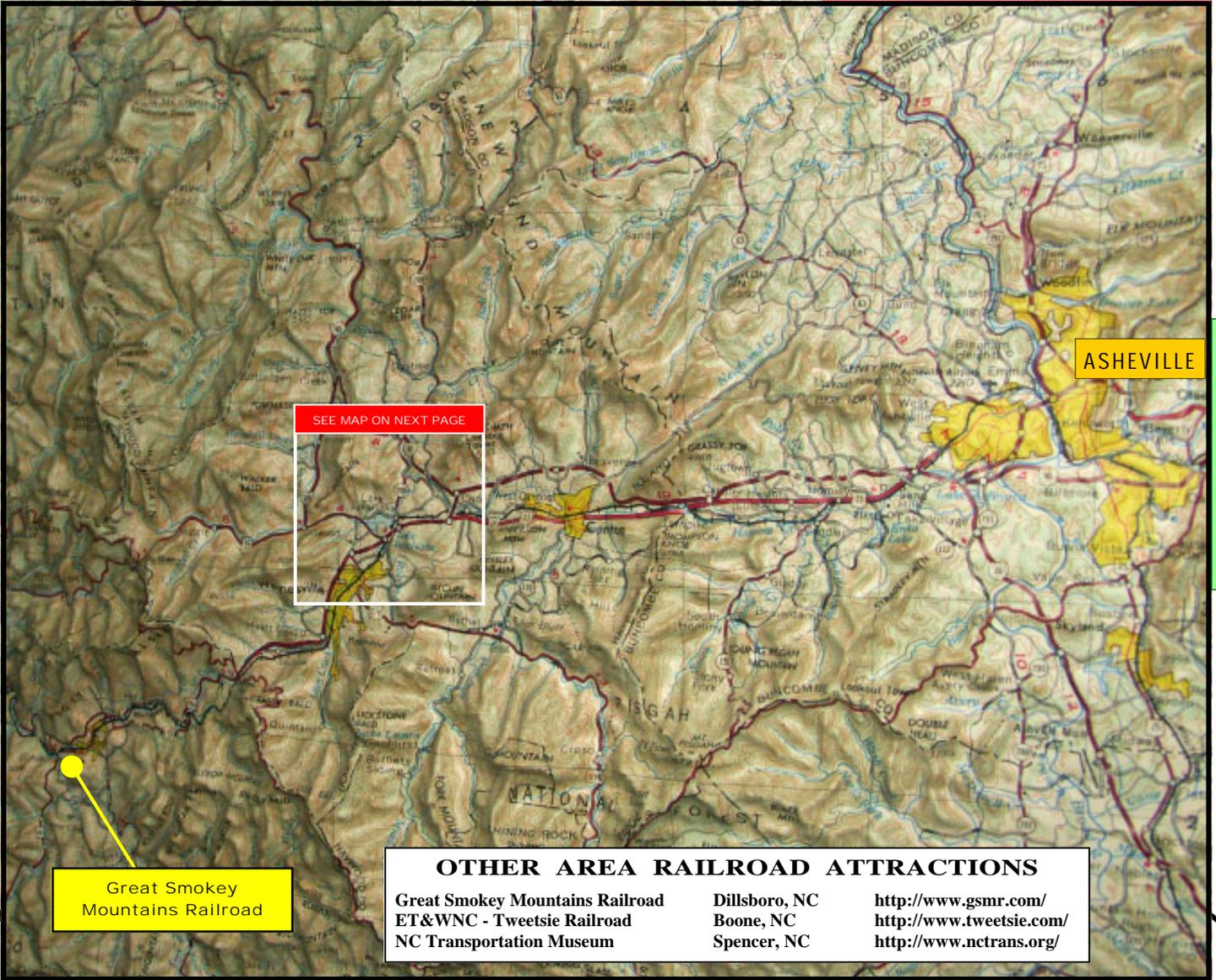
Additional Clinics

Several additional clinics are scheduled but clinic information is not available at this time.



To KNOXVILLE, TN

ET&WNC The Tweetsie Railroad 50+ miles



SRR Spencer Shops 140+ miles

To GREENVILLE, SC

To ATLANTA, GA

Great Smokey Mountains Railroad

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ET&WNC - Tweetsie Railroad	Boone, NC	http://www.tweetsie.com/
NC Transportation Museum	Spencer, NC	http://www.nctrans.org/



Smokey Mountain Rails 2008

Train Show

at the Haywood County Fairgrounds in Waynesville, North Carolina

From Asheville Exit 27 off of I-40 then exit 104 and follow signs
From Knoxville, TN I-40 to exit 24 turn right and follow signs







NMRA **S**outh**E**astern **R**egion 2008 Convention

Smokey Mountain Rails Lake Junaluska, NC May 22-25, 2008

Area Railroad Attractions	Other area Attractions	
Great Smokey Mountain Railroad, Dillsboro Tweetsie Railroad, Boone NC Transportation Museum, Spencer	Asheville Area Grove Park Inn Pisgah National Forest NC Arboretum	Biltmore House Folk Arts Center Blue Ridge Parkway Cradle of Forestry

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ NMRA# _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ - _____

Phone # (____) _____ - _____ E-Mail _____

Confirmation by E-mail only

NMRA Members Full Fare includes all Convention Activities:
Clinics, Layout Tours, Banquet, Train Show and Breakfast

Registration	Postmarked before Apr 1, 2008	\$45.00 X ___ = _____
	Postmarked after Apr 1, 2008	\$55.00 X ___ = _____
Spouse or other attendee	Postmarked before Apr 1, 2008	\$20.00 X ___ = _____
Kids under 12		FREE X ___ = N/C
Non NMRA Member	(add \$15.00 to registration)	\$15.00 X ___ = _____
OR		
New Membership Rail Pass for 6 Months	(add \$9.95 to registration)	\$9.95 X ___ = _____
Convention Tee Shirts	\$15.00 at convention	\$10.00 X ___ = _____

Specify size: **S** **M** **L** **XL**

TOTAL \$ _____

Make registration check to: SER Convention 2008

**Mail registration & check to: Smokey Mountain Rails
c/o Jim Fuqua
2813 Hampton Drive
Hendersonville, NC 28791**

For more information, see <http://www.landofskydiv.org/ser2008.html>

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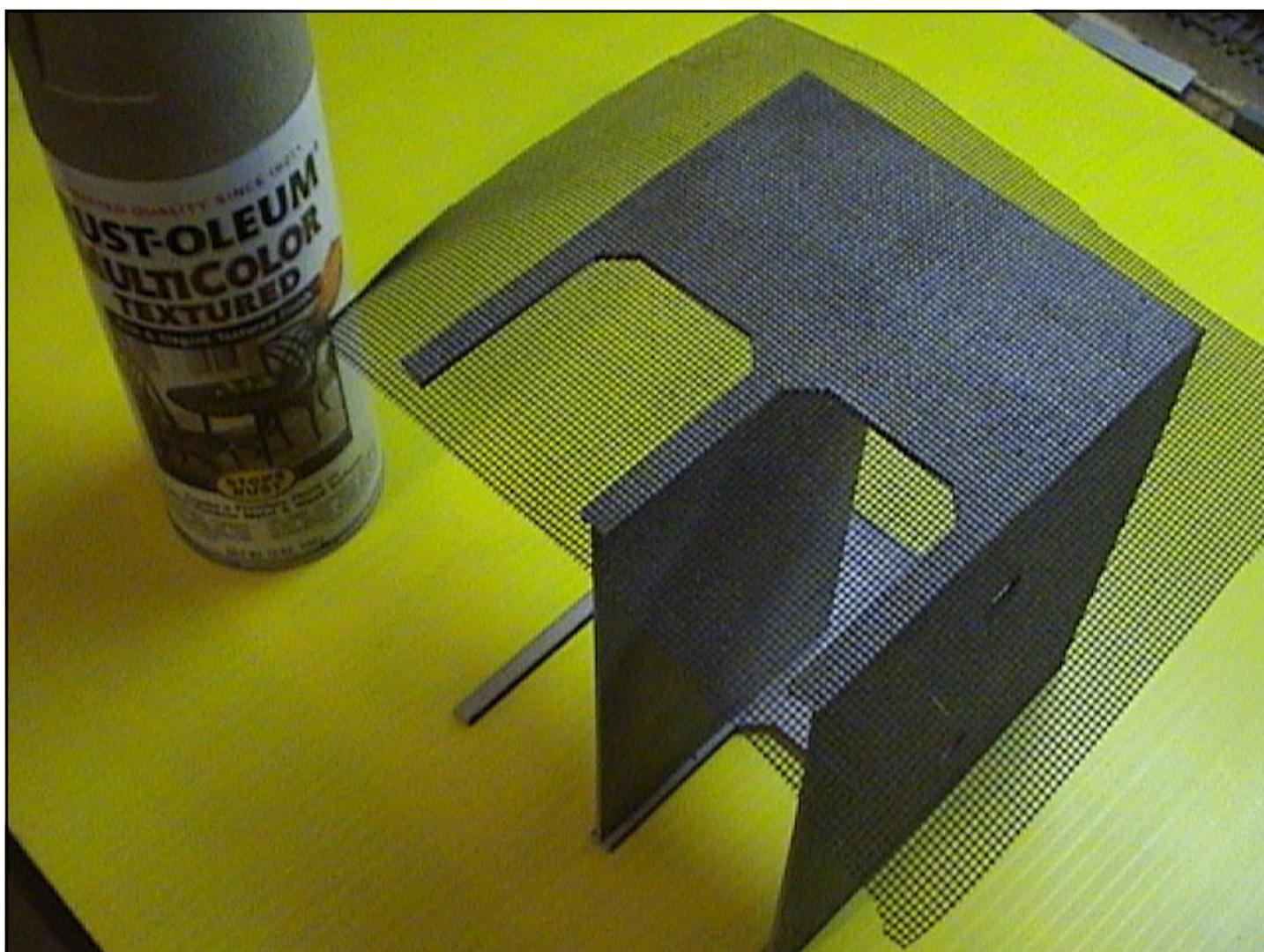
The producers of this DVD clinic have assembled information from a large number of sources, and presented this information in an easily understood way which is valuable to any modeler building a layout or a group module. This DVD clinic should be a valuable contribution to every model railroader's library.

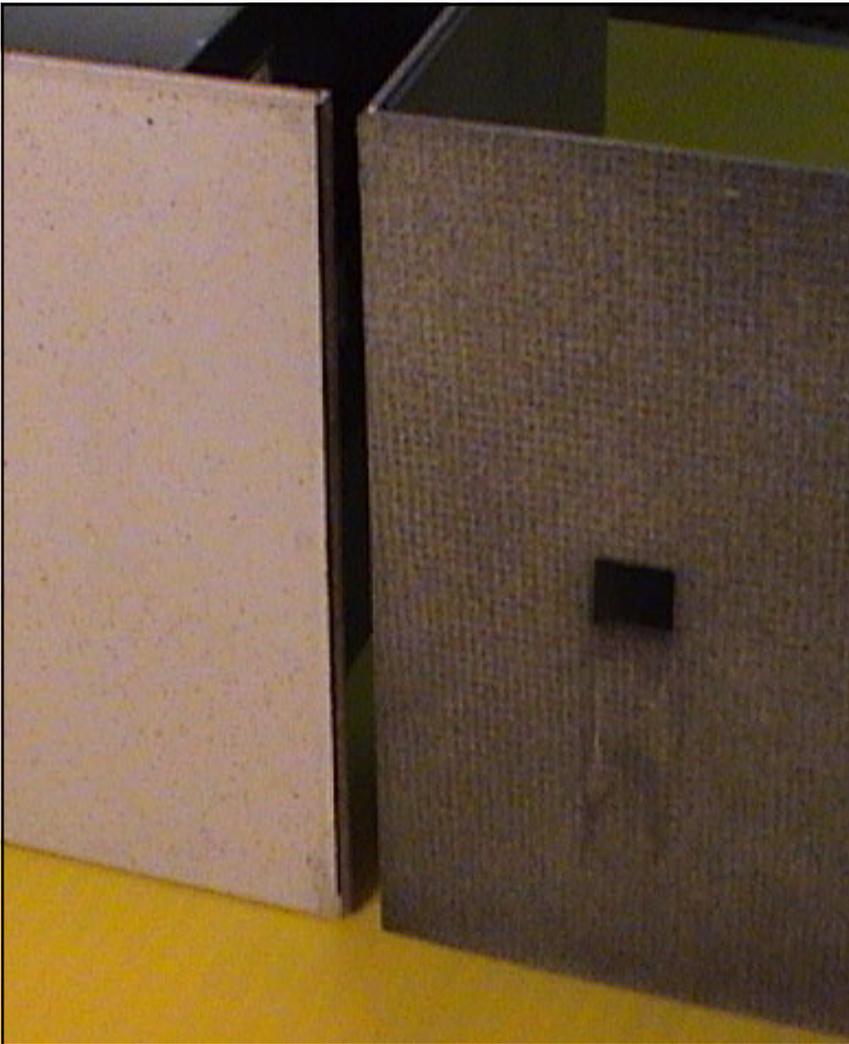
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TEXTURED PAINT AND A WIRE SCREEN

Story & Photos By: Jerry R. Michnewicz - Bluff City Division

I have recently discovered a way to add textured detail to a building whether the kit is plastic, wood or card stock. A good friend of mine, who is in the commodity trading and investments business, has a layout in his office suspended 13 inches from the ceiling. I construct all the structures for his layout and locate them in those areas of the office where the broker specialize. For example: Beef brokers are near or under a slaughter house and stock yard. Grain brokers are near grain elevators with the company logo they deal with. The layout is about 200 feet in length in a figure 8 format. The platform as I call it is above all the brokers and their desks, computers, printers and hum-drum of daily business. The platform is 10 inches wide and supports two HO mainline rails. During the construction of my current project of a coal mine I discovered my way of adding texture to plain pieces that need more. I'm putting together Walther's New River Coal Mine and Glacier Rock Mine that will be on a shelf surrounded by mountains made from ½ inch pink foam. In the first picture the





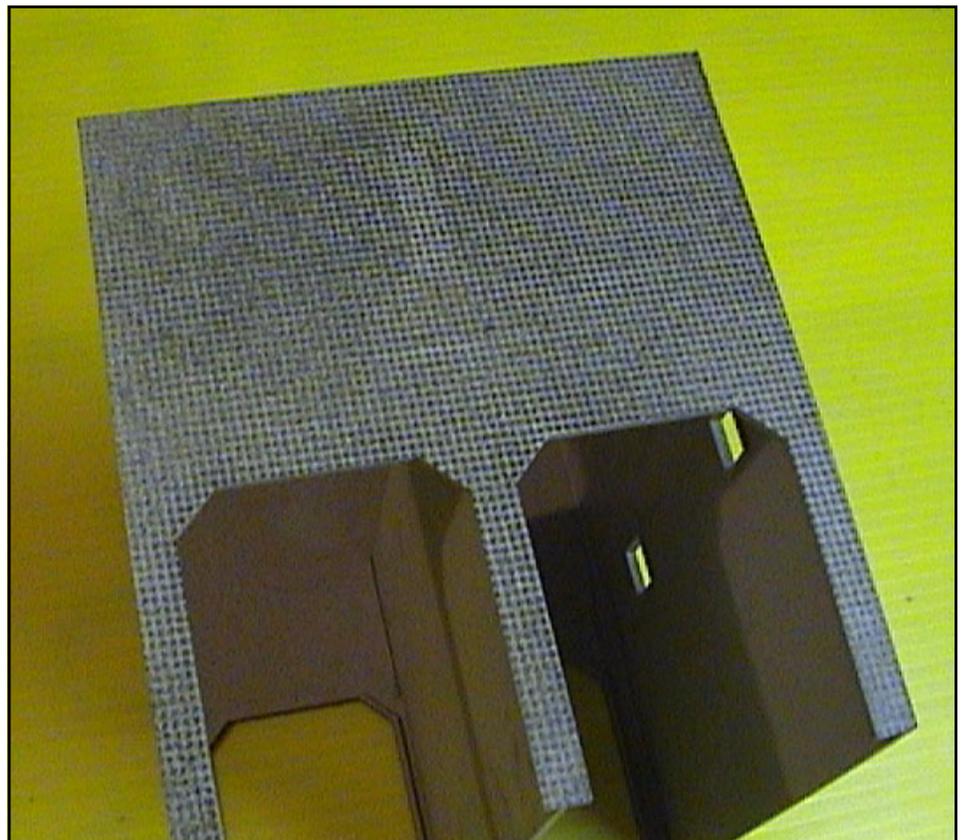
base for the Glacier Rock structure is smooth and plain with no structure or texture detail.

The smooth side has no detail and is a side that is visible when placed on any layout. The textured piece with the square rock chute opening is the result of my discovery. It's very simple to do and anybody can do it. After the first time you will see great results that will inspire you to do more. This works well for scratch builders and a variety of building material. The weathered water streaks under the opening are made with a small brush and lightly stroking with lighter fluid. I kit-bashed the structure and replaced the rock chute with a window.

I generously sprayed RUST-OLEUM textured paint, desert sand, on the plain piece. The material being sprayed must lay flat so the paint will not run and the wire screen will not fall off of. The drying time is about 15 minutes. The important thing is that the screen be laid on the still wet gen-

erously sprayed paint gently and is squared with the piece.

With your finger press the screen into the paint. No harm will be done. Paint will ooze over the wire, not a problem. Let it dry for a minute or two. Before removing the screen spray the piece from a distance of about two to three feet with flat black. Just a couple of fast sprays will do. Do not over do it. This will give the piece detail, definition and a weathered look. If the plain pieces represent concrete and squares would not measure up to your proto-type expectations then I suggest that you still use the textured paint.



CONTESTS & DISPLAYS



Scott Povlot judges a model of a Turpentine Still built by **Revis Butler** during a recent Piedmont Division contest. Revis picked up a Merit Award and Best of Show.

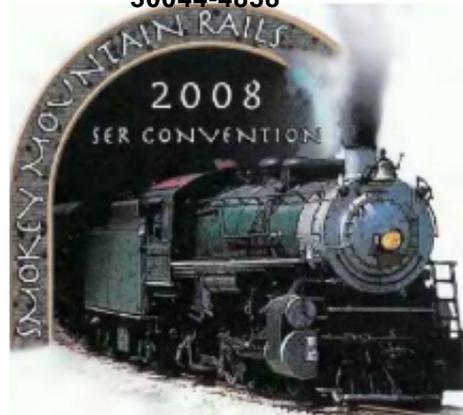
I know there are many modelers within the region who have built contest win-able models but have as yet to enter a contest with them. This coming May we will have both a model AND a photo contest at the Lake Junaluska SER convention. Please bring a model or two to enter in the contest, or just to show off your talents to your fellow modelers. Separate AP judging is available if you do not wish to compete, however bringing home a ribbon or a plaque should be some incentive to enter. You won't know until you do. PVV



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This page normally appears only in the 24-page printed & mailed version of **The SouthErneR** and is usually removed from the online version. This online version contains nearly triple the number of pages and material as the printed version plus everything that can be produced in color (such as photos) appears here in color. Many of the pages used in this version have been reformatted and rearranged to make the online viewing and reading of articles easier for the reader. But this is still a "work in progress" as I learn better or simpler ways to showcase the material herein. It is not perfect, but hopefully all of you reading or viewing these pages will have an enjoyable experience. PVV



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Railfanning Locations In Georgia

By email from Charlie Mason

Atlanta (King Plow Arts Center) - NS, CSX, Amtrak

The King Plow Art Center on Marietta Street is an extensive complex with several parking lots. Park in the lot opposite the Mead water tower (an adult book store is next door). The parking lot overlooks Howell Junction. All trains going through Atlanta come past this location. There is constant train action. The location is generally safe in daylight; but avoid this area at night. Photography is better in the afternoon. There are no fast food places or rest rooms anywhere nearby.

(distance from Atlanta: 0 mi)

Mableton - NS, Amtrak

Go to the intersection of Veterans Memorial Highway and Church Street. Look for Barnes Hardware. These tracks are the NS mainlines to Chattanooga and Birmingham. Signals to the west give indications of approaching trains. There is good visibility to the west to see inbound trains from a distance. The southbound Amtrak comes through around 9:30am to 10:00am. All types of trains can be seen – intermodals with run-through power (BNSF, UP, KCS), Powder River coal, autoracks, roadrailers, grain, general freight, you-name-it. There is a KFC across the street (busy highway) and many other fast food places are nearby.

(distance from Atlanta: 14 mi)

Austell - NS, Amtrak

Go to the wye, where the NS routes to Chattanooga and Birmingham diverge. Parking is available on the north side of the tracks. Action is heavy around noon time and on Saturdays. The southbound Amtrak comes through around 9:30am to 10:00am. All types of trains can be seen – intermodals with run-through power (BNSF, UP, KCS), Powder River coal, autoracks, roadrailers, grain, general freight, you-name-it. Safe and friendly location – police station and city hall are nearby. There is a Burger King across the street. An overpass with sidewalks is nearby and makes another good photo location (use the park's paved parking lot below the bridge).

(distance from Atlanta: 17 mi)

Smyrna - CSX

Go to the Smyrna Visitors Center on Atlanta Road (at the intersection of Old Spring Road). The visitor center is a replica of the old Smyrna depot that once stood at this location. Off-street parking is provided. There are benches overlooking the tracks and clean rest rooms at the visitor center. The visitor center also serves as a Smyrna museum and has railroad-related exhibits. All types of rail traffic come by. A wide choice of eating establishments is available nearby.

(distance from Atlanta: 15 mi)

Cartersville - CSX

Park at the remodeled depot, which is now a visitor center, in the center of town. The CSX mainline north out of Atlanta splits less than a mile north of the depot with the old W&A tracks going to Chattanooga and Nashville and the other line going to Etowah, Knoxville, Corbin (Kentucky coal fields), and Cincinnati. There are several eating establishments near the station with views of the tracks. Featured as a Trains Magazine hotspot: September 1990, p68.

(distance from Atlanta: 43 mi)

Dalton - NS, CSX

The NS and CSX main lines from Chattanooga to Atlanta run adjacent to each other through town. Park by the old Southern depot on the west side of the tracks and set out chairs on the platform. A short walk away is an overpass over the tracks. The top deck of the Wachovia Bank parking deck provides an aerial view of the action. There is a popular down-home eating establishment just across the tracks.

(distance from Atlanta: 89 mi)

Manchester - CSX

The town of Manchester has built a fine train watching facility adjacent to the CSX tracks. The facility is located on the south side of the tracks and has plenty of parking, a gazebo with picnic tables, and a scanner radio. An adjacent overpass with sidewalks also provides a good location to watch and photograph the action. Manchester is a busy division point where the main lines from Atlanta and Birmingham converge and head south to Waycross and on to Florida. All trains to and from Birmingham change crews here. Atlanta trains generally run through. There are a McDonalds and a Subway several blocks away.

(distance from Atlanta: 79 mi)

Cordele - CSX, NS, HOG

The CSX and NS mainlines to Florida cross at grade level in the center of town. The Heart of Georgia (HOG) Railroad also crosses both the CSX and NS tracks here. Trains come by frequently, but action is heaviest on the CSX (about 40 trains per day). There is a paved parking lot right by the diamonds (southeast quadrant). The SAM Shortline runs a streamlined passenger train, complete with a round-end observation car, on the weekends from Cordele to Plains (pulled by HOG diesels). The SAM Shortline's loading platform is a block east of the diamonds. Their passenger equipment is stored at nearby Veterans State Park when not in use. Featured as a Trains Magazine hotspot: October 1992, p76.

(distance from Atlanta: 148 mi)

Folkston - CSX, Amtrak

The town of Folkston has built an excellent train watching facility with a viewing platform complete with seats, lights, overhead fans, maps, and scanner radio. They have also provided grills, picnic tables, and rest rooms. Nearby in the old depot is a visitor center. Railfans from all over the country congregate here at the "Folkston Funnel", named because the CSX lines from the Midwest and the Northeast converge here to funnel traffic to Florida. Track signals north and south of the platform give notice of approaching trains. Four Amtrak trains a day come through. There are fast food places a block or two away.

(distance from Atlanta: 289 mi)

Jesup - CSX, Amtrak

Jesup tries to attract train watchers. However, everyone goes to Folkston where there is a lot more action.

(distance from Atlanta: 237 mi)





DRGW #5624 at Glenwood Springs, Colorado



DRGW #5641 near Glenwood Springs, Colorado



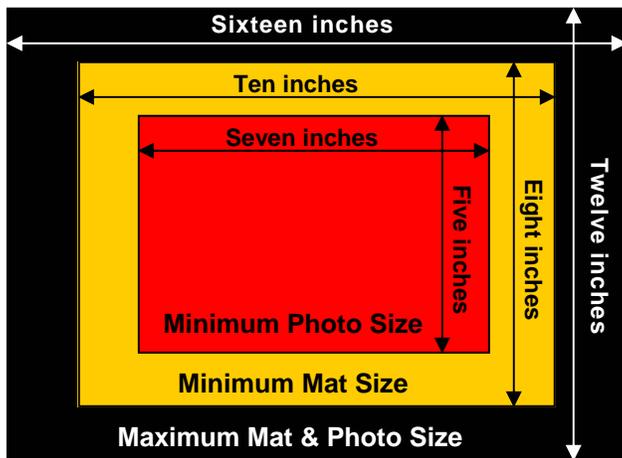
DRGW #5624 near Glenwood Springs, Colorado



PHOTO CONTEST!

By Paul V. Voelker, NMRA Photo Contest Manager

Hopefully I have gotten your attention by now. The previous three pages showed scenes taken in 1954 on the Denver & Rio Grande Western at or near Glenwood Springs, Colorado. If you have taken shots like those, or others like them, you can compete in a national, regional or divisional photo contest in the Prototype category. You can enter Black & White photos (such as those three), Color photos, or Slides (they came both ways). We have two main categories - Prototype & Model.



To enter, your photo needs to be mounted on a mat and this is the primary reason for this article, the choice of mat to use. The above three photos on this page show a black mat with (from left) Color, Black & White, and Sepia-tone photos. Both Black & White and Sepia-tone photos are entered in the B&W category.

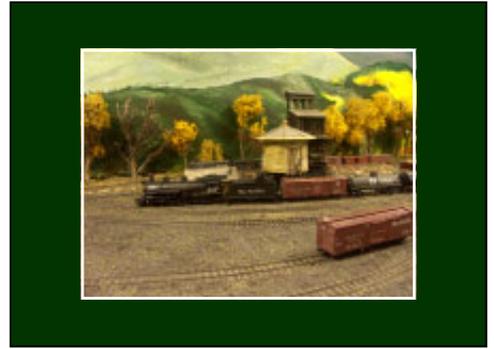
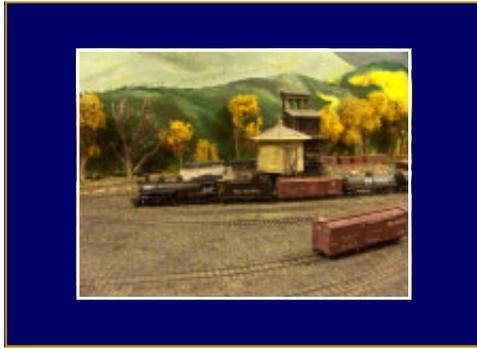
The drawing at left shows the Minimum and Maximum sizes for entered photos. A 5" x 7" is the smallest size photo that can be entered and

it has to be mounted on a Mat whose smallest size has to be 8" x 10". An 8" x 10" photo may be flush-mounted on an 8" x 10" mat. The largest size for both the mat and the photo is 12" x 16" which means a flush-mounted 12" x 16" photo can be entered.

That said, any sized photo falling within those minimum and maximum dimensions can be entered.

Don't automatically assume that you could not enter an 8" x 12" (the actual dimensions of a photo made from a slide) or some other combination of dimensions falling within the maximum and minimum sizes.

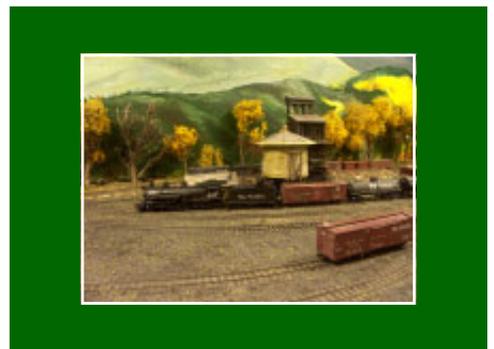
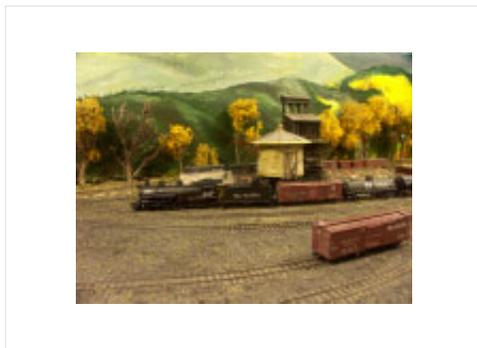




MAT COLORS

The color you choose for your picture's mat can make a world of difference. Yes, mat color should not necessarily have an effect on the judging of the actual photograph however when a colored mat is used, the overall "presentation effect" can be greatly increased or decreased. In some cases this can be to such a degree that the color of the mat can either turn your photo into a contest winner or into a complete disaster!

The yellow mat of the photo shown at right above is a case in point. The yellow color actually hurts the presentation as the color of the mat is competing with the trees in the photo. The white mat shown below also competes for your attention but to a lesser extent. A good rule of thumb is that if you don't know what color of mat is best for your photo, go with BLACK. The mat should help to focus the viewer's attention on the photo, not compete with it!





MAT COLORS with Black & white

The same holds true with Black & White photos as it does with color although admittedly it is a lot harder to screw up with Black & White, I certainly have seen entrants seemingly go out of their way to do just that! Note the basic three colors of mats below compared to the six colored mats above. A colored mat can help a low-contrast photo whereas black, white or gray can actually hurt. The six photos at the bottom of the page show the differences the three colors of mats make between darker versus lighter contrast photos. You will further note that changing a color photo into a Black & White photo requires more than simply changing it to "Gray Scale". Contrast plays a major role in black & white photos since there is no color to delineate shapes and textures beyond black, shades of gray and the white of the paper the photo was printed on.



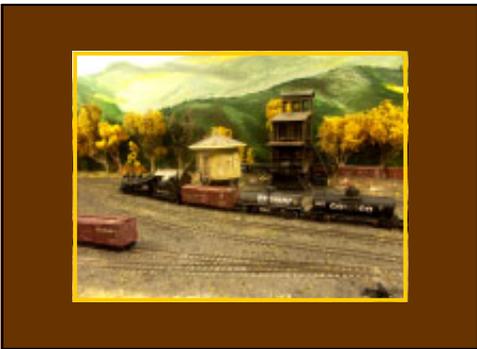
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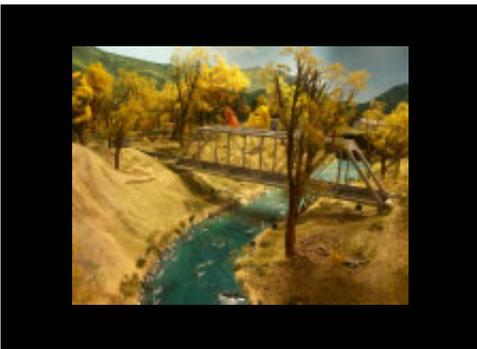
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YOU'RE THE JUDGE!

OK! Here's the deal, you are the Photo Contest Judge and these 10 photos are all that has been entered.

You've got to decide which of these entries will be First Place, Second Place, Third Place and whatever number of Honorable Mentions you think may or may not need to be awarded to cover all bases.

So which gets what award? You tell me! Hey, you are the judge this time, which of these gems is the winner? No, they all can't be, you've got to pick one... And then a second... and a third... I want a winner guys!

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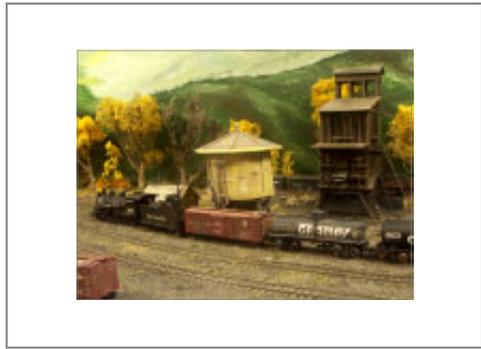
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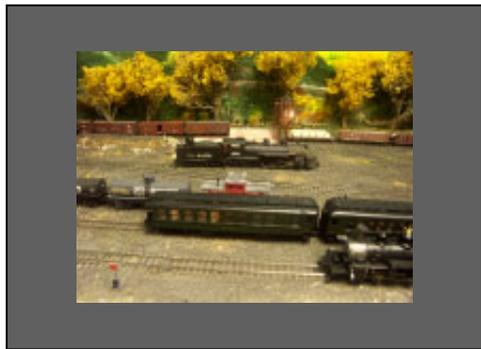
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Railroad Art Painter Robert West with Del Kittendorf (above) and Howard Goodwin (below) at the Piedmont Division's annual two-day March Train Show at the Cobb County Civic Center in Marietta, GA.



ROBERT WEST

See Robert's Website at:
www.trainpaintings.com





The Model Train Show

Story by Paul Voelker

Photos by Ron Gough, MMR & Paul Voelker

It appears that the 2008 Train Show was our most successful yet. We had a total of 3,245 (2269 paying adults and 976 kids) attend, beating the previous high of the 2002 show.

In addition to the Train Show staff, we had a total of 68 volunteers assist with the show.



This year's raffle layout was won by 6-year old Alex Hayes and was delivered to his parents' home on the day after the show.

Turnout was outstanding on both days as the weather was cold and snowy the first day of the show and just plain cold on the last day. The Sunday crowd was the largest ever seen for a Piedmont Division Train Show. You can see in the photo above that the crowd was rather large!

The two photos at left show the Raffle Layout and the division's NMRA membership sign booth.

In the photo below we see Ivan Jenkins (right) who is our vendor check-in specialist and SouthErneR Editor Paul Voelker who, on this Friday night before the show, was acting as general all around flunky.



These three photos by Paul V. Voelker



Photo by Ron Gough, MMR



Three top photos by Ron Gough, MMR

The show opened with a huge crowd waiting outside. Snow showers occurred during the morning hours and it was rather cold all day. Perfect weather conditions to bring people in to a train show and as you can see below, we really packed them in!

Seen at right are Train Show committee members John Travis, Gary Jarabek, Joe Gelmini, Chris White & Ivan Jenkins. This was John's last show as a member of the committee as he has handed off his Show Chairman's duties to new Chair Joe Gelmini.



Photo By Paul Voelker

RAFFLE LAYOUT

Once again one of the Piedmont Division's Operating Groups built an HO scale train layout that was raffled off at the Train Show. This year's layout was built by the S-COG, the Southern Crescent Operating Group which is a round-robin club located in the Fayetteville-area south of Atlanta. The raffle layout was won by 6-year old Alex Hayes and delivered to his parents' home on March 9th, the day after the show.





Piedmont Division Kid's Operating Train Layout



Always a big hit with the kids is the division's "Kid's Operating Layout". Some of the kids you see here will be our future model railroaders. Once bitten by the model train experience as a child, it will be easy for them to come back later in life when they have kids of their own. Model railroading is a family experience almost unmatched by any other endeavor.



MODEL CONTEST

Not often acknowledge but of immense importance to any contest are the judges, for without their dedication and service, no Merit Awards could be earned. The judges from the Train Show were given their due at the last Piedmont meeting in the form of Certificates of Appreciation for their services.



First Place - Structure Offline
Scott Povlot 103 points



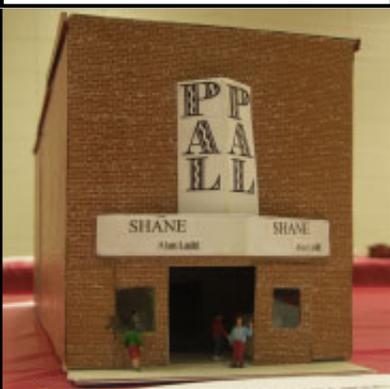
First Place - Favorite Train
Robert Hoenes



First Place - Freight Car
Robert Hoenes 94 points



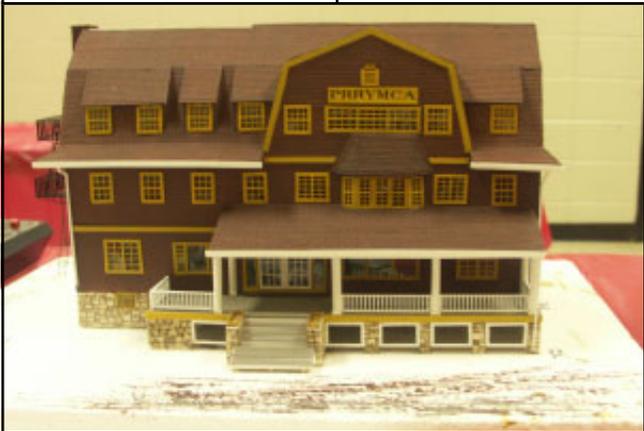
Third Place - Structure Online
Ray Petersen 49 points



Second Place - Structure Offline
Ray Petersen 44 points



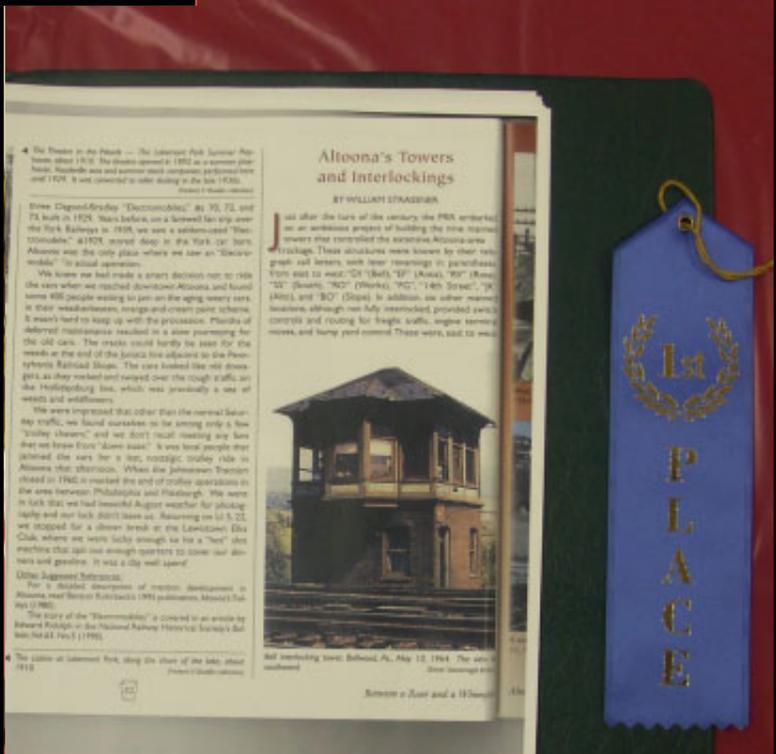
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BEST OF SHOW
Bob McIntyre

Bob earned 112 points for his PRR Bell Interlocking Tower.





Revis Butler had two contest entries and scored two Merit Awards. The Day, FL railroad station shown above scored 109 points for Second Place in Online Structures.

His LOP&GRR Combine shown at right scored 97 points for First Place in Passenger Cars.



Revis Butler's model of a Turpentine Still shown at right & below was not entered in the contest, but was instead judged for AP points only, an option you have at most contests. His Turpentine Still scored 109 points earning him a Merit Award for his modeling skill.



THE PIEDMONT DIVISION TRAIN SHOW VOLUNTEERS - THANKS GUYS, WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YA!



All photos on this page by Ron Gough, MMR

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SPILT LIQUID PLASTIC CEMENT

Story & Photos By: Jerry R. Michnewicz
Bluff City Division

I have been a model railroader for more than six decades. I can never remember being without a train set of some sort. I've probably put together at least a hundred plastic kits. I know I've completed dozens of airplanes many boats and a lot of buildings for the many and varied layouts that I have had. Cement or glue from a tube was the only thing that I knew about back in the 50's. A tube of glue is a pretty safe and spill free way of putting a kit together. It was then and it still is today. The glue that I used for balsa kits came from a tube but, over the years things change. Great strides have been made in chemistry. On the market today there must be a zillion different kinds of glues. Some still come in tubes, some come in glass bottles, others come in plastic containers and some even come in sticks. Depending on what kind of building material is in the model kit will generally determine what kind of glue will be used. A great percentage of the kits in hobby shops today are plastic. The type and kind of glue is really important to the looks of the finished product. Liquid types do not leave lumps and bumps. The kind of glue will give the builder time to move the parts into position or may be almost instant on contact. The kind of glue used is really up to the builder and experience usually dictates that.



Having said all that let me now get to the point I'm trying to make - spilt liquid plastic cement. Ever try to recapture liquid after you have accidentally knocked the bottle over. Can't be done! Ever try to move kit parts, plans or decals from the rush of a knocked over bottle of liquid cement. Maybe it can be done. Ever try locking your tongue tightly in your mouth and refrain from say those words that come naturally with a spilt bottle of liquid cement - can't be done! Look at the picture of the bottle lying on its side with liquid coming out of the bottle - makes me cringe. In this picture the only thing lost is the cement. No parts or plans or decals in sight. The sad part is there is not much left in the brand new bottle. No way to reclaim the liquid and that was the only bottle on hand. I haven't even mentioned the table top you were working on. Imagine a fast and very simple repair job. Working on the kitchen table made from a fine grade of wood. OOPS! You knock the bottle over. Who and what is said next....



If you are new to plastic modeling and use liquid cement you are going to eventually knock over a bottle. If you have been in modeling for some time and use liquid cement, I know, you have knocked a bottle over. So, here is a way you can prevent spills, prevent ruined decals and stained plans and the best part is this project will cost nothing. I suggest the next time you open a can you save the lid. The lid from a can of corn, peas, beans or Mighty Dog will do. If the lid has a sharp edge - smooth it. Center and super glue the liquid cement bottle to the lid. According to the law of physics the chance of knocking the bottle over now is almost impossible.

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The President's Car

Robert Beaty, MMR



Greetings from the Presidents car, aboard AMTRAK train 19 The Crescent to New Orleans. We got a late start due to some freight traffic but now we are moving at about 80 miles an hour with an average speed of about 60 Mph. I do this trip about once a quarter to visit AT&T Mobility locations in Louisiana. This is a sneaky way to get my employer to subsidize my train habit.

This is an election year for the SER and each of you, subscriber or not have been sent a ballot to elect the slate of officers to run the Region for the next two years. I encourage all of you to take time and fill out the ballot and return it. Your Board of Directors and I have been hard at work for the past 2 to 4 years with projects and initiatives to make your Region more stable financially and more responsive to your modeling needs. For the first time in a long time we have had consistent years where our operating budget was not in the red at the end of our fiscal year. We have consolidated our investments to provide better yield and accessibility. In order to try and make us less dues dependent, we have developed a modeling CD program with 2 topics completed so far (Building a trestle and Using LEDs and Diodes). We have also contracted for a Region Car Which will be a GTAX tank car with 4 different numbers. This will be available this summer. We have focused on membership needs, addressing the memberships concerns for the Contest events and re-emphasizing the Achievement Program. At my direction, we have developed a Strategic Plan for the region with specific goals to accomplish in Membership, retention and member aid. At the winter board meeting, VP Gelmini introduced a composite Superintendent's Handbook (or guide). This will be fine tuned and ready for distribution this summer in Ashville. The team that you had leading the Region over the last two years has been very productive, and the slate of officers presented to you on the ballot this year portends to be equally attuned to the needs of the Region and ready to move us forward.

You will note else where in this issue that I am seeking reelection for a third term. I am not seeking to do this for ever. I was asked if I would consider it and could not come up with a legitimate excuse not to. The office of President is the only office that the By-laws allow more than two terms speaking of By-laws, Your Board of directors have not submitted changes to the By-Laws since we amended them to comply with the new NMRA regulations.

Thank you for your support and keep on Training.

Bob Beaty, MMR
President, SER.

Treasurer's Report

George Bloodworth



Financial Summary January 1, 2007 thru December 31, 2007

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$7,065.52
RECEIPTS:		
SER Membership (Region) [Subscriptions]	\$4,162.00	
NMRA Rebate	\$1,804.00	
CD Interest	\$619.56	
Southerner Ads	\$383.00	
Pike Ads	\$96.00	
DVD Sales (Timber Trestle)	\$300.00	
DVD Sales (LED's)	\$30.00	
SER Convention (Piedmont Division)	\$5,000.00	
Cashed out CD's	\$8,529.98	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$20,960.54
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Southerner	\$5,230.86	
Plaques	\$363.02	
Bonding (Treasurer)	\$170.10	
Georgia Business License	\$35.00	
Good & Welfare	\$207.02	
Recording Tapes (Secretary)	\$14.04	
Purchased CD's (\$7,000.00 & \$5,000.00)	\$12,000.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$18,020.04
ENDING BALANCE		\$10,006.02

The VP's Keyboard Joe Gelmini



A number of important issues have surfaced since the last issue of *The SouthErner*. Some are nearing resolution and some are still in the formative stages.

The NMRA national board of directors held its winter meeting in Atlanta on January 17. An important issue discussed was exactly what constitutes a region and a division. You may recall that there has been a great deal of anxiety at the national level concerning local groups using the National's umbrella insurance policy for their local train shows and other events. The national policy is only available to 100% NMRA divisions and clubs. The rub was coming from non-100% groups using the blanket policy anyway. National is now taking a much closer look at who they allow to use the insurance as any serious incident could cause financial disaster for the NMRA if the group holding the event was not technically eligible for the insurance coverage to begin with. So, if your club or division is planning to use this insurance for an upcoming event, you must be able to prove that you have 100% NMRA members. Also, the time it takes to get the letter of insurance is longer, so be sure to apply well in advance of your event date.

Additionally, and more important in my mind for the SER, the definitions of Regions and Divisions within the NMRA have been re-evaluated. The region definition has never been an issue for us, but the definition of a division definitely was. Last July the national BOD decided to revise their regulations (by-laws) to require all divisions to have a minimum of three officers that were elected by the division members. While this may sound simple it would have wiped-out a number of our current SER divisions. Several of our larger SER Divisions are incorporated with appropriate by-laws and a slate of officers regularly elected by the division members. No problem there. But many of our divisions are much more loosely organized due to fewer members who are more geographically dispersed. Most of these division superintendents are appointed, not elected. And often the superintendent is the only division officer. Talking with other regional officials made it clear this was a big problem for **all** the regions, not just SER. So Bob Beaty, SER President, began a campaign to bring a more rational approach to the problem. The end result was a revision to the national regulations that was approved January 17, 2008. The revised national regs now stipulate that a Division shall have two (not three) officers elected by the division members. Further, if it is not practical to hold regular elections, the region president may appoint officers. So, at least for now, all of our SER divisions can remain intact. Thank you, Bob Beaty, for your efforts in resolving this. But, **and I stress this**, all Divisions should strive to hold regular elections. You should have at a minimum a superintendent and a secretary, plus someone to be responsible for division funds. Positions can be combined, but you still need at least two officers. **Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss how these changes affect your particular division.**

Something in the formative stage is the Piedmont Division's intention to bid for the 2013 NMRA national convention. The Piedmont Division hosted a very successful "Crossroads Atlanta" national convention in 1995 and we're ready to do it again! As of this writing the only other east coast city planning to bid for 2013 is Pittsburgh. Both we and Pittsburgh will make a presentation to the national BOD at the Anaheim convention in July. We will know at Anaheim if we are successful. Wish us luck!!

Speaking of conventions, I hope each of you is planning to attend the 2008 SER convention to be held at Lake Junaluska, near Asheville, NC, May 22-25. Land-O-Sky division has been working hard to put together what is shaping up to be a great event at a very affordable price. I have seen the facilities and they are outstanding. In addition to all the great model and train activities, there will be a full slate of interesting non-rail events as well. So plan to bring the whole family and enjoy some mountain hospitality. Registration forms and other information are in this issue. See you there!

Until next time, here's hoping all your signals are green.

Convention Coordinator Tom Cusker



Spring is almost on us and as they say a young man's fancy turns to love. While we older (and maybe wiser) folks have our fancy turn toward model railroad conventions. I know there will be a large N-Scale convention coming up as well as our own SER Convention this spring. You should be receiving your NMRA National Convention information in the mail any day now. I want to take this time to encourage you to pick at least one convention and attend it this year.

The information and friendship you will gain from attending a convention will stay with you forever. You are never too old to learn a new trick or two from one of the clinics or see something on someone's layout that will give you an idea for yours. So why not make this a year that you will attend at least one convention.

This issue is full of information about our 2008 SER Convention in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. Get your registration filled out and mailed in. I believe the Land-O-Sky Division has put together a great program for us this year and I am sure you will have a good time in the mountains of North Carolina.

As I have previously reported we have conventions lined up for 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011. How about your division or group offering to sponsor the 2012 convention? It is not too soon to start thinking about it. I know it sounds a long way off but once you start talking about it you can figure it will take at least 4-6 months before you decide to talk to the Region about it. Don't be afraid. It is not that hard to do plus we will help as much as we can.

These fine groups have stepped up to offer you future conventions.

2008 Convention

Our 2008 convention **Smokey Mountain Rails** will be hosted by the Land-O-Sky Division. It will be on May 23rd, 24th and 25th in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. They have their web site up and you can visit to find out about the convention and get a registration form. The convention rates are very reasonable again this year so don't miss attending. Lake Junaluska is about 30 miles west of Asheville NC on US 23/US 441. It is going to be held on a beautiful site in a wooded setting. It will be about a 3 hour drive from Atlanta or 6 hours from Birmingham. It has been a while since we have been in this area and should have a lot of great things to see and do. Convention chairman Fred Coleman is promising everyone a great time. I remember our last convention in the Asheville area and there were a lot of great home layouts to visit.

Smokey Mountain Rails 2008 website: <http://www.landofskydiv.org/ser2008.htm>

2009 Convention

The 2009 convention will be in the Pensacola area. Convention chairman Glenn Hall has announced that the convention will be June 12th to the 14th. The spring SER board meeting was held in Pensacola and the officers had a chance to view the area. We are sure you will all have a good time next year. More details will be available at this year's convention.

2010 Birmingham

In 2010 we will be going back to Birmingham AL. The convention dates will be May 21st, 22nd and 23rd. It will be at the same site as the 2004 convention. Plans are in the beginning stages and we hope to have a very interesting convention for you.

2011 Macon

The Empire Division has agreed to host the 2011 convention in Macon Ga. Convention chairman Richard Dalrymple is in the beginning stages of planning but I know we will all have a good time in Macon. We will announce the convention dates after the site has been approved at this year's annual meeting.

2012 Your Town

I am still looking for a 2012 host. How about your division or club being the host.

SouthEastern Region Fall Business Meeting

Saturday Feb 9, 2008 - Pensacola, FL

The following board members were present: President Bob Beaty, Treasurer George Bloodworth, Secretary John Stevens, Executive Advisor Phil Hutchinson, Director Paul Voelker, and Director Randall Watson.

The following committee chairmen were present: Good and Welfare Chairman Fred Coleman, Membership Chairman Rick Coble, Gulf Division Superintendent Glen Hall, Historian Dr. Joe Nichols, Sr., and Contest Chairman Dr. Joe Nichols, Jr.

A quorum was present. Meeting called to order at 11:15 am CDT.

President Beaty welcomed all the attendees. He thanked Gulf Division Superintendent Glen Hall for arranging the meeting place and setting up the activities for the weekend.

A motion was made to accept the Secretary's minutes from the 2008 Fall Meeting as published in *The SouthErneR*. Moved by Director Watson. 2nd by Treasurer Bloodworth. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer Bloodworth presented the Treasurer's Report. The Region has total cash investments of \$31,547.16. Total Liabilities and Reserves are \$12,079.00. Non designated cash is \$19,468.16. A motion was made to accept the report as corrected. Moved by Director Watson. 2nd by Executive Advisor Hutchinson. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Superintendent Fred Coleman gave a report on activities within the Land O'Sky Division.

Executive Advisor Phil Hutchinson gave a report on activities within the Dixie Division.

Superintendent Glen Hall gave a report on activities within the Gulf Division.

President Bob Beaty gave a report about activities within the Steel City Division.

Secretary John Stevens read e-mail reports by Piedmont Division Superintendent Howard Goodwin, Cumberland Division Superintendent Bob Hultman, Smoky Mountain Division Superintendent Larry Burkholder, and HQ Division Superintendent Chip Chipman.

There has been an ongoing discussion about the duties of a Division Superintendent. Vice President Gelmini has prepared a Superintendent's Handbook which was handed out to the BOD members who were present. Over the next couple of months the handbook will be reviewed and prepared for distribution at this year's convention.

Membership Chairman Rick Coble presented his report. Although we continue to gain new members, we haven't been able to retain them. A discussion was held on the possibility of a Public Affairs Officer to help advertise the hobby and the NMRA. The discussion included adding a hit counter to the SER website and the E-SouthErneR.

Meeting recessed from 12:15 pm to 1 pm for a lunch break.

SouthErneR Editor Paul Voelker read his report on the last three issues of *The SouthErneR*. *The SouthErneR* continues to be under budget. The next issue contains the slate of candidates for the upcoming election. It also will include registration information for the upcoming convention in the Asheville area. The next issue will be mailed to all members of the SER. The next deadline is February 15.

The Spirit of Competition Award is still a work in progress.

Secretary Stevens read the report by the Achievement Program Chairman George Gilbert. Twelve certifi-

cates have been awarded since the Fall BOD Meeting. There are 4 SOQ's at the National level. There are 4 SOQ's that are still in review at the region level.

Contest Chairman Joe Nichols, Jr. led a discussion of Region Awards presented at the Annual Convention. The discussion included the definition of each of the awards. It also included a discussion of the Gold or Silver Level. Currently, a Silver Level modeler is a member who has not won first place in the category entered.

A motion was made to define the breakpoint between silver and gold in each category as the awarding of 87 ½ points within that same category. The four categories are car, motive power, structures, and display. Motion made by Executive Advisor Hutchinson. 2nd by Director Watson. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Contest Chairman Joe Nichols, Jr., led a discussion on presentations at the annual convention. Currently, the award winner is tasked with taking the award home and then having it engraved with the year and name. This has led to almost all the awards having numerous font sizes and styles. He would like to attempt to standardize all the awards.

A motion was made that the Contest Chairman present a paper certificate to the award recipient at the Banquet. All plaques will be engraved and mailed at a later date. Motion made by executive Advisor Hutchinson. 2nd by Director Watson. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A discussion was held about the modeling theme of this year's convention. The Land O'Sky Division Superintendent reported that this year's theme would be the logging industry.

Good and Welfare Chairman Fred Coleman submitted his report. He has started sending letters to members who have received a certificate in the AP program.

A report by Convention Chairman Tom Cusker was read:

2008 Convention: Convention will be hosted by the Land O'Sky Division at Lake Junaluska, NC on May 23, 24, and 25. Their website is up and running. You can find more convention information and a registration form.

2009 Convention: Convention will be hosted by the Gulf Division in the Pensacola area on June 12, 13, and 14. The Convention motto is "Rails to Sails".

2010 Convention: Convention will be hosted by the Steel City Division and will be held in the Birmingham area on May 21, 22, and 23.

2011 Convention: The Empire Division has stepped forward with a proposal for a convention in the Macon area. They will put together a proposal for the general membership's approval at next year's convention.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee Report for 2008 Elections

The following slate of candidates was presented by the Nominating Committee

President	Bob Beaty
Vice-President	Joe Gelmini
Treasurer	George Bloodworth
Secretary	Tom Cusker
Director	Fred Coleman
	Glen Hall
	Jerry Michnewicz [Editor's note: Jerry asked to have his name removed from the ballot.]
	Paul Voelker

A motion was made to accept the slate of candidates as presented by the Nominating Committee. Motion made by Executive Director Hutchinson. 2nd by Director Watson. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The ballot will be published in the upcoming *The SouthErneR*. They will be mailed to the Executive Director who will count them and notify the BOD of the results.

President Beaty thanked the members of the Nominating Committee for their efforts.

Non- Dues Revenue Projects:

Report of status of Region DVD's

Thirty copies of the timber trestle have been sold. All monies have been submitted to the treasurer. It has been advertised in *The SouthErneR*. Copies will also be available at the upcoming convention.

The LED DVD has been produced and is currently for sale. It is also being advertised in *The SouthErneR* and will also be available at the convention.

A discussion was held on the topic of the next DVD. No decision has been made at this time.

Discuss Marketing.

The DVD is being advertised in *The SouthErneR* and on the SER website. A copy was sent to *Scale Rails* Editor Stephen Priest for evaluation, but no response has been received at this time.

Region Cars.

A report was presented by Director Watson.

The car is a GATX 10,000 gal tank car. The build date will be 10/49. The test date will be 10/13/49. The manufacturer expects an August ship date.

The car will be for sale for \$31.95 each or \$110.00 for four cars. There will also be a charge for shipping and handling.

SER BOD Roles and responsibilities to our membership:

This item was discussed earlier.

Dudley Ross Award:

A discussion was held on this issue, and it was decided to table the issue until a later date.

Award definitions and award plaque annotations:

This item was discussed earlier

Magnolia Division Superintendent:

As reported in the last minutes, Ron Reagan is unable to accept the appointment to the position of Magnolia Division Superintendent. After a brief search, Troy Hight from Philadelphia, MS has volunteered for the position. President Beaty has appointed him to the position.

HQ Division Superintendent:

VP Joe Gelmini has contacted Chip Chipman and he has agreed to accept the appointment to HQ Division Superintendent.

Recent NMRA Regulation changes:

At the Mid-year BOD meeting in January, the National BOD once again redefined the definition of a region or a division. The new definition is much more agreeable to the BOD, and will be included in the new Superintendent's Handbook.

NEW BUSINESS

NMRA BOD Winter Meeting in Atlanta:

The Mid-year National BOD Winter Meeting was recently held in Atlanta on January 17, 2008. The minutes are available for any member who requests them.

NMRA Convention for 2013:

The Piedmont Division met with the National Meetings & Trade Shows Department Manager on January 15, 2008. They will be presenting a convention proposal at the next National Convention in Anaheim.

Posting completed AP documentation to the website.

This item was tabled to a later date.

Sixty day BOD meeting notice.

This item was tabled to a later date.

The next board meeting will be held in Lake Junalaska, NC in May 2008.

A motion was made to adjourn. Moved by Director Watson. 2nd by Executive Advisor Hutchinson. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 1520.

Submitted by

John Stevens
Secretary

Membership Report

As of September 1, 2007, NMRA membership in the region stands at 1,030. This is an increase of 38 or 3.8% over the last twelve months.

Total **SouthErneR** subscriptions have risen to 516, an increase of 34, or 7%, over the last twelve months. SER subscriptions as a percentage of NMRA membership remains steady, averaging 46% during 2007.

The Life Members dropped to 184 in February 2008.

The region continues to lose new members. These individuals joined the NMRA since February 2006 but are no longer on the active roster. February membership reports lists 81 new members now inactive.



SER ELECTION 2008

Slate of Candidates

Voting Instructions

EDITORS NOTE:
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 MAILED EDITION ONLY.**

PRESIDENT

(Incumbent)

Robert A. Beaty, MMR



I, Robert Beaty, MMR 192, NMRA Member # 075774 0A, and SER # 0947, do hereby submit my name for consideration for a third term as President of the Southeastern Region of the National Model Railroad Association.

tion.

As your President for the last four years I have lead your Officers and Directors to achieve significant progress with stabilizing the Region's finances, developing new non dues revenue generating projects and responding more to members needs and desires. We have developed a Region Strategic Plan to help focus our efforts in growing the region membership numbers, re-focus on Division activities with a Division Superintendent's Handbook, and more involvement and support to the Achievement Program. We have had four excellent region Conventions and have the next four sites already lined up and in planning.

As your President I will continue the emphasis on growing the Region and focusing on ensuring that the efforts of the Board of Directors are focused on improving access to and enjoyment of the hobby of model railroading in the Southeast. We are committed to serve you the Region members and I, with your backing am willing to lead for another two years.

Respectfully submitted,
 Robert Beaty, MMR

VICE PRESIDENT

(Incumbent)

Joe Gelmini



I have enjoyed serving as Vice President of the Southeastern Region for the past two years. During this time I have tried to learn more about the workings of the region and its divisions and to bring a fresh perspective. I have attended each board meeting save one since elected and feel that I've established a positive working relationship with President Beaty and the other SER officers. Now that I am a bit more confident in my ability to serve the members, I would appreciate your vote to re-elect me as Vice President.

SECRETARY

Tom Cusker



Members of the SER. My name is Tom Cusker and I would like to be your next SER Secretary. I have been a member of the NMRA for over 14 years and currently a Life Member. I am 59 years old; Director of Computer Software Development for a Birmingham based company, married and resident of Helena, Alabama. Unlike most folks who say they got interested in model railroading when they got a train under the Christmas tree I became interested in 1960 when I travel by train from Chicago to Washington DC on the B&O. Upon my return home I started acquiring model B&O equipment and began my first layout. I am currently in the process of building my 5th layout and have had a layout for the past 48 years. I am a member of the B&O Historical Society and an avid collector of B&O memorabilia.

I am currently an SER Director, a position I have held since October 2005 when I was appointed to fill a vacancy. I have also been the SER Convention Coordinator since 2004. At the Division level I served as secretary for the Steel City Division for 4 years and Superintendent for 2 years. I was co-chairman of the Birmingham 2004 SER Convention and will be the chairman of the Birmingham 2010 SER Convention.

I know how important the job of secretary is for the SER and will do my best to carry out the duties if elected. I would appreciate your support in the upcoming election.

TREASURER

(Incumbent)

George Bloodworth



I have been treasurer of the Southeastern Region for the past two years. During this time I have recommended and/or assisted in several new programs such as the DVD's we now sell as well as new region cars which will be available soon. The financial condition of the region continues to be very healthy.

DIRECTOR

Fred Coleman



My name is Fred Coleman and I am running for one of the region director openings. I have served as SER Good and Welfare Chairman for the past year. I have been Asst. Superintendent for 1 year, Superintendent for 4 years, modular layout coordinator for 3 years and train show chairman for 5 years for Division 15. Working with Division 15 over the past years I have been very fortunate to have met many enthusiastic modelers. By working together we were able to implement several projects/programs to help childrens' homes, childrens' hospitals and other groups with their train shows and promoting model railroading to the young and the not so young, to keep the interest and enthusiasm in the public eye.

I do really enjoy working with fellow modelers in the many different phases of model railroading and know that I would be an asset to the region. I would appreciate your vote.

DIRECTOR

Glen Hall



I have entered my name for election as a SER Director and would greatly appreciate your vote.

I have been an avid model railroader for 36 years and active within the SER for 6 years, currently serving as the Gulf Division Superintendent. I am a founding member, past president and current vice president of the Pensacola Model Railroad Club N-Scale Division, member of the Z Scale Division, as well as chairman for the 2009 SER Convention. I am also a member of the Alger-Sullivan Historical Society working to preserve the history of logging in South Alabama/Northwest Florida and refurbishing of one of its locomotives to running condition.

My personal modeling interest is a 20th century shortline in Kansas. In creating my prototype layout, I have scratch built or kitbashed most of the structures and have shared some of my creations with articles in Railroad Model Craftsman and N Scale magazines. I am in the NMRA Achievement Program working for my MMR.

I am retired, having spent 21 years in the U.S. Army, 4 years as a government contractor, and 15 years in my own business of home remodeling.

As a SER Director I would help strengthen and guide the Region through new ideas and interests toward its Long Range Plan as well as promoting a better and stronger relationship with struggling Divisions and Clubs.

DIRECTOR

(Incumbent)

Paul V. Voelker

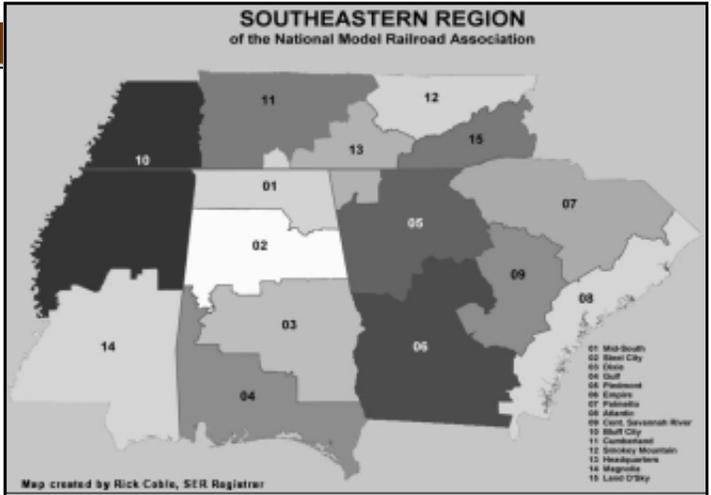


First let me stress that the Director's position and the Editor's position are separate jobs and so if you do not reelect me as a Director-at-Large, I will still be the Editor of *The SouthErner*.

That said, I have spent the past four years as Director trying to help guide the SER through the changes that had been mandated by the reorganization of our parent organization, the NMRA and still maintain the financial stability of the region. I think we have been successful in that goal and I would like to continue to help guide the SER through the next four years. To that end I would appreciate your vote so that I could serve the region for another term as a Director-at-Large.



DIVISION NEWS



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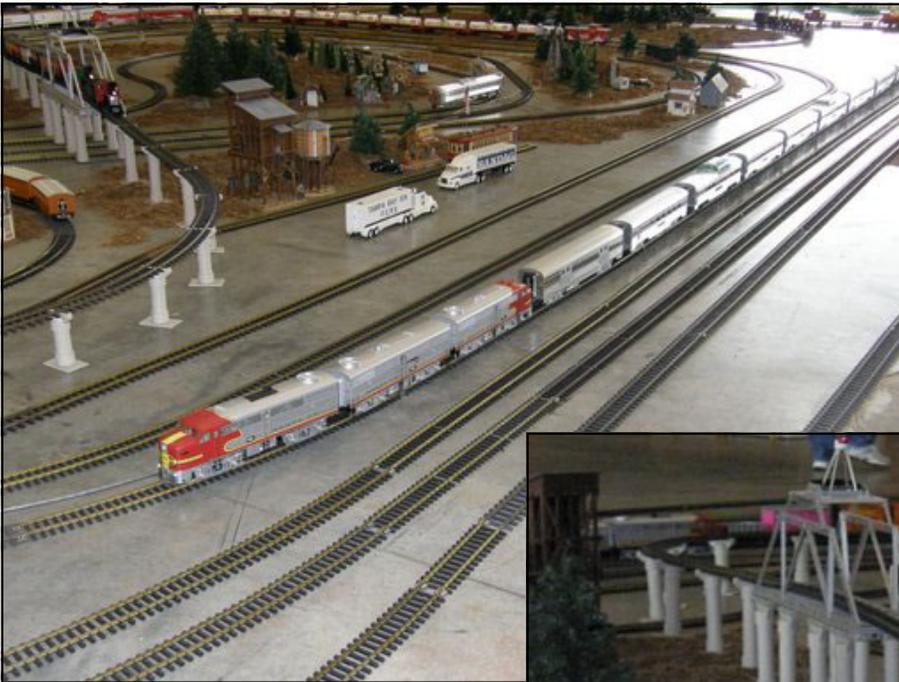
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On February 9th, the division hosted the SER BOD meeting in Pensacola at Granny Cantrell's Restaurant followed by a tour of the 2009 convention facilities. The few who stayed over Saturday night traveled to Century Sunday morning to the Alger-Sullivan Historical Society Museum.

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Everyone is looking forward to the Southwest Alabama Railroad Modelers train show, March 15 and 16 at Fairhope, Alabama. Pensacola will hold its annual train show June 7-8.

Pensacola Convention Center, site of the 2009 SER convention "Rails to Sails" that will be held next year in Pensacola, FL.



PIEDMONT - DIVISION 5

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www.piedmont-div.org



Greetings all,

The Piedmont Division continues its penchant

for progress. 2007 proved to be an exciting year for the Division, hosting a very successful Trax to the Max SER Convention in beautiful Cartersville. Our thanks go out to those of you who were in attendance. We're hoping to see the same crowd this year in North Carolina. Our recently concluded Piedmont Pilgrimage was also a huge success with well over three thousand visiting the 61 layouts on tour. In our five years of existence, the Piedmont program has had a total viewing audience of 9,151 visitors. We are hoping to go over the ten thousand mark in attendance this year, which is already shaping up to be a record setting event.



*Piedmont Division members met with two NMRA Officers and the Meetings & Trade Show Department staff on January 16th to discuss the division's bid for the 2013 National Convention in Atlanta (Pittsburgh, PA is also bidding for 2013). Pictured facing the camera are (from left) **Allen Pollack** NMRA VP, **Ed Slintak** M&TS Dept., **Tom Draper** NMRA Treasurer, and **Henry Jordan** M&TS Dept. Head.*

Our annual Train Show is right around the corner and John Travis assures us that all the table spaces will be filled by a wide variety of vendors, plus some very nice modular displays will be on tap for the public to see. Our raffle layout will be another featured activity. If you are planning on attending, don't forget to get your raffle tickets early. Come and spend an enjoyable weekend with us.



Twenty-six members of the Piedmont Division met with the NMRA Meetings & Trade Shows team near the Atlanta airport on a snowy January evening to discuss their bid for the 2013 NMRA National Convention to be held in Atlanta, GA. Pittsburgh, PA is also in the running for 2013. The division will give a 10-minute presentation to the NMRA's BOD at the NMRA National Convention in Anaheim this coming July as a part of the bid process. Hopefully they will choose Atlanta over Pittsburgh as we in the south haven't seen a southern location for a national convention (east of the Rockies) since Ft. Lauderdale in 2002.



Piedmont Division members Scott Povlot (above) and Dr. Revis Butler receive their Association Volunteer certificates from Dr. Joe Nichols Jr. at the February meeting.



Piedmont Division member Charlie Mason receives his Golden Spike Award from Dr. Joe Nichols Jr.

April will see us starting out spring with our semi annual Railroading Merit badge class to be held at the Southeastern Railway Museum in Duluth. Our two programs each year see approximately sixty scouts earning this merit badge and having a trainload of fun along the way. John Stevens heads this program up, as well as being the NMRA National Chair for the Boy Scouting program. The Southeastern Railway Museum rolls out the red carpet for the boys and gives them a look behind the scenes at the Museum that few rarely get.

Our semi-annual live auction is scheduled for February and September, with fun guaranteed to be had by all. This is becoming a well attended event with some attendees coming in from out of town. It's the most fun for five bucks you will ever find in Atlanta! Come join us and see for yourself.

Our Operating Groups are continuing to grow, with nearly a dozen active groups all over the Metropolitan Atlanta area. They are proving to be worth their weight in gold when it comes to getting work done on the various layouts under construction. There are new layouts being started and more work done on existing layouts as a result with an eye on the Piedmont Pilgrimage in November celebrating Model Railroad Month.

Meanwhile, many of you have already heard that the Piedmont Division has put in a bid to co-host the 2013 NMRA Convention in Atlanta. Our Convention Staff and other supporters recently met with the NMRA Convention Staff at the Airport Holiday Inn during the NMRA Mid-Year meeting. While we will not know until July in Anaheim at this year's NMRA Convention if we have won our bid, we are confident in our ability to entice the NMRA to Atlanta in 2013 over our bidding opponent, Pittsburgh.

We've started out 2008 with some new officers and board members, but with no loss of momentum. While the shoes of Bob McIntyre will be hard to fill and I'll probably need a "shoe stretcher", I'm sure there will be virtually no problem with the transition from Director of Operations to Superintendent. Speaking of the new DOO boy, Charlie Crawford, I understand he has some exciting ideas to bring forth this year in an effort to enhance an already exciting Operations program. Thanks go out to Randall Watson for all his years of service as Director of Finance, rotating off the Board with Chris White becoming the new Director. Other's recently elected are Rick Coble, Mike Deaton, Diane Kittendorf and Perry Lamb as the new Directors at Large. I look forward to working with all the new officers as well as the existing ones over the next couple of years. I'm excited to be the new Superintendent and looking forward to what the future holds for the Piedmont Division. Until next time, may all your signals be green.

Howard (Horn) Goodwin
Superintendent, Piedmont Division



**Fifth Year Tour
Certificates of Appreciation**

Given to layout owner participants of the 2007 Piedmont Pilgrimage Tour.



**Charter Member
Certificates of Appreciation**

Given to layout owners who have had their layouts on tour for all five years of the Piedmont Pilgrimage Tour program 2002-2007.



BLUFF CITY - DIVISION 10

Ned B. Savage - nssavage@juno.com

The Memphis Society of Model Railroaders' plans to meet at the Memphis Children's Museum for their monthly meetings has fallen through, or at the very least, has been put on hold. The place where they have been meeting for the last few years, the Highland Street Church of Christ, has been sold and the church has moved out. The church's buildings will be torn down to make way for a retail development. The church is constructing a new facility out east of Memphis off of Houston Levee Road, but that will take a couple of years to complete. The Train Club will be welcome to meet there when it is completed.

For the interim, The Club meetings will be held at various locations, including the AZO, Inc. Building, where a number of the modular groups have their layouts setup.

The February Storms which produced a large number of tornadoes, dropped a tornado which crossed the BNSF Rail Yard destroying several trailers and seven large "dual-ly" tractors that were being used by the construction company excavating and moving dirt for the new container yard at the BNSF Facility. I am relieved to report that the HO, N, On-30, and G scale modular layouts received NO damage. The path of tornado missed the building where the layouts are housed, by a little over 1000 yards. It was a very close call.

In January, the Division conducted a RR Merit Badge College Class for local area Boy Scouts. Scouts from Chickasaw Council's Troop 32, who attended, obtained certification for the Railroad Merit Badge. The class was a two session, one day class. Bluff City Division members who helped the ten scouts attending, were Jerry (Mitch) Michnewicz, Hugh Teaford, and Terry Cox. The Division Thanks these members for their efforts.

DAVE MULLER AWARD

*** ATTENTION ***

All Division Superintendents
Please submit the names & point totals
of deserving region members by
February 1st, 2008

As a reminder, the categories with applicable points are below.

POINTS CERTIFICATES HELD OR DEEDS DONE

- 20 Holds "Volunteer" Certificate.
- 15 Holds "Official" Certificate.
- 15 Holds "Author" Certificate.
- 10 Other Certificates, MMR, Gold Spike Award.
- 3 Authored one or more modeling articles this year (per page).
- 5 Put on one or more clinics this year (per clinic).
- 7 Active in putting on a National convention (per full day).
- 10 Active in putting on a SER convention (per full day).
- 5 Active in putting on a Division trainshow (per full day).
- 15 Organized a modular and/or sectional layout show.
- 10 Active as a contest or AP judge this year.
- 10 Active as Committee Chair for at least 6 months this year at Division level or higher.
- 5 Active in a modular or sectional layout.
- 5 Boy Scout Merit Badge program (per badge).
- 3 Each member signed up to NMRA **PLUS** a one year subscription to "The SouthErner"

Send nominees to the Editor at:
voelkerpv@msn.com

Or by snail mail to:
Paul V. Voelker
6438 Paradise Point Road
Flowery Branch, GA 30542-3143

Also, in January, the Division gave a presentation to a retirement community in Germantown, TN. The group of 60 folks were shown and taught about an operational time-saver layout, by Terry Cox, and then invited to try it "hands-on". David Johnston presented a slide program of 1950's Memphis Railroads with Memphis Music in the background. Bill Strong, Vice President of the Memphis Chapter of the NRHS, talked about Amtrak and passenger travel. Jerry (Mitch) Michnewicz displayed three modular layouts and two favorite trains. A Big "Thank You" goes out to our Bluff City Division members, Jerry (Mitch) Michnewicz, Terry Cox, and David Johnston, who were primarily responsible for the presentation. The Management of the Retirement Village and residents were very pleased with presentation, and said that they may want our group to return next year. There was some talk by a few residents to possibly construct a layout on site in their community.

Plans are again being started for the Memphis Pink Palace Train Display in October of 2008. This time the length of time for the display will be reduced, but it will still run through the last Sunday in October.



CUMBERLAND - DIVISION. 11

Bob Hultman - hultman@bellsouth.net

Cumberland Division had a successful Division Meet on the 1st Saturday in Nov 2007. There were 2 operating model RRs, close to 30 dealer tables, a very active Company Store, some live clinics and several hundred attendees. Right after the Division Meet teardown, the HO modelers started moving modules to an empty storefront in Bellevue Center Mall in west Nashville. We had an HO RR up & operational the following Tuesday. The RR totalled ~ 150' in main track run. The RR stayed up until the Friday after Christmas, giving HO modelers ample time to help run the RR and to run their equipment. We also had a notebook computer and Decoder Pro program so that DCC-equipped locomotives could be programmed and customized.

Coming up next is the Spring 2008 Division Meet & TC Ry Museum Open House on March 29. We have moved the date to later in March because of the way Easter falls on the calendar for 2008 and scheduling of 2 Easter Bunny excursion trains.

Also a large HO model RR (~ 5,000 sq ft) is being built in Nolensville TN, based on the UP RR Ogden to LA. Several Division members are involved in this effort, meeting at the RR on Mondays. Up to a dozen folks can be found at the RR on a typical Monday.

All for now..... Bob Hultman, Div Supt



LAND O' SKY - DIVISION 15

Fred Coleman—coleman@brinet.com

Division 15 Superintendent Fred Coleman presented several NMRA awards at the February meeting.



At right, Joe Norris received two Merit Awards for his entries at the December Train Show. These entries were shown in the last issue.

The lower right picture is of Jack Mershon who won an award for his entry at the Train Show. His display was shown in the last issue.

And in the picture below, **Semaphore** editor Clint Smoke receives his award as Model Railroad Author. His writings and photographs have appeared in the **Semaphore**, SER's **The SouthErneR**, and the Norfolk and Western Historical Society's magazine, **The Arrow**.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Please send info on your event to the **SouthErner** at least 6 months prior to the next deadline for it to appear in time or before your event takes place.

LOCAL SHOWS & EVENTS

(Date Order by State)

ALABAMA

March 29, 2008 Birmingham (Roebuck)
Smokey City Rails Model Railroad Club
 18th Spring Train Show and Sale
 9 am - 4 pm at the First Baptist Church of Zion City
 1104 Gene Reed Rd., Birmingham (Roebuck), AL 35235
 Admission is \$5.00 per Adult, \$2.00 for Children 8-12 yrs.,
 & less than 8 yrs. old are free.
 For info email: scrmrrc@aol.com
 (Put SHOW or SCR in the subject line of your email.)

Apr 12, 2008 Gadsden
Coosa Valley Model Railroad
 22nd Annual Train Show
 9 am - 4 pm at the Gadsden Convention Hall
 344 South First Street, Gadsden, AL 35601
 Admission is \$5.00 Adults, Children 12 & under Free.
 For more info contact: Jim Bertch / Show Chairman
 39279 Hwy. 411, Ashville, AL 35953 205-594-7478

FLORIDA

June 6 & 7, 2008 Pensacola
Pensacola Model Train Show
 Hadji Shrine Temple, West Nine Mile Rd. (Hwy 90)
 Pensacola, FL 32502
 Saturday 9 am - 5 pm; Sunday 10 am - 4 pm
 Admission \$5.00 (accompanying children 12 & under free)
 Contact Glen Hall at gnglen@cox.net
 For more information visit the website at:
<http://www.trainjunkie.com>

June 21, 2008 Tallahassee
Tallahassee Model Railroad Show & Sale
 North Florida Fairgrounds, 441 Paul Russel Rd.,
 Tallahassee, FL 32301
 10 am - 5 pm
 Admission is \$5.00 for Adults and Children 13 & older
 Children 12 & under free)
 Contact John Sullenberger (850) 562-5137
 c/o BBMRA, PO Box 3392, Tallahassee, FL 32315-3392
 For more information visit the website at:
<http://www.bbmra.org>

GEORGIA

Apr 19, 2008 Macon
Middle Georgia Railroad Association
 2nd Annual Model Railroad and Train Show
 9am-4 pm at the MACON Coliseum
 Admission is \$5.00 per person, \$2.00 for 12 & under,
 and kids free under 6 yrs.
 Tables available for Dealers (\$30 each).
 For more information visit the website at:
<http://www.middlegeorgiarailroadassociation.com>

NORTH CAROLINA

Oct 3 & 4, 2008 Flat Rock (Hendersonville)
Autumn Rails 2008
 Bonclarken Assembly Auditorium, West Blue Ridge Rd.,
 Flat Rock (Hendersonville), NC 28731
 Friday 3pm-7 pm; Saturday 10am - 3pm
 Admission is \$5.00 Adults, 12 & under plus Scouts Free
 Dealers (tables \$35 each) contact Chuck Place
 at 828-685-2726 or by email at hmp3@blueridge.net
 For more information visit the website at:
<http://fbc-ntrak.com>

SOUTH EASTERN REGION

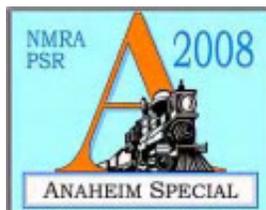


Smokey Mountain Rails

Lake Junaluska, NC
May 22-25, 2008

www.landofskydiv.org/ser2008.htm

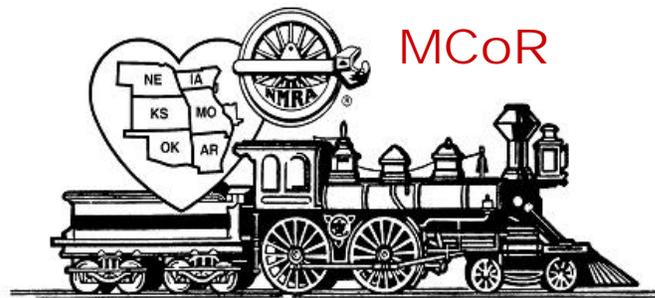
NATIONAL CONVENTION



July 13 - 20, 2008
Anaheim, CA

<http://as2008.org/>

OTHER REGIONS



Mid-Continent Regional Convention **BRANSON EXPRESS 2008**

Hosted by the Ozark Mountain Area

MAY 15-18, 2008 IN BRANSON, MO

http://www.mcor-nmra.org/MCoR_Region_Meet.html

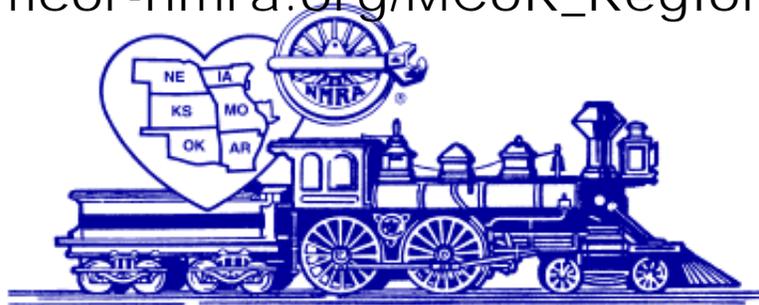
DIVISION MEETS

Land O'Sky Division 15 - Regular Meeting
 1st Thursday of every month at 7 PM, Community Center at
 Eliada Home For Children located at the end of Eliada Home
 Road in the Leicester Community of West Asheville, NC.
 Call (828) 694-0339 for program information & directions.

Piedmont Division 5 - Regular Meeting
 2nd Tuesday of every month, Elks Lodge,
 1775 Montreal Rd., Tucker (Atlanta - East Side)

Smoky Mountain Division 12 - Regular Meeting
 1st & 3rd Sunday of every month
 Children's Museum of Oak Ridge, Oak Ridge, TN
 3 - 5 pm work or operating sessions
 5 pm business meeting 1st Sunday

Steel City Division 2 - Regular Meeting
 3rd Thursday of every month 7 PM
 Oak Mountain Hobbies
 2659 Pelham Pkwy
 Pelham, AL 35124
 Hwy 31 S. 1 Mile from Hwy 119 (exit 246 off I-65)
 Call 205-685-8980 for meeting information



Mid-Continent Regional Convention / BRANSON EXPRESS 2008

Hosted by the Ozark Mountain Area

MAY 15-18, 2008 IN BRANSON, MO

STONE CASTLE (formerly Settle Inn)

3050 Green Mountain Dr. 800-677-6906

group # NMRA-5158

rate \$69.98 +tax

Activities planned for this year's meet include:

Door Prizes and Silent Auction - for all registrants.

Display Layout and Layout Tours – In addition to the display layout at the meet, several local modelers will be opening their homes to layout tours Friday afternoon and evening. Layout tour maps will be available at registration.

Excursion train trip – On the Branson Scenic Railway. Information will be available at registration.

Model & Photo Contests – by NMRA judging and Poplar vote.

Clinics – a full slate of clinics covering many aspects of the hobby. For Clinic registration contact Tom McMorran at k_t_mack@yahoo.com or 417-239-2776.

Swap Tables and Railroad Groups – Approximately 75 tables for area dealers, local hobbyists and other railroad groups. For information on tables contact Tom McMorran at k_t_mack@yahoo.com or 417-239-2776.

BRANSON, MO – Live entertainment capitol of the U.S.A., with over 52 show venues. Plus Silver Dollar City, Celebration City, Branson Belle and three lakes for boating and fishing. There is something for every member of the family to do in Branson, so make the trip to the convention be a family vacation.

For information log onto explorebranson.com or call 800-214-3661.

Mid Continent Regional Convention / Branson Express 2008 Registration Form

Advance Registration (until October 31,2007) is: \$55.00 for the convention & banquet

Full Registration (after October) is \$45.00 for the convention and/or \$25.00 for the banquet

Swap tables @ \$20.00, plus \$15.00 Branson City Vendor License fee (March 31,2008)

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Additional Attendees _____

	Number of attendees / tables	x	Cost	=	total
Advance Registration (before 10/31/07)					
Convention Registration					
Banquet					
Swap Tables (maximum of five)					
Branson Vendors License					

Make Checks Payable to: "Branson Express 2008"

Mail to: Tom McMorran, 730 Emerald Pointe Dr #433, Hollister, MO 65672

THE CLUB CAR

This is a list of clubs and organizations in the South Eastern Region. Most have some NMRA members. If you have a club that is accepting new members or visitors, please send the information to the editor at: voelkerpv@msn.com. Please note, you must provide a contact name and phone number! If you have a website you can send us the URL as well!

Atlantic Division 8

Atlantic Division, Savannah, GA.
Nate Stone (912) 354-2604

Coastal Rail Buffs, Savannah, GA.,
Nate Stone (912) 354-2606
<http://www.coastalrailbuffs.org/>

Golden Isles Model Railroad Club, Brunswick, GA.

Grand Strand Model Engineers, Myrtle Beach, SC.

Charleston Area Model Railroad Club,
North Charleston, SC. <http://www.chamrc.com>
or Tom Van Horn at vanhorn@chamrc.com

Bluff City Division 10

Bluff City Division, Memphis, TN,
Ned B. Savage, (901) 682-8716

The Memphis N-Scale Road Railers
The Memphis Society of Model Engineers—The 1st Saturday Night Group meets at the Highland Street Church of Christ, at 7:30 PM contact Ned for additional information at:
nssavage@juno.com

Central Savannah River Division 9

Central Savannah River Division, Augusta, GA,
Terry Pitts, Jr. (706) 636-9581

Georgia-Carolina Model Railroaders, Augusta, GA,
Roy Tritt (706) 733-6870

Cumberland Division 11

Cumberland Division, Brentwood, TN.,
Bob Hultman (615) 833-5158

Mid-South Live Steamers, Columbia, TN.,
Hank Sherwood (615) 665-0512
www.midsouthlivesteamers.org
midsouthlivesteamers@yahoo.com

Nashville NTRAK, Nashville, TN.,
Ken Herrell (615) 352-4576
<http://www.nashvillentrak.org>

Nashville Garden Railway Society, Nashville, TN.,
Ross Evans (615) 292-6555

Tennessee Central Railway Museum, Nashville, TN.,
Terry Bebout, (615) 244-9001 FAX -2120
terry.bebout@earthlink.net
<http://tcry.org>

Dixie Division 3

Dixie Division, Phil Hutchinson, Montgomery, AL, (334) 272-1933

Alabama Model Railroad Association, Opelika, AL

Central Alabama Model RR. Club,
Montgomery/Prattville, AL,
Phil Hutchinson, (334) 272-1933

Southeast Alabama Model Railroad Club, Dothan, AL,
Mike Porterfield (334) 774-0720

Empire Division 6

Empire Division, Richard Dalrymple, Macon, GA., (478) 471-8883 FAX -8994

Columbus Model Railroad Club, Columbus, GA.,
David Cotton (706) 323-1417

Flint River Model Railroad Club, Albany, GA.,
Jimmy Swinn (299) 883-3517

Middle Georgia Model Railroad Club,
Warner Robbins, GA
<http://members.cox.net/mgmrc/>
Bill Attaway (478) 328-1743 mgmrc@cox.net

CGMRC - Central Georgia Model Railroad Club,
based in Macon, GA
Ken Preston, kenp22@bellsouth.net

MGRA - Middle Georgia Railroad Association
A railroad history group that meets in Macon and Gordon, GA
Mark Mosely, mosegsfl@alltel.net
www.trainweb.org/mgr

Thomasville Model Railroad Club, Thomasville, GA.,
Ben Strickland (912) 465-3730

Gulf Division 4

Gulf Division, Pensacola, FL,
Glen Hall (850) 475-1530 gnglen@cox.net

Bay Area Model Railroaders (BARR), Mobile, AL, Dave Miller (251) 645-2296

Caboose Club, Foley, AL Charles Ebert

Emerald Coast Garden Railway Club monthly meeting usually on third Saturday of the month at 1:30 PM in the Diner Car of the West Florida RR Museum, Milton FL, Keith Rapley (850) 434-6374

Miracle Strip Model RR Club, Shalimar, FL
Chris Beard (850)-244-0161
www.geocities.com/miraclestriprrclub
rafollacchio@pcola.med.navy.mil

Mobile Society of Model Engineers.
Dave Miller, at (251) 645-2296 for information

Okaloosa N-Scalers, Niceville, FL
Bill Blinn (850) 678-8131

Pensacola Model Railroad Club (PMRC), Pensacola, FL
www.trainweb.org/pmrc/

HO Division - Ron Hartman (850) 494-1783

N Division - John Hudson (850) 479-4315;

Z Division - Glen Hall (850) 475-1530

Southwest Alabama Railroad Modelers (SWARM),
Mobile, AL Herb Kern (251) 660-1659
<http://lots-trains.org/html/swarm.html/>

West Florida Model Railroad Club, Milton, FL
Tom Augustine (850) 944-0471

West Florida Railroad Museum, Milton, FL

Headquarters Division 13

Headquarters Division, <http://www.camrc.org>

Chattanooga Area Model Railroad Club,

Dale Bryant dale.bryant@camrc.org
(423) 752-0141 or (423) 991-5243 www.camrc.org

Chattanooga Society of Model Engineers, Dunlap, TN

<http://csme.livesteamtrains.com>

Andy Morrison (423) 344-8502

Crossville Model Railroad Club, Crossville, TN,

Mike Ferry (931) 788-1828 ferrym@citlink.net
www.crossvillemrc.com

Land O'Sky Division 15

Land O' Sky Division, Naples, NC

Fred Coleman 828-699-0983

Apple Valley Model Railroad Club, Hendersonville, NC,

Ben Bartlett (828) 883-2799 Located in the Hendersonville Station, Open for visitors every Saturday 10 AM—2 PM, "We always consider new member candidates."

<http://AVMRC.com>

French Broad e'N'pire Ntrak Club

www.fbe-ntrak.com

Western North Carolina Model Railroaders,

Fred Coleman (828) 694-0339

Magnolia Division 14

Magnolia Division, Pascagoula, MS

Mike Barry (228) 762-0929

Jackson Society of Model Engineers, Jackson, MS

Jackie Meck (601) 842-0909 www.jsme.org

MidSouth Division 1

Mid-South Division, Fayetteville, TN

Thomas Bailey (931) 433-4207

<http://www.geocities.com/mta136/>

Northeast Alabama Model Railroad Club, Guntersville,

AL Charles Dick (205) 878-2537
charlesdick@mindspring.com

Redstone Model Railroad Club, Huntsville, AL

Palmetto Division 7

Palmetto Division, Columbia, SC

Bob Roof 803-799-1708

Associated Model Railroads of Columbia, Columbia, SC

Jack Huffman 803-699-2518 or amroc.org for information.

Central Railway Model & Historical Association,

Pickens, SC, Howard R, Garner (864) 878-4705
hrgarner@innova.net

Piedmont Division 5

Piedmont Division, Alpharetta, GA

Bob McIntyre (770) 518-8932

Atlanta Interlocking Model Railroad Club,

Charlie Crawford 770-565-1845
<http://home.earthlink.net/~wiles/>

Chattahoochee Express Operating Group,

Bob McIntyre (770) 518-8932

Georgia Association of Narrow Gaugers,

Pat Turner (423) 744-0429

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/georgiangers>
GeorgiaNGers@yahoogroups.com

Georgia Society of Ferroequinologists, Marietta,

Bob Hoenes (770) 422-0081

Metro Atlanta N Scalers, Atlanta, GA,

Charles Leak (404) 262-2969 or

George Potter (770) 339-4775

Model Railroad Club of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA,

Terry Weldon (770) 979-0473

North Atlanta O-Gauge Railroad Club, Roswell, GA,

Jeff Pergl (770) 516-6378

North Georgia Lego Train Club,

James Trobaugh (770)-844-1076

<http://www.nglfc.org> OR questions@nglfc.org

North Georgia Modurail, Jon Cook (770) 993-9620

Northwest Georgia N Track Club -

P.E.P.S.I. Lines, 220 Washington Street, Gainesville, GA

Railroad Model Club of Atlanta,

Bob Peppel, (770) 934-4067

S-COG Southern Crescent Operating Group

Joe Gelmini (770) 460-8873 papagel@comcast.net

Southern O Scalers, Dan Mason (770) 337-5139

dmason@danielrmason.com

Tri-State Model Railroaders

Gordon Tuenge, (706) 455-8903

www.tsmri.org gotrains@yahoo.com

Volunteer Garden Railroad Club, Vines Botanical Gar-

dens, 3500 Oak Grove Road,

Loganville, GA 30052

Smoky Mountain Division 12

Smoky Mountain Division,

Larry Burkholder (865) 408-9903

Knoxville Area Model Railroaders, Oak Ridge, TN,

Larry Burkholder, (865) 408-9903

Mountain Empire Modular Railroaders,

Johnson City, TN

East Tennessee State University - George L. Carter Museum

Business meetings held 3rd Tuesday of month at 7pm at

ETSU Campus, Brown Hall Science Bldg. Rm. 312

Dr. Fred Alsop, III (423) 929-3733

fredjalsop3@earthlink.net

Steel City Division 2

Steel City Division, Birmingham, AL,

Jack McCraw (205) 744-0758

Black Warrior Model Railroad Society, Tuscaloosa, AL,

Bob Way 205-556-3073

Mobile Society of Model Engineers,

Alabama Gulf - Chapter, NRHS

2800 Graham Rd., S. Mobile, AL

Call Dave Miller (251) 645-2296 for information

Wrecking Crew Model RR Club, Bessemer, AL,

Call Tom Cusker for information 205-621-1778