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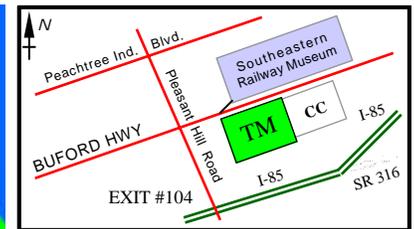
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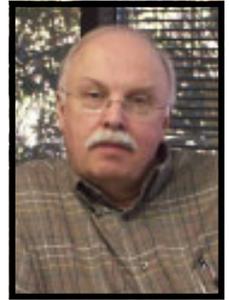
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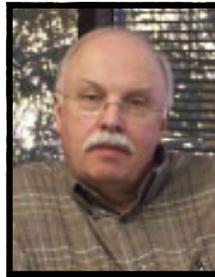
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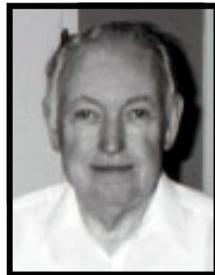
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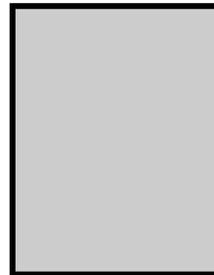
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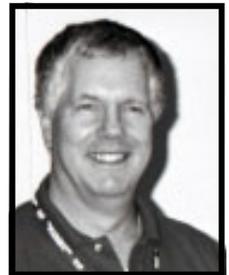
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## Editor's Soapbox



The 2008 NMRA National Convention in Anaheim, CA has concluded. For those that haven't heard, we did get the bid to host the **2013 NMRA convention in Atlanta**. As for me, I got to tote home a chunk of wood with a plastic covered certificate attached that says: **The Presidents Award**. This was presented to me at the banquet for my long time service as the NMRA **Photo Contest Chairman**.

I had actually attended the banquet to see two friends from my old RR club in Florida get their MMRs however neither was in attendance. By an ironic twist of fate, they hold consecutive MMR numbers - #405 now lives in Oregon & #406 still lives in Florida. To add to that bit of irony, #407 resides in our very own region!

Please welcome **Roy Stewart, Jr.** of Birmingham, AL as new **Master Model Railroader # 407!**

### *2008 Yearbook*

A few years back, then-Editor Scott Perry produced a Yearbook which was the 2002 Fall issue of **The SouthErner** and which listed all of the current SER dues-paying members living in the region. Since that issue was printed, many more members have been added to the region as a result of the NMRA's mandate that we include all NMRA members residing within the region as region members. In addition their have been many new members added as our recruitment people have been doing an outstanding job in that area. There are also many others who have moved into our region from other regions so it would appear that an updated Yearbook would make sense to produce.

To that end I have recommended to the Board that we produce another Yearbook and they have agreed so the Fall 2008 issue of **The SouthErner** will be that Yearbook. As this will be a one-shot printing, and not an ongoing multi-year affair, its increased size will not unduly strain the budget as every issue to date for the last five years has been under budget. Therefore expect that the Fall issue will be a few pages larger than this issue but the issue after that will revert back to the standard 24-page format.

Put your mind at ease, there will **not** be an online Yearbook. Instead there will be a separate issue containing new material, mostly photos from the Anaheim convention contest, plus various other items from the Yearbook much of which could normally be found in a regular issue of the newsletter. PVV

Master Model Railroader  
*Roy Stewart, Jr.*  
MMR #407

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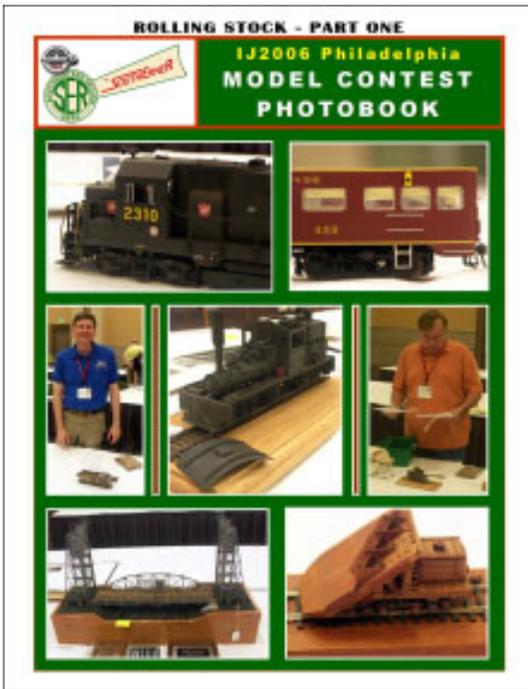
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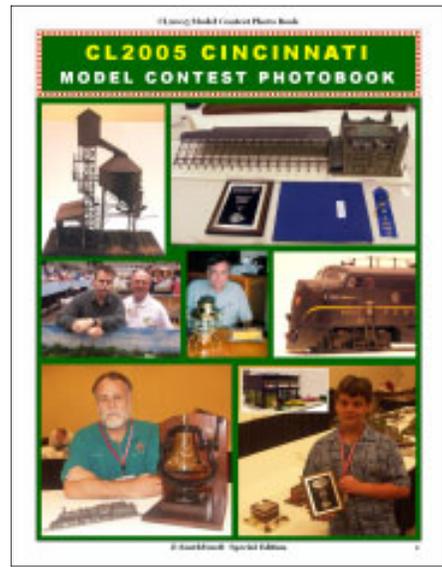
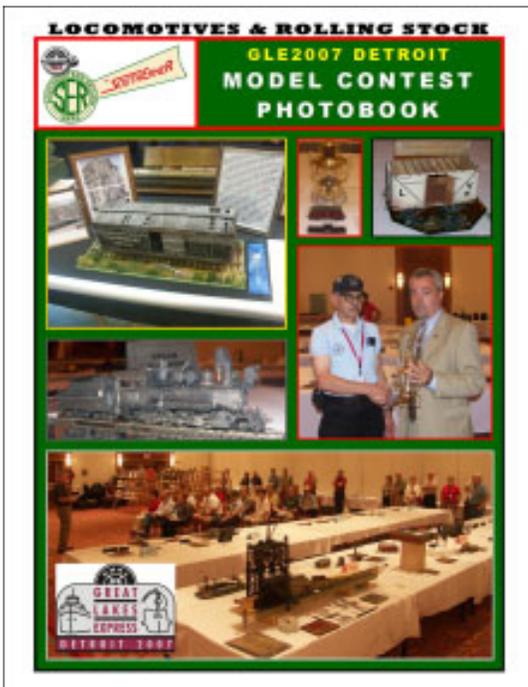
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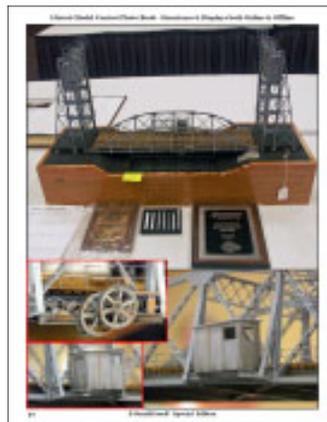
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Also available online are the 2004 and 2005 Model Contest Photo Books:

**PSX2004 Seattle Model Contest**  
**CL2005 Cincinnati Model Contest**  
Parts 1, 2 & 3



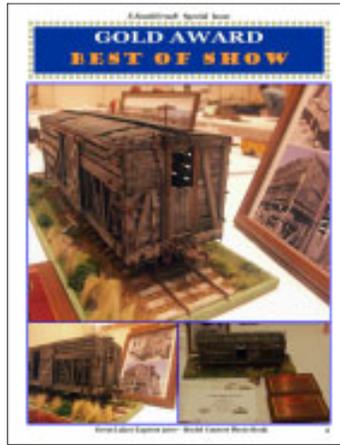
Pages from the 2006 Philly Model Contest Book Part 3 showing Scott Matherly's working Lift Bridge & its scores.



Each book includes the name of each contest entrant, city & town, model description, point scores in each judging category and total points earned. Models are listed in order of First, Second, Third, etc under each contest category starting with the Best of Show winner and then continuing on through Steam; Diesel & other; Freight Car; etc. Each Photo Books set contains details on all of the models entered.

Most of the models in each book have at least one photo. However in most cases, multiple photos are included which enable the reader to see much of the detail present on each model. In some cases you may have actually been in the room during the convention but not seen some of the detail on many of the entries. In these photo book sets you will!

In the 2006 Philly Contest set, where available, photos of the



**Best of Show - Gold Award** Several pages of photos are shown documenting each model's detailing, and also (where available) its accompanying documentation.

documentation included with many of the models, and also the Model Contest Judges Score sheets, have been included. This was done to give the reader an idea of what kind and amount of documentation should be included with each model entered. This is not to imply that it is necessary to write a book for each model entered.

As will be seen as you page through the books, some models were entered using nothing more than the Judges Score Sheet to list what was done. Enough documentation is needed to educate the judges on what the model is that you have constructed and what it is supposed to represent. That is to say that not every judge is likely to be knowledgeable on every aspect of the hobby, every prototype that was ever built, or every location's structures or natural landscapes. We are not a book of knowledge and we need to be educated (just as you were) on what you have created to understand what you are trying to model and how well you accomplished it.



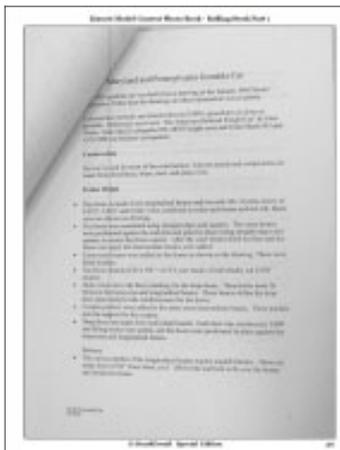
Detail photos abound as can be seen in the photo at left and where available, the documentation included with an entry is also shown as in the right photo.

That is what model contest judging is all about, trying to make an informed decision on how well you accomplished the task of building a model. To that end, different categories are used to judge how well you accomplished each task, each goal. Hopefully a tour through each of these photo studies will give you a feel for what is needed and the motivation to go out, build something and enter it!

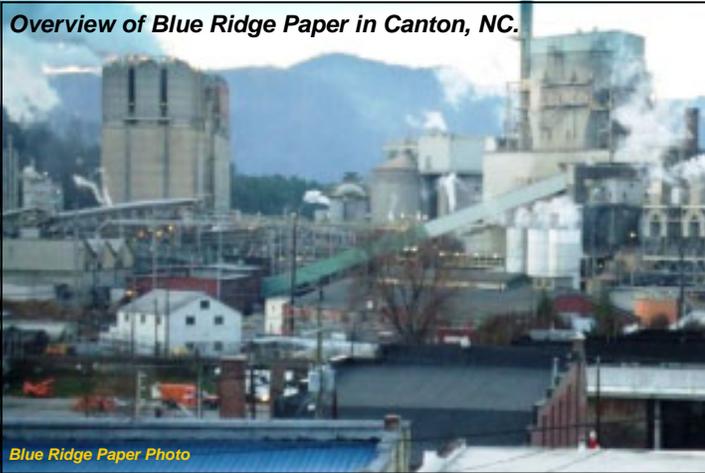
Shown in the photo at right are photos that were included with the documentation for a diorama of a farm scene. We have a "Photo Match" category that awards the model that best matches a photo of the prototype that inspired it, as is the case here of a diorama of a real-life family farm.



Shown below in a series of photos is the documentation that was included with this model of a Drop-Bottom Gondola. In this case the modeler chose to include separate sheets so as to better list everything that was done, how the model was built, what parts may have been cast or were scratchbuilt, and the number of parts used in the model's construction. Also included was an article from a hobby magazine that contained the plans needed for the model's construction.



**Overview of Blue Ridge Paper in Canton, NC.**



*Blue Ridge Paper Photo*

## Blue Ridge Paper

By Clinton Smoke



*In addition to the diesel switchers, Blue Ridge uses this Rail King switcher. Beth Bartlett Photo*

During our recent conference, we visited Blue Ridge Paper. Blue Ridge Paper is one of America's largest producers of gable-top juice and milk cartons in addition to a variety of papers for other uses. The North Carolina manufacturer operates a pulp and paper mill, a plastic-coating extrusion facility, and four packaging plants employing more than 2000 workers. From its corporate headquarters and original manufacturing base in the Canton, North Carolina, Blue Ridge Paper makes a wide range of paper, board, and packaging products. Its paper products include envelope, covering kraft, forms, offset, and specialty papers. The company's paperboard includes polycoated and uncoated versions used primarily for food service packaging applications. Its DairyPak unit makes gable top cartons for liquid and dry goods. Sales exceeded \$500 million in 2007.

Canton is located on the Murphy Branch of the old Southern Railway. At one time, Blue Ridge Paper, formerly known as Champion Paper, was one of the Southern's largest customers. They are still a significant railroad customer, now of Norfolk Southern. Consider the following statistics: Outbound, approximately 100 box cars of product per month. Much is shipped by truck which may change as fuel prices rise. Inbound shipments include approximately 1100 wood chip cars, 350 coal cars, 60 chemical tank cars, and 35 resin cars a month. Two trains from Asheville serve Canton daily where up to 250 cars can be stored. The paper mill has two diesel switchers, one out of service and one

*Blue Ridge uses nearly 6000 tons of chips a day, 40 percent of which is transported by truck. Beth Bartlett Photo*



rail Rail King switcher. During our visit, I noticed that NS locomotives were doing a lot of what looked a like switching, inside the facility.

*Though idle during our visit, Blue Ridge Paper unloads 35 to 40 wood chip cars a day with this rotary dumper. Beth Bartlett Photo*



# Kitbashing a Heart Of Georgia GP9rm

## By Robert Wheeler



**Figure 1: HOG GP9rm #1309 in Georgia Veterans Memorial Park, Coney, Georgia, USA, November 14, 2004. Photo by John Higginson**

## The Prototype

The Heart of Georgia Railroad better known as the "HOG" began operation in April of 2000. Located some 150 miles south of Atlanta, the HOG runs a bridge line in central Georgia with over 200 miles of track serving a broad array of customers between Preston and Midville. Additionally the HOG has interchange service to both NS and CSX, and shortline interchanges with Georgia Central Railway and the Georgia Southwestern Railroad.

The HOG also provides motive power to the successful SAM (Savannah, Americus, and Montgomery) shortline excursion train that operates from Georgia Veterans State Park to Plains GA.

HOG's motive power is second hand including three of these unique GP9rm locomotives originally from Canadian National (CN). CN rebuilt 246 GP9's to GP9rm's in their Pointe St Charles shops in Montreal Canada, between 1981 and 1993 for light road switching.

CN made major modifications to the fuel tank, the dynamic brakes were removed and replaced with an improved air filter system and a new insulated crew cab. Internally, the 16 cylinder turbocharged 567 engine ("16-567") was replaced with a more reliable, newer 16-645C engine rated at 1800 horsepower. External details include a snow plow front and back, headlight on the low nose and a collection of other specific details not common in the USA.

The HOG repainted their three locomotives in a colorful blue and yellow paint scheme and renumbered them 1109, 1209 and 1309.

## Kitbashing the Model

There are no HO models or drawings available of the GP9m. So I started with a Walther's Trainline chop nose GP9m locomotive by referring to photos, measuring and proportioning dimensions from known values and transposing them to the model. The major areas reworked were the front short hood, cab, rectangular shape of the fuel tank followed by many detail parts especially on top of the long hood.

The kitbashing process is as follows:

- Dismantle the entire locomotive and motor frame assembly.
- Strip paint off the original DRGW Trainline shell.
- File the slope on the short nose horizontally flat to replicate the prototype.
- Cut off the front of the cab, scratch build angular front with 0.040" styrene sheets per photos.
- Drill and cut out front cab widow openings.
- Install new 0.011" styrene roof to simulate lip/overhang on the front, sides and rear of the cab.
- Cut out two front number boards on the new cab.
- Fabricate classification light blanks.
- Cut windows out of ~0.018" thick clear plastic from commercial packaging, file and fit to the window openings of the cab and glue flush with Micro Krystal Klear.
- Glue the anticlimber to the front to replicate the large porch area.
- Modify the dynamic brake side housing by drilling and filing out the side grills and the roof fan without harming the blisters. Fit and cover these openings with 0.040" styrene on the side and 0.020" styrene on the roof.
- Chip both exhaust stacks off and glue in the CN spark arrestors.
- Cut off smooth one door louver on each side of the long hood. Add four door louvers on each side to replicate the same quantity and location as the prototype.
- Chip off the roof lifting ring tabs, drill 12 – 0.014" holes and install lifting rings fabricate from .006" wire twisted on a pin-vice to form an eyebolt.

## Detail Parts:

A total of 22 detail parts were added to the Walther's Trainline GP9m per the following list:

HOG GP9m - LIST OF DETAIL PARTS INSTALLED and SCRATCH BUILT PARTS			
Qty	Part Number	Description	Manufacturer
4	1022	Ditch Light & Stand	Detail Associates
2	1505	MU Stand EMD Late Single Type	Detail Associates
1	DS-1402	Drop Step EMD Late GP/SD (rear only)	Detail Associates
1	PL-155	Snow Plow 2nd Generation Hood Units (front)	Detail Associates
2	SD-3002	Sand Filler Hatch - EMD GP7 & GP9	Detail Associates
2	SY 2211	Coupler Lift Bar - AAR Type 1	Detail Associates
1	AC-189	Anti Climber EMD SD Series Diesels	Details West
2	HL-114	Twin Sealed Beam Early	Details West
4	LS 300	Lens (two ditch lights front & 2 ditch lights rear)	MV Products
4	3968	Windshield Wipers	Precision Scale Co
1	Scratch	Locomotive cab front and roof.	Scratch built
2	Scratch	Blank classification light cover	Scratch built
10	Scratch	Grab irons	Scratch built
8	1905	EMD Louvers	Detail Associates
12	LR 1101	Lift Ring EMD 3 1/2 Eye Bolt	Detail Associates
2	SS 1301	Cab Sunshade-SW/GP/SD	Detail Associates
1	AH-251	Air Horn Nathan K5 Low Profile	Details West
1	246	Hood Bell GP7/9	Finishes by Bob Rzasa
1	C-32	CN, CP radio antenna	Juneco
2	C-4	CN Spark Arrestors GP7 & GP9	Juneco
1	PL-155	Snow Plow 2nd Generation Hood Units (Rear)	Detail Associates
2	LS22	Lens (2 for rear twin seal beam headlight)	MV Products

- Chip off the grab irons moulded on to the shell. Fabricate grab irons from wire and install.
- Machine on a small milling machine approximate 3/16" grooves between the fuel tank and frame along length of the locomotive to replicate the prototype fuel tank mounting.
- Rebuild fuel tank to rectangular / square profile by filing off parts of the metal frame and building-up missing areas with epoxy. File and blend the metal/epoxy to the correct fuel tank square profile.
- Fabricate full-width air tanks from Athearn GP9 air tank ends and 0.25" diameter styrene rod. Install at the rear end of the fuel tank. Fabricate and install air lines and fittings between tanks and frame.
- Solder an assembly of yellow glow LED and resistor for the front headlight.



**Figure 3:** The finished model with all details added, decals and weathering.

Photo by Robert Wheeler

**Figure 2:** CN GP9rm #4131 in freight service in May of 2000 in Northern Ontario. Photo by James Lalande



## HOG Kitbashed GP9rm from a Trainline GP9M (Decals not shown)

**Labels:**

- Snow Plow Front with cut-out door/flap area
- Coupler lift bar
- Ditch Lights (front)
- Class lights blank
- Kitbash cab
- Antenna
- Bell
- Fill-in Dynamic Brake
- Lift rings (12)
- Snow Plow (rear)
- Ditch Lights (rear)
- MU Stand (rear)
- Sand Hatch
- Flush windows
- Sunshades
- Horn
- Spark Arrestors
- Hand made grab irons
- Drop Step
- Remove slope on short hood
- W Wipers
- MU Stand (front)
- Anti-Climber
- Make decals (not shown)
- Kitbash fuel tank
- Modify body in fuel tank area
- Kitbash air tanks & piping
- Remove 1 & add 4 new louvers per side
- Coupler lift bar

**Legend**

- Black = detail part
- Red = Kitbash or scratch



**Figure 5:** Kitbashed GP9m in action on the bridge over Lake Blackshear on Steve Berkheimer's HOG model RR. Photo by Robert Wheeler

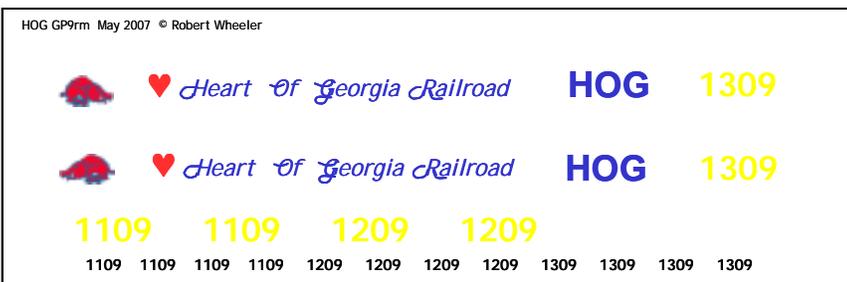
## FINISH and LETTERING

The model was air brushed with a weathered Floquil black/gray/brown mix on all roof fans and side grills trucks and side-frames. Then Floquil Reefer yellow # 110031 was applied on the nose, cab side, long hood and rear. Next was Floquil Conrail blue # 110058 sprayed over balance of engine.

Decals are not commercially available for the HOG. Therefore I made HOG decals by manipulating fonts and symbols in Power Point. The HOG logo is copied off the HOG website and pasted into Power Point. I then printed the decal on Walthers Decal Line Decal Paper with a color laser Jet printer and sealed it with Dullcote and applied to the model.

I had difficulty with the yellow "1309" on the cab side since it was not opaque enough to cover the blue. So I used numbers from an old Herald King decal set #PR-140-1.

Weathering was applied with thinned Floquil black mixed with some gray. The roof and spark arrestors and a few components were additionally weathered with ceramic dry brush paints. Spark arrestors are were rusted as per the photos.



HOG 1309 now operates on Steve Berkheimer's HOG layout after installation of a DCC decoder.

The HOG has since acquired some GP40's from CN. One of them could be the next HOG ktbash and would likely require a little less kit-bashing.

**Figure 4:** HOG decal sheet printed on a Laser Jet printer



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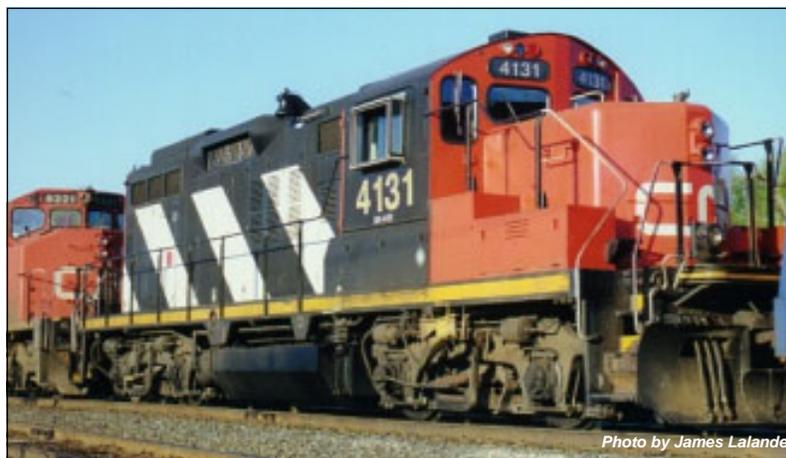


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# Automatic Wheel Cleaner, *well almost...*

By Walter Thompson - Twin Cities Division, NCR

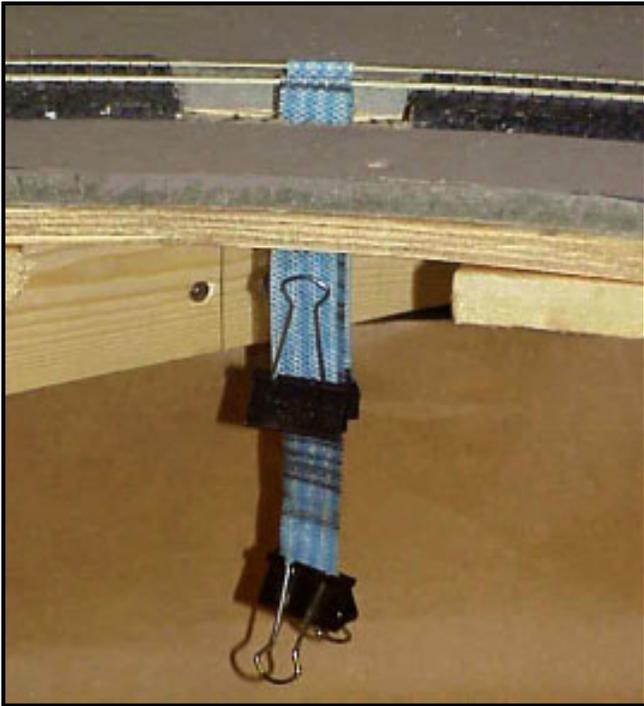


Photo of the completed automatic wheel cleaner on my layout.

Cleaning wheels with a cotton swab, E-Xato blade, or any other device that requires removing the model from the layout creates other problems— finger prints on the model, changing of axle/wheel alignment, and breaking of delicate parts on the model are problems I ran into. Often the wheels were not totally cleaned of gunk that had collected, and rough spots were left on the wheels.

The Center Line track cleaner rolls Handi Wipe material over the tracks to clean them and works quite well when used with Acetone (finger nail polish remover, less the perfume). So why wouldn't rolling the wheels over the Handi Wipe clean the wheels?

I stretched a 1" wide piece of Handi Wipe over a piece of track (HO) and with the five-finger helper moved a box car back and forth. Lots of gunk on the Handi Wipe, but the horn for the Kadeco coupler liked to snag in the center on the Handi Wipe. I then cut about an 2" square area out of my road bed in the shop area of my layout (out of normal view) and after removing the ties, hung a piece of Handi Wipe over both rails. The ends of the Handi Wipe pieces were weighted with three paper clip binders— one clip in the middle attached to both strips, and two more clips weighing down the other ends of the strips.

Presto, as a train rolls over the cleaning section the wheels are automatically cleaned! Just wet the Handi Wipe with Acetone from an old oil applicator. But even if the Handi Wipe is dry it will wipe the wheels and help keep them clean. As an area gets grimy, just move the strips to a clean area.

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## 18th Annual Wiregrass Model Railroad Show

**Wiregrass Heritage Chapter  
National Railway Historical Society**

Sat. Sept. 20 9 am - 5 pm CDT

Sun. Sept. 21 10 am - 4 pm CDT

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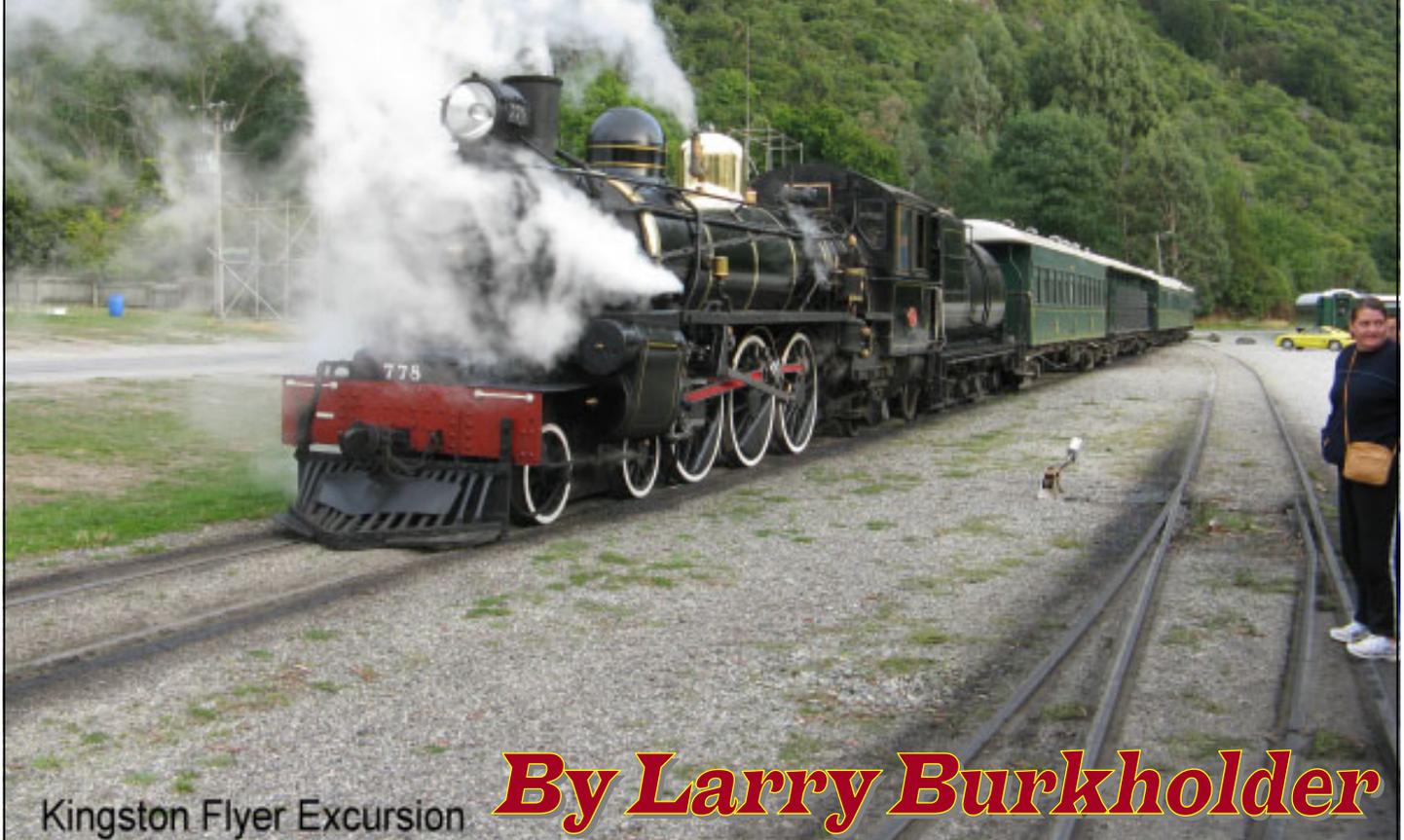
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# NEW ZEALAND TOUR



Kingston Flyer Excursion

*By Larry Burkholder*

My wife and I had the pleasure of touring New Zealand in February. With a population of just over 4.5 million in a country about the size of California, I knew there had to be some model railroaders. Before going I contacted Kel Shearson, Superintendent of the New Zealand Division of the Australasian Region. Kel lives in Wellington and has a large HO layout. Kel said there are over 200 model railroaders in New Zealand, but only about twenty-five are NMRA members and they are spread all over the country. A national MR convention is held every two years. It is open to all modelers and is well attended. By email, he also introduced me to Geoff Webster in Auckland and Brendon Groufsky in Christchurch. I also know of active clubs in Hamilton and Tauranga.

An interesting aside to this story is that our small group tour had only one other family in it and, in a small world coincident, the father, Ian Lines from Stevenage, England, just outside London, was also a model railroader modeling Hornsby OO three-rail. Ian has just retired and they have recently moved into a new home where a new layout is planned if space can be found.



*Geoff Webster*

Prototype railroads in NZ are narrow gauge and relatively limited in operations. Modelers of NZ railroads use Sn3.5 as their scale. Although the local hobby shops offer items in this scale, the selection is very limited and most Sn3.5 modelers have to scratch build most of their equipment. Consequently, the bi-monthly NZ Model Railway Journal, issued by the New Zealand Model Railroad Guild, focuses most of its articles on scratch building. Most NZ model railroaders model U.S. Prototypes, so of course the magazines we are all familiar with are also very popular in NZ, but are quite late in arriving. There is also a quarterly New Zealand RAILFAN magazine covering their pro-



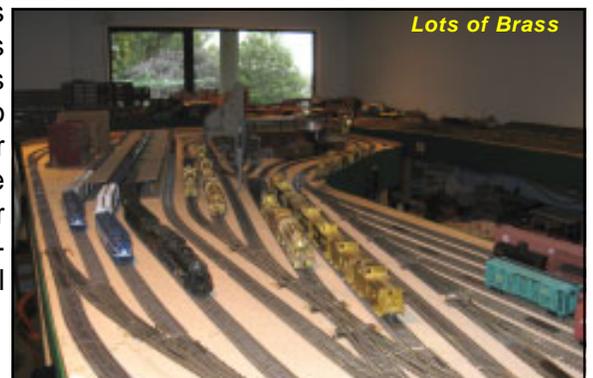
prototype activities and history. The Internet is the saviour for most NZ modelers.

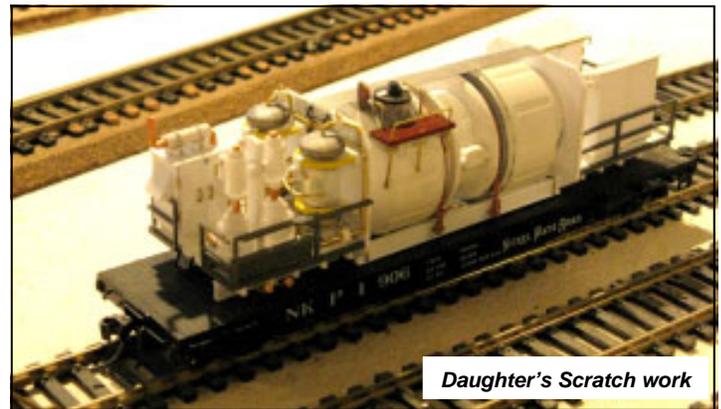
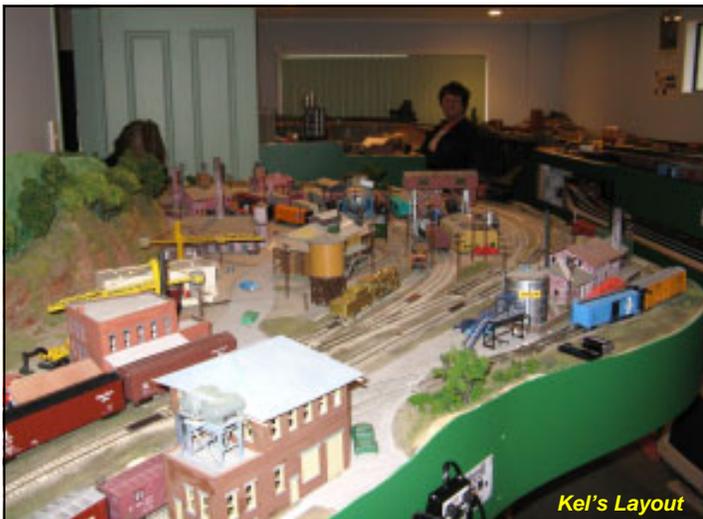
Our NZ visit started in Auckland. There are four MR clubs in Auckland formed around different scales. One operates out of Geoff Webster's home and just prior to starting our formal tour I was privileged to visit his home. Geoff has built the largest layout in NZ, a modern-day fictitious HO railroad named the Oakland Pacific - Canyon Subdivision, based on several routes taken over by the Union Pacific. Operations is his interest and to do it right takes eleven people to operate his layout. The layout runs over two levels, but all operations are only done on the lower level. The top level just adds running time. All operating communications are done by radio. Although the layout is built around the UP domain, members bring their own engines to run and operating sessions always have an eclectic mixture of roads running.



When we reached Wellington my wife, Marge, and I as well as Ian and Annette Lines joined Kel and his wife for dinner and a tour of his layout. Kel models the Nickle Plate Road at the steam/diesel transition period. He owns lots of brass. His daughter is also a very talented modeler, scratch building a number of cars and buildings for the layout. Although regular NMRA activity is essentially non-existent, Kel says there is a group of about twenty fellow Wellington modelers that have been meeting together for almost thirty years. The Wellington Area MR Guild meets monthly and issue a monthly newsletter. Every couple years Kel and a few of his friends and wives travel to the U.S. to

tour prototype areas in which they have interest. As another aside, Ian's wife was so impressed by Kel's layout that she agreed that Ian should use one of their spare bedrooms in their new home for his layout rather than trying to fit something between the rafters in their attic. Ian said he will be forever grateful to me for including them in our visit with Kel.





In Christchurch I didn't see any layouts because most modelers had only a few modules of their own or, as in the case of Brendon Groufsky and his friend Dave Smithey, who stopped by my hotel for a visit, they had just moved into new homes and hadn't re-started their layouts yet. There are a couple dozen MR's in Christchurch, but presently no club activity. Brendon models Santa Fe in N scale and Dave models the Rio Grand in N scale. We compared stories for about two hours.

I did get to ride one train, the premier NZ tourist railroad the Tranz Alpine Express, between Greymouth on the west coast and Christchurch on the east coast. This is a beautiful ride across the south island alps. All NZ railroads are privatized with some subsidy. There's not a lot of traffic to see. Freight service between the north and south islands is by ferry. In Wellington I came upon a small unmanned dock switcher being oper-



Tranz Alpine Express

Single Lane Bridge Shared w/Railroad

ated by remote control by a guy walking beside it throwing the appropriate switches to classify cars for the ferry ride. Tranz Scenic Company operates three passenger runs. Besides the Tranz Alpine Express they run the Overlander between Auckland and Wellington on the North Island and the Tranzcoastal between Picton and Christchurch on the South Island. There are also several companies offering NZ rail vacations and excursions, some of which cover both islands. A final interesting tidbit about NZ is that essentially all the highways are two lanes which almost always cross natural obstructions with a one-lane bridge. In some cases the railroad swings over and shares the same bridge with cars.



New Zealand is an absolutely beautiful and special place and I highly recommend anyone who can to visit it. The presence of a friendly model railroad fraternity makes it even better.



# Balancing Your Freight Car Fleet

By Terry N. Taylor

As some of you know, I model the transition period from steam to first generation diesel in the upper San Joaquin Valley of California. I am mainly into Santa Fe but also have major interchange yards with both the Southern Pacific & the Western Pacific as well as several smaller railroads. While I started modeling the 1945 to 1955 era, I have lately been narrowing my focus to 1953.

Originally, I made the assumption that 40-foot cars were what I should be modeling, but I noticed there were a lot of 50-foot, or longer, cars being built in that time frame. So I decided to check what the Santa Fe actually had in use then. Per the Santa Fe Freight Car Classification Systems Folio 211-3, Santa Fe had about 81,300 cars on hand as of 1 Jan 1951.

392 (.5%) of them were air dump cars, 5,042 (6.2%) are automobile cars, 43 (.1%) are ballast cars, 30,700 (37.9%) are box cars, 1,202 (1.5%) are caboose cars, 9 (.0%) are drovers cars, 2,332 (2.9%) are flat cars, 16,254 (20.0%) are gondola cars, 345 (.4%) are ice cars, 55 (.1%) are logging cars, 14,309 (17.6%) are refrigerator cars, 7,143 (8.8%) are stock cars, and 3,390 (4.2%) are tank cars for a total of 81,306.

Now at least I had an idea of the overall proportion of different cars on the Santa Fe at the start of 1951, even though this did not tell me the proportion of cars in the area that I am modeling or what was on hand in 1953.

Using the length of the car over the end sills, and rounding to the nearest two foot increment because I was interested in the visual aspects of a train passing by and not what the actual cargo space inside the cars was, I found that the Santa Fe had 92 (.1%) 26' cars (all air dump cars), 961 (1.2%) 28' cars (mostly caboose cars), 100 (.1%) 30' cars (50 each caboose and gondola cars), 487 (.6%) 32' cars (mostly gondola cars, but some air dump and tank cars), 2,909 (3.6%) 34' cars (again mostly gondola cars, but some air dump and tank cars), 923 (1.1%) 36' cars (mostly tank cars, but some box, caboose and gondola cars).

In the 38 to 42 foot range, Santa Fe had 1,658 (2.0%) 38' cars (mostly tank cars, but also some box and ice cars), 25,712 (31.6%) 40' cars (mostly box cars, but also automobile, ballast, drovers, flat, gondola, logging, stock and tank cars), 31,394 (38.6%) 42' cars (mostly box and refrigerator cars, but also automobile, ballast, gondola, ice and stock cars).

In the over 42 foot range Santa Fe had 6,592 (8.1%) 44' cars (mostly gondola cars, but also some flat cars), 202 (.2%) 46' cars (all tank cars, except for 2 drovers cars), 545 (.7%) 48' cars (about half & half gondola & tank cars), 4,022 (5.0%) 50' cars (automobile, box, flat, gondola and refrigerator cars), 2,763 (3.4%) 52' cars (mostly automobile, but also box & gondola cars), 2,330 (2.9%) 54' cars (mostly gondola cars but about one quarter flat cars), 190 (.2%) 60' flat cars, 225 (.3%) 66' gondola cars, and 199 (.2%) cars where the length was not specified (123 caboose cars and 76 tank cars). The caboose cars were converted box cars and all of the tank cars were from the KCM&O.

From all of this data, it is easy to see that while most (about 72%) of the cars that I model should be from 38 to 42' over the end sills, about 21% of the cars were longer. Since I model 1953 instead of 1951, that 21% would be a bit higher as most new construction was in the 50' or better range.

I hope that this compilation is of help to others who want to try to model a more balanced freight car fleet. It also has implications in designing yards and passing sidings as your average train length will be just a bit longer. For example, if you have a 20 car train, at 40' each, that would be 800'; if 4 of the cars are 50', then the train length is now 840' or a 5% overall increase.

Just keep in mind that this is a snapshot of the overall Santa Fe freight car fleet as of 1 January 1951, that some of these cars were not interchanged, and that Santa Fe was still rebuilding cars as well as buying new ones.



# *Mid-East Region Convention*

**October 16 - 20, 2008**

**Early registration has been set at \$45.00.  
After September 1, 2008, registration will be \$50.00.  
One (1) day registration will be available.**

**At this writing, the general plan of activities will be:**

**Thursday** – registration, clinics and layout open house:

**Friday** – registration, clinics, contest room, white elephant, prototype and layout tours;

**Saturday** – registration, clinics, contest room, white elephant, prototype and layout tours, banquet and auction;

**Sunday** – annual meeting, operations call board, and homeward bound layout tours. Check the Schedule page for details.

In support of the NMRA spotlight this year on the Achievement Program, the banquet program will feature some of the Region's 24 Master Model Railroaders (MMRs) in a discussion and question and answer session.

As usual, the contest room will feature both merit judging and popular vote (nonjudged) contests in all the regular model and photo categories. MER President Hyde will present a special award for one lucky modeler; click on the contest menu item for details). The Chairman's award will be presented to the model of his favorite passenger car equipped with truss rods, past or present, any scale. The 'Pride of Dixie' award will be presented to the winning (judged) model in the category of "Roadside Vendor". [This might be a farmer selling stuff from a truck or some sort of roadside stand]. You still have plenty of time to hibernate in the train room and prepare your entry.

If you have never attended a Region convention, or have lost count of the number you have attended, mark your calendar now and plan to join us in Reston in October. Bring the family and enjoy the other numerous attractions in the nation's capital area. You could spend the entire weekend in the new Air and Space Museum at near-by Dulles International Airport.

Bob Minnis, Chairman PJ '08

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**Favorite Train First Place Phillip Griffith**

**Favorite Train Second Place Russell Childs**

# THEME CONTEST



**Third Place (Tie)  
Bob Beaty, MMR**



**First Place  
Tom Schultz**



**Second Place  
Tom Schultz**



The Editor wishes to thank all of the people listed below for taking the time to help judge this year's SouthEastern Region Contests. PVV

## Model Contest Judges

John Travis	Hoschton, GA
Joe Nichols, Sr., MMR	Roswell, GA
Howard Garner	Pickens, SC
Bob McIntyre	Alpharetta, GA
George Gilbert	Nashville, TN
Glen Hall	Pensacola, FL
Bob Beaty, MMR	Hoover, AL
Scott Povlot	Alpharetta, GA
Revis Butler	Atlanta, GA
Scott Matherly	Birmingham, AL

## Arts & Craft Contest Judges

Annelle Gilbert	Nashville, TN
Carole Beaty	Hoover, AL
Dominga Toner	

## Photo Contest Judges

Paul Voelker	Flowery Branch, GA
Phillip Griffith	Birmingham, AL

## How Our NMRA Liability Insurance Coverage Works

We have been getting an increasing number of questions lately about our liability insurance...who can use it, whom it protects, when it goes into effect, etc.

In order to help answer these questions, we have just posted a new memo and other documents to the [nmra.org](http://nmra.org) website in which we have tried to supply plain-language answers to many of the questions we've been asked.

To access all the insurance information and forms, just go to [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org) and click the "insurance" link that is under the "Resources" heading on the left side of the web page.

Or you can go directly to this URL:

[www.nmra.org/national/insurance/insurance.html](http://www.nmra.org/national/insurance/insurance.html)

Mike Brestel, NMRA President

## SOUTHEASTERN REGION of the NMRA presents:

### CLINICS ON DVD

The 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!

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## SER-NMRA EMAIL LIST

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SER-NMRA/>

As most of you should know by now we have an email list set up just for NMRA members that live in the Southeast Region. The list has grown and is now up to **182** members!

If you do not know about it then I have to ask what rock have you been hiding under? But for those of you who don't know, you can go to the web address listed above or you can subscribe by sending an email to the following address:

[SER-NMRA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:SER-NMRA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

Everyone who is reading this in *The SouthErner* is eligible and encouraged to join this email list. The list is for all topics that concern either trains or the SER. Also, the list is not just limited to emails as there is space for you to post photos online and room for the posting of other files such as movies or "For Sale" lists. Join in and lets here what you have to say.

Pat Turner, SER-NMRA list Moderator



# PHOTO CONTEST

## B&W Print Prototype

Glen Hall	Pensacola	FL	Abandon Lift Bridge	<b>Best Of Show</b>
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## Color Print Model

Robert Wheeler	Suwanee	GA	Summertime in Southern Ontario	<b>1</b>
Robert Wheeler	Suwanee	GA	Farming the Niagara Escarpment	<b>2</b>

## Color Print Prototype

Ben Bartlett	Brevard	NC	Wiscosset, Waterville & Farmington #10	<b>1</b>
Glen Hall	Pensacola	FL	Backing In	<b>2</b>
Glen Hall	Pensacola	FL	Elephant Car	<b>3</b>
Clinton Smoke	Arden	NC	Steam still lives at Strasburg	<b>HM</b>
Glen Hall	Pensacola	FL	Tie Remover	
Glen Hall	Pensacola	FL	Verde Canyon	
Glen Hall	Pensacola	FL	Been walking on the Railroad	
Ben Bartlett	Brevard	NC	Monson #3 on SR&RL "All Aboard"	
Ben Bartlett	Brevard	NC	EBT #14 Backing onto turntable	

## Color Slide Prototype

Robert Wheeler	Suwanee	GA	A cold night passenger train stop	<b>1</b>
J. Allen Hicks	Gallatin	TN	L&N SB FRT #275 N of Gallatin	<b>2</b>
Robert Wheeler	Suwanee	GA	Exchange of Train Orders on the fly	<b>3</b>
J. Allen Hicks	Gallatin	TN	L&N SB Georgia Power Coal Train	<b>HM</b>
Robert Wheeler	Suwanee	GA	Meet at Swastika Junction	
J. Allen Hicks	Gallatin	TN	L&N SB Louisville Div Freight at Amgus, TN 7/78	

# ***BEST OF SHOW***



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# MODEL CONTEST

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<b>F R E I G H T C A R S</b>										
James Schall	Harriman, TN	S	CRP 40ft Boxcar	36	16	21	21	14	<b>108</b>	<b>1*</b>
Russell Childs	Crossville, TN	HO	50 ft Wooden Freight Car	34	10	12	13	14	<b>83</b>	<b>2</b>
Hunter S. Womble, Sr.	Birmingham, AL	HO	36ft 9in Boxcar T&T #127	28	9	10	15	8	<b>70</b>	<b>3</b>
Hunter S. Womble, Sr.	Birmingham, AL	HO	50 ft Express Wood Refeer	26	9	10	12	8	<b>65</b>	<b>4</b>
Hunter S. Womble, Sr.	Birmingham, AL	HO	50 ft Steel Side Refeer	25	9	13	12	5	<b>64</b>	<b>5</b>
Hunter S. Womble, Sr.	Birmingham, AL	HO	Kahn's Meat 40ft Woodside Refeer	25	11	9	9	5	<b>59</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>N O N R E V E N U E</b>										
Joseph H. Norris	Bakersville, NC	HO <sub>n3</sub>	Pre-1920 Crane Car	34	14	18	20	14	<b>100</b>	<b>1*</b>
Joseph H. Norris	Bakersville, NC	HO <sub>n3</sub>	Pre-1920 Water Car	28	11	13	21	11	<b>84</b>	<b>2</b>
Hunter S. Womble, Sr.	Birmingham, AL	HO	Outside Braced MOW Rebuilt Boxcar for L&N	21	9	9	15	9	<b>63</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>C A B O O S E</b>										
James Schall	Harriman, TN	S	Interstate Caboose #21	33	9	17	17	13	<b>89</b>	<b>1*</b>
James Schall	Harriman, TN	S	Lehigh & New England Caboose	33	10	16	15	14	<b>88</b>	<b>2*</b>
<b>S T R U C T U R E O N L I N E</b>										
Robert Beaty, MMR	Hoover, AL	HO	AGSRR Depot at Steele, AL	33	16	20	23	15	<b>107</b>	<b>1*</b>
Thomas W. Schultz	Birmingham, AL	HO <sub>n3</sub>	Backwoods Engine House	34	17	15	25	15	<b>106</b>	<b>2*</b>
Robert McIntyre	Alpharetta, GA	HO	PRR Bell Interlocking Tower	32	18	18	23	14	<b>105</b>	<b>3*</b>
Revis Butler	Atlanta, GA	HO	1917 Day, FL RR Station	33	18	20	20	14	<b>105</b>	<b>4*</b>
James Schall	Harriman, TN	HO	Southern Railway Station	34	15	17	22	15	<b>103</b>	<b>5*</b>
Russell Childs	Crossville, TN	N	Timber Trestle	31	14	15	23	15	<b>98</b>	<b>6*</b>
Jack Mershon	Waynesville, TN	HO	Cookhouse for Glen Eagle Logging	32	16	15	22	13	<b>98</b>	<b>7*</b>
Emil Decker	Dawsonville, GA	N	Scratchbuilt Water Tower	24	16	15	19	14	<b>88</b>	<b>8*</b>
Scott Matherly	Birmingham, AL	HO	Retail Coal Bunker	16	13	18	22	13	<b>82</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>S T R U C T U R E O F F L I N E</b>										
Sam Swanson	Cincinnati, OH	HO	Winds Fine Fish	37	20	22	25	15	<b>119</b>	<b>1*</b>
Scott Povlot	Alpharetta, GA	HO	Georgia Barn	35	17	21	20	15	<b>108</b>	<b>2*</b>
James Schall	Harriman, TN	S	Atlantic Gas Station	31	13	17	19	13	<b>93</b>	<b>3*</b>
Russell Childs	Crossville, TN	HO	Queen Ann House	30	11	18	17	12	<b>88</b>	<b>4*</b>
<b>D I S P L A Y O N L I N E</b>										
Danny Head	Guntersville, AL	HO	NC&STL Depot	34	19	20	21	14	<b>108</b>	<b>1*</b>
<b>D I S P L A Y O F F L I N E</b>										
Danny Head	Guntersville, AL	HO	Ogle's Gap Diorama	35	19	21	15	14	<b>104</b>	<b>1*</b>
Jack Mershon	Waynesville, NC	HO	Big Lou's Hot Dog Stand	28	17	14	23	15	<b>97</b>	<b>2*</b>



# **FREIGHT CARS**



**James Schall**  
**108 Points**

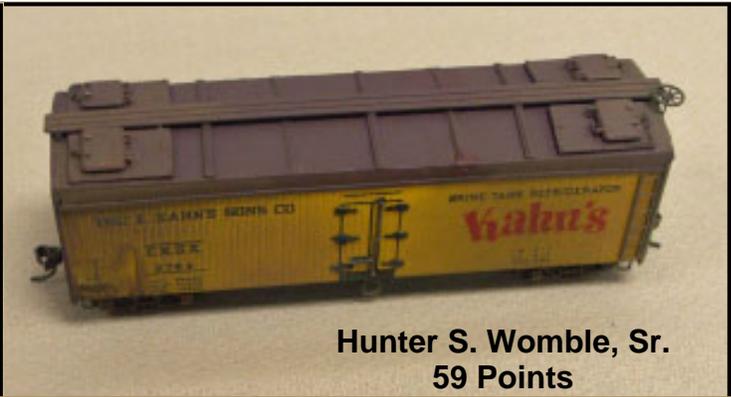
*Will Miller Award*



**Russell Childs**  
**83 Points**



Hunter S. Womble, Sr.  
70 Points



Hunter S. Womble, Sr.  
59 Points



Hunter S. Womble, Sr.  
65 Points

**JUDGES' SCORE SHEET for NMRA MODEL CONTEST**

**Model Description:** 50' EXPRESS WOOD REEFER **EntryNo.** 10

Describe the model in detail. Check all of the items that apply. Add additional data where applicable. Attach extra pages with photos/plans/drawings and additional description as needed to convey to the judges why and what you did to build this model. Add as much additional information as needed to provide information about the work you did and the techniques you used.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Used prototype plans	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut and fit metal	<input type="checkbox"/> Soldered
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<input type="checkbox"/> Used commercial plans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut and fit wood	<input type="checkbox"/> Made patterns
Describe in detail how model was built.		<input type="checkbox"/> Made molds



Hunter S. Womble, Sr.  
Freight Cars 64 Points



Joseph H. Norris  
108 Points

Joseph H. Norris  
84 Points

# NON REVENUE



Hunter S. Womble, Sr.  
63 Points



# CABOOSE



James Schall  
88 Points



James Schall  
89 Points





Robert Beaty, MMR  
107 Points

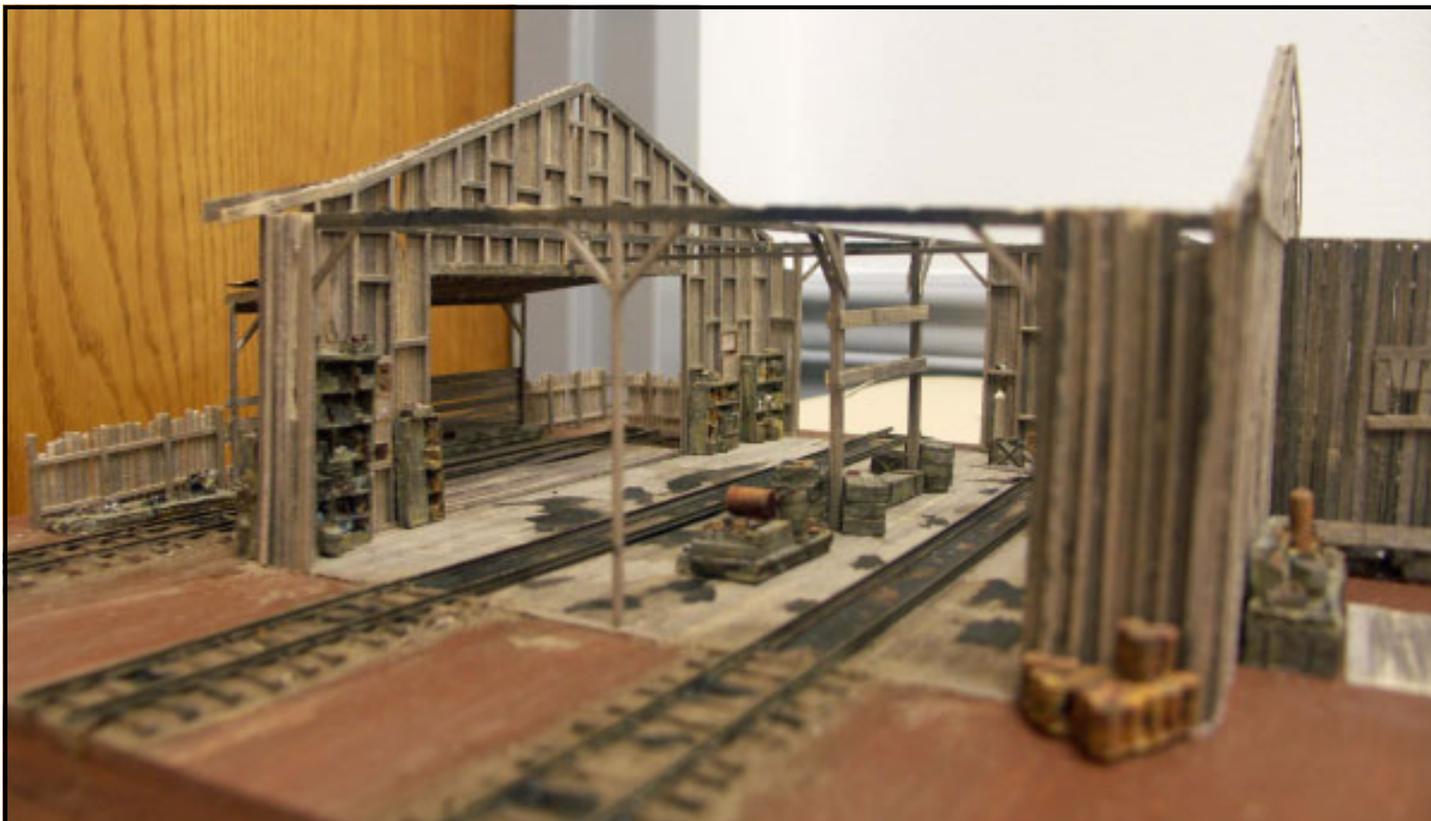


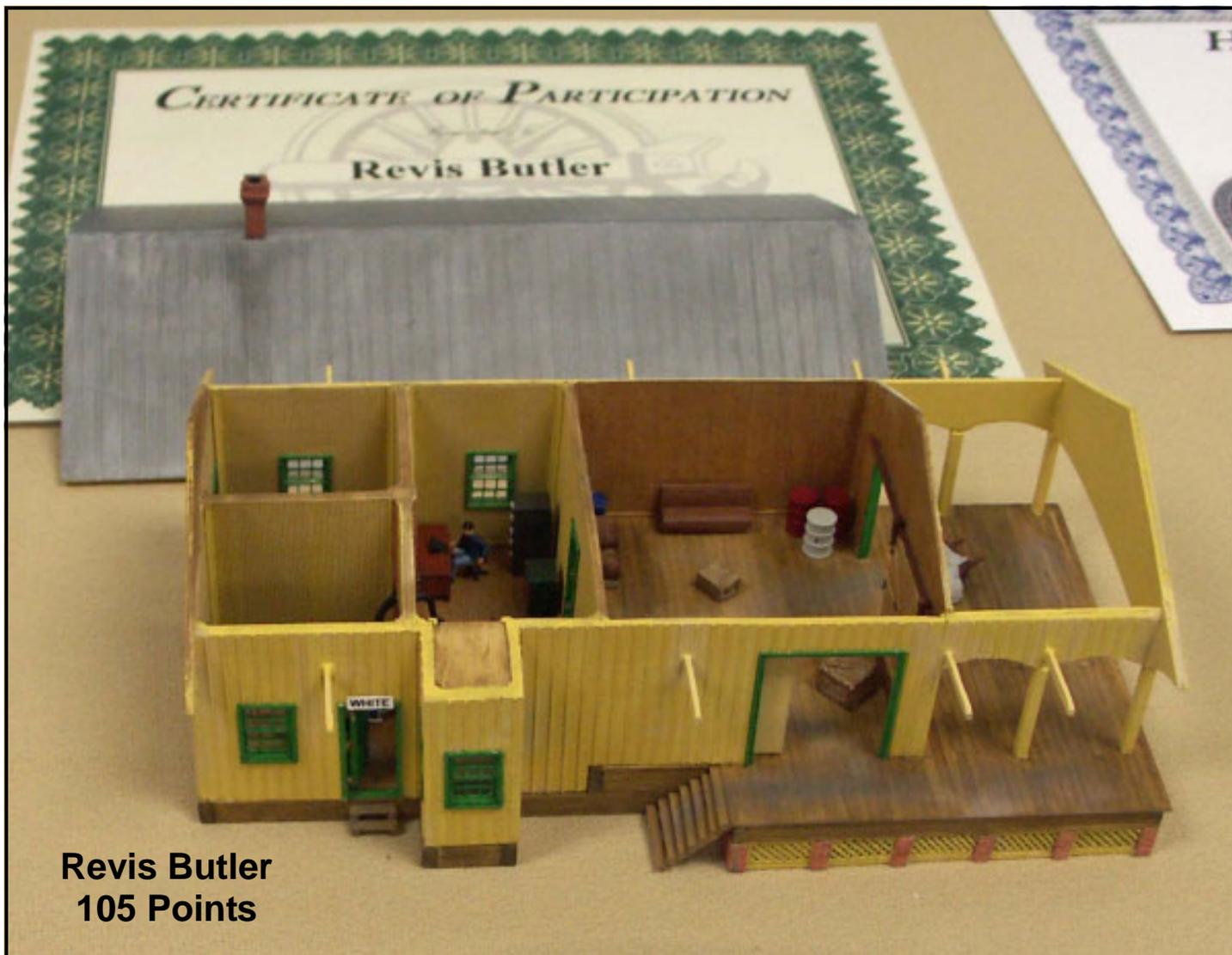
# GOLD SPIKE AWARD

Thomas W. Schultz  
106 Points

**STRUCTURE  
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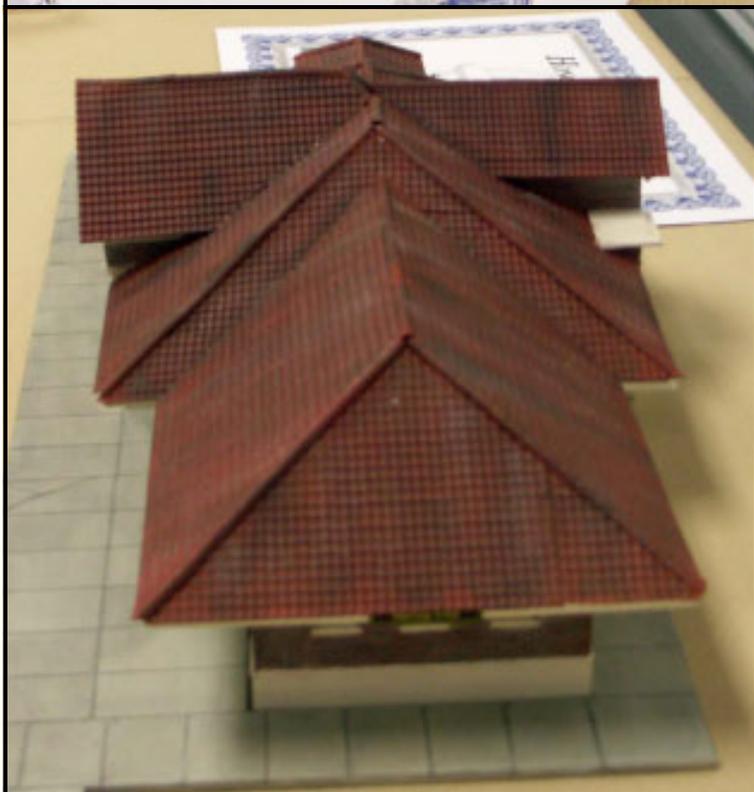


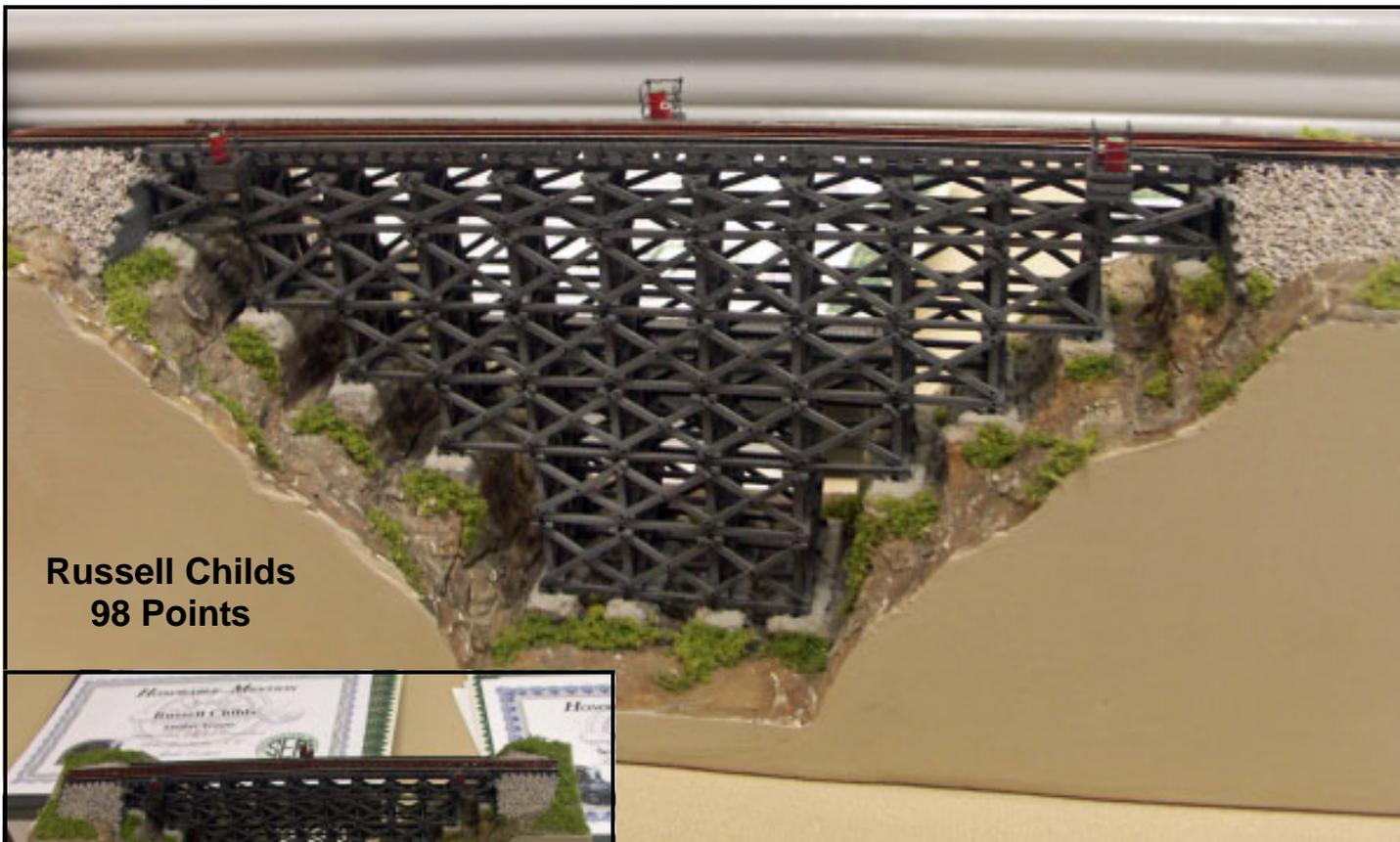
**Revis Butler**  
**105 Points**



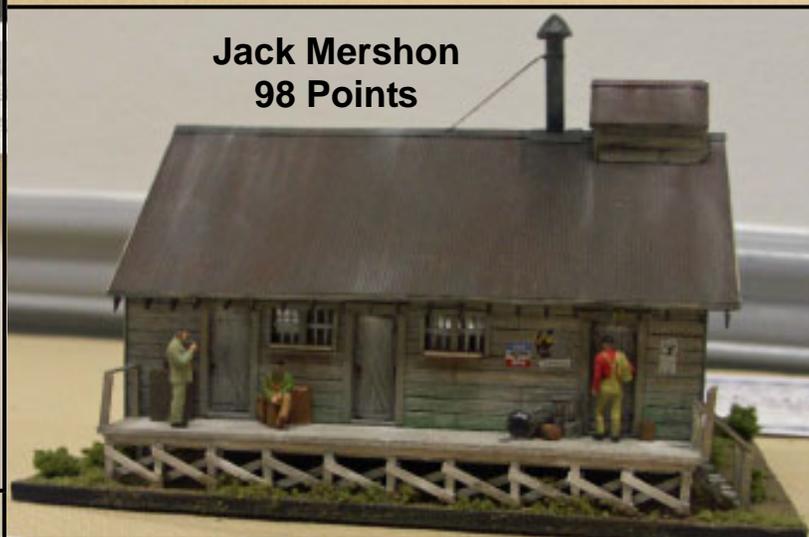
**Robert McIntyre**  
**105 Points**





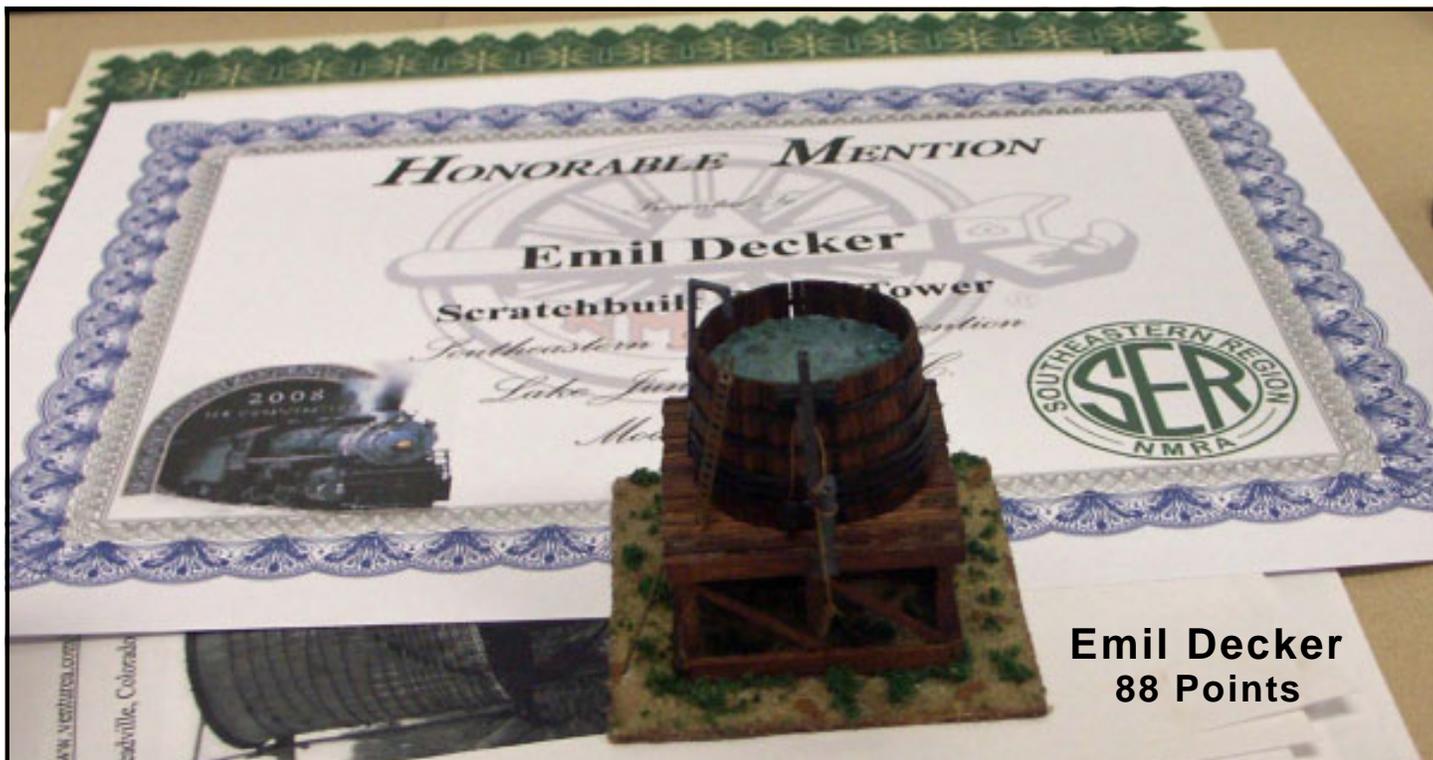


**Russell Childs**  
**98 Points**



**Jack Mershon**  
**98 Points**

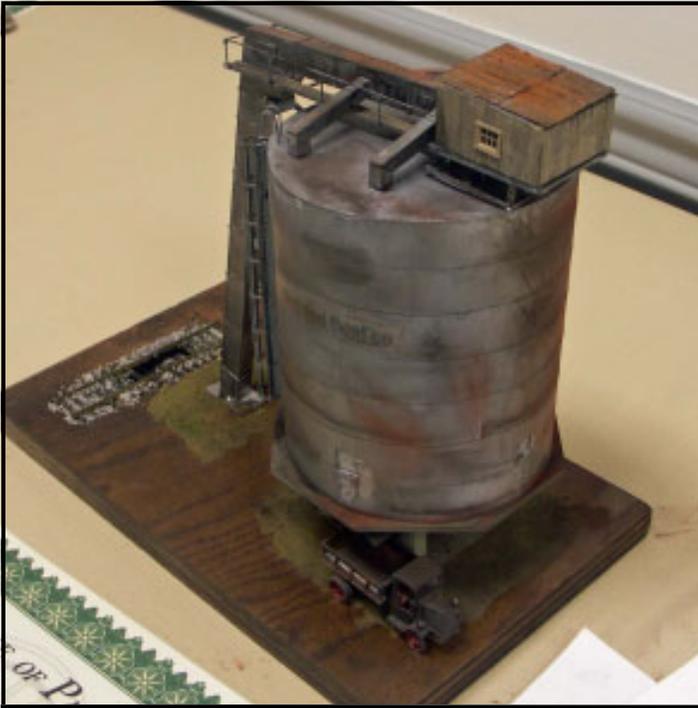




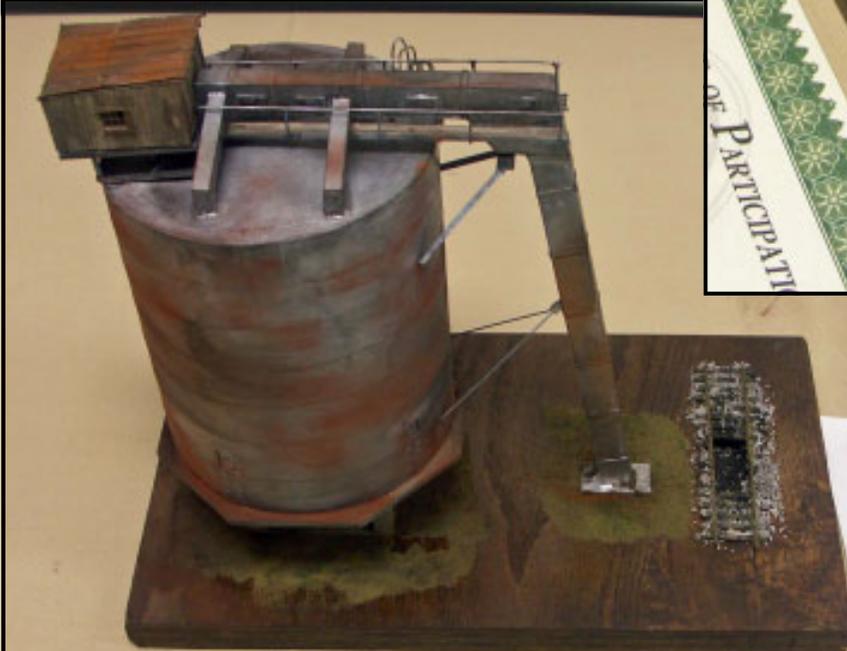
**Emil Decker**  
88 Points



**Scott Matherly**  
82 Points



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82 Points





Sam Swanson  
119 Points

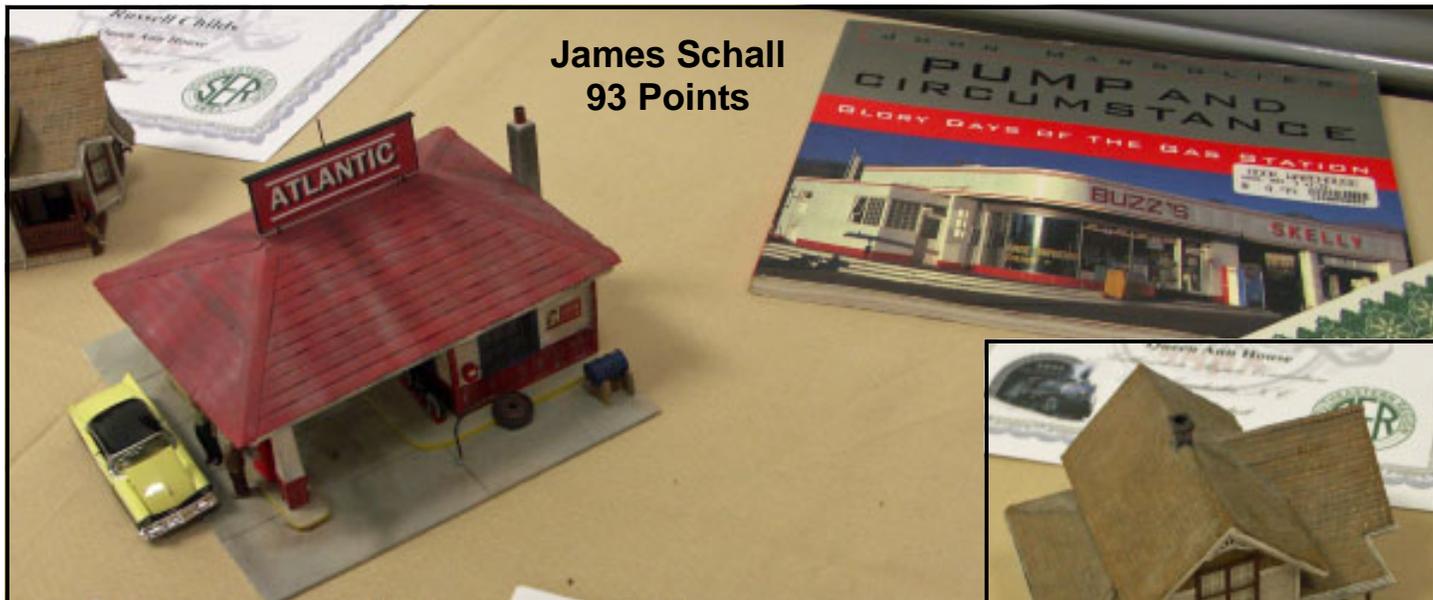


# STRUCTURE OFFLINE



Scott Povlot  
108 Points

# MACK CRAIG AWARD - Tie



**James Schall**  
**93 Points**



**Russell Childs**  
**88 Points**

# **MACK CRAIG AWARD - Tie**

Danny Head  
108 Points



**DISPLAY  
ONLINE**



Danny Head  
104 Points



**DISPLAY  
OFFLINE**









**Jack Mershon  
97 Points**





## *SouthEastern Region Annual Business Meeting* **Saturday May 25, 2008 - Lake Junaluska, NC**

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by President Beaty.

President Beaty welcomed all the convention attendees and made a few opening remarks. He thanked Fred Coleman and his crew for a great convention.

Executive Director Phil Hutchinson reported on the election. He received 92 ballots with four spoiled. President Beaty was elected President, Joe Gelmini VP, George Bloodworth Treasurer and Tom Cusker Secretary. Paul Voelker and Fred Coleman were elected Directors. Randall Watson made a motion to accept the election results and to destroy the ballots. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Cole and passed.

President Beaty introduced the board members to the membership and thanked them for the job they had done over the last year.

President Beaty asked Secretary Cusker to read the minutes of the last annual meeting. Randall Watson made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes of the 2007 Annual Business meeting as published in the SouthErneR. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Bloodworth and motion was passed by unanimous vote.

President Beaty reported on the status of the Region. A handout was given to the membership recapping the regions status.

The Treasurer's Report was given by George Bloodworth. We currently have a positive cash flow and are in good financial shape. Treasurer Bloodworth then reported on the 2008-2009 Budget that was approved by the board.

Rick Coble gave the membership report. We have 1005 members as of April 30, 2008. We are holding a steady number of members from year to year.

Paul Voelker was not in the room. President Beaty reported that the SouthErnR is still being printed on time and under budget. We have been recognized, by National, for the quality of the SouthErnR and E Southerner. Both are considered to be one of the best.

Fred Coleman gave the Good and Welfare Report. Fred reported he has sent out 217 letters last year. He asked the membership to notify him of anyone that should be recognized by the SER. He cannot send out letters without the membership informing him of happenings in the Region.

George Gilbert gave the Education Department Report. We have had over 20 AP certificates issues in the last year. George also reported that we have a new MMR in the Region. Roy Stewart of Birmingham has earned his MMR, number 402.

### **Old Business**

President Beaty reported that the SER Drumhead has been found and has been on site all weekend. He hoped everyone has seen it. It will be given to Glen Hall to take to the Pensacola convention.

VP Joe Gelmini reported on the Dudley Ross Award that was approved at the last annual meeting. Due to more time being needed to define the award criteria and qualifications the board postponed the giving of the award until next year.

### **New Business**

VP Joe Gelmini reported that we now have a Division Superintendent's Handbook that will be issued to all superintendents over the next couple of months. It is a guideline for the superintendents on what their responsibilities are.

President Beaty reported that the Piedmont Division gave the Region a gift of \$2500. He thanked Piedmont for their generous gift.

President Beaty recognized the superintendents in attendance at the convention.

Director Randall Watson gave a report on the new SER car project. The car will be a prototype tank car from Red Caboose with multiple car numbers being available.

Director Fred Coleman reported that they had 242 attendees at the convention this year. He hoped everyone had a great time and thanked everyone for coming.

President Beaty reported that the 2009 Convention will be in Pensacola FL. He thanked Glen Hall for his presentation last night at the banquet. He then reminded everyone that the 2010 Convention will be Birmingham, AL.

It was reported that the Empire Division has made a proposal to host the 2011 convention in Macon Ga. George Bloodworth made a motion to accept the bid to hold the 2011 convention in Macon. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Coleman. Passed by membership.

We are still looking for someone to make a bid on the 2012 Convention.

President Beaty reported the agenda was complete and asked if there was any business from the floor. With no other business being heard Randall Watson made a motion to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Bloodworth and passed.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Tom Cusker

# The VP's Keyboard

## Joe Gelmini



First off let me thank all of you who voted for me to continue as Southeastern Region Vice President. I look forward to serving you for the next two years and to continuing our efforts to build the SER into the premier region of the NMRA.

Also, a big round of applause and my heartfelt thanks to the Land of Sky Division for hosting this year's SER Convention—"Smokey Mountain Rails". What a great time we had! Prototype tours, excellent clinics, a train show and tours of some of the local area layouts were complimented by the beauty of Lake Junaluska and western North Carolina.

The model contest was another highlight with more models of outstanding quality than I can remember seeing in a while at a regional convention. If you missed the 2009 convention please think about attending the "Rails to Sails" convention in Pensacola next year. Glen Hall and his staff are putting together another great event that should prove fun for the whole family. Our regional conventions are a great benefit of your NMRA membership. So please take advantage...you'll be glad you did!

And speaking of the model contest, not only was I impressed by the number of high quality models, I was also impressed by the dedication of the contest staff and judges. We owe a great deal of thanks to Joe Nichols, Jr., Paul Voelker, and all the contest judges for giving up so much of their convention time to make these model contests possible. I'm not sure I ever saw Joe or Paul anywhere at the convention other than in the contest room and the SER Board and annual meetings. Thank you guys for your energy and enthusiasm! You are indeed the unsung heroes of the convention.

Finally, as I outlined in the last *The SouthErner*, the definitions of Regions and Divisions within the NMRA have been re-evaluated. A revision to the national NMRA regulations was approved January 17, 2008. The revised national regs now stipulate that a Division shall have two officers **elected** by the division members. If a division cannot come up with a slate of officers the region president may appoint officers for an interim time. But, **and I stress this**, all Divisions must 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. In other words, one person cannot fill all the roles. To assist in understanding the positions and functions for which Division officers are responsible the SER has developed a "**Superintendent's Handbook**". This book was distributed to those superintendents who attended the recent SER convention and will be mailed to those who were unable to attend. We also plan to publish this on our SER website in the near future.

As always, feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss any of these issues further. Until next time, here's hoping all your signals are green.

### A R T S & C R A F T S C O N T E S T

Name	City, State	Description of Entry	Score	Place
Kathy Butler	Atlanta, GA	"Place de March"	110	1
Kathy Varadi	Greer, SC	"Sailing Lagoons in the Caymens" Orig. Watercolor Painting from an original photo	109	2
Kathy Butler	Atlanta, GA	"October Glow"	108	3
Kathy Varadi	Greer, SC	"Spirit" Orig. Watercolor Painting from an original photo	90	4

## *The President's Car* **Robert Beaty, MMR**



Greetings to all. I hope everyone that attended the 2008 SER Convention at Lake Junaluska had a wonderful time. Fred Coleman and his team provided us a warm, inviting and relaxing venue with plenty to do and see. There was even a train twice daily! Fred, we are coming back!

I want to thank you all for participating in this year's election process for Region Officers. Although the turn out was not 100%, we do have a new slate of Officers and Directors to continue our progress with the Southeastern Region. I appreciate your confidence in me to be your President for the next two years. The returning BOD members and our newly elected Director will continue to ensure that the best interests of the SER are our paramount concern. We will be developing more projects to support your hobby in the coming months.

I also would like to publish to all, that the Piedmont Division (Greater Atlanta) gave a \$2500.00 cash gift to the Region to aid in our conduct of the Region. We are very grateful of this gift and will use it to enhance the Region's support of the hobby.

During the Annual Meeting, Rick Coble presented a membership report that stated we are maintaining essentially the same level of membership. We are gaining new members but not retaining them or our longer term members are allowing their memberships to lapse. This fluctuation of the numbers affects the amount of money rebated from NMRA National. It also is somewhat of an indicator that while we recruit fairly well, we do not retain our recruits. We lost as many as we gained last year. I propose that 2008 be declared Membership Year for the SER. Rick stated our strategic goal to increase the membership by 10 percent.

I challenge each Division to attack this challenge at the local level, retaining the existing members and recruiting new ones. That is the easy part. The challenge that we face is to make membership in the NMRA and the SER worthwhile. That means making the newcomer feel welcome, providing interesting and enjoyable Division activities that support their modeling interests, answering questions and sharing modeling information and advice. Model Railroading can be and often is a "lone wolf" hobby. Many are not aware of the support and camaraderie that is available from other like minded "players with trains."

I will propose to the BOD that we award a free registration to the 2010 Convention for the individual whose efforts achieve the greatest increase in membership during the coming year, 2008-2009. The recognition will be awarded at the annual meeting in Pensacola, next year. I encourage the use of "Rail Pass" and "Re-rail" programs but retain the members you recruit. When asked "What is the benefit of joining the NMRA?" You can get technical if you want, but just share your experiences and the support and friendships you have made in this hobby and the SER. Remember, if each of you recruit one new member, we will double our membership.

Until next time, Keep on Training.  
Bob Beaty, MMR  
President, SER-NMRA

# Convention Coordinator

## Tom Cusker



Well it is almost mid year and another SER convention has come and gone. I would like to add my thanks to Fred Coleman and the Land-O-Sky Division for hosting another great convention. The weather was great as was the venue. If you missed this year's convention you miss one of the most relaxing SER conventions in many a year. The scenery, food and program were excellent. Not to mention the great entertainment on Saturday night. Thanks again one and all.

### 2009 Convention

The 2009 Convention in Pensacola, FL (June 12<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>) is now ramping up. Chairman Glenn Hall gave us a preview of what we can expect next year at the banquet on Saturday night. It looks like there will be a lot to see and do at the 2009 Rails to Sails convention. Watch for more details in *The SouthErneR* and get your reservations in. The web site address is:

**[www.trainweb.org/pmrc/Convention/home.htm](http://www.trainweb.org/pmrc/Convention/home.htm)**

### 2010 Birmingham

In 2010 we will be going back to Birmingham AL. The convention dates will be May 21<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will be at the same site as the 2004 convention Bessemer AL. The committee is starting to lock down their plans and they know everyone will enjoy their return to Birmingham.

### 2011 Macon

The Empire Division was approved at the Annual Meeting to host the 2011 convention in Macon Ga. Now that they have been approved convention chairman Richard Dalrymple is getting the ball rolling there. We thank the Empire Division for stepping up and hosting the 2011 Convention. It will be a new area for us to explore and enjoy.

### 2012 Your Town

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

### Convention Handbook

The long promised convention handbook has been written and is in the hands of the SER board for review and approval. It will be ready right after the October board meeting to any one that would like a copy. We plan on posting it to the website so look for it in November on the SER website.

<b>SOUTHEASTERN REGION – NMRA APPROVED BUDGET JUNE, 2008 TO JUNE, 2009</b>			
<b>EXPENSE:</b>			
President			\$ 100.00
Vice President			\$ 50.00
Secretary			\$ 40.00
Treasurer	Incorporation	\$ 30.00	
	Bank Charges	\$ 25.00	
	Bonding	\$170.00	\$ 225.00
Registrar	Mailing		\$ 500.00
Education Programs	Contest Awards	\$400.00	
	AP	\$125.00	
	Muller	\$135.00	
	Callahan 101	\$ 75.00	
	Yarbrough	\$150.00	\$ 885.00
Good and Welfare			\$ 250.00
Southerner		\$1,450.00 x 4	\$ 5,800.00
Convention Chairman			\$ 150.00
Region Cars			\$ 6,000.00
2009 Seed Money			\$ 500.00
Division Support			\$ 300.00
<b>EXPENSE TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 14,800.00</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>			
Member Subscription (SER)	484 members		\$ 4,840.00
NMRA Region Rebate			\$ 1,800.00
Interest from CDs			\$ 510.00
Convention Revenue	(5 yr avg. 1,320)		\$ 1,320.00
Southerner Ads			\$ 400.00
Region Cars	(150 @ \$30.00)		\$ 4,500.00
Region DVD Sales	(50 @ \$ 8.00)		\$ 400.00
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 13,770.00</b>
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>			<b>(\$ 1,030.00)</b>
George Bloodworth – SER Treasurer			

# DIVISION NEWS

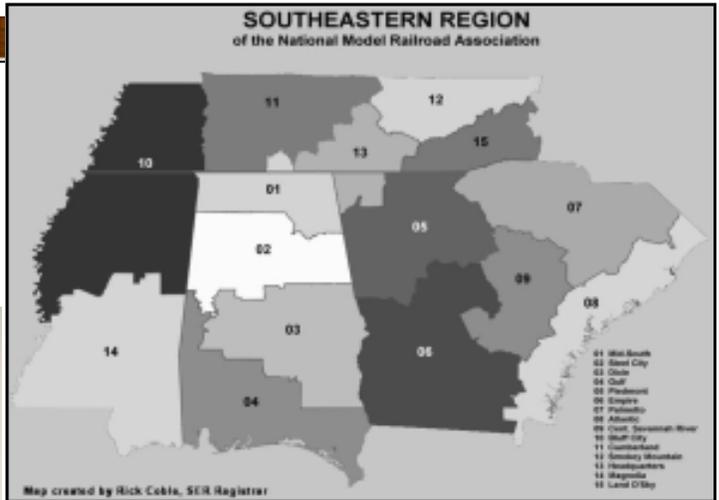
SMOKY MOUNTAIN - DIV. 12  
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*New Secretary Jim Schall (left) with Division Superintendent Larry Burkholder.*

The Smokey Mountain Division is making an effort to become a more active division within the region. A central location was identified for a meeting and, thanks to the local Bass Pro Shop which offers a meeting room and accessories at no charge, an organizational meeting was held on April 3rd. Sixteen members attended. Prior to starting the meeting everyone enjoyed dinner together in the BPS restaurant. To comply with recent NMRA rules concerning a division having to have two officers, yours truly was elected Superintendent and Jim Schall Secretary. It was decided that regular meetings would be held on Thursday nights at 7 pm approximately every quarter. The plan is to present a couple mini-clinics or have a guest speaker at each meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 26th. MMR Paul Locher will discuss materials for weathering and Allen Keller will discuss principles of designing an operating system. The idea is to have something of interest to beginning and experienced model railroaders at each meeting. To get a better feel for the interests and skill levels of our membership, Jim Schall sent out a questionnaire. Jim will present results at the meeting. We also hope to set aside enough time for show-and-tell and/or sales.



**National Model Railroad Association**  
**The Presidents Award**  
Presented To  
**Paul Voelker**  
For many years of service as  
**Photo Contest Chairman**



Piedmont Division Superintendent Howard Goodwin (right) congratulates SER Editor **Paul Voelker** on receiving the **NMRA Presidents Award** for his many years of service as **NMRA Photo Contest Chairman**. The award was given to Paul during the banquet at the 2008 National Convention in Anaheim, CA this past July.

**PIEDMONT - DIVISION 5**  
**Howard G. Goodwin - [horn69@bellsouth.net](mailto:horn69@bellsouth.net)**  
**[www.piedmont-div.org](http://www.piedmont-div.org)**



Clint Smolek Photo

**Joe Gelmini receives the 2008 Dave Muller Award from SER Editor Paul Voelker**

The Piedmont Division continues to stay busy and productive. Our recently concluded train show saw over three thousand come through the door, a new record. It has enabled us to make contributions to the Region and the NMRA as well as the number of modular layouts seen during the show. Next year, 2009, will be the last at the Cobb Civic Center which has been very good to us, but does not offer the size we would like to have in order to make our show grow bigger and offer more to the community. We are looking at several possible sites, one of which is the Galleria Center, which we are hoping will be the site of the 2013 NMRA National Convention.

Our presentation for the 2013 Convention bid to take place in Anaheim, CA in July is nearly complete as we speak. Several of our Division members will be on hand to make this presentation the Saturday before the Convention begins. We previewed the presentation done by MMR Ron Gough, which was awesome with a minimal amount of tweaking required and that merely of some timed bytes. We are indeed ready and very capable of hosting this convention and are excited to be one of two finalists being considered. Look ahead, look South!

Also recently concluded was our 12th Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge class held over the last six years. Thus far our program has seen 287 scouts come through and earn this merit badge. It is one of the major outreach programs started by the Piedmont Division to support others in our community and educate them about railroads and the hobby of model railroading. We have entered into a partnership with the Southeastern Railway Museum and it will become the permanent home of our merit badge program, a most fitting place indeed. Our thanks go out to the SRM for offering this home for our program.

Not to be outdone, our "Train in' Camp" hands on clinic session held on Saturday, April 12th met with a big "thumbs up" from the participants, where they got an opportunity to learn a new skill from some of the Divisions bright stars. Plans are in the works for other hands on type clinics to follow for the Division members, as well as a follow up Airbrush 102 clinic some time in the not too distant future. This type of format seems to be a popular one amongst the members and a lot of excitement is being created for the next offering.

Work continues on the planning for the 6th Annual Piedmont Pilgrimage, already having over 70 layouts booked for our November extravaganza. The Pilgrimage is now being headed up by Bob McIntyre, who brought us the concept from a program he saw being done up north. Since its humble beginnings, this program has continued to grow leaps and bounds each year, a testament to the quality of the program and the growing numbers of people who have come forward to participate. This is one of the most impressive of our outreach programs and this year will see the attendance go over the 10,000 mark. Our thanks go out to those who have made this program what it is. We hope you will be able to spend some time and visit some of these fine layouts for Z to G.

On a personal note, I will be going in for prostate surgery tomorrow, but the prognosis is very good, having caught the big "C" in its very early stages. I should be back in the saddle real soon and will spend some of my down time down in the basement. I am blessed to have the hobby and great people in it around me along with their thoughts and prayers. I hope to be able to present my next report in person. I hope you all enjoy this convention and re-establish old friendships and make some new ones. I will certainly miss being there and catching up with old friends. First things first however, so taking care of the body must take precedence. Till next time, may all your signals be green.

Howard



## BLUFF CITY - DIVISION 10

Ned B. Savage - [nssavage@juno.com](mailto:nssavage@juno.com)

A group of Memphis Bluff City Division members traveled to Earl, AR on April 20th, for a visit to the Train Museum at the Earl, AR Train Depot. Our local member, Sam Gray, cooked tasty hamburgers. The Museum has a small railroad layout and the Train Depot is located on an active Union Pacific Mainline, so the group also was able to watch trains pass by. On May 2nd, Earl, AR, experienced a devastating E-F2 Tornado. While the Depot sustained no damage, the 87 year old man who is the one who operates the museum was severely injured when the storm rolled the truck he driving. Our prayers are that he can make a full recovery.

The Memphis area members of the Bluff City Division are also making visits to home layouts in the area. Visits have been to HO layouts near Bartlett, TN, and in Germantown, TN, and to a fairly good size N Scale layout near Byhalia, MS. The visitors were allowed to operate the layouts. More visits of other Layouts are in the planning stage, currently. The G Scale group is planning a layout visit to the Jackson, TN area in June or July.

The On-30 Layout construction is coming along. That Group, as several other groups, are now set up in Azo, Inc. space. They join the N Scale, Mid-South Rail Runners, the HO Scale, Memphis Modular Group, the G Scale, Mid-South Garden Railway Society, and the Memphis Society of Model Railroaders. All of the groups are operating under the umbrella of the Memphis Model Railroad Association, Inc.

The Memphis Pink Palace Model Railroad Exhibit that is to be held in October is still in the planning stage, but many members are starting to gear up and put the finishing details to their exhibits that they plan to display.

The 2nd Saturday Night of each Month meeting of the Memphis Society of Model Railroaders is still unable to call any one place home, as the church in which they were holding their meetings is in process of relocating. The May meeting was held at a building on Shelby Oaks Drive where the Church occupies offices for their administrative people. The June meeting will also be held there.

## GULF - Division 4

Glen Hall - [gnglen@cox.net](mailto:gnglen@cox.net)



As always, the Southwest Alabama Railroad Modelers Annual Train Show was a great success. The show held on March 15 and 16 featured lots of vendors and seven layouts in four scales.

The quarterly Division Tailgate Swap Meet was held on May 25th at the West Florida Railroad Museum in Milton, Florida. Assistant Division Superintendent Ed Dice reported a light turnout of sellers, but a great crowd of buyers.

The Pensacola Model Railroad Club's N-Division held its Annual Train Show June 14 and 15 (photos at right & below). They had a good variety of vendors, seven layouts in five scales as well as several displays.



## HEADQUARTERS - DIVISION 13

Charles "Chip" Chipman - [Nscalechip@aol.com](mailto:Nscalechip@aol.com)

The Headquarters div. and CAMRC hosted Cub Scout Pack 3051 to a tour of the Choo-Choo layout and facility on March 9th. The scouts thoroughly enjoyed the layout's size and operation. They also had a great ride and history presentation by Justin Strickland on the restored vintage New Orleans trolley which also runs on the property.

I am building two 4 x 8 portable layouts for display at local community events. The first event planned is at the T.C.A. show in July at the Colonaide in Ringgold Ga. Other events this fall include the Hamilton County Fair. Also in the future we would like to set up at the T.V.R.M. during the Day Out With Thomas the Tank Engine visit, which has a huge turnout in April and May.

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### From Mike Ferry on activities of the Crossville Model RR Club

NMRA Members - 9 (4 New NMRA Members) - Club Members - 70

### Activities

We are involved in many community activities in which we promote Model Railroading.

1. Garden Show with a G Scale Layout of 24x24
2. Depot Days, helping CAMRC with their HO Layout
3. School visits to Outlet Mall. This past year we only had two school groups.
4. Bon-Aire, TN, Miners Reunion. We take an N Scale layout for two days to Bon-Aire, just outside Sparta, TN for their miners reunion.
5. Imagination Library Party for children 5 years & younger. We set up Lionel Tom the Tank Engine layout for them. There are over 100 children attending this event.
6. We sponsor Halloween Costume Party for the Outlet Mall and had out candy. This was the second year and the attendance has increased greatly.
7. We sponsor Santa Claus at the Outlet Mall. Two days Santa comes and has his picture taken with the children. We provide a picture to all children attending. This is a great exposure for Model Railroading as most all the children do not want to leave the layouts.
8. We sponsor the House of Hope Angel Tree for Christmas. We have had as many as 60 children from the ages of 15 and down that need a Christmas. We help provide a big Christmas to all, with the help of the public.
9. Mike Braunstein & myself have been putting on clinics.

Mike has put on two clinics about DCC. I have been putting on clinics on starting a layout, track laying, wiring & scenery. We have one of our new NMRA Members getting his layout ready for the Spike Award.

We are changing the HO & Lionel layouts and this has afforded us many on the spot clinics for the members. We have really had a great many in HO that have attended these. Lionel is changing their layouts to build an operating layout where they can run more than one train on the same track, switch and make up trains and have proto-type run sessions.

**CUMBERLAND - DIVISION. 11**

**Bob Hultman - [hultman@bellsouth.net](mailto:hultman@bellsouth.net)**

Several Cumberland Division members attended the SER Convention over Memorial Day weekend - Master Model Railroader Bill Griffith, Allen Hicks and George Gilbert made the trip east and reported the Convention was excellent.

Cumberland Division N scale modelers are busy preparing for the World's Greatest Hobby Show in Louisville KY the last weekend in June 2008. Nashville Ntrak will be co-hosting the event.

According to Mike Curtis, the Ntrak modular RR planned will enclose over 50,000 sq ft. Don't know how many real hrs it will take for a train to go 1 lap around the RR.

On June 6 Cumberland Div representatives will meet with TN state Fair folks to firm up our space for the 10-day State Fair run starting the Friday after Labor Day. The RR this year will be the HO modular RR with the large-radius inside corners making their TSF debut. The inside corners have been set up twice within the last year and have performed well. Nothing better than getting some additional length of run for our display railroads. Another benefit of these setups at the TSF is exposure for our Fall 2008 Division Meet and the TC Ry Museum's fall excursion train schedule.

Construction progress on Bill Hemrick's very large HO RR in Nolensville is quite evident. Bill has operating sessions at his RR starting at 9 am CDT the last Saturday of the month. Admittedly, there are still some kinks to work out and overcome, but each operating session is better than the last. If any SER members are in the Nashville area on the last Saturday of the month, E-mail me at [hultman@bellsouth.net](mailto:hultman@bellsouth.net) if you'd like to attend the session.

All for now...

**MAGNOLIA - DIVISION 14**

**Troy Hight - [TrHg6@aol.com](mailto:TrHg6@aol.com)**

Greetings from Mississippi !The Magnolia Division has not been very active in recent years. President Beaty appointed me to this position in January, after I volunteered to help revive the Division. I was active in the Steel City Division for many years and would like to bring that same type of fellowship here. Contact has been made with the Jackson Society of Model Engineers and local modelers in Meridian as well . An invitation to visit both groups has been extended and will be made as soon as my schedule will allow. A phone conversation with Ron Reagan was very helpful and informative about the current activity on the Gulf Coast, also.

A survey letter was mailed to all the active member of the division in the first week of June. The response taken from that letter will direct the Summer\Fall activities of the division. Hopefully, and with your help, their will be division news to report in the next issue. If you would like to help rekindle this division, please contact me at the address listed in the Directory.

I would like to thank all of the Region Officials that have help me in the last few months. Your comments and encouragement have been most helpful.

Until Next time.....Troy Hight, Div Supt

**LAND O' SKY - DIVISION 15**

**Fred Coleman - [coleman@brinet.com](mailto:coleman@brinet.com)**

Division 15 is proud to report a very successful convention with the attendance being 242 for the convention itself and over 700 attending the Train Show. A very special thanks to all of the clinicians. Another very special thanks to the judges, Joe Nichols, Jr, Joe Nichols, Sr and Paul Voelker in the contest room, who handled a very important and often a thankless portion of the convention. We really appreciate all that helped make this a great convention. We did have a few minor problems reported, so I would also like to apologize for any inconveniences you may have encountered at Smokey Mountain Rails Convention.

Fred Coleman  
Convention Coordinator  
Division Supt



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 6, 2008

### NMRA Patent Challenge Update: Real Rail Effects fails to respond to NMRA DCC-sound patent challenge

The deadline for Real Rail Effects, Ltd. (RRE) to respond to an NMRA patent challenge has passed, with no response from RRE.

RRE was granted a patent by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) based upon a claim that the technology for using sound with DCC was invented by RRE. The NMRA, with the technical and financial support of a number of DCC manufacturers and hobbyists around the world, filed a challenge to the RRE patent.

The NMRA filed the challenge because we believe that the claims in the RRE patent application were not supported by the facts. The NMRA was aware that prior art and other evidence existed which negated RRE's patent.

The NMRA felt that, should it remain in force, the RRE patent posed a threat to modelers and manufacturers of DCC equipment because it would both increase the costs to modelers and unfairly restrict manufacturers who provide decoders with sound. Therefore, the NMRA coordinated an industry- and hobby-wide effort to have the patent overturned. The NMRA submitted evidence from a number of sources raising substantial questions about the validity of the patent.

On February 11, 2008, the USPTO issued a ruling granting the NMRA's patent re-examination request. The examiner stated in the ruling that there was a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider the prior art important in determining the patentability of the application of RRE.

After the examiner at the USPTO determined that the position of the NMRA had merit and compelled a new analysis of the patent, RRE had two months to respond to the re-examination request. The deadline for a response has come and gone, and RRE made no reply. The NMRA is now very hopeful that a favorable decision will be announced and that the position of the NMRA and its supporters will be vindicated.

The NMRA considers this a clear triumph for the modeler and the model railroad industry. We are proud to have led the challenge team that has made this victory possible.

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# 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

*Sept 20 & 21, 2008 Dothan*  
**Wiregrass Heritage Chapter, NRHS**  
18th Annual Model Railroad Show and Sale  
Sat. Sept. 20, 9 am - 5 pm CDT  
Sun. Sept. 21, 10 am - 4 pm CDT  
National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds  
2256 US Hwy 231 South, Dothan, AL 36301  
Admission is \$5.00 per Adult, Kids under 12 Free.  
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## DIVISION MEETS

**Land O'Sky Division 15 - Regular Meeting**  
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**Piedmont Division 5 - Regular Meeting**  
2nd Tuesday of every month, Elks Lodge,  
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[www.piedmont-div.org](http://www.piedmont-div.org)

**Smoky Mountain Division 12 - Regular Meeting**  
7 - 9 PM Thursday evenings on a quarterly schedule  
Bass Pro Shop - Exit 407 on I-40  
Contact Larry Burkholder for next meeting date  
[labtexan@chartertn.net](mailto:labtexan@chartertn.net) or (865) 408-9903

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3rd Thursday of every month 7 PM  
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Hwy 31 S. 1 Mile from Hwy 119 (exit 246 off I-65)  
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## SER REGION MAP

Showing: States, Counties, Towns &  
Division Boundaries can be found at:  
<http://www.camrc.org/ser/>

Information on the **Block Signals** used on the  
**Metrolina Model Railroad** seen at the  
**Waynesville SER Convention Train Show**

(By Email from "Tom O'Neill" [toneill3@carolina.rr.com](mailto:toneill3@carolina.rr.com))

We had many inquiries at the train show asking how we made the block signals that were on the Metrolina Model Railroaders layout. Unable to respond properly at the time, I wrote a step-by-step description of their construction for those who are interested. Sorry it took me so long.

The article is posted on the website of the component supplier for our club's signal system which can be found at:

<http://www.modelrailroadsignals.com>

The article can be accessed as an easy to print PDF file from the first paragraph on that site's home page.

The rest of that site is very interesting as it even has circuit diagrams for those who enjoy DIY projects. Bare boards and kits are also available. The signal controller for the signals on our layout is described in detail.

Tom O'Neill  
Metrolina Model Railroaders  
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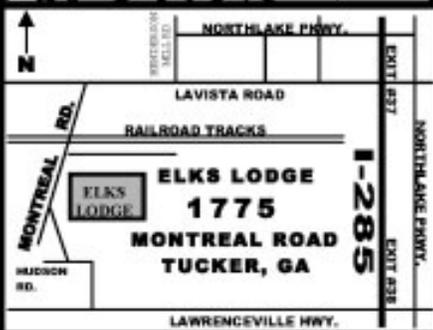
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## *SouthEastern Region Board of Directors Meeting*

**Saturday May 23, 2008 - Lake Junaluska, NC**

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

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

The following Superintendents were present: Gulf Division Superintendent Glen Hall, Smokey Mountain Division Superintendent Larry Burkholder, Empire Division Superintendent Richard Dalrymple,

The following members were present: Howard Garner, Scott Povlot, Mike Braunstein, and Heinz Skould.

A quorum was present. Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm EDT.

President Beaty welcomed all the attendees. He thanked Land O'Sky Division Superintendent Fred Coleman and his committee for arranging the 2008 Annual Convention.

Executive Director Phil Hutchinson presented a report on the election results. The following is the outcome of the election.

President	Bob Beaty
Vice President	Joe Gelmini
Treasurer	George Bloodworth
Secretary	Tom Cusker
Director	Paul Voelker
Director	Fred Coleman

President Beaty thanked Executive Director Hutchinson for his work on the election.

A motion was made to accept the election results as reported by Executive Director Hutchinson. Moved by Director Watson. 2<sup>nd</sup> by V.P. Gelmini. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made to accept the Secretary's minutes from the 2008 Winter Meeting as published in the SouthErneR. Moved by Director Cusker. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Watson. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A discussion was held on the storage of meeting tapes and minutes. Currently, the Secretary has 8 years of meeting tapes, minutes, committee reports in storage.

A motion was made that the tape recording of meetings only be retained until the minutes are approved. Moved by Director Cusker. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Watson. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made that the records of the BOD be retained for 7 years. Moved by Director Watson. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Bloodworth. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was suggested that the motions be made as an addendum to the policies.

Treasurer Bloodworth presented the Treasurer's Report. The Region has total cash investments of \$35,200.14. Total Liabilities and Reserves are \$12,079.00. Non designated cash is \$23,121.14. A motion was made to accept the report as presented. Moved by Director Watson. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Cusker. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

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

Superintendent Larry Burkholder gave a report on activities within the Smokey Mountain Division.

Superintendent Richard Dalrymple gave a report on activities within the Empire Division.

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

Director Tom Cusker gave a report on activities within the Steel City Division.

Vice President Gelmini read e-mail reports from Magnolia Division Superintendent Troy Hight, HQ Division Superintendent Chip Chipman, Central Savannah River Superintendent Terry Pitts, Bluff City Division Superintendent Ned Savage, and Piedmont Division Superintendent Howard Goodwin.

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 manner in which National drops members from the roles, including Life Members. He would like to start an initiative to gather roster data, especially e-mail addresses.

SouthErneR Editor Paul Voelker presented his report on the last two issues of the SouthErneR. The SouthErneR continues to be under budget. The next issue will contain the convention results. It will have a slightly earlier deadline to get the information out to the members. The fall issue will be the yearbook issue. It will be a slightly larger issue due to all the membership information.

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

The Dave Muller Award has been prepared with the name of this year's recipient.

Achievement Program Chairman George Gilbert presented his report. Twenty-eight certificates have been awarded since the last annual convention. Five members earned the Golden Spike Certificate. Roy Stewart, Jr. of the Steel City Division has been awarded his MMR.

Webmaster Mike Broadway was to attend the meeting, but was unable to at the last minute. No report was submitted.

Good and Welfare Chairman Fred Coleman presented his report. He mailed 212 letters to members since the last annual convention.

Convention Chairman Tom Cusker presented his report as follows:

2008 Convention: Land O'Sky Division Superintendent Fred Coleman reported that 240 members are attending the convention.

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. Their proposal will be presented at the Sunday Annual Meeting.

Convention Handbook: The draft version of the updated Convention Handbook has been completed and a copy was distributed to the BOD members for their review. Any changes should be forwarded to the Convention Chairman for inclusion. The draft version will be updated for acceptance by the BOD at the next meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Non- Dues Revenue Projects:**

#### **Report of status of Region DVD's**

A discussion was held on the topic of the next DVD.

A motion was made that the next region DVD to be "Industrial Buildings made with Styrene" to be spearheaded by Dr. Joe Nichols, SR. Cost for each DVD will continue to be \$10. Any copies requiring shipping will require an additional \$2 for shipping and handling. Moved by Director Cusker. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Watson.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### **Discuss Marketing.**

The DVD is being advertised in the SouthErneR and on the SER website. We will continue to attempt to get it advertised in Scale Rails.

#### **Region Cars.**

A report was presented by Director Watson.

The artwork for the car has been completed.

There will be four car numbers, 28220, 28225, 28231, and 28238. These numbers have never been used by Red Caboose.

The cars have not been produced. Due to a shortage of plastic, the shipping date has been delayed until later in the fall.

The cars will be for sale for \$31.95 each or \$110.00 for a set of 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, and will be removed from future agendas.

### **Dudley Ross Award:**

A discussion was held on this issue. The initial motion stated the award should be for an N-scale model. The BOD would like to change that to any scale. Since the motion was made at the Annual Meeting, the topic will be discussed at this year's Annual Meeting.

### **Contest award definitions and award plaque annotations:**

This topic has been completed and will be removed from future agendas.

### **NMRA Winter Meeting in Atlanta:**

A short report was presented on the Mid-year National BOD Winter Meeting was recently held in Atlanta on January 17, 2008.

## **NMRA Convention for 2013:**

The Piedmont Division is one of two divisions attempting to hold the 2013 convention. They will be presenting a convention proposal at the next National Convention in Anaheim.

### **Posting completed AP documentation to the website.**

AP Chairman Gilbert is taking care of this item. The item will be removed from future agendas.

### **Sixty day BOD meeting notice.**

In an attempt to notify the members 60 days in advance of the next meeting, the next meeting is scheduled for Oct 4<sup>th</sup> in the Birmingham area. Meeting and hotel information will be presented at a later date.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Division Superintendent Guide**

At the January meeting, draft copies of the Division Superintendent Guide were distributed to the BOD members. There have been a few changes made to the draft to comply with the National Regulations. Vice President Gelmini passed out updated copies to the BOD for their review.

### **Division By-Laws boiler plate**

The Division Superintendent Guide includes a Division By-Laws boiler plate. This has also been updated to comply with the National Regulations.

A motion was made to accept the Superintendent's Handbook as prepared by Vice President Gelmini and that the document also be included on the website for future reference and that 15 copies be distributed to Superintendents of record as of today. Moved by Director Cusker. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Bloodworth. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **Monetary gift from Piedmont Division**

President Beaty recently received a monetary gift from the Piedmont Division. He personally sent an e-mail message to Piedmont Division Superintendent Goodwin thanking him for the generous gift. He is going to send a letter thanking him for the gift from the members of the BOD and all the members of the Southeastern Region.

### **2008-2009 Budget**

Treasurer Bloodworth presented his proposed budget for the 2008-2009 timeframe. A lengthy discussion was held with a number of amendments to the budget.

A motion was made to accept the proposed budget as amended. Moved by Director Watson. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Cusker. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **Toshiba Digital Projector**

Diane Watson has recently come into possession of a Toshiba Digital Projector. She has graciously gifted the projector to the Region. President Beaty graciously accepted the gift.

A motion was made to adjourn. Moved by Secretary Stevens. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Bloodworth. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 1614.

Submitted by: John Stevens, Secretary



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**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](mailto:vanhorn@chamrc.com)

### Bluff City Division 10

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

**The Memphis N-Scale Road Railers**  
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### 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.,  
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**Dixie Division**, Phil Hutchinson, Montgomery, AL, (334) 272-1933

**Alabama Model Railroad Association**, Opelika, AL

**Central Alabama Model RR. Club**,  
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Phil Hutchinson, (334) 272-1933

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### Empire Division 6

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

**Columbus Model Railroad Club**, Columbus, GA.,  
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**Flint River Model Railroad Club**, Albany, GA.,  
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**CGMRC - Central Georgia Model Railroad Club**,  
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[www.trainweb.org/mgr](http://www.trainweb.org/mgr)

**Thomasville Model Railroad Club**, Thomasville, GA.,  
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### Gulf Division 4

**Gulf Division**, Pensacola, FL,  
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**Bay Area Model Railroaders (BARR)**, Mobile, AL, Dave Miller (251) 645-2296

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**West Florida Railroad Museum**, Milton, FL

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### MidSouth Division 1

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