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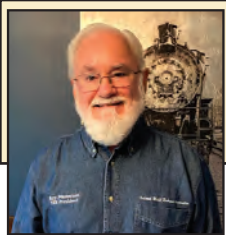
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The President's Car

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It's official! The Southeastern

Region of the National Model Railroad Association will be hosting the 2026 NMRA National Convention and National Train Show in Chattanooga, Tennessee!

On January 26, 2024, the NMRA Board of Directors voted 9-0 to award the 2026 National Convention to the SER and to be held in Chattanooga. So, it's full steam ahead for the 2026 Scenic City Express!

The NMRA National Convention will be held July 27 – August 2, 2026, at the Chattanooga Convention Center located in downtown Chattanooga. There are 4 hotels either attached or within a 5-minute walk of the Convention Center that will be providing special rates to attendees. The Marriott is attached to the Convention Center and Read House, The Chattanooga, and Hotel Bo are within 2 blocks of the Convention Center.

When it comes to finding a place to eat, downtown Chattanooga has plenty of restaurants to choose from. Plus, the Chattanooga Convention Center is one of the stops on the free shuttle buses that run about every 20 minutes from the area by the river to the Chattanooga Choo Choo so attendees will be able to hop on the shuttle and hop off at shops and restaurants along the way.

Chattanooga is within a day's drive of over 4,400 NMRA members. One of the major factors in members deciding to attend the NMRA National Conventions is the travel expense. Chattanooga is the center of easy access for travelers coming by Interstate Highways through Nashville, Knoxville, Birmingham, Atlanta and from points around the US. Current updates to the Interstates in Chattanooga will be completed in 2025.

We are projecting that over 900 attendees could be attending the convention, but Jenny at HQ thinks it could be over 1,200. With lower travel, lodging, and dining expenses that Chattanooga has to offer over cities home to millions of

people where the national convention has always been held, we could see a large turnout - especially with all

the events we are planning, and all the tourist-related activities the Chattanooga area has to offer visitors.

We are honored that ScaleTrains will be the major sponsor for our convention. I also reached out to the Southern Railway Historical Association and the L&N Historical Society; they are planning to hold their conventions at the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum (TVRM) during our convention and will open their archives to our convention attendees.

On February 6, 2024, I met with the Operations and Scheduling Managers at the TVRM along with Mike Cummings, SER Member and NMRA Secretary, and Shane Wilson, President of ScaleTrains, to discuss private trains reserved for convention attendees.

We are delighted that the TVRM will provide the following trains and activities for our convention:

- A Dinner Train on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Ninety-six (96) passengers can be on each train. Tickets would be sold on first come basis during registration.
- ScaleTrains will charter the Summerville Double-headed Steam Special on Thursday with the 4501 and possibly with a locomotive the TVRM has been restoring which will eventually be heading to its home at a museum down south after the convention. This would be an unusual locomotive for Chattanooga. The Steam Special can carry 240 people with lunch under a tent in Summerville for the passengers. This train trip tickets will also be sold on a first come basis.
- The TVRM Hiwassee River Rail Loop train will run on Friday. It's a 4.5-hour train trip for around 200 people.
- As part of the non-rail activities the TVRM has a Homefront Tea Room that holds 50 people, and it will be set up for 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Also first come during registration.

- The TVRM Missionary Ridge Local operates every half-hour and convention attendees will ride with other guests of the TVRM. Convention attendees will be given a special back shop tour of the TVRM shops where the really heavy railroad shop machines are used.
- TVRM may also have a blacksmith demonstration and a WWII Army Camp reenactment group with equipment for guests to enjoy.
- TVRM Night Photo Shoot Event will be limited to 50 attendees that lasts for a 75 minutes.

In addition to all the above, Chattanooga has the Incline Railway up Lookout Mountain, Riverboat cruise on the Tennessee River, Rock City, Ruby Falls, Point Park, the Tennessee Aquarium and many other attractions. We will also be planning bus tours of Chickamauga Battlefield, the nation's oldest and largest National Military Park. The Battle of Chickamauga was the 2nd bloodiest battle of the Civil War where over 35,000 were killed, wounded, missing, or captured.

Besides all the above activities, at the Chattanooga Convention Center, we will have great clinicians from around the country giving clinics from Monday through Saturday. Then capped by over 100,000 sq. ft. of model trains will be the National Train Show on Saturday and Sunday that will be open to the public.

Our web site with additional details will be available: nmra2026.org soon.

So, save the date, July 27 – August 2, 2026, plan on attending a great convention planned and carried out by members of your Southeastern Region! *SER*



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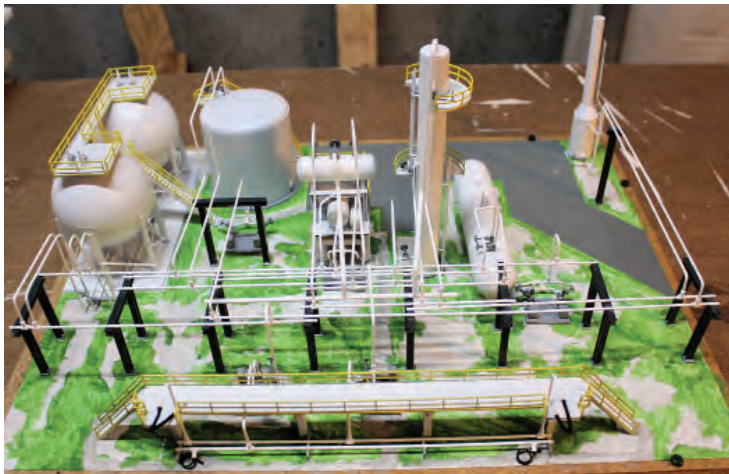
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I hope this issue of The Southerner finds your family and you well and virus free. Also hope your division is doing something. I have finished the refinery kit project I was working on. I have asked my Division AP Chair to go over it and see if it meets the requirements for the Structure Achievement award. This would be my first structure for that goal.



I am going to go over the paperwork and will put that together next. As I expect you have heard, don't overthink the process, just provide what is asked for. Once you do one or two, they will get easier. Time will tell.



Engineer's Wish List



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I have also made some progress on this project. I cut some brick walls, filled the area with pink foam and then white glued the coal. Glued it to the styrene piece. Now for some grass, dirt, and weeds. Then I can work on the oil tank version.

With weeks of very cold weather, remember the added heating may have dried your train room and the wood shrank some. But then the rain we had a few weeks later would have expanded the wood and some of the rail kinks are back to normal.

While I did have some new wavy track sections, I did not mark them to cut a 1/16" in the rail needed to straighten out the rail. As the wood has now expanded back to before the super cold the waves are gone, and I am not sure where to add the gap. But somewhere in the area should prevent the wavy part next time.

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

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2024 SER Board of Directors Election Candidate Statements

Vice President Bill Raymond, *MMR*

I am running for re-election to the office of SER Vice President which I have been serving in since May 2021. I have been a member of the NMRA since 1973 and a member of the SER since 1991. Over that time, I have served in number of leadership positions; Assistant Division Superintendent and Division Superintendent of the Carolina Mountain Division, Layout Tour Coordinator for the 2018 SER Convention, OPSIG Coordinator for the 2013 NMRA Convention and N Scale Coordinator for the 1995 NMRA Convention.

I have also served on the Board of the Operations Special Interest Group (OPSIG) from 2014 to 2017 and as the President from 2017 to 2020. In addition to currently serving as the SER Vice President, I am also the SER Contest Chairman and the SER Website Committee Chairman. I started on the Achievement Program in 2012 earning my Master Model Railroader Certificate in February 2020 as MMR #652.

If re-elected I pledge to do everything within my power and abilities to implement ways to better serve the SER membership and its divisions, improve communications, streamline services and grow the SER. Thank you for your consideration.

Secretary Rusty Lacy

I joined NMRA in November 2005, while a member of the Tennessee Central RR Museum N-Scale club in Nashville.. I participated with that club for a number of years, but eventually cut ties for a variety of internal reasons. I also let my NMRA membership lapse.

In the meantime I moved three times and in July 2020 ended up in the Chattanooga area. I joined the TVRMi club and renewed my membership in the NMRA late 2021. In the TVMRi I took on the task of spearheading several construction projects including scenery and several of the cities on the layout. Eventually, I was nominated to be over all the scenery projects.

I was introduced to Operations Sessions in 2022 by Roy Masterson and others. This is something I did not get in Nashville and has opened up a whole new area of model railroading for me. I attended my first NMRA National Convention in August 2023. When Roy started the process of trying to get the convention in Chattanooga for 2026 I was all on board and was asked to be the inside activities committee chair. Roy also asked me to be the secretary for the convention committees.

So, I guess running for SER Secretary could be a natural next step in my service to the SER and model railroading.

Rusty

Director Patrick Inserra

I am 55 years old a new modeler and spent 5-10 years in N scale Model Railroading. I see the SER having a bright future by increasing membership and Clinics where Veterans could show how to do things in the hobby. My contact information is Patrick Inserra, 120 N. Peachtree St. Apt. 112, Liberty, SC 29657, my cell # is (864) 373-5634.

Director Gerald Mabry

Hello! My name is Gerald Mabry. I am currently serving on the SER Board of Directors and am running for reelection. I am doing this with the simple goal of growing the NMRA and spreading the hobby to as many people as possible.

I retired from the fire service after 27 years, and went on the road supporting my wife, Juli, who is a veteran traveling emergency room nurse. Although I am a full-time husband and father to a college student, I find the time to model a little bit most every day.

I have been a model railroader since 2013, when I became involved with our local club and started building my own layout with the guidance and support of those around me. I call this layout the Basic City and Arundel. After the club lost their space, I invited the group to join me, where we now meet once a week for operations.

In 2015 I attended my first regional convention in Arlington, Texas with the Lone Star Region; it was then that I joined the NMRA on a Rail Pass. That was the beginning of my NMRA journey. Since then, I have met many other model railroaders throughout the country who have become lifelong friends, people who have encouraged me, been an amazing source of help and inspiration, and who share the love of modeling with me. My personal goal is to aspire to be the best modeler I can be. The Achievement Program has proven to be the perfect challenge to help me attain that goal. I am currently working on my Cars certificate.

I participate in NMRA events whenever possible and was Co-Volunteer Coordinator for 2022 PSR regional convention and Clinic Chair for the NMRA National Convention in Grapevine TX in 2023. I am also working on the 26' National in Chattanooga as Clinic Coordinator.

I respectfully ask for your vote in this upcoming election.



Director Mark Nolan

Like many of you I am a lifelong model railroader and longtime NMRA and SER member. I got my first model train set when I was 2, a Tyco set and later a Lionel oval on a 4'x8'. I have been learning about railroading and building HO models ever since. I also had the good fortune that my grandfather worked for the L&N in Nashville. He was a towerman and I enjoyed many trips down to the South End tower just outside Union Station to see how the real trains operated. I don't really remember a time I didn't have model trains and working on a layout. Over the years I have started and built several large layouts or growing complexity which have given me the opportunity to learn just about every skill (carpentry, electrical, design, research, etc) necessary to build such layouts, plus all the modeling of building freight cars, engines, and structures to support the layout.

My recent layouts are designed for prototypical operations and are set in a particular location and time. My current layout is based on the ICG, Conrail & Amtrak (1976–1978 time frame) centered around Effingham, IL. It is a HO scale, double or more deck, located in a basement. I use car cards/waybills for basis for operation and DCC control,

with a dispatcher during op sessions. I have traveled and had the opportunity to see and operate many great layouts and “borrow” ideas from other modelers. There is always something you can learn from seeing how others in the hobby have designed and built their empire.

Recently I just finished a term as a board member of the Operations Special Interest Group (OPSIG) and Cumberland Division of SER NMRA. Not railroad related I have also served on Tennessee State Soccer Association board of directors and the Clarksville-Montgomery County United Way. I have been an attorney since 1992 and when I was in law school was an active member of the Jackson, MS Society of Model Engineers. My law practice is mainly civil litigation representing municipalities and I am the board attorney for Clarksville-Montgomery County School Board. I am married to Terri and we have 5 boys and 2 grandchildren.

I believe my model railroad and professional experience will assist in building the SER and with the recent announcement that the NMRA national convention will be held in Chattanooga in 2026 organization and leadership will be more important than ever. I appreciate your consideration and vote.

Mark Nolan



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Director At-Large (Vote for no more than Two)	
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The Reading and Southern

Admittedly an odd or at least unlikely railroad, I decided sometime around the mid-nineties to do something with my Southern Railway. I got as far as scratch-building the Spencer locomotive shop before we moved and had a home built with a 2,200 square foot basement. We live in Blythewood, SC, about ten miles north of Columbia.

I had the space divided into three rooms and a full bath. A work room of approximately 500 square feet is a luxury I decided upon.

The other two rooms are a 26x26 space and a 42x16-1/2 square foot space. These two rooms have an eight-foot-wide permanent opening between them.

The idea was to simulate the Southern between Spencer and South Carolina destinations.

I put in all the bench work, open frame L-girder and had two large peninsulas in the 26 by 26 room and a roughly three foot around the wall, with two significant peninsulas reaching out from the wall into the 16-1/2x42 foot room. Track passed through the walls to connect both rooms.

The railroad would be anchored by sizable yards (Andy Sperendeo freight yard book) at each end in the 26x26 room. Point-to-point or continuous operation are both feasible.

Then, while on a visit to my hometown in Pennsylvania, my dad took me to the remains of the Saucon Yards of the Reading Railways in Bethlehem, adjacent to Hellertown, where I grew up.

Many photos and stretches of a 100-foot tape measure later, the Reading between Quaker-

town, PA and the imagined Bethlehem works of the so-named steel company became part of my railway.

Because of the configuration of the two rooms and the benchwork already installed, I can have two railroads - the Southern operating on one 26x8 peninsula and through the 42x16 room and the Reading, on a 7x26 peninsula.



The stone, two story building is Hellertown Borough Hall as dedicated on July 4, 1942. The building was originally the Detweiler House built in 1818. It was reduced by about 30% in size when it was renovated as the Borough Hall. Scratch built by Tony Ratola.

The presumption of my layout is that I have two distinct railroads, the Southern and the Reading. The Reading on my layout is an actual reproduction running between Quakertown and Bethlehem, PA.

The Southern will be partly authentic between points in SC, but also partly a stretching of my imagination to incorporate favorite historic buildings in Columbia which I am scratch building as pretty accurate copies of the originals.

With the two hidden tracks installed, the Southern and Reading can also be connected and operated as one, call it "imagined" railway.

I have dropped the idea of Spencer and the Southern is entirely within South Carolina with only off- the-layout connections to North Carolina.

All buildings are virtually exact representations of 100+ year old buildings, except for the Saucon Yards boiler house, slightly modified to fit the layout.

I want to acknowledge my good friends; Walt Mazzei who provided much guidance and assistance on things, operational, electrical and electronics; Lawrence Hannahan, who is installing lighting in dozens of structures and particularly Tony Ratola, a master model builder who has scratch built and major kit-bashed dozens of structures, as well as doing excellent scenery. When I wonder if I'll ever see light at the end of the tunnel, Tony is there with his lantern.

Although free-lance, it incorporates scratch-built representations of about twenty structures on, or "would have been" eligible for, the National Register of Historic places, unfortunately those "would have been" were demolished before they could be saved. I would prefer to describe the free-lance aspect of operations in person-to-person conversations.



Saucon Yards of the Reading Railroad in Bethlehem, PA. Scratch built water tower, extensively kit-bashed roundhouse and boiler house (Walthers, SS Limited, spare parts). All yard buildings were demolished around 2020. Authentic reproduction by John.

Overall, there are over 100 structures, about 40% scratch built and the rest craftsman kits or major kit-bash.

The layout, 1,304 square feet in my basement, is one level. Though I've never measured total trackage, I am sure it is more than 1,000 feet, with well over 100 turnouts.

Track height varies from about 42 to 51 inches; Minimum radius is 34" and maximum grade is about 1.25%; longest potential mainline run is about 200 feet. It can be operated point to point or continuous.

There is still a lot of work to be done. I plan to change out most of my fascia switches.

I have been told by a couple model railroad friends that my HO Scale railroad is far enough along to be considered for the *SouthErneR* and that the short-written descriptions they'd read made them wonder how it could be, but on seeing it they thought it worked very well.



Typical South Carolina mill village. Craftsman kits by John.



House across from Reinhard Elementary in Hellertown. My wife loved this house, which she could see from our fifth grade classroom. Scratch built by John.



Farmer's Cooperative in upstate South Carolina. Representation only. Scratch built by John.



On left, Boehm House (1747) first house in Hellertown, scratch built by Tony Ratola. Row of two single family and two duplexes, across the street from my elementary school in Hellertown. Early 20th century, scratch built by John. Business district in background.



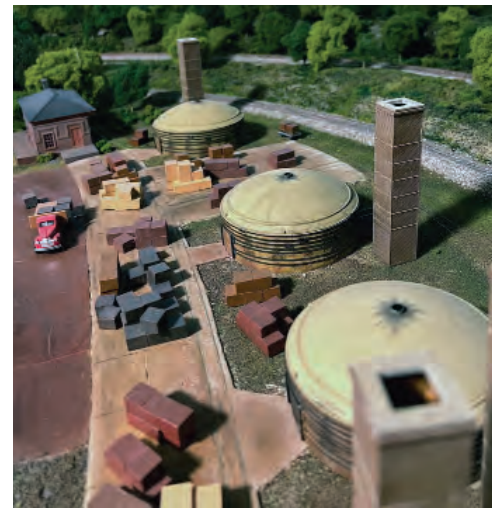
Bingen Station on the Reading. A rural agricultural stop which took some of the area folks to and from the huge Bethlehem Steel plant in Bethlehem, PA, built in 1850, demolished circa 1940s. Scratch built by John.



Adluh Flour cornmeal, grits and flour mill in the Vista entertainment district in downtown Columbia. Still producing those products, though the front section is now a restaurant. Built in 1911 as Columbia Grain and Provision Company. On the National Register of historic places. 623 scale feet long, scratch-built by Tony Ratola and John.

Under construction is the South Carolina Railroad freight and passenger depot, initially built between 1850 and 1853. Burned in the Civil War, the main two story passenger depot and offices and part of the freight station survived. Rebuilt in later 1800's and briefly served as a Southern Railway facility, also on the National Register. Scratch-building in progress by John.

Adluh Flour gave us access to photo and measure all buildings. Similarly, the SC Depot was photographed and measured by John.



The Guignard Brick Works was built by the Guignard family in 1801 across the Congaree River from Columbia. By the middle of the Twentieth Century, approximately 1/2 the bricks in buildings in Downtown Columbia were manufactured here.

The brickyard is on the National Register of Historic Places and is now a small National Park, open to the public. Buildings are scratch-built by Tony Ratola and John, based on photos and on-site measurements.

Kilns are kit-bashed Walthers kits, simulating the 4 kilns operated and located in virtually the exact relative location to each other and all structures.



Industrial District in upstate SC, representation only, 1/2 craftsman kits, 1/4 kitbash, 1/4 scratch built.



Hellertown Station on the Reading. Built in 1860's, demolished in early 1970's. Scratch built by John.



The house that is half stone-half clapboard is the Boehm House, the first home in Hellertown, built in 1747.

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Scratch building Dewey Fire station by Tony Ratola

The Dewey Fire station was built in 1900 as a result of a devastating fire in 1898 that destroyed many commercial buildings as well as the Christ Union Church in Hellertown PA. My friend, John Kelchner, thought it would be a great addition to his HO scale Reading and Southern Model Railroad. Although the building is still standing, many of the original features have been removed and renovated so that it is unrecognizable from the original.

Scratch building the structure began in November 2022

using a black and white photo of the building found in the book (1), "Images of America - Hellertown" by Lee A. Weidner with the Hellertown Historical society. There were a couple of images on line as well.

Original dimensions were calculated by enlarging the photo and counting bricks to figure out the height of the front left corner of the building. All other dimensions were calculated from that, which gave us a very good approximation of the height of the structure, sizes for the doors, windows and main opening. Part of the overall footprint was taken from online Sanborn maps.

The façade (2) of the building began by modifying Design Preservation wall sections (3) to the correct height of the building. Detailed brick work around the arched doors and top circular details are all Rail Scale products cut to fit, and super glued to the wall sections.



Brick detail above the main entrance and for the diamond patterns on the second floor were individually cut from resin brick sheet and attached to the wall sections. Diamond patterns were masked off and painted separately. The top curved roof line was made from individual strips of Evergreen plastic. I used Tichy train parts for the doors and modified the 2nd floor arched windows to fit.

Side walls were constructed in a similar manner using Design Preservation wall sections cut to the correct size and brick paper trimmed and attached to represent the stepped top of the walls.



Completion of the side walls. Rosin brick paper was glued to card stock with the DPM sections attached. Each window was cut out separately and constructed using Evergreen strip and final brick detail added. All windows had acetate attached after the sections were painted

Final paint color was a mix of Tamiya Brown and Earth and Brick Red (4 & 5).

Front and sides start to take shape

Final details include downspouts made from scrap tubing and decorative finials on front wall. Some liberty was taken on the installation of the roof siren and bell tower as there was no clear picture as to their actual dimensions. Part of them can be seen from the original photo so that a likeness of both could be replicated from scraps of plastic. The other side wall is an exact duplicate of the one that could be seen and the rear of the building was our own layout but replicated the style of the original.

I feel it is a good representation of the original. Or in other words, not bad from a single black and white photo. Total time for construction was 3 months of evenings and it turned out well. It now sits proudly in Hellertown on the Reading and Southern Railroad.





Tony Ratola scratch built the Park Hotel with its 73 windows. Tony says the owner who built the building in 1872 had a brother in law who sold windows and unloaded what he had left, despite their configuration. Notice from the picture that, despite the fact that the windows are the same size, top of window frames on the first floor are straight, on the second floor A-frame, the third floor in three parts and the fourth floor again straight. Tony cut each window to match the original building. He also cut 140 individual corbels, or trim, at the roof line.

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The Lehigh Valley Historical Society.

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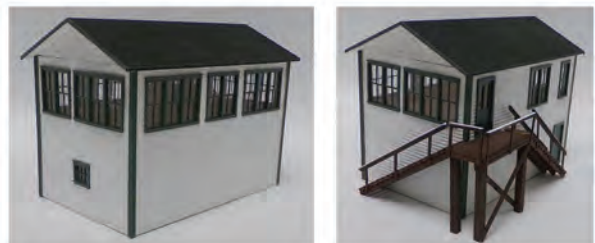
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SER 2024 Convention

The 2024 SER Convention is being held in Decatur, AL June 20 to 23, 2024. Your host, the Mid-South Division, has selected the DoubleTree by Hilton Decatur Riverfront as the convention headquarters. Room cost at the hotel, is \$115 per night. Use the link on the convention website, at [Convention \(midsouthnmra.org\)](http://Convention(midsouthnmra.org)), to register for the convention and the hotel to receive the convention special room rate.

The usual events are planned for the convention. Starting Thursday evening, layout tours are scheduled. Times and locations will be listed in the convention Time Table

Friday starts off with clinics model contest entries at the hotel, and a one-hour early bird opening at the Mid-South sponsored train show. Convention registration gets you into the train show for free anytime the show is open. If you have a clinic to present go to the clinic tab on the convention website to register your clinic. Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets when you pick-up your convention packet and shirts.

Prototype tours will occur Friday and Saturday. The convention committee is currently working to finalizing tours to a Class II Regional railroad, a railroad museum, and three industries. Continue to watch the convention website for tour times and extra fare information.

Non-rail activities include the Cook Science Center and the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville. More activities are listed on the convention website. Don't forget to visit the Hospitality Room in the hotel.

Saturday has more clinics and two operating sessions on club layouts. Times and the number of guest operators are coming. Continue to watch for more information on the convention website.

A reception with a cash bar starts at 5pm in Upper Dome reception area with the awards banquet starting at 7pm. The guest speaker at the banquet is David Breland a retired judge and local historian. He is an excellent speaker, one of the docents at the Decatur Train Depot Museum and a supporter of the Mid-South Division and the NMRA. He will talk about railroad history in Decatur.

Sunday will have layouts open for conventioners on their way home. Check the convention website and Time Table for the layouts, locations, and times.

Join the fun and friendship at the convention – see you there.

SER Convention 2024 Layout Preview

Bill Eberle's Todd Mill and Wild Creek Railroad

Photos and article by Bill

The objective of my railroad is to integrate heavy mainline railroading, branch line railroading and narrow gauge into a coherent transportation system.

The Todd Mill and Wildcat Creek Railroad is a branch line railroad branching off of the Union Pacific.

At the end of the standard gauge branch, the terrain gets more rugged, so the extension is narrow gauge. In photo 1, the branch line, Todd Mill and Wildcat Creek Railroad, is crossing over the mainline Union Pacific. Both steam locomotives are from Broadway Limited.

In photo 2, the narrow gauge portion of the Todd Mill and Wildcat Creek Railroad is climbing a 3% grade past the Wildcat Creek Unobtainium Mine. Unobtainium is a critical element for the manufacture of perpetual motion machines. The Unobtainium mine is a Campbell kit. The locomotive is from Blackstone.

Photo 3 - Cheyenne Union Station. It serves the Union Pacific, but the Great Northern (I like their passenger paint scheme) also comes through Cheyenne. The branch line also has passenger service from this station.

My wife, Ardis, painted the 85 foot long mural as the backdrop for my railroad. She is an excellent painter.

The railroad will be on the layout tour and an operating session at the 2024 River Rails SER convention in Decatur. There's lots more to see. [SER](http://www.ser-nmra.org)



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Steel City - Division 2

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The Steel City Division (SCD) has been active the last few months. We have had some super presentations, clinics and attendance during the busy holiday season. We normally meet the third Thursday of every month, but our December meeting was a joint meeting held on a Saturday with the Mid-South Chapter of the NRHS at the historic Leeds Depot.

Our own Larry E Smith^{MMR} gave a presentation to both the SCD and NRHS local chapter on his new book *The Last Train Standing, History and Modeling of the Strates Carnival Trains* by MRH Media. His presentation was exciting as he gave a history of circus and carnival trains from the first to the last train with lots of photos and documentation. He also shared his procurement of various Strates Carnival Trains railroad cars including flats, passenger equipment, the heavyweight and lightweight era, wagons, mules, vehicles and racked rides of the various eras. He went



Larry Smith

into detail about the many styles of the trailers or wagons which were used in the carnival. Many of his HO vehicles are custom made and were 3D printed with custom paint and decals. A lot of thought, time and dedication went into the creation and publication of the book. It is a must read for any modeler.

In January we had an over the top presentation and clinic by Craig Brotman from Atlanta. Craig and a couple of his friends joined our meeting. Craig's presentation was on painting and weathering models in addition to some of his tricks of the trade. Craig is not a model railroader but his techniques certainly interested our division and visitors due to their realistic final results. Model railroaders historically start painting light and work dark with



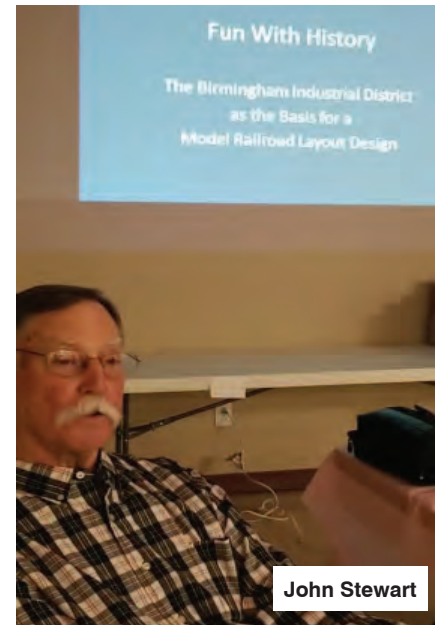
Craig Brotman bottom left

weathering. Craig, on the other hand, starts models dark and lightens them up with paint and weathering for impressive results. His techniques are akin to many military diorama modelers. He showed step by

step how he gets his results and even demonstrated on some of the division members models which were brought. He introduced us to the AK Interactive line of products as well as others he uses and his methods for use. He demonstrated "rusting" various materials including styrene, cardboard, aluminum and paper type corrugated roofing and weathering them for a realistic appearance. Overall, it was one of the best clinics the SCD has had and we thank Craig for making this clinic memorable.

Our February meeting presentation was by our own John Stewart. John has been generous with his time and skills as he has given many presentations over the years on the Birmingham Steel industry, electronics including Arduinos etc. This presentation was probably his best to date. His presentation was on

Fun With History – The Birmingham Industrial District as a Basis for a Model Railroad Layout. The PowerPoint presentation gave a brief history of his life, how he became a model railroader and why he models the Birmingham Industrial District.



John Stewart

His presentation included a history of steel production in the area and why Birmingham was the perfect hub for steel production – it had all the materials needed for production! He then went into the givens and druthers of what he wanted on his rather large model railroad layout he is building in his basement. His concept was to build a layout for operations, and I feel he has been quite successful. I can't wait to join one of his operating sessions. Everyone also had some laughs at his "Layout Design Techniques... Gospel according to John" and his use of everyday materials as building and industry mock-ups including shampoo bottles, soup cans etc. Everyone enjoyed his presentation, and we look forward to others from John.

Finally, all our presentations and clinics are filmed "LIVE" on our Facebook Page which is **Steel City Division of the SER NMRA**. Please feel free to view the presentations or download them as I'm sure you will enjoy the meat and taters portion of the presentations. Also, feel free to "like" our page and leave us a comment. [SER](#)



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Piedmont - Division 5

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OK, it is either late Winter or Early Spring here in the Southeast. Today it is in the mid-60s, tomorrow, it is supposed to be in the 40s. I'm confused. Sigh. I guess that is what we get living here.

The Piedmont Division is continuing into the first part of 2024 and heading headlong into what is one of the largest events we sponsor, our Model Train Show! This year's show is the weekend of March 9 and 10. The SER Board of Directors will also meet during the show. Hopefully we will see many of you at the show. The vendors' area is completely sold out so there should be plenty of great things for you to purchase! Bring your dollars, I sure am! As in the past several years, The Model Train Show is being held at the Clarence Brown Conference Center in Cartersville. This is really a great space and Hank Primas, our show manager, tells me they have rearranged the space to allow more vendors and layouts yet allow even better access for our attendees. Yay!

We are also continuing our regularly scheduled meetings. In February, Joe Sullivan is going to present a clinic on weathering open-top cars. Weathering is a pet hobby-within-the-hobby of mine. I enjoy teaching it and in my recent work in a hobby outside of model railroading I've learned and practiced some new skills and techniques that I can bring back to my teaching in model railroading. I'd started that a couple of years ago, but this greatly expands on it. This is one of the things I love about our hobby, learning, growing, developing, and spreading that knowledge.

In March, our clinic will feature the Russian Decapods that were built for export but never made it across

any pond. This is another of those niche hobbies-within-the-hobby that makes model railroading so cool. If you really like a particular subject, anyone can delve deeply into it and work away happily in it for years.

In April, Tom Gordon will present a clinic on building turnout control panels for our model railroads. This is something that greatly interests me. I'm about to the point on my layout that I'm ready to repaint my fascia and clean up my location and direction indicators, mile markers and yes, turnout control panels. Tom, I'm going to have questions for you and may come to you for help. As always, our meetings are both in person and available via our WebEx room. All the information can be found on our website, piedmont-div.org.

If you did not know, the region has been awarded the 2026 NMRA National Convention! This is way awesome if you ask me. The convention will be held at the Convention Center in Chattanooga. I am really looking forward to being able to get to a National Convention close to home, in a very cool city, and hosted by people I know. Please plan on attending this convention. We have not had a National Convention, so close to us since Atlanta in 2013. 2026 is two years away, start planning now!

OK, it is time for me to get back to work. I have stuff going on across North America. I also have a new building to construct for my layout and models to build for a diorama. Way fun! Remember that Model Railroading is fun. Reach out to someone and offer help. Say hello to a new modeler. Offer to help someone who has an issue. Engage! [SER](#)

Central Savannah River - Division 9

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Our latest meeting occurred January 20 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. We had 8 members in attendance. The business meeting portion began with the reading of the minutes of our October 14 meeting and were approved, as was the treasurer's report.

Nominations for the next term for Superintendent and Treasurer were heard. Andy Chandler was elected as superintendent and Rich Olsen was elected as treasurer for two-year terms. Other business conducted included recommending 3 division meetings per year and 1 road trip. Robin Riley was able to secure a long-term meeting location for us (Thanks Robin!).

The modeling presentations included Tim Chandler describing his operating plan for his Alaskan Copper Mining Railroad as well as his plan for power districts and circuit breakers.

Don Barnes described his plan to begin operating again.

Andy Chandler presented N scale card stock buildings and

a novel tool organizer. Rich Olsen presented some of his railfan pictures.

Steve Prevette presented an improvised lighted uncoupling tool and described an operating plan, using wheel reports. Guests Tom Ritt and Ken Heath shared their modeling interests and proposals.

Finally, we viewed an NMRAx video on Operating sessions.

Our next meeting is TBD in May 2024. [SER](#)

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Palmetto - Division 7

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Jack Varadi and Steve Todd facilitated a very informative online session on January 11. Fifteen division members participated in the hour-long session. Quay Beck's presentation covered the use of 3-D printing in model railroading. Ken Malmgren talked about constructing a church structure. Rich Lehman spoke about harvesting lichen for a railroad landscape, and Roger Liska presented how to put lighting into an HO caboose. Each of the interesting presentations had some questions. The session ended with a review of many upcoming model railroad activities and events. At its recent meeting, your Board felt that these sessions are a great opportunity to share new ideas and techniques for the benefit of our members.

Future sessions are open for all division members to update attendees on their latest projects. Presenters have five to ten minutes to discuss their topics. Attendees are then able to ask questions. Steve Todd always does a practice session prior to the session to familiarize new presenters with the process.

Additionally a few minutes are devoted to bring up model railroading activities in our area at the end of each session along with any other model railroading questions or topics. Currently the sessions have been held from 7 pm to 8 pm on a week night.

The division is still taking orders for its new Palmetto Division polo shirt. The gray embroidered polo shirts cost \$25 each and will be available in sizes of S through 3XL, and payment must be made at the time of ordering. The plan is to have the shirts available for pickup at our March meeting. Forms of payment are cash, check and credit/debit cards. Any interested individuals wishing to order a shirt should contact Myron Pensyl at mypensyl@hotmail.com.

A recent survey requesting ideas for future clinics resulted in a list of 27 different suggestions along with the names of seven division members willing to conduct some of them. This information will be utilized by the Division Board for identifying and conducting future clinics.

Thirteen division members have volunteered to serve as mentors for new members. Ken Majchrzak, immediate past Division Superintendent, has agreed to manage the process of pairing mentors to all future members who request one. Ken will match existing volunteer mentors with new members who have similar railroading interests and live in close proximity to each other.

Finally, the Division will be participating in the annual Hub City Railroad Museum Train Day – Spartanburg, SC - May 11, 10 am to 3 pm. For more information about the event contact Dave Winans at dwinans1147@gmail.com. [SER](#)

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Atlantic - Division 8

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We had our winter meet in Pooler, GA outside Savannah with great attendance. A lot of interest in our clinics and show and tell.

David Pitcher's (1) clinic on envisioning and executing scenery around his tunnel portals was very informative followed by Nate Stone (2) with a great rundown on Digi-trax equipment with a great Q&A.

That was followed with 3 show and tells. First was John Montenegro (3) with his portable switching layout he takes to displays and shows to get kids involved with trains. He encourages all age groups for hands on solving of simple switching problems.

Second was Lloyd Bloom (4) showing the differences of

ballast before and after applying adhesive with questions regarding color changes.

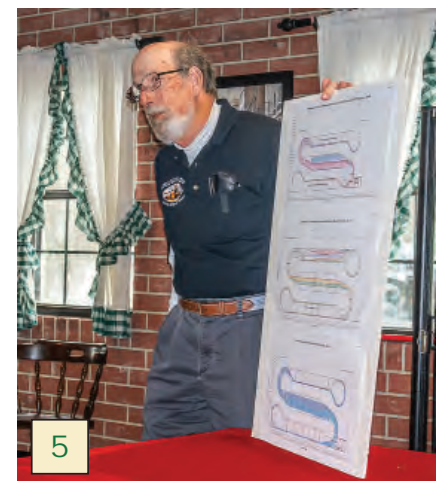
Third was Bob Miller (5) showing his track plan for his 4 tier railroad modeling Allentown.

All that was followed by visiting two great home layouts. First was Chuck Elmore's UP layout (6) featuring some great detailed scenes.

Second was Nate Stone's Clinchfield (7) with lots of coal hauling and tons of scenery.

We are looking forward to our next meet in Myrtle Beach in April. Look for details on our website www.atlantic-div.com.

Hope to see more visitors there. [SER](#)





Smoky Mountain - Division 12

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Division 12 – Smoky Mountain – Steve Folino, Superintendent

The Smoky Mountain Division continues to meet in person every other month, on the odd-numbered months at the Shoney's Restaurant at 4020 Rutledge Pike, Knoxville. It's on the other side of the freeway from the Zoo. The meetings start at 6:00 PM on the first Thursday. Meetings include an informative program. The March program on 3/7 will feature Tim Harkleroad with a presentation on how he uses Facebook to publicize his scale model railroad.

We also meet via Zoom on the first Thursday of the even months at 6:30 pm for a Show and Tell type program. Each participant gets a chance to share "what's new."

At our January meeting we installed a new leadership team; Steve Folino, Superintendent, Larry Burkholder, Assistant Superintendent, Phil Brooks, Secretary, Brian West, Treasurer and Kelley Massie, Director at Large. A

BIG thank you to Ken Johnson and his team for leading us the past two years.

The division is also busy planning the 2025 Southeastern Region Convention, "Smoky Mountain Rails" to be held in Gatlinburg, TN on September 18-20, 2025. The website is 2025serconvention.org. For more information email info@serconvention.org.

Call for clinicians... It's not too early to plan on presenting a program at the convention. Let us know what you'd like to share with your fellow scale model railroaders.

Around the Division: The Chuckey Depot Museum in Jonesborough focuses on regional railroads like the Southern, Clinchfield and East Tennessee and Western North Carolina. The Chuckey Depot Museum is located at 110 South 2nd Avenue. It's open Thursday and Friday, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and Sunday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. For more information call 423-753-1010. [SER](#)



Carolina Mountain - Division 15

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The Carolina Mountain Division is off to a good start to 2024. We held our first quarterly division

meeting in early February with a clinic on decaling by Rob Bell followed by a show and tell where we saw models, a home layout and new tools. We also held elections where we re-elected our Superintendent Paul Spilman and Paymaster Frank Pearsall for new 2-year terms.

Our next meeting will be on April 20 - a field trip to Rob Bell's house to visit his HO_{N3} White Pass and Yukon layout. Keep an eye on your email for details on this exciting new meeting location. If you are not receiving emails from me, please let me know at paul@spilman.me.

With the announcement of the 2026 NMRA National Convention being held in Chattanooga, we have been asked to move to 2027 for the SER Convention in the Carolina Mountain Division. We will reform the Convention Committee at the July meeting and restart the planning process. Stay tuned for more information. If you are interested in being a part of the Convention, please let me know! We will have lots of positions to fill and there will be lots of hours available for AP Volunteer credit.



Our train show outreach tables continue to improve. We recently added a new sign advertising our DCC test track. Mounted on a pole above the tables, this should help announce we have a DCC system available for testing locomotives. One comment we kept hearing was that attendees didn't realize it was DCC. Other refinements include car weighing cheat sheets, laminated NMRA standards sheets for things like coupler height and the addition of a VCR for playing our growing collection of VHS tapes during the show. We look forward to potentially more improvements at the fall show to be held September 27-28.

You can also keep informed by liking and following our Facebook page; www.facebook.com/groups/1066896786824730. [SER](#)

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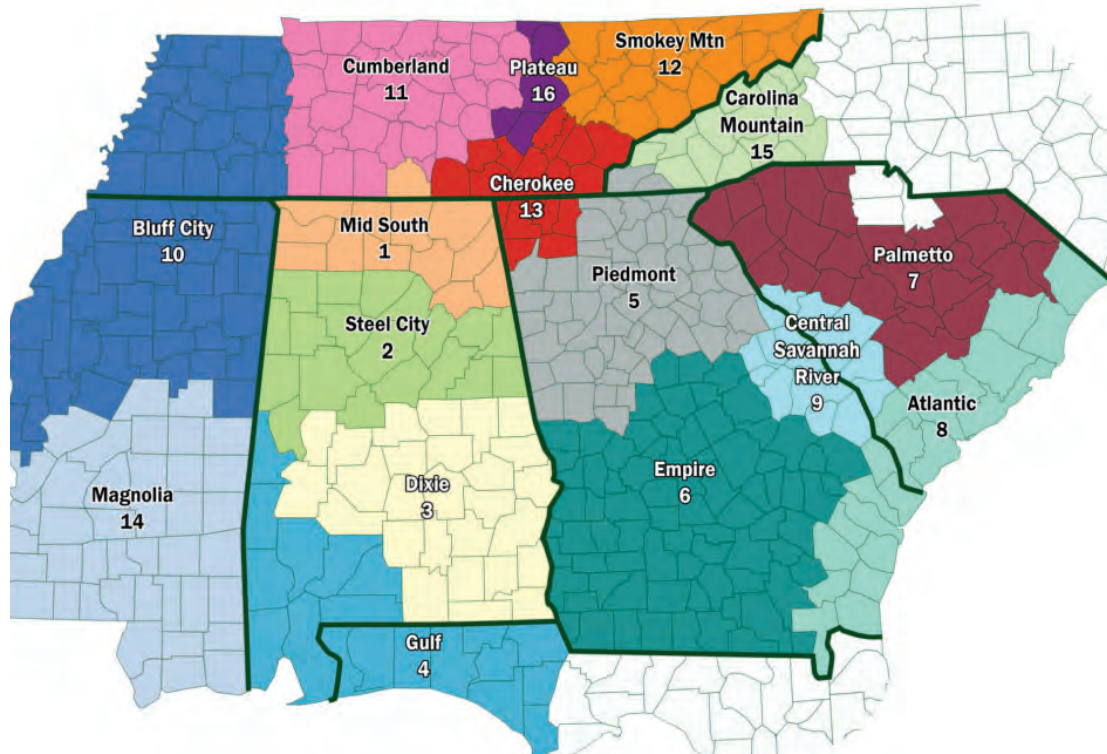
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