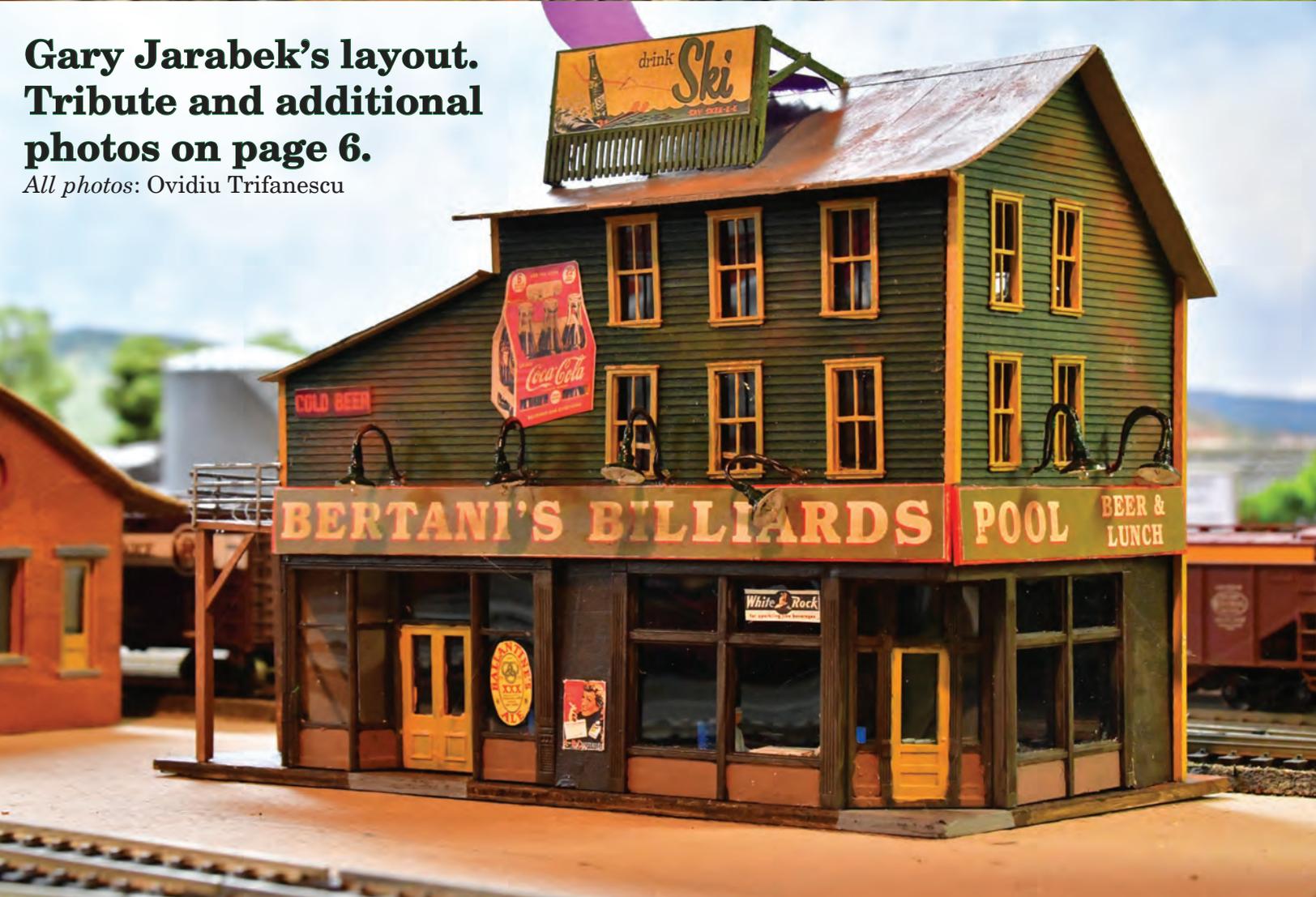




**Gary Jarabek's layout.
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photos on page 6.**

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The President's Car Larry Burkholder

We held the SER winter board meeting in Cartersville, GA, February 1st at the center where the SER convention will be held. Let me first say that the facilities are first class and the convention should be great.

While no monumental decisions were made, a lot of important topics were pretty thoroughly debated. One issue seemed to present itself in most of the discussions. That is, how can the Region provide more support to the divisions? The target is to help the divisions grow, maintain membership, and promote the hobby. Several ideas were supported by the Board.

1. Help divisions add interest to their meetings by encouraging them to have more significant activities. This may involve some expenses like bringing in a speaker from out of town or renting a hall for a public event which, with prior Board approval, could be covered by the Region.
2. Provide Scouting Railroad Merit Badge guidance to encourage spreading the hobby. Approval by the Board was given to distribute a program developed by the Cherokee Division, with material also developed by the Piedmont Division, to all divisions. It is hoped that each division will contact local scouting troops and begin a training program. Look for more information about this program from our Education Chairman, Owen Maddux. Again, if necessary, some expenses could be covered by the Region.
3. To encourage all divisions, not just the same three or four, to sponsor an annual SER convention, a committee of outside SER members will be made available to support the local division membership in organization and implementation. The Board will look at potential convention sites and encourage the local division to sponsor it. This should only require three or four local members to coordinate local contacts while committee members would take on the heavy tasks. Guidelines on this will be issued soon as we would like to implement this approach for our 2022 convention and get to enjoy some new parts of our region.

I would appreciate hearing any ideas anyone has about how the Region can help grow our hobby and keep our divisions enjoyable, attractive, and viable.

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You may cast your ballot online or with the traditional paper ballot included in the *The SouthErneR*.

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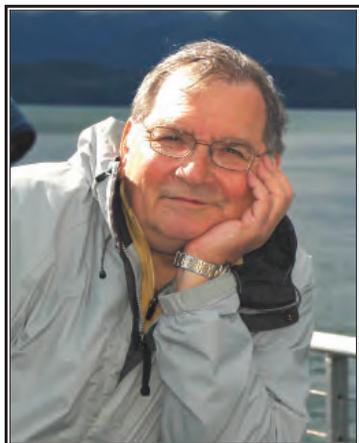
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Gary Jarabek – A Gentle Giant

By Chris White



I knew Gary for more than sixteen years and I am proud to state that he was one of my closest friends. Like all of you who knew him well, his passing has left a massive void in our lives that will be difficult, if impossible, to fill.

Gary was born in 1939 in Cleveland, Ohio, the only child of James and Marie Jarabek. His father emigrated from Budapest, Hungary and Gary was very proud of his Hungarian heritage. He received a BS degree in Business from Western Reserve University. He met and fell in love with Barbara Suttles and they were married in Cleveland in 1963 – a very loving marriage of 56 years. They have two daughters, two sons-in-law and five awesome grandchildren of whom Gary was so very proud.

During his time in Cleveland, Gary served in the Ohio National Guard. Following graduation, he joined Bobby Brooks – a woman's clothing company, for whom he worked for approximately 15 years. He was transferred to the Atlanta area in 1977 to another division of this company, but soon after moving to Stone Mountain, he decided to start his own tool and die



business. In 1990 he accepted a position with Westinghouse working as a Senior Project Specialist on the Savannah River Nuclear site near Aiken, SC. The Jarabeks moved to Marietta in 1994, Gary commuted back and forth from Aiken every weekend during this period. He retired from Westinghouse in 2002.

During his life, Gary had many interests, in addition to model railroading, he really enjoyed sailing his 24-foot Morgan sail boat on Lake Erie, travelling – especially cruises, and was also a very keen gardener.

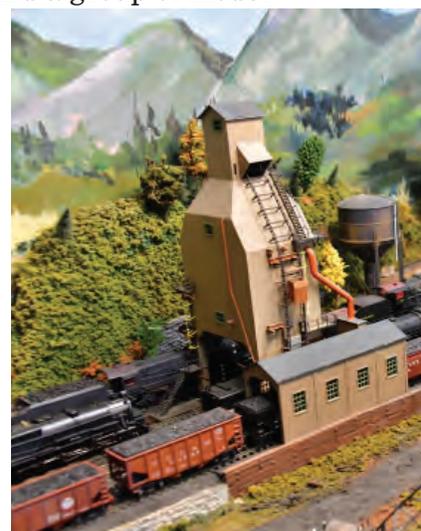
Gary treasured his retirement years. He spent much time with his family attending as many dancing and sporting events with his daughters and grandchildren as possible. He also loved watching the Braves on TV.



Piedmont Division Gary's main hobby was model rail-roading. Like so many, he had his first Lionel locomotive when he was six – which is still in his collection today. He always aspired to eventually have a large layout and he constructed a number of smaller layouts during his life. Gary joined the NMRA as a member in 1991 and while he working in Aiken, he attended meetings of the Central Savannah River Division in Augusta, GA.

After retiring in 2002, Gary became an active member of the Atlanta Piedmont Division. His first assignment was the purchase and sale of Piedmont Division apparel, and during the next couple of years he joined the Pilgrimage and Train Show Committees. He was elected as a Board Member in 2007, serving for 8 years. The Board at that time had voted to implement Term Limits, which meant that Gary could not run again. However, he continued to attend the majority of board meetings although he was not a voting member.

The Piedmont Pilgrimage The Pilgrimage was initiated by Bob McIntyre in 2003. In Pennsylvania, Bob's home state, he found a group of model railroaders were opening their home layouts to the public during the month of November, Model Railroading month. Bob had a grand plan that the Piedmont Division could do this and far bigger and better. He asked Howard Goodwin to set up the inaugural 2003 Pilgrimage. Howard managed the Pilgrimage for the next four years. By 2005 Gary had become a very active member of the committee and was involved in its planning.



When Bob passed away in 2013, Gary assumed full responsibility for the Pilgrimage. The duties were

many and complex. Requesting volunteers, preparing a schedule for the 70-80 open houses, preparing a booklet with details of the Pilgrimage and layout summaries; distribution of signs for the open house participants; preparing the Pilgrimage's own website, with complete details of the Pilgrimage itinerary.

Under Gary's leadership, approximately 70-80 members opened their layouts to the public in October and November. About 4,000 visitors attend these open houses every year. For Gary's outstanding efforts with the Pilgrimage, the President of the NMRA at the annual convention in Salt Lake City last year announced that Gary Jarabek was the recipient of the prestigious NMRA President's Award for Service to a Division for 2019. We are all so proud of Gary and knew this award was richly deserved. The Piedmont Division Board of Directors has agreed to dedicate the 2020 Pilgrimage in Gary's name.

The Model Train Show The Division has one annual major fund-raising effort to provide funds for the operation of the Division. The Model Train Show is held annually at the Galleria in Cobb County in mid-March. Since 2001, the train show has had three Train Show managers – John Travis, Joe Gelmini and David Gelmini assisted by his wife Heather. Gary joined the Train Show committee in 2003 and was responsible for advertising.

He continued to be responsible for the Train Show advertising managing this responsibility extremely well, working with print, radio and TV media for many years, and transitioning into the much more complex



Gary's Layout and the Chattahoochee Express

Gary commenced working on his layout, The Pennsylvania Railroad - Southeast Division, in 1993 and completed the first stage at about the time he joined the Piedmont Division. The Chattahoochee Express op-



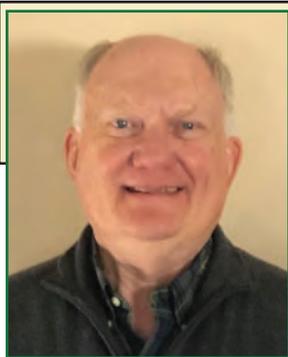
erating group, was founded by Bob McIntyre in 2000 with three other Piedmont members. Gary joined the group in 2003 and the group spent a couple of years assisting him to expand his Pennsylvania so that he had a large enough layout that would accommodate up to 10 operators.

Gary was an excellent modeler making many wood and styrene kits. His most recent achievement was a completely scratch-built passenger station at Craig Junction. He accepted the position of Group Coordinator in 2013. Gary was an awesome member of the group.

Other than his family and vacations, the Piedmont Division with its various activities made up a major portion of Gary's life during the last 17 years. The membership fully appreciated his incredible efforts, but his passing has left an unbelievable hole in the Division. As well as losing a great friend, we have lost a member who went above and beyond in his efforts to support the Division and its activities.

To plagiarize Howard Goodwin, "Nowhere could you look without finding the hand of Gary Jarabek. If you wore it, Gary sold it. If you attended the Pilgrimage, you knew that Gary made it happen. If you went to the Train Show, Gary was always there. He may be gone, but he will never be forgotten."





Education Department

Owen Maddux
Cherokee Division 13

The SER Board of Directors at its winter board meeting in Cartersville, GA on February 1st, 2020 authorized the Education Director to take steps to try to get all Divisions and many Clubs and museums within the SER area to offer the Scout merit badge to Scout Councils and Scout Troops. There are 16

Divisions in the SER yet only three, Piedmont, Empire and Cherokee, are offering Scouts the opportunity to be introduced to model railroading, our hobby, by earning the Scout merit badge. Many scouts won't get involved in the hobby while teenagers but, if introduced now, then they may come back to our hobby later when they have more time.

The Cherokee Division recently offered the merit badge to 22 Scouts, including 3 girl Scouts. This Division has found that January and/or February is the best time to offer the badge since outdoor activities such as soccer, baseball and camping have yet to start. Piedmont Division now offers the merit badge three times a year but skips summer. Piedmont has had over 1300 scouts earn the badge since they started offering it.

To help Divisions and Clubs be in a better position to offer the merit badge and cover the requirements, the Cherokee Division has created the program on a flash drive that, if followed, allows a Scout to earn the merit badge in only one day. There are diagrams that explain the components of a diesel electric locomotive, pictures of the different types of freight cars, pictures of French and Chinese bullet passenger trains and diagrams of the different model scales and two videos of future Amtrak trains. There is a video produced by CSX for LifeSaver to get kids and people to stay off the tracks.

Also, on the flash drive is a five-minute video of a HO layout made using a minicamera at flat car height that the Scouts thought was super cool. There are charts and examples of FRED/EOT, different Gauges, Communications & Signals. During the day long session breaks were taken to tour the Southern Rat Hole Division layout being built by the Chattanooga Model Railroad Club with a mainline that is over 230 feet long. After lunch the Scouts were led on a tour of the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum equipment by a TVRM employee where they got to kick the wheels & trucks of real rail cars including a dinner that was a Jim Crow car, an office car, two cabooses, a reefer, a tank car, covered and open hoppers, steam engines and diesel locomotives.

At the end of the day the Scouts built a HO model freight car. We chose to use ScaleTrains.com freight car model because no glue is required; only four screws are needed, and the car model was purchased at ScaleTrains.com's cost plus freight which was less than \$13.00. We charged the Scouts \$15.00 to cover the costs of the model, doughnuts and drinks. The Scouts either brought their own lunch or purchased lunch at the TVRM depot.

Within the SER states of NC, TN, MS, AL, GA and SC are 28 railroad museums and scenic tourist railroads. There are 27 Scout Councils. There are at least 75 model railroad clubs in the 16 Divisions. The SER is willing to provide free flash drives, schedules and support to any group willing to start a merit badge program. A program can be done with a leader who has 3 or 4 helpers. You should work with the program director of the Scout Council and insist that for every 5 Scouts there must be a parent or Scout leader present all day. For the 22 scouts the Cherokee Division had on January 25th, there were 10 scout leaders, including three female Scout leaders. The merit badge can also be presented to other youth or adult groups, not just Scouts.

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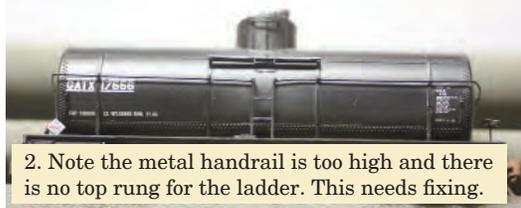
One of my pet peeves are the bent plastic handrails on tank cars both old and new. The older cars with metal handrails can usually be fixed by bending the rails back into proper shape. But not so with newer plastic handrails made with so-called "engineering plastic." This tough stuff cannot be bent into any shape resembling straight which is a prerequisite for tank car handrails. So, what to do? Replace is the only solution I have to suggest if you want your tanker to look "right." The handrails are a characteristic of tankers and they are not allowed to run in a bent state in the real world. And tankers just don't look right with bent rails anyway (Fig 1).

1. This Belcher tank has a seriously bent handrail that needs replacing.



One other occasional handrail problem is poor assembly related to ladders being too short (Fig. 2). Also, the top ladder

rung is often missing in these cases. This requires a new longer ladder. Try using the ladders from

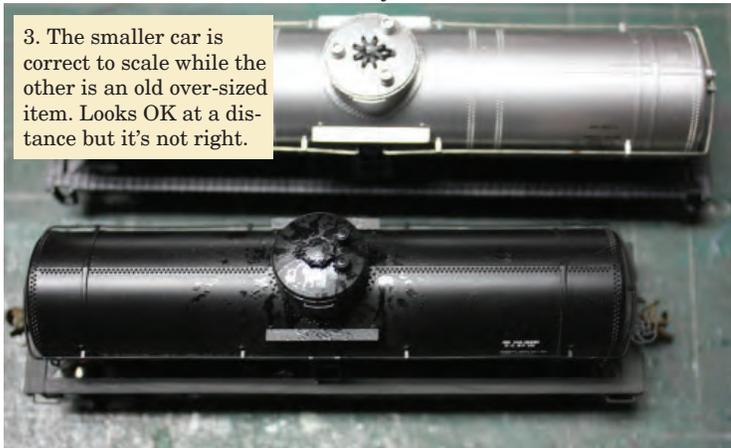


2. Note the metal handrail is too high and there is no top rung for the ladder. This needs fixing.

Tichy kit #3007 as replacements. Put a rung at the top in line with the handrail. This will fix that problem.

Fortunately, it's not that hard to replace the plastic handrails although a bit time consuming. Once done, it probably won't need doing again or at worst might need bending back into proper form. My solution is to remove the bent plastic and replace with 0.019 in. (HO scale) in brass wire or bronze if you want a bit more robust result. Some of the best looking tank cars today are very accurate models and correct to scale unlike most of the older models which are oversized (Fig.3). But they commonly have twisted handrails. Cut them off! I have yet to see a twisted plastic handrail that can be saved. Buy some 0.019 in. wire for HO

3. The smaller car is correct to scale while the other is an old over-sized item. Looks OK at a distance but it's not right.



work (see below for N or O gauge) and replace with confidence. Once painted they will be great looking and look right. Figure 4 shows the tools I use for handrail replacement jobs.



Plastic handrails typically are sometimes cast with integral supports that can be used to support the new rails near the

corners of the car. Cut close and use a sharp point to mark where to drill a number 76 or 75 (0.020 or 0.021 in.) drill bit. Supports further along the tank cannot be drilled to pass the handrail wire. Just can't reach them so they will have to be replaced. Tichy makes a detail kit (no. 3007) or frame set (no. 3011) for tankers that have supports to do the job once the old supports are removed. This is really easy if you are assembling a kit and can use solvent to attach the support from inside the tank. Not so easy if the model is assembled. But press on.

After removing an old support, drill a centering hole in the tank support for the new one and attach ever so carefully with a dab of solvent applied with a piece of the 0.019 in. wire to avoid damage to the model. Take your time and careful aim with this step and all will be well. Maybe practicing this step before making a misstep would be a good idea here. Do not glue on the supports on the end of the tank as yet. A bit of flats sprayed on the tank car when finished will hide small amounts of solvent damage and do a bit of weathering as well. Just make sure the damage is small and right around the support.

The handrail supports on a HO or N scale tank car are very small and not seen by the casual observer even though the handrail is. Therefore, I often replace cast plastic supports with metal eye bolts (such as Detail Associates 2206) which I cement in a centering hole with a minute dab of CA cement right on the eye bolt shaft (Fig. 5). This is usually fairly quick and may not need a touch up. Your choice on this matter. For older cars I always use the eye bolt approach. Sometimes it is possible to carve and open out the center hole of a cast plastic support and then insert an eye bolt to support the handrail. This gives a good looking result but is a touchy process.

5. Near corner handrail support replaced by an eye bolt.



Now it's time to form a handrail in two parts from the 0.019 in. wire for HO cars. Use 0.008 inch wire for N and 0.033 inch for O cars (Details Associates kit #WR2506 or WR2509). This is an eyeball job. Cut a piece of wire that will extend around the end of the car and along both sides as far as the far upright of the ladders with a bit of extra



6. Partly bent half handrail. Rework until it looks good.

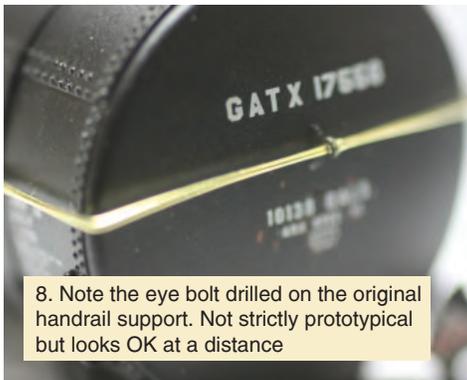
and bend to shape (Fig. 6). Just keep bending and re-bending until you get the shape just right (off jobs will be noticeable).

Once bent to a good looking shape, feed on a plastic support or an eye bolt for the tank end support. Feed the new handrail through the side supports and feed the end support or eyebolt into the

centered hole you have drilled in the tank end (Fig. 7). Gotta say this operation is a bit fiddly but press on.



7. Finished half handrails.



8. Note the eye bolt drilled on the original handrail support. Not strictly prototypical but looks OK at a distance

Nip off the excess wire beyond the ladder (Fig. 8) and carefully glue the end on the upright forming the top rung as well (Fig. 9). That's one car end done. Now bend a handrail for the other end of the car and apply as

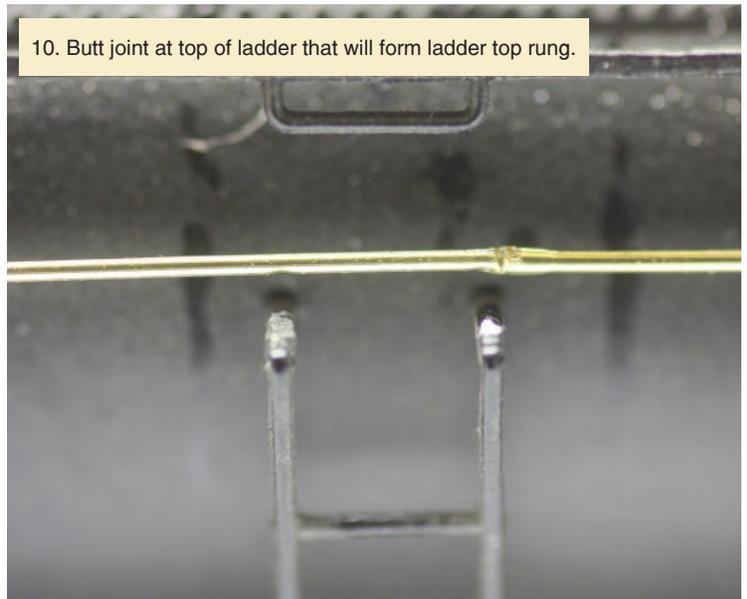
you did above. Touch some of the supports or eye bolts with thin CA to hold the handrails in place. Note that the car in the photos had short ladders which did not line up with the handrails and were the reason I replaced them. The Mobilgas car has a butt joint above the ladder which will be glued to the top of the ladder (Fig. 10) making it decently strong.

Now paint the handrail. I put some pieces of blue masking tape (or better tape) or paper cut to fit under the handrail to prevent getting paint on the tank where it will be very hard to remove and could ruin some lettering. Before using tape, remove some of the stickiness by pressing on a clean surface before applying so there is less possibility of pulling off some lettering.

Once painted you are done! Now doesn't that look a lot better than the cars with bent handrails (Fig. 11 & 12). Worth it I say and a lot less visually annoying. Incidentally the basic techniques espoused above work well on twisted plastic handrails on engines. More or less substitute the word "stanchion" for "support" and fix those weird looking engines as well.



9. Half handrail overlap at the ladder.



10. Butt joint at top of ladder that will form ladder top rung.



11. Finished Belcher tank car hand rail.



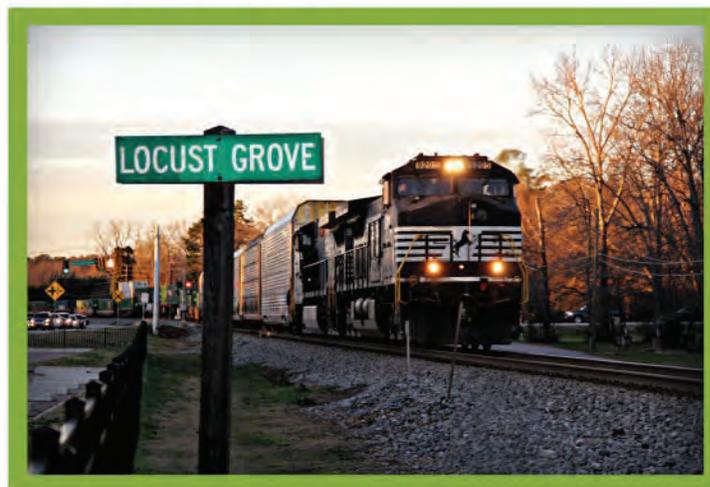
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The Piedmont Division of the Southeastern Region (SER) is hosting the Region's 2020 annual convention at the Clarence Brown Conference Center in Cartersville, GA on Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20. *TRAX TO THE MAX II* offers attendees clinics from distinguished hobbyists, exceptional prototype tours and interesting non-rail tours in a fast-growing city just north of Atlanta that offers many cultural, recreational and dining experiences.

"*TRAX TO THE MAX II* offers outstanding opportunities to improve model railroading skills and learn how key aspects of real railroads are performed and can be modeled," says Walt Liles, Piedmont Division Superintendent. "Cartersville is at a crossroad of major rail lines and is reflected in the support services and industries found here."

The convention's prototype tours provide attendees a behind-the-scenes glimpse of real-world activities that are popular modelling interests:

- **Trinity Rail Maintenance and Repair Facility** Trinity Rail is one of the largest manufacturers of railcars in North America and owns and manages a railcar lease fleet of more than 122,000 railcars.
- **GA Power Plant Bowen** Plant Bowen is one of the largest coal-fired steam turbine power plants in North America.
- **Norfolk Southern Operations and Service Support Center** Norfolk Southern is one of the nation's premier

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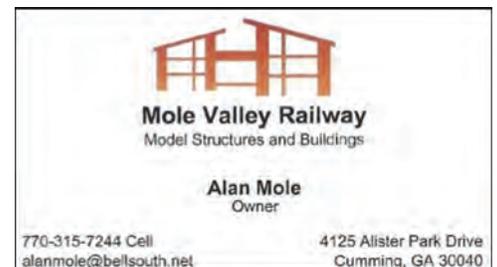
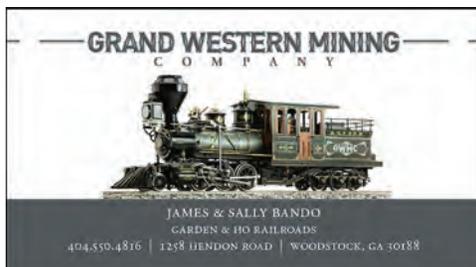
The Convention also assembles a group of well-known hobbyists and journalists to conduct clinics on many topics intended to improve modeling skills and provide useful and relevant information. "We want attendees to leave inspired and equipped to get more enjoyment and satisfaction from model railroading," say Liles. "And we want them to have fun all along the way."

Clinicians and speakers include David Booker, Tom Gordon, Jim Gore MMR, Thomas Klimoski, Brian Marsh, David Popp, Gilbert Thomas and Peter Youngblood MMR.

The **NORTH GEORGIA TRAIN SHOW** will also be held as part of the convention at the conference center and will feature over 60 vendor tables and operating layouts. The show is open to the public and runs Friday, June 19 from 12 PM to 5 PM and Saturday, June 20 from 10 AM to 4 PM. Admission is free to conference attendees and costs \$9 for adults and children 11 and older.

Several non-rail tours are offered as well:

- **Booth Western Art Museum A** 120,000 square foot museum where guests see America's Story through contemporary Western artwork, a Presidential Gallery, Civil War art gallery, and Sagebrush Ranch, an interactive children's gallery.



- **Tellus Science Museum** A world-class museum that opens minds and ignites a passion for science. A 120-seat digital planetarium and an observatory with a state-of-the-art 20-inch telescope is also located at Tellus
- **Gibbs Gardens** Composed of 16 gardens on 220 acres including 3 feature gardens – Manor House Gardens, Japanese and Waterlily Gardens.
- **Big Door Vineyards** Big Door Vineyards is a farm winery in North Georgia founded on friendship, vintage wine and memorable times. We will always have our best vintage ready for you to enjoy!

To avoid missing the outstanding presentations, model railroad layout open houses and operating sessions are planned for the Thursday before and Sunday after the convention. Open houses are featured in the Cartersville area as well as along the routes used by attendees driving to the convention. “The Piedmont and other divisions of the SER are blessed with some of the best modelers in the nation,” Liles stated. “We want to share these with you and have chosen layouts along your route if you are travelling north, south, east or west.”

As a crossroads of major rail lines, Cartersville and the surrounding area offer many railfanning opportunities. Historic depots in Cartersville and Dalton, Georgia, and in nearby Decatur and Fort Payne, Alabama provide a glimpse of railroad’s glory days. The Dalton Freight Station and Locust Grove Train Watching Platform are well known for their high volume of rail traffic and support via monitors and scanners.

“We believe *TRAX TO THE MAX II* offers an unmatched opportunity for model railroaders and their families,” said Liles. “Rail fans will find so much to see and learn, and the Cartersville area has interests for every member of the family. We hope to see you in Cartersville on June 19th and 20th.”

The Clarence Brown Conference Center is located at 5450 GA Hwy 20 in Cartersville, GA. A special hotel rate for convention attendees is available at the Hampton Inn at 5600 Hwy 20 SE, Cartersville, GA.

For information and registration for the convention, go to www.SERTraxtotheMAX2020.com. Registration is \$80, rising to \$95 April 1st and guests are \$50. For information about the North Georgia Train Show go to www.northgeorgiatrainshow.com or contact Jim Travis at jimtravis@northgeorgiatrainshow.com.

The Piedmont Division—part of the NMRA’s Southeast Region (SER)—is one of the largest and fastest growing chapters of the National Model Railroad Association and covers the metro-Atlanta area and most of northern Georgia. The Division hosts its annual Piedmont Pilgrimage which opens over 60 modelers’ layouts to the public during weekends in October and November. For more information visit www.piedmont-div.org.

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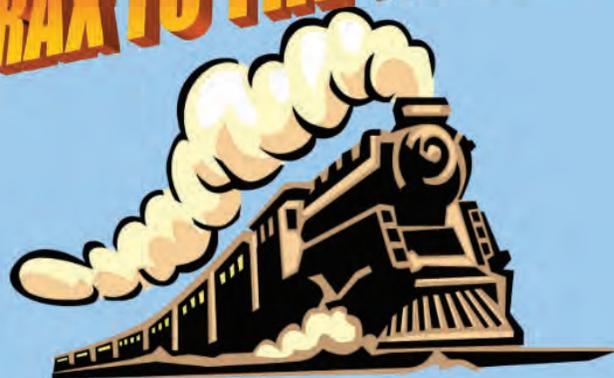
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TRAX TO THE MAX II



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MID-SOUTH



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Welcome! The Mid-South Division is located in the Northern tier of Alabama counties between Mississippi and Georgia, with the Southeastern corner dipping down to Gadsden, AL and the

Northern border extending up to Fayetteville, TN. There are approximately 45 members spread throughout the Division, with most of the members living in the Huntsville/Decatur area. Website: www.midsouthnmra.org.

The division meets the first Saturday of each month at the Decatur Union Depot, 701 Railroad St, Decatur, AL. The meetings begin at 9:30A.M. We usually have a short

business meeting followed by a clinic of general interest to the membership and an operating session on the Decatur Union Depot layout.

We have just completed our elections and the officers who will be leading us in 2020 are:

Superintendent: Jim Norris
Asst. Superintendent: David Carlton
Secretary: Andy Smith
Treasurer: Dieter Grethmann
Director 1: Bill Eberle
Director 2: Steve Moeller
Director 3: Ken Mattern



Division 4 - Gulf Reed Ostrander ~ drostrander@bellsouth.net

Well, it's nearly spring again and the last chance to get some projects completed. So grab yourself by the nape of the neck (bet you can't) and direct

yourself to the workbench. Got some loose money? Maybe an engine needs a new decoder. Need a new siding by Snodgrass, Inc.? Or what? Time to finish a project or 2 and be self-satisfied. Last chance!

I should mention the Pensacola Train Fest which was held December 4 and 5, 2019 was a bigger and better show held at the Interstate Fair Grounds. The venue was much bigger and the vendors much more numerous. Be sure to make it next year about the same date.

Two upcoming events you should be interested in.

On April 18, the West Florida Railroad Museum in the Old Milton Station will have a G scale run session and model train sale. Go to Milton on US 90 and/or Rt 87 and turn south on Canal Street and then swing left to the station on 5003 Henry Street. Or go I-10 to the Bagdad exit then go north on Garcon Point Road to Forsyth Street to Canal Street to Henry Street to the station by the railroad. Action begins at 8:00am and it will be fun. I will be there to sign up new NMRA members as well and just have some chit-

chat. Incidentally, Bagdad is an old lumber town with a lot of history and worth a look as well.

I can strongly recommend attending the 2020 Southeastern Region convention in Cartersville, GA. on June 19 and 20. Conventions are fun and instructive events. They stimulate the creative juices and you meet some like-minded folks which is further stimulating to creativity. See the ad elsewhere in this edition of the *Southerner*. I have enjoyed the region conventions a lot.

Note that by the time of the Cartersville convention you will be mowing the lawn and trimming the bushes. At that point, project completion time will be hard to come by. Better get those projects going now!

HELPFUL HINT

Track Nippers are useful for cutting model railroad ties to length.

Thanks to Ed Neale

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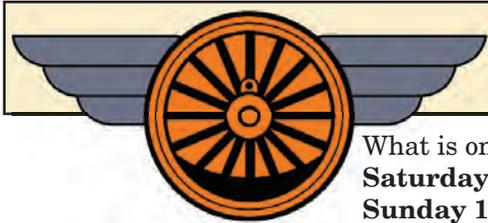
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What is on your schedule for **Saturday March 14 and Sunday 15**? Hopefully you

will be attending the Southeast Premiere THE MODEL TRAIN SHOW. The show will be held at the Cobb Galleria Centre, 2 Galleria Parkway, Atlanta, GA. We look forward to as many of you in the SER driving to Atlanta for a great show again. Show manager and member David Gelmini and his team are planning another fantastic event for train lovers and families. \$10.00 adult admission. Kids 8 and under, and Scouts in uniform, free admission.

The Piedmont Division held its annual holiday party on December 10. We had many huge bags of donated toys that we delivered to the Toys-For-Tots campaign before Christmas. Our members hopefully enjoyed their evening with food, fun and fellowship. Our Diana Watson organized the food and decorations for the delightful evening. We presented a few awards for the evening:



2019 holiday party

BRAKEMAN AWARD: Dr. Paul Schenk and Jim Foley
CONDUCTOR AWARD: Jim Datka & Charles Mason MMR
ENGINEER AWARD: Jim Travis

Congratulations to these members for their hard work and volunteerism in the Piedmont Division for 2019.

With the holidays over, the Piedmont Division got right back on track with a full slate of events. We had our first meeting on January 14. Peter Youngblood, MMR presented a clinic on *Modeling Details Along the Right-of-Way*.

January 18 - everything seemed to fall on that date. Members attended the membership booth at the 58th Atlanta Model Train & Railroadiana Show. On that same day Howard Goodwin organized another Scout Merit Badge class for 30 Scouts. Thanks to his team of counselors who assisted in



Scout class on SD45-2

making the class another success. Mark Reed that afternoon hosted and open house on his Little River Railroad & Lumber Company. This HO 13x7.5 railroad is a 2-level dog bone that operates fantastic. It's a logging railroad

with sawmill operations. Great job Mark. It was a very busy Saturday.

So, did I mention we are busy. Our division lined up



2020 raffle layout at Trains!Trains!Trains!

with the Southern Museum of Civil War & Locomotive History Museum to attend the *TRAINS! TRAINS! TRAINS! 2020*. Our goal was to share and educate guest who attended the 2-day event with trains from the

Piedmont Division. **JOB WELL DONE!!!** Thank you to all our volunteers.

We debut our new *Ambassador N Scale Layout*. We used a scout switching module for hands on to try out. This year's Raffle Layout for THE MODEL TRAIN SHOW in March was built by COUNTRY RROADS MODULAR GROUP. They brought the beautiful 4x8 railroad to this event to show the high-quality group of modelers in the Piedmont Division. Folks got to stop by our 25' long display and talk to all of our volunteers about trains and the NMRA. It was very successful weekend and thank you to all our volunteers it took to accomplish.



Jim & Dottie receive Volunteer AP Certificates

On January 31, the Piedmont Division and the *TRAX TO THE MAX II* committee had dinner with many of the SER BOD members and committee folks at the Maine Street Coastal Cuisine in Cartersville. It was a delightful evening and a lot of fun fellowshiping with everyone.



Steve Austins layout



Trains!Trains!Trains! volunteers

Next day, the SER BOD had the winter meeting at the Clarence Brown Conference Center. This will be the site for the SER 2020 Convention. After the meeting we toured this beautiful facility. Following lunch, the Piedmont Division scheduled open houses at 3 members railroads. Thank you to Perry Lamb, Steve Austin and Peter Youngblood for opening their homes for the afternoon.

Saturday February 8, the division hosted *TRAIN-N CAMP Model Railroading 101* at His Hands Church in Woodstock. We had NMRA info and were ready to sign up new members. Thank you, Sally Bando, for handling that part. Great Job! Perry Lamb (Coordinator) Jim Travis, Howard Good-



Joe Sullivan - February Clinician

winn MMR, and Walt Liles all team taught the class. There were 24 in attendance. This class is a huge outreach to new modelers and

folks getting back in after a few years out. The 4 instructors are all part of the **NORTH ATLANTA RAIL BARONS**, a 100% NMRA operating group.

On February 10, we had our regular meeting with Joe Sullivan as our clinician. Joe presented **OPEN LOADS FOR GONDOLAS**. Joe had many great new ideas that just about anyone can try. There were 101 in attendance. Our *Bring and Brag* was quite busy as well with lots of items to share.



Jim Gore - April Clinician

On Tuesday, April 14 from 7-9, we will have Jim Gore MMR from Florida as our **SPECIAL CLINICIAN**. His clinic will be on "Realistic Structures from

Cardstock." This is our once a year Special Clinic sponsored by the Piedmont Division to encourage members to bring guest or friends to a really special clinic evening. The meeting will be held at Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, 805 Mt. Vernon Highway, Atlanta.



Dr. Paul Schenk Membership Booth

Please plan to attend the **SER 2020 CONVENTION**.

All the clinics and tours plan to be on-line; www.ser-nmra.org/convention/2020-ser-convention-trax-max-ii. The early price will end on April 1 so please register ASAP. We plan a fun convention for guest and their spouses.

The Piedmont Division will be hosting a new **NORTH GEORGIA TRAIN SHOW** on June 19-20 at the Clarence Brown Convention Center; www.northgeorgiatrainshow.com.

If you are interested in tables for your store or business, please contact Jim Travis, Show Manager; 770-289-2020 or email; jgtravis049@gmail.com.



Division 12 - Smoky Mountain Allen Keller ~ allenkeller@charter.net

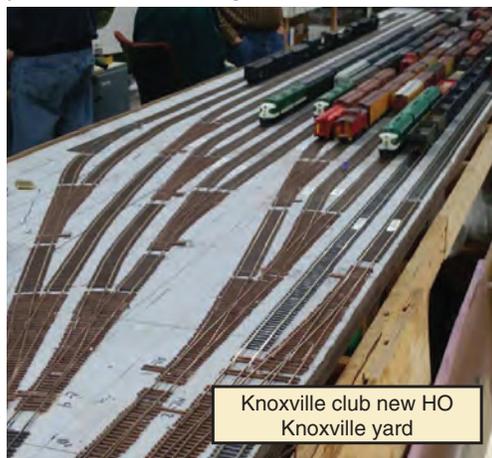
The Smoky Mountain Division of East Tennessee has become the home to a number of operating railroads. Some have been running ops sessions for 20 plus years. While others are just getting into the fun with 5 years of experience. No matter the length of time spent on operating, everybody seems to enjoy this way to make the hobby fun last longer. After you have built a layout, what do you do with it? The answer of course is to operate it as much like a real railroad as possible.

This means running trains with other modelers not on a competitive basis but on a cooperative basis to move the traffic over the rails. Some use a sequence, some use a timetable, some use fast clocks, some use real time, some use waybills, some use switch lists. Whatever works for you is what you should do.

The Knoxville Area Model Railroad Club's HO Division holds operating sessions five times a month: 1st Sunday afternoon and every Tuesday morning. They along with the N and Large Scale members, host an open house for the



Children's Museum of Oak Ridge on the 3rd Sunday where they allow guests to work the throttles under supervision, running 4 to 5 trains at timed intervals. The club has 13 youth members registered, most of whom attend the 3rd Sunday run session; a few older lads work the 1st Sunday op session also.



The club is revamping and expanding the HO layout, with emphasis on L-girder construction, Digitrax DCC, FastTrack turnouts and NMRA

standards. The attached photos show some of the rebuilding progress. It is great to observe all this activity through the efforts of some very dedicated KAMR model railroaders and parents. The HO layout has been operating for 7 years, while the club's N scale layout (featured in a recent issue of *N Scale Magazine*) has been enjoying the fun for 5 years.

The club has been an HO Modular and N-Trak club since 1987. For many years, they traveled and

setup their modular layouts across the Eastern U.S. at various train shows, conventions, and local events. In 2003 they found a permanent home at the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge. After a short period of sweat-equity remodeling, they planted the HO and N layouts solidly in a climate-controlled, spacious home. There is even a full-size caboose for parties and events.

The traveling layouts helped the club attract new members, but it was clear the traveling display days were over. What they needed was a small display... an "ambassador" layout.

A few requirements were selected:

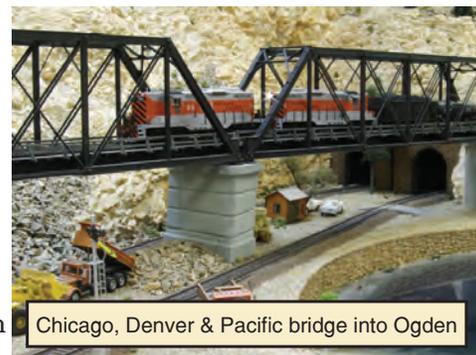
- Layout had to be attractive, showcasing model railroading to prospective members
- Easy to pack, no rail joiners or joiner tracks, with attached legs
- Electrically simple using DCC
- Setup and take down by 2 people
- Staffing and operation by 1 person

Must fit in an SUV or truck bed

- An example of a possible home layout that also offers operational capabilities
- The layout measures 32" x 128", and track is 42" off the floor. The backdrop rises approximately 13" above the track level.

The layout is on display at KAMR's permanent home, (www.childrensmuseumofokridge.org), the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge and of course can be seen at various train shows in the Southeast. If you see them at a show, come and say hi!

One of the largest layouts in the area is Dave Houseman's Chicago, Denver & Pacific. It fills three rooms in Dave's basement with a footprint of over 4,000 square feet. Dave even added on to his house a few years ago to increase the size of the railroad. Dave started with a simple operation scheme about 12 years ago and developed it into a double deck layout representing the trip from Chicago to the west coast. A visitor can expect trains of 50 to 70 cars traversing long runs on this mammoth railroad.



It takes about 17 people to fully operate the CD&P but it can run with as few as 7. During most sessions, Dave usually just runs trains because everybody else wants a switching job. And there are plenty of these on such a large layout. The CD&P is one of the layouts holding an open house during this year's SER convention.

Allen Keller's well known Bluff City Southern will also be part of the SER convention layout open house program, and has been operating regularly for more than 20 years.

Panama Ltd. at Friars Point Miss on Allen Keller's BCS



The Bluff City Southern serves the Memphis area in the summer of 1950, and is owned by the five railroads that service Memphis. The five are the Louisville & Nashville, the Missouri Pacific, the Southern, the Illinois Central and the Saint Louis San Francisco. These railroads serve Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas and then interchange in Memphis.

There are 4 staging yards representing Greenville, MS. Forrest City, Ark. Nashville, Tenn and Chattanooga, Tenn. There are two classification yards: Bluff City at Memphis and Frogmoor at Jackson. Both have non-indexed turntables. The Bridge Junction Interlocking provides a wye between Tennessee and Arkansas on the banks of the Mississippi River.

The railroad operates using a sequence sheet in the dispatcher's office. He run 3 tricks using a 2:1 fast clock. Op-



Southern Scenic crosses MS river bridge on the BCS

erating positions are 2 yardmen at Bluff City, 1 yardman at Jackson, a Union Station operator, a dispatcher and 4 or 5 mainline engineers who handle freight and passenger trains. Approximately 7 passenger trains operate in each shift. There are 5 or 6 through freights, and 3 locals in each direction on most shifts. Most of the locomotives are equipped with sound.

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The Maryville Model Railroad Club is a new small club with a lot going on. Eventually the club may get into holding operating sessions. Their year-round home is the Blount County Historical Museum in Maryville, Tennessee where they have a HO layout for the public to enjoy. Also, this past holiday season was their second year to display three-layouts at the Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Museum in

Townsend, TN. They had a HO layout representative of the area when lumber was big and the bark was used for tanning hides. The "Smoky Junction" exhibit also included an O

gauge layout reminiscent of snowy winter layouts often put up around a Christmas tree. Finally, a G scale layout was on the floor for everyone to enjoy.



Sawmill Complex on Maryville Club layout

There is another operating club in Johnson City at the East Tennessee State University. It's the Mountain Empire Modular Railroaders which boasts its own museum dedicated to the Clinchfield, plus and operating HO layout for members and the public to enjoy during operating sessions. The club is also building a model of the East Tennessee & Western North Carolina narrow gauge railroad.

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Division 13 - Cherokee

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The Cherokee Division held a *Scouts BSA Railroading Merit Badge Program* on January 25. *Scouts BSA* is for boys and girls ages 11 to 17.

For the first time we had 3 girls earn their Merit Badge. We have held 4 *Railroading Merit Badge Programs* since restarting the Division in 2016. Seventy-eight Scouts have earned the Railroading Merit Badge in our training classes at the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum.

Counselors at this year's event were Owen Maddux, Bill Orman, Brian Ford, John Lanese, Ed Juairé, Roy Masterson, Steve Crowe and Dave McMahan.

The Cherokee Division is excited to announce that eight of our members have earned the Association Volunteer Achievement Award. Congratulations to Owen Maddux, Bill Orman, Brian Ford, Mark McAllister, Dale Bryant, John Lanese, Roy Masterson and Ed Tougaw. Roy Masterson has also earned the Association Official Achievement Award.



CMM at the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History

January 25 - 26 was Chattanooga Modular Modelers' 5th year participating in *Trains! Trains! Trains!* at the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History in

Kennesaw, GA. Eight members of CMM were on hand with their HO scale modular layout. Jim & Joanna Long worked on models during the event so that attendees could see examples of modeling skills in action.

On Saturday, May 16, the CMM will hold their annual yard sale, picnic luncheon and dedication



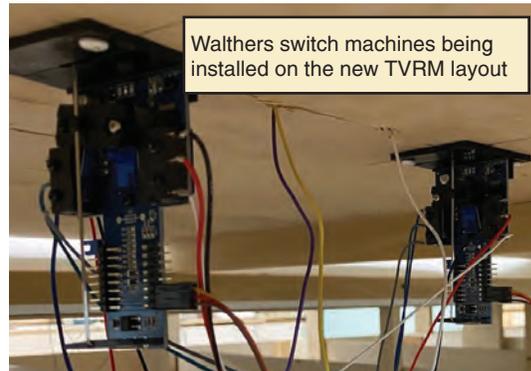
Joanna Long

of a new 20'x28' addition to their clubhouse. The addition will be a multi-purpose space for exhibitions, classroom



instruction, meeting space and room for members to work on modules.

The Chattanooga Area Model Railroad Club is continuing work on the new Rat Hole Division HO Scale layout located in the basement of the Tennessee Valley Railroad



Walthers switch machines being installed on the new TVRM layout

Museum main office building. Trackwork is complete and scenery is in progress. The DCC layout control is by Digikeijs and computer control will be by JMRI to work

with a state-of-the-art dispatcher panel.

On Saturday, April 18, the CMM will host a cookout at Ed Painter's home in Cohutta, Georgia.

The Cherokee Division is planning on holding the May Quarterly meeting and cookout at the home of Ed Painter in Cohutta, Georgia on the weekend of May 23, 2020.



Scouts BSA Railroading Merit Badge Program on January 25



Division 16 - Plateau

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The Board of Directors had a wide variety of subjects to address in the January meeting. One thing that will be very noticeable and will hopefully attract more visitors are four new ground

level signs directing the public to the rear entrance (Door D) where our new large out-door sign will be prominent.

The Bylaws Committee was assigned the task of creating a

new membership for people who cannot perform the duties of a regular membership but who want to support us financially. They have already developed their first draft and it will be discussed at our February meeting.

After the February meeting, Art will make a presentation on creating and maintaining an inventory of your equipment. That list would be very helpful in case of a loss or theft. Bring a jump drive to receive a free copy of the program.

The Business of Railroading

by Tom Schultz ~ Steel City Division 2

Canadian Protests Block Rail Service

The Federal Railroad Administration in early 2019 announced that it would allow passenger trains capable of traveling up to 220 miles an hour to operate in the U.S. So far, none of the high speed trains has rolled out. The Wall Street Journal reported that Amtrak expects to have trains operating between Boston and Washington, D.C., in 2021. Because of track limitations, their speed will be limited to 160 miles per hour.

The Wall Street Journal also reported that Canada's economy is facing difficulty because of two weeks of protests that have blocked multiple railway lines, stranding shipments and snarling supply chains in key commercial corridors.

Via Rail Canada, the passenger rail operator is also feeling ramifications from the protests. It issued temporary layoff notices for 2,000 workers, a day after Canadian National Railway Co. said it would temporarily lay off 450 workers of its own. Factories in central Canada could be next in sending workers home.

Canadian National said it was forced to halt its eastern network to ensure the safety of its employees and of the protesters. The main blockage near the town of Belleville in Ontario has cut off freight traffic from Montreal and Halifax, Nova Scotia, to central Canada, and vice versa. Canadian National handles more than 250 billion Canadian dollars (\$189 billion) of goods annually.

Via Rail Canada said that in addition to its temporary layoff notices, it has suspended nearly 600 trains since the blockades began, affecting an estimated 111,000 passengers.

It is estimated that up to C\$450 million of goods a day are being left stranded because of the freight rail interruption. Three-quarters of Canada's manufacturing capacity is in eastern Canada.

Australian Model News

The author recently returned from a business trip to Australia. It is often imprudent to generalize based on one experience, but it was fun to spend a few minutes in a local convenience store in Melbourne and find three railroad magazines on the newsstand. One modeling magazine was from the United Kingdom, but the other two were Australian publications. One was focused on narrow gauge prototype railroading and the other focused on Australian model railroading. Based on this experience, it appears model railroading is alive and kicking down under. The ads including brass locomotives made by an Australian manufacturer. The Melbourne Railway Station is also large and from driving around the suburbs it appears that many residents use commuter trains to go to work. All the rail lines were electrified and appeared very modern.

Austrian Night Passenger Service

In other noteworthy news, the New York Times recently published an article about the OBB, Austria's state-owned federal railway. In recent years, as operators around Europe wrote off night trains, as unprofitable and shuttered services, OBB expanded its network provoking questions about just how the company had managed to do it. In 2016, when Deutsche Bahn of Germany, struggling to cut costs, decided to end night services, Austria was faced with a similar dilemma: whether to invest in costly rolling stock and continue serving a niche market, or to focus on daytime connections.

OBB decided to jump on the opportunity, taking over Deutsche Bahn's most lucrative routes and buying secondhand sleeping cars that, although newer than their own, had suddenly become obsolete. OBB branded the service as Nightjet.

Passenger numbers have doubled since Nightjet began operating in 2016, and OBB said it carried 1.4 million people on the service last year. Many European travelers have determined that it is environmentally sensitive to ride the train rather than fly. OBB determined that a critical success factor in the nighttime service was not the speed of the train but rather the arrival time. Germany is also raising its tax on air travel while the value-added tax on train tickets was reduced in January.

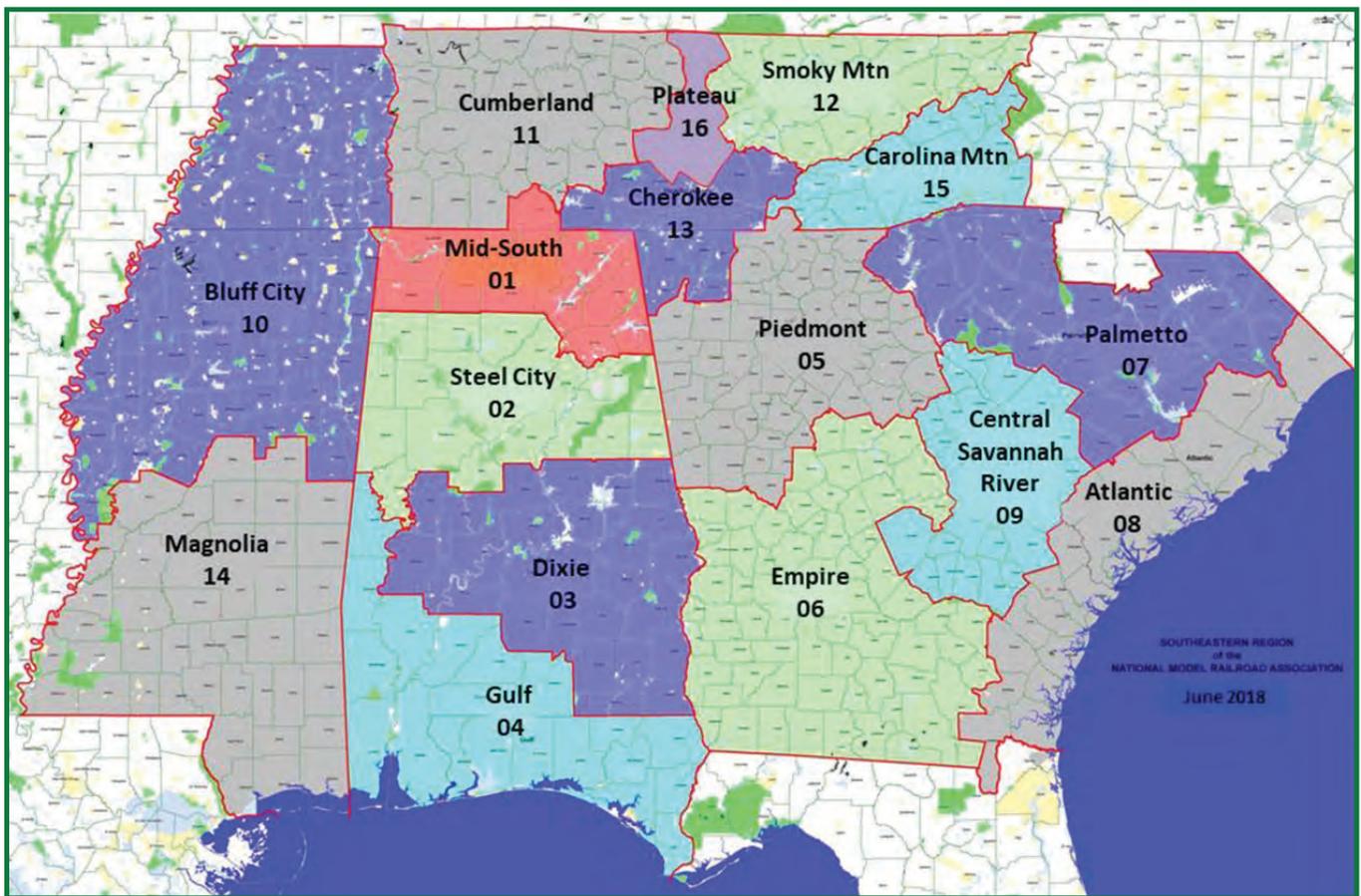
OBB said it expected ridership on Nightjet to increase 10% by the end of this year, to 1.5 million passengers, a rise fueled by people who want to avoid flying.

Nightjet trains have a variety of accommodations, including seated coaches, youth-hostel-style couchette carriages sleeping four to six passengers at a time, sleeping cars with hotel-style key cards and fluffy bedding, and private cabins with their own miniature bathrooms. On some services, travelers can take their cars in trailers, and sleep instead of driving through the night.

Prices for a seat from Vienna to Venice start at \$33 one way, which is still competitive with airfares, but they quickly climb to more than 100 pounds for a sleeper cabin shared with two others.

Difficulties are present in operating night passenger rail service. When the trains cross the border from Austria into other countries, the Continent's railways still run on vastly different signaling and power supplies and, in some cases, incompatible tracks. OBB cannot run the same engine to Italy that it does to Germany.

The company has high ambitions for becoming a crucial Pan-European railway provider. It already runs international passenger trains in 14 countries and cargo trains in more than 18. It has recently expanded service to Brussels and service to Amsterdam will be implemented later this year.



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Grand Strand MRRC, Myrtle Beach Mall, North Myrtle Beach, SC
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Sun City Model RR Club, Bluffton, SC
President paul.henry.sc@gmail.com

Bluff City Division 10

The Memphis N-Scale Road Railers
The Memphis Society of Model Engineers - The 1st Saturday Night Group
Highland St Church of Christ, 7:30 PM
contact Ned for additional info; nssavage@juno.com

Central Savannah R Division 9

OFRR Operators, Tuesday nights, Aiken SC, Steve Prevette, 803-594-5079

Cumberland Division 11

Mid-South Live Steamers, Columbia, TN, Hank Sherwood, 615-665-0512
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Tennessee Central Railway Museum, Nashville, TN
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Central Alabama Model RR Club, Montgomery/Prattville, AL
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MGB Model Railroad Club, Prattville, AL *Visitors welcome*
Brett Scott, 334-799-3096; www.mgbr.org
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MGMRC - Middle Georgia Model RR Club, Warner Robins, GA
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CGMRC - Central Georgia Model RR Club, Macon, GA
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MGRA - Middle Georgia RR Association, Bill Jones
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South Georgia Model RR Club, Hahira, GA, (Near Valdosta)
Todd Tait, 229-548-3611

Gulf Division 4

Caboose Club, Foley Railroad Museum, 125 E Laurel Ave, Foley, AL 36535
Bonnie Donaldson, 251-943-1818; foleymuseum@gulfnet.com
CATT - Costal Alabama T-TRAK, Bruce Arbo, 228-669-6705
coastalalabamatrak@gmail.com, nationalt-traklayout.com
Emerald Coast Garden Ry Club, Jack Grill, 850-994-7226; www.ecgrc.com
Usually meet on 3rd Saturday at noon in the Diner Car
of the West Florida RR Museum, Milton FL
Glenn Samuel's Operating Group, Mobile, AL 205-914-0693
2nd Saturday of the month @ 1 p.m.; Gasamuel@aol.com
Miracle Strip Model RR Club, Shalimar, FL
Ray Follacchio, 850-865-8822; miraclestripmodellrrclub.com
Mobile Society of Model Engineers, Alabama Gulf - Chapter, NRHS
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Carolina Mountain Division 15

Apple Valley Model Railroad Club, Hendersonville, NC
Located in Hendersonville Station; www.avmrc.net
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Magnolia Division 14

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Coosa Valley Model RR Assoc. www.coosavalleymodellrailroad.com

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Carolina Railroad Heritage Association, Inc.
www.facebook.com/hubcityrrmuseum
Central Railway Model and Historical Association (CRM&HA), Central, SC
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Metro Atlanta N-Scalers, Atlanta, GA, Charles Leak, 404-262-2969
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Plateau Division 16

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Knoxville Area Model Railroaders, Oak Ridge, TN
Brad Tutt, 865-776-4703; meetings are 1st & 3rd Sundays
Mountain Empire Modular Railroaders, Johnson City, TN, East TN State Univ.
George Carter Museum, Dr. Fred Alsop, 423-929-3733; www.memrr.org
Maryville MRRC, 1006 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy, Maryville, TN 37804
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2020 BOD Candidates for Election

Vice President

William Michael Barry, MAO

My name is William M. Barry (Mike), my wife makes our home in Pascagoula, MS. I retired from the Pascagoula Police Dept and the U S Navy Reserve (R) after 20 years of service.



I started in the Hobby around 1975. In the late 1970's Jim Blanchard and I petitioned the NMRA to change and create the Magnolia Division. Adding the Southern half of Mississippi to the SER. I served several years as Superintendent. I let my membership expire but continued as a volunteer Superintendent. I've coordinated and developed numerous train shows and meets here on the Gulf coast.

I will become the VP at the Mississippi Coast Model Railroad Museum in 2020. We have leaders for Pine Burr Council earlier this year. The Museum will use the N-Scale layout when it is completed, to assist the scouts work toward their Railroading merit badge.

Again, each Division should have a dedicated youth coordinator. High schoolers would be the easiest group to work with, that is 13 years of Juvenile Justice experience speaking. I talked about an N-Scale layout earlier. We are trying to replicate the Mobile Division CSX (L & N) which covers the area from Mobile, AL to New Orleans, LA. We hope to have it up and operational November 2020.

Last and surely not least, I'm asking for your vote and support for the position of SER Vice President.

Memberships

Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Association (MLEOA)
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
Mississippi Coast Model Railroad Museum (N-Scale Chairman)
National Model Railroad Association

Secretary Michael Cummings



My name is Mike Cummings and I am running for a second term as Secretary on the SER Board for 2020. I have had the privilege of serving the region in this capacity for the last two years and have enjoyed the experience immensely. Prior to the last two years, my activities in the NMRA were limited to the Piedmont Division and served a two year term as Director of Personnel, and a year as a member of the Marketing Committee.

In addition to the above experience, I have been appointed to a position as Assistant Secretary to the National NMRA Board, assisting the Secretary where needed. I have personally benefited from expanding my involvement within the NMRA, and hope to maintain my efforts to assist the Regional and National Leadership whenever needed.

I model the Erie Lackawanna Railroad in 1970 and am particularly focused on steel mill modeling.

Married and together with my wife Robyn for forty years this summer, with three adult sons. We live in Alpharetta, Georgia.

I would appreciate your consideration during the upcoming 2020 SER Elections.

Director Ken Mattern



I have been a member of the NMRA for over ten years and have been an active member of the Mid-South Division of the SER since it was re-activated. I'm the division webmaster and am on the BOD. I have worked as a software developer for the Department of Defense until my retirement in 2017.

I've been active in the SER and NMRA and have attended five national conventions as well as numerous SER meetings. Before moving south I was a minister in the church and owned and operated an electronics manufacturing business. I am currently serving on the SER BOD as a director by appointment and wish to serve as an elected official. I believe that my past experience will serve the SER and model railroading community well.

**Director
Randall Watson**



My name is Randall Watson, I'm running for the position of Director of the Southeastern Region (SER) Board. I'm acquainted with a lot of the region membership however, for those of you I have not had the pleasure of meeting, I'd like to share some information about myself. I joined the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) as a regular member in 1970 becoming a Life Member of the NMRA in 1994.

Briefly, I have served in my home division in the positions of Treasurer, Director and various committees such as the division annual train show for 15 years. I volunteered for the Cross Roads Atlanta National Convention as a layout tour guide and as a member of the host committee for the Peachtree Express National convention. I was Chairman of the ticket sales booth and worked in the sales booth the entire convention.

Under the region leadership of President Roy Tritt, I served as Assistant Treasurer for two years before being elected to fill the position of Treasurer for two years also under President Tritt and an additional two years under President Bob Beaty. After completing my role as treasurer, I ran for and was elected to fill a four year term in the position of Region Director. Under President Beaty's leadership, I was also appointed region car sales chairman in addition to my director position. I have served in the position of Region Assistant AP Manager under George Gilbert. When George left the AP Manager position, I was appointed by President Alan Mole to fill the Region AP Manager position in which I still serve in addition to chairing the on-going region car sales project.

My personal accomplishments include receiving the SER Region Dave Muller Award in 2001 for



division volunteerism. In 2018, I was honored and humbled to be presented the Vern Yarbrough Award for outstanding service in the Southeastern Region as this region has many other qualified recipients other than myself.

Although it's been years since I've served in a voting position of the SER Board, I feel my knowledge, experience and involvement at both the division and region level will be an asset in reaching out to fellow modelers, both members and non-members, to encourage participation and insure the continuation of a strong region.

I feel the position of Director has two major responsibilities, the first being to our great region. The second responsibility is to the members of the region. As your Director, I have the responsibility to bring all suggestions or concerns to the attention of the board for their consideration. I appreciate your consideration and support by voting for me to continue my service to the region by filling one of the two open director positions.

My appreciation and thanks to all current board members for their hard work and dedication to the SER.



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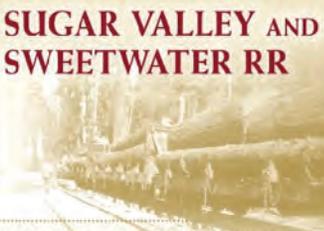


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**Southeastern Region
National Model Railroad Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2019
Chattanooga, Tennessee**

The annual meeting of the Southeastern Region of the National Model Railroad Association was held on June 1, 2019 in conjunction with the SER Convention. Location of the meeting was in the Western & Atlantic room (Vision Ballroom B/C) at the Doubletree Hotel Downtown Chattanooga – the host hotel for the convention. The meeting was open to all members and was scheduled prior to the start of the clinics to allow maximum attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am by President Alan Mole. It was noted that despite Vice President Fred Coleman being absent due to a recovery – a quorum was met and there were 27 members total in attendance including all remaining Board of Directors at the start of the meeting. The following previously distributed agenda was used as a structure for the meeting:

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| 1) Call to Order | Alan Mole |
| 2) Greeting and Opening Remarks | Alan Mole |
| 3) Introduction of the Board | Alan Mole |
| 4) Minutes of the 2019 meeting (distributed) | Alan Mole |
| 5) Officer and Committee Reports | |
| a. Treasurer Report | Sally Bando |
| b. Vice President and Superintendents | Fred Coleman |
| c. SER Insurance Compliance | Mike Cummings |
| d. Website and E-news Letter Report | Scott Povlot |
| e. Membership Report (distributed) | Steve Prevette |
| f. SouthErneR Editor's Report | John Stewart |
| g. Education Chair | Larry Burkholder |
| h. AP Report | Randall Watson |
| i. Boy Scouts | Howard Goodwin |
| j. Good and Welfare | Dave Anderson |
| 6) Old Business | |
| a. 2020 Region Convention Update | Walt Liles |
| b. Future Conventions | Alan Mole |
| c. SER Car Project | Randall Watson |
| d. Region Reimbursement Guidelines | Alan Mole |
| e. 2020 Southeastern Region Elections | Peter Youngblood |
| 7) Adjourn | |

Alan called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

Current members of the SER Board of Directors were introduced to the membership.

The minutes of the January 26, 2019 Board of Directors meeting held at the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum that had been previously distributed were opened for discussion and acceptance into the record. There was a motion to accept by Larry and was seconded by Ed. Motion was passed and the minutes were accepted.

John Stewart discussed the SouthErneR. John has done an excellent job editing the regional quarterly and it became know that he would be winding down in that role. The entire region is grateful for John's efforts in producing the SouthErneR over the last years!

Sally Bando guided the members thru the presentation of the region financials and used her previously distributed Financial Report dated May 23, 2019 to do so. The highlights are as follows:

Bank Accounts	
Wells Fargo Checking	\$ 22,557.67
PayPal Convention	\$ 4,212.19
Wells Fargo Convention	\$ 16,739.89
There are four Certificates of Deposit Accounts which Total	\$ 29,309.87
 Total Cash	 \$ 72,819.62

Restricted Cash	\$ 3,341.74
Convention 2020	\$ 2,000.00
Delattre Designation	\$ 351.00
 Total Non-Restricted Cash	 \$ 67,126.88

Sally also reviewed the previously distributed Statement of Income and Expenses showing all Budget vs. Actuals. Walt made a motion to accept the financial report and Mark seconded. Motion passed and the financial report was accepted.

Alan discussed his view that the purpose of the region is not to accumulate cash. He encouraged the Board and Divisions to utilize resources for outreach efforts and opportunities to both retain members and attract new members to the NMRA.

Divisions are encouraged to access funds for their outreach activities. \$50 is available from the National, but other funds can be provided by the Southeast Region. Please remember that a written policy exists, that plans should be communicated to the Board in advance – electronic approval is quite quick.

There was a request to close the books for Sally who is finishing her position as the SER Director of Finance.

A subsequent suggestion was made to perform an audit every year.

Small number of transactions are considered warranted thru the year and will be captured accordingly.

Highlights of the Region Membership report submitted by Steve Prevette (Steve could not be present) were read by Secretary Mike Cummings. The highlights as of April 30, 2019 include:

1244 members in the region – up by 48 during the previous year

655 total subscribers to the SouthErneR – an increase of 199

Walt Liles monthly print auctions in the Piedmont Division with the money being slated towards sponsoring youth membership. It was noted during discussions that parental presence is required. Jim Norris from the Mid-South Division mentioned the same goal. Rick Coble mentioned the concern and ongoing discussions related to this topic at the National level.

Larry mentioned that he would be vacating the Education Committee chairmanship that he has held as he steps into the SER President role effective tonight. Larry did express his thoughts that the education role could be improved.

There was some further discussion from the regional publication editor expressing the need for all Divisions to submit their quarterly reports. Please extend an invitation for all our Division members to submit articles and editorial content for consideration and publication in the SouthErneR each quarter. Please note – he loves photographs!

The AP Program report was given by Randall on the six month period from the January 26th Board of Directors meeting to the June 1st meeting. Only two Golden Spike, one Master Builder Cars, and one Engineer – Electrical certificates were processed in the region. In the last year however – 21 AP certificates, 10 Golden Spikes and 3 MMRs were recognized.

The region car program status was reviewed with 300 cars purchased, 133 sold and 167 remaining in inventory.

Division Superintendents were encouraged to send in any information to Good and Welfare including death and illness of members or next of kin information.

There will be future convention updates at this evenings Annual Meeting on both the 2020 and 2021 plans.

Rick Coble reported that there was a 27% participation rate in this year's Region elections and that electronic responses doubled past participation.

There are some issues with the electability of a Western District at Large Director at the National and there will be a special election.

Disruptive members should be elevated to consideration at the National Board of Directors for a legal review prior to formal action.

Rich motioned to adjourn, the motion was seconded and passed.

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