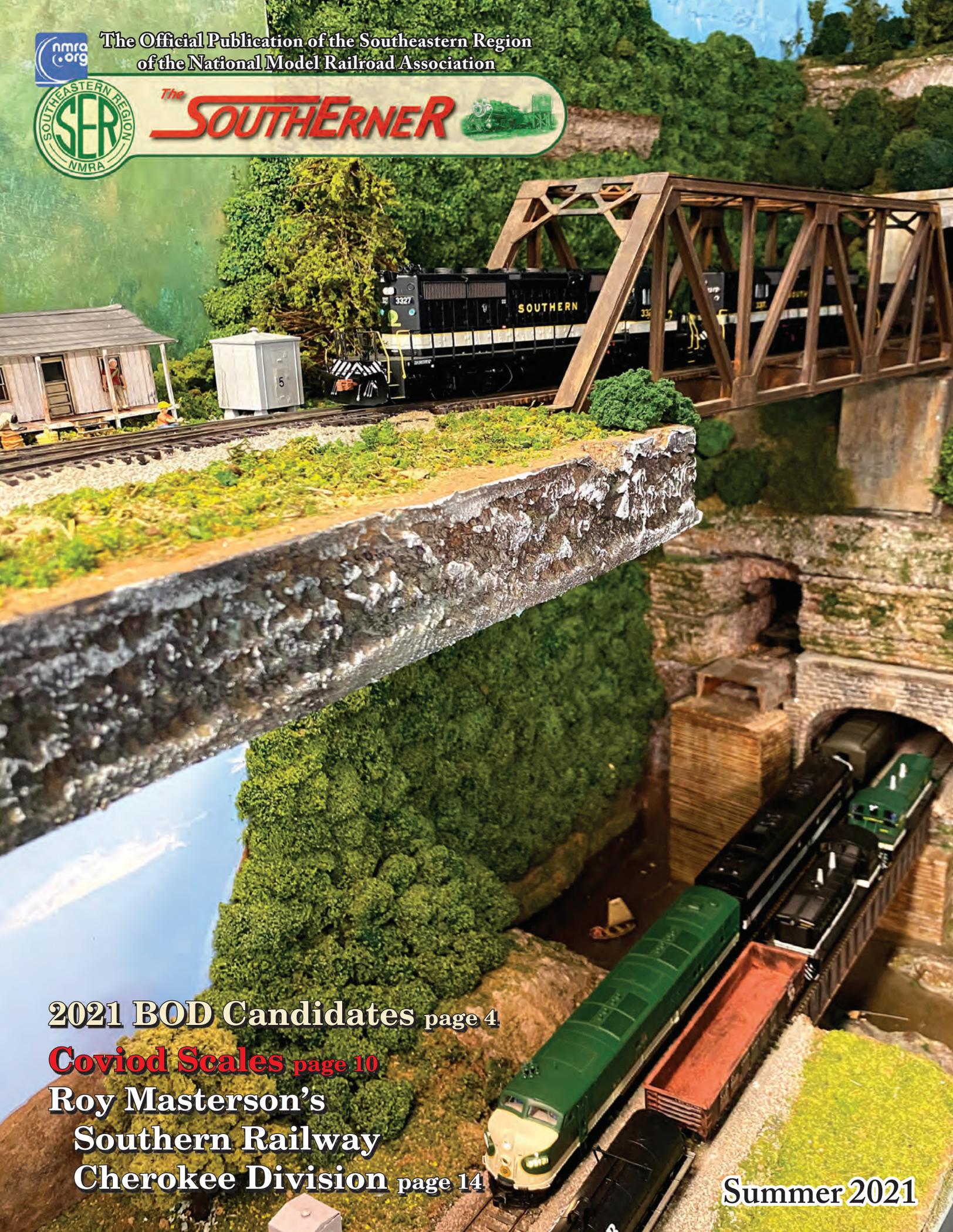




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Summer 2021



The President's Car Larry Burkholder

We are getting closer to "normal."

I hope you have been vaccinated and are feeling more comfortable about being around people again. With warm weather here outdoor group activities can be held

and, with appropriate precautions, indoor events are possible. Having said that none of this overcomes the problems of our spread-out membership.

Therefore, lets not abandon the video conferencing capabilities we have. To support that, we have recently appointed Eric Hansmann to be the SER Video Communications Chairman. He will work with the divisions to train, organize, and plan video activities. Let Eric know who in your division has been assigned to organize virtual meetings and, if you want to hold a virtual meeting, but are not sure how to do everything you want to do, contact Eric eric@hansmanns.org.

In the recent NMRA national election, our own Rick Cobel was elected Vice President and Mike Cummings Secretary. While this attests to the talent we have in

our region, it also presents a problem for us. Both guys were active in managing activities and positions at the region level. Rick has generously

agreed to continue producing the monthly E-Blast newsletter. However, Mike, who is currently the SER Secretary, will be resigning from that position in July. We need to find a replacement asap. Our thanks to both Rick and Mike for their service to the Region and best of luck for their future with their national positions.

I hope you have been enjoying the virtual webinars that our Education department have been presenting. Thanks to Owen Maddux, our past Education Chairman, for developing the program and our new Education Chairman, Chuck Higdon, for continuing to organize and present them. They have been very well done and interesting. If you have an idea for a webinar let Charles know vze5crrw1@verizon.net.

According to the event managers, the Swamp Rabbit Express Convention in Greenville, SC, is moving forward well. It is scheduled for September 9 – 12. Look for more information on their website www.swamprabbitexpress.org. If you have not registered yet, do so. They have a great program planned and outside tours will fill up fast. **SER**

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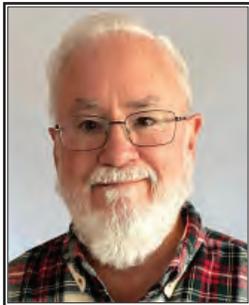
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2021 BOD Candidates for Election

President Roy Masterson

Like most model railroaders I caught the bug early. My older cousin had a Lionel Santa Fe layout his family set up at Christmas and at age 6 it was love at first sight when I saw that Santa Fe passenger train! The next year Santa brought me an American Flyer train set and I have followed the hobby since then. I still remember the first Model Railroader magazine my cousin gave me. I have enjoyed many years of real and model trains since and sharing the hobby with fellow modelers.



I currently serve as Director on the Board of the Southeastern Region and as Superintendent of the Cherokee Division. In 2019 I represented the SER on the NMRA's 2025 Strategic Planning Committee along with members of all national and international Regions of the NMRA. In 2018 I was awarded the President's Award for the progress the Cherokee Division has achieved in promoting our hobby in the Southeastern Region. In 2020 I received the Dave Muller Award for Individual Achievements and Volunteerism and have earned two NMRA Achievement Awards: Association Official and Association Volunteer. Serving as the Convention Chairman for the 2019 SER Convention held in Chattanooga, Tennessee was probably my biggest challenge so far.

In September of 2016 I was asked if I would take over as Superintendent of the Southern District of the Headquarters Division. Our District had been inactive for many years and with the help of our newly elected Board we have become an active organization again. In 2018 we renamed our division to the Cherokee Division and hosted the 2019 SER Annual Convention. Along the way we also held several Boy Scout Railroad Merit Badge Programs. In late 2020 the Cherokee Division incorporated as a non-profit and have applied for 501(c)(3) status.

My model railroading interests include being a member of the Operations Special Interest Group (OPSIG), Chattanooga Modular Modelers, Inc., Tennessee Valley Model Railroad, Inc., and the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum. My own HO scale Southern Railway – Cherokee Division is a double-deck layout designed for operations. My 230' mainline layout is set in the late 1970's and trains run from Harriman, TN to Decatur, AL with enough switching opportunities to keep crews busy during an operating session.

I especially enjoy the operations aspect of model railroading and have been fortunate to operate on a lot of outstanding layouts in and around the SER. The best thing about being in the NMRA is all the friendships we make as we all enjoy the best hobby there is and getting to see examples of outstanding modeling our members have

created. My wife, Kay, and I live in Chattanooga and have two grown daughters and one grandson (who has been running trains on my layout since he was 5 years old). If elected President of the SER it will be an honor to work with the many outstanding modelers in our Region as we share our love of trains and help promote future leaders in our great hobby.

Treasurer Mark McAllister

My name is Mark McAllister. I have had the pleasure of serving the SER for the past two years as your CFO/Treasurer. In this time, we've worked through a pandemic, the loss of a convention and many changes to how we work personally and within the SER. As a BOD member, committed resources to help divisions maintain programs and form new ones to reach out to new members. Most recently, we've purchased Zoom licenses that may be used by divisions to host meetings and training events upon request.



The SER and the NMRA will face many challenges and changes as we move forward and work to establish new normals and service. I believe the SouthEasteRn region should lead the way. I would like part of that leadership as an incumbent.

I am seeking to serve a second term as your CFO/Treasurer to continue to streamline services and grow the SER. Thank you for your vote and support.

Director-At-Large Brian Ford

My appreciation of railroads came from my grandfather, who was a brakeman for the Grand Trunk Western Railroad near Port Huron, MI. My first trainset was a bicentennial one for Christmas that I promptly setup on the ping pong table. Then I started reading model railroading magazines and found John Armstrong's design book, which opened my eyes to what is possible.



After moving to Kansas City, I joined NMRA in 2001 to find other model railroaders and to learn more. A regular operating group invited me to join and I also began participating in regional and national NMRA conventions. After moving to Chattanooga in 2010, I reached out through NMRA to find other model railroaders. I really enjoy layout design, prototype research, and operations, and am a regular operator for several layouts in Tennessee and Atlanta.

I am also a member of Chattanooga Modular Modelers, Tennessee Valley Model Railroaders Inc (new layout under construction at the TVRM), and NMRA-OpSIG (of course!). For the last several years I have served as director for the Cherokee (former HQ) Division of SER and have presented part of the Boy Scout RR merit badge. I also served on the

2019 SER Convention Committee and planned/executed several activities for that very successful convention.

I have enjoyed helping model railroad friends design extensions of their railroads. In my spare time I am building an HO representation of mid-1990's BN in the Springfield MO area on the old Frisco, called the BN Monett Sub. My railroad is funded by full-time employment at TVA, where I oversee fire protection upgrades and testing for our fleet of coal/gas/hydro powerplants.

Even now I still go out of my way for a little railfanning, which has been further enabled by access to TVA's coal unit trains, switcher locomotives, and other rail deliveries (such as ammonia, pebble lime, and transformers). Family includes my musical wife of 32 years (Ronda) and our American Eskimo pup (Lily).

In this hobby I have enjoyed the comradery of the model railroad community, the creative variety of layout builders, and the challenge of moving model railroad traffic as the layout owner intended. As an engineer, I am always drawn to figuring out how something works and how can it be improved, whether it's a widget or a process. I want to serve the SER and ask for your vote as Director.

Director-At-Large Kenneth Majchrzak

Hello to the SER membership. My name is Kenneth Majchrzak. I am running for a 2021 Director's position on the SER Board of Directors. I must be the "newbie" in this election as I have only been an NMRA member since 2010. However I immediately volunteered to be the Assistant Superintendent of the Palmetto Division. Six years ago I became the Superintendent. It has been a steep learning curve for me but I have enjoyed every minute of it.



I have been a model railroader since I was in high school and was a member of several model railroad clubs when I lived in the State of New York. When we moved to South Carolina in 1999 the house we bought did not have a basement and no room large enough to rebuild my HO layout. So I packed it away and started into G scale railroading. I am currently building an outdoor operations based battery powered layout - another whole set of new skills required.

I hope help bring all the Divisions in the SER closer together in communications and shared activities. Any Division that has a small victory for its membership when is shared and integrated throughout the SER is a giant victory for the SER membership as a whole. Getting to know and serve as many SER members as possible is one of my main goals here.

I humbly request your support in voting for me in the upcoming election to become one of the SER BOD's.

Thank you.

Director-At-Large John Stevens

My name is John Stevens and I am running for the position of Director of the SER.



- I joined the NMRA after visiting the NMRA/SER/Piedmont Division table at a Train Show being held in northeast Atlanta in 1997.
- In the early 2000's, I became the Piedmont Division/Region Good & Welfare Chairman replacing John Blanchard. John had mentioned that the majority of his letters were for bad or sad things that had happened to members. I came up with the idea of Milestone Birthday Letters starting when the members reached age 65, which seemed very far away when I started them.
- In 2004, I was awarded the Dave Muller Award as the SER's top volunteer in a single division who has done outstanding "beyond-the-call-of-duty" work to make his or her local Division effective.
- Between 2004 and 2008 I served two terms as Southeastern Region Secretary under President Bob Beaty.
- In 2008, the National Board of Directors held their Semi-Annual Board of Directors Meeting in Atlanta. At the time, I was the National Scout Coordinator and since I had never met my boss (I was part of the Education Department) I decided to attend the meeting. By dinnertime, I had been appointed Assistant Secretary.
- In 2012, I became the National Secretary which is a position that I held until 2018.
- In 2018, I became the National Vice President of Administration.
- In February 2020, I decided that I was not going to run for another term at the National level as I desired to become a POM (Plain Old Member) again.
- Well, that didn't last long. The SER Nominating Committee approached me about running for the position of Director, which I have agreed to do.

I think that my knowledge of the operation of the NMRA along with the personal contacts that I have developed over the years will be beneficial to the members of the SER. I look forward to the opportunity of serving you again. **SER**



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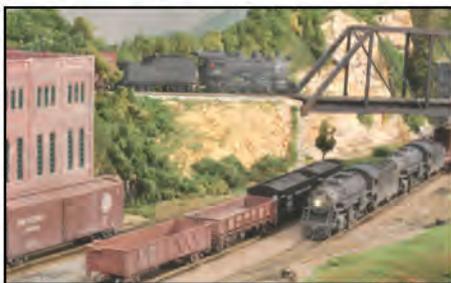
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SER Convention 2021 Layout Preview

Central Railway Museum's HO Layout
Article and photos by Sandy Eustis

The town of Central, South Carolina, was given its name because it lies exactly halfway between Atlanta and Charlotte on the original railway line connecting the two cities. Truly a railroad town, Central once housed engine servicing facilities and a railroad hotel/restaurant where passengers en route in either direction could disembark at noon for luncheon, while their locomotives were refueled and serviced for the afternoon portion of the full day trip between those cities.

Today, the busy Norfolk Southern main line runs through the center of town, but without stopping. About 20 scheduled freight trains and Amtrak's Southern Crescent pass through Central every day.

The Central Railway Museum is located in the original station master's home a short block from the tracks. The museum contains several layouts (Lionel, American Flyer, and G scale "up by the ceiling"), but the centerpiece is a nearly complete HO model railroad that occupies about 2/3 of the total floor space. It's a double decker, plus an 8 track hidden staging yard at a third (lowest) level. The lower level represents the Southern Railway between Atlanta and Greenville -- Georgia and South Carolina -- while a fictitious second railroad (The Central Railroad) runs up a four-turn helix that connects the lower level to

Asheville North Carolina on the upper level.

A 5 track upper level staging yard nests inside the helix. A full run from lower staging through 3 fairly large yards (Atlanta/Peachtree, Seneca, and Asheville/Biltmore), including the run up the helix to upper staging, contains just over 200' of main line trackage. In addition, there are 2 major branch lines. The signature industry is large paper mill complex and there's a separate upper level HO_n3 narrow gauge logging line too.



The layout is set in the fall of 1958; upper level (North Carolina) scenery features peak season fall colors, while lower level (South Carolina and Georgia) scenery features early fall colors. Overall, the layout is 100% complete regarding trackage and about 90% complete regarding structures and scenery. There are about 50 locomotives and 400 revenue cars, all appropriate for the steam to diesel transition era. Five independent continuous running loops are built into the track plan for weekly display running every Saturday, when the museum is open to the public. Members are



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The Central Railway Museum will be open for layout tours and for a formal operating session during the Swamp Rabbit Express regional convention in Greenville, September 9-12. [SER](http://www.facebook.com/ser.nmra)



Education Department
Chuck Higdon
Cherokee Division

breeze with each other. We also share photo of what we have been working on. Besides what we learn from the clinics.

I hope this issue of *The SouthErneR* finds your family and you well and virus free. As I read over the last issue's article, I noticed my email address was missing a number. I hope that is why no one has offered anything to present in the

layout. I am happy to report the wall that supports half of the layout is now painted and holding some of the modules. Many of the self-standing ones are also up.

NOTE; Zoom account number and password will be announced by an E-blast from Rick Coble a week ahead of the date.

future. Yes, I was also told there was an error after we went to print. Sorry about that. Please reach out at vze5crrw1@outlook.com with any suggestions for future webinars. These presentations can help you become an MMR if you present one, either towards the Author Achievement or Associate Volunteer Achievement. They take some planning, but just like a written article. If you first outline it out, then fill in the sections. It will be compiled and ready to present in no time.

Have you been able to view one of the presented sessions? If not, please tell me why not. What can be done to include you in with our viewers? Any feedback will remain between you and me. I am looking for ways to get more viewers. I have enjoyed watching and learning from each one. By seeing them twice, I get to look again at something I may have missed first time around.

I have no agenda for this position. As I was asked to fill in with Owen's move to the MER from here in the SER. So, if there is some topic you think we could expand on, please let me know.

There are no more webinars scheduled now. I am working with a presenter for one in September. When I have the details, an email blast will announce them. It will be about how to use a JMRI feature to make the string chart for your railroad's schedule. Handy to use if you are working on your "Chief Dispatcher's" achievement.

The SER has purchased two commercial Zoom accounts, one for meetings and one for education. If any club or district wants to schedule a webinar then contact me and I will set it up at no cost. I can be reached at 732-278-1646 or at vze5crrw1@outlook.com. While not the same as in person meetings, they give the quick response as talking face to face. For Divisions that seem too big area wise for all to meet in person this may help get the members together. I Zoom 3 nights a week. Monday with the ETE (European Train Enthusiasts), one of the Ops groups I belong to in Pennsylvania, and then with a round robin work group. Attendee numbers are around 110-130, then 7 - 10 and 3 - 6. So large or small group sizes make no difference. But those that participate, enjoy being able to shoot the



I hope you can sign on to all the webinars and learn more about model railroading.

I want to give thanks in advance to all our presenters who will sharing their time and expertise for their contributions to our hobby. [SER](#)

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Covoid Scales

Article and photos by Jerry Michnewicz

During these crazy times of virus, mask wearing and not much to do I came up with a project that might interest some in the *World's Greatest Hobby™*. I call it my *Covoid Scales*.

A good train buddy of mine inspired the idea when he tried to conveniently re-rail a box car in an area that did not provide a lot of light and was somewhat difficult to get to. Basically, I use it for putting rolling stock or an engine back on the rails after maintenance. Especially difficult are engines, diesel or steam, with a lot of wheels. Aligning the wheels with the rails sometimes becomes a challenge and can cause a conductor or engineer to use words that only a sailor has been known to use. So, I came up with this idea and put it in my North Yard area of the M&NYC with easy access to see and handle the piece of equipment that I was putting back on the rails.

I started the installation with a string of LEDs (*photo 1*) secured to a length of bass wood (styrene/plastic works well) with several legs or support arms to make it look like a barrier type of fence and wired in a simple on/off toggle switch. The LEDs already came with resistors installed on the strip so making the hook up to a power source (6 / 12v) was easy.

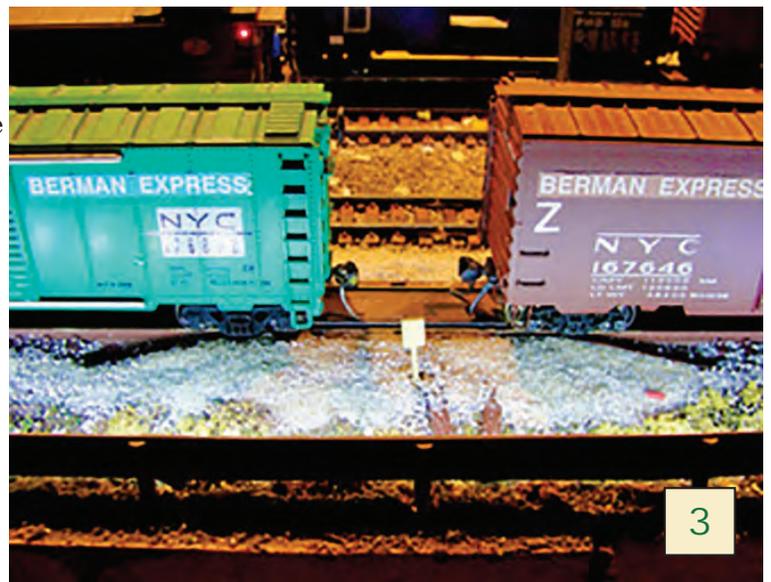


Next, I used an Atlas re-railer and a Kadee uncoupling magnet to simulate the scale. I cut out the exact

area from the center of the re-railer so as to fit the magnet in and glued it in place with E6000 from Hobby Lobby and adjusted the height to the rails so it could be used as a test stand for gauging coupler-pin height as well as an uncoupler. I also removed the plastic that ramps up to the rails and left the leading and trailing wheel guides in place.

Weathering and dressing up the area (*photo 2*) to make it blend was not much of a challenge. I googled pictures of railroad scales and discovered some neat photos and learned that scales were/are very much a part of a railroad

yard environment. It was necessary, of course, to cut out a section of rail from the run around track to install “the scale” but using a Dremel and cutting wheel made the project easy. I used beach sand instead of ballast so the area around the scale presented a different appearance and a more eye-catching detail. The entire project was completed in one afternoon. It came out well and I find this addition a very useful tool (*photo 3*) and a nice detail to the M&NYC’s North Yard. [SER](#)





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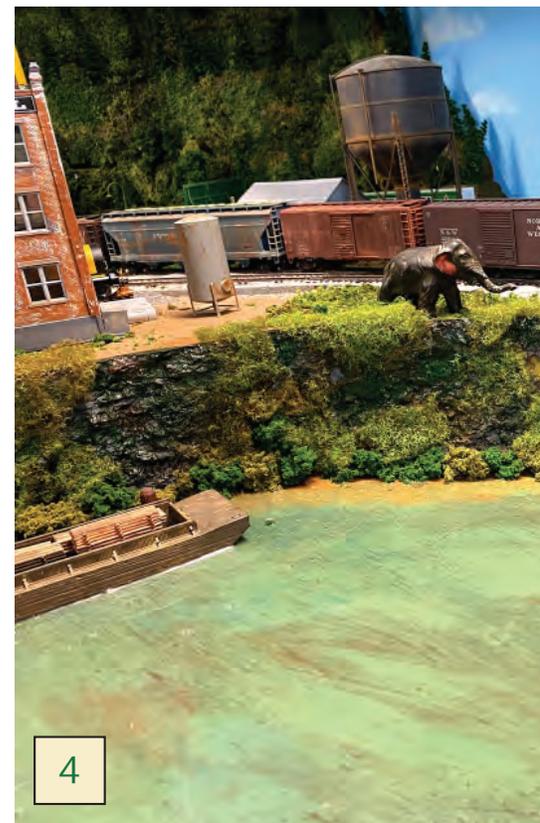
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Southern Railway Cherokee Division

Text and photos by Roy Masterson

Our *SouthErneR* editor has been pleading for photos of SER member's layouts for months. Well, let me help with these photos.

While not prototypical, this shows how both levels of the HO scale double-deck layout share a scenic divide between two of the three rooms in my basement.



- 1 A pair of new SD40-2s lead a coal train through Tiftonia, TN
- 2 Switch crew hard at work sorting cars in Citico Yard in Chattanooga, TN
- 3 Busy industrial area in Huntsville, AL
- 4 Local leaving Bridgeport, AL and crossing over the Tennessee River towards Chattanooga



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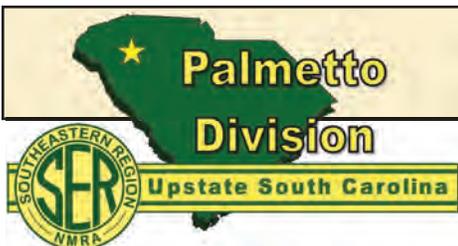


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- 5 F-Units roar through Paint Rock, Al with a mixed freight heading to Huntsville
- 6 E-unit pulling The Tennessean blasting past railfans outpost in rural Alabama on the way to Huntsville
- 7 A trio of Alco's lead a grain train past Wilson Oil in Scottsboro, Al



Division 7 - Palmetto Ken Majchzak ~ kemajchzak@gmail.com

As you would expect, the main focus of the Palmetto Division right now is the upcoming SER Convention here in Greenville, SC this September. Please go to our convention web page - www.swamprabbitexpress.org - for full convention details and information on how to register for the convention.

Advertising for commercial and individuals is available in the Swamp Rabbit Express Convention Timetable. Information on rates and sizes are available on the convention web site.



ed to restart face to face Division meetings this December. Work on the first meeting will start in earnest after the SER Convention is completed.

The Central Railway Museum's Model Train Expo 2021 was successfully held on May 14th and 15th. While attendance was down slightly due to Covid-19 concerns, all the vendor tables were filled and all who attended had a good time. The Palmetto Division HO T-Trak modular layout was in attendance and operating for all the youngsters to enjoy.

The Central Railway Museum reopened to the public on May 29, after being closed due to COVID-19 concerns for over a year. In addition to the large HO layout described elsewhere in this issue, the CRM includes both an American Flyer layout (*left photo*) and a Lionel layout (photo below).

These include substantial collections of Christmas train sets from the 1930's to the 1960s, plus many operating accessories. The CRM's regular programs include operating sessions once a month (visitors welcome), a modeling skills workshop series, home layout tours via Zoom, and a guest speaker series.

You can get more information about one of the southeast's best model railroading museums at www.crmha.org. [SER](#)

Additionally, the Palmetto Division is holding virtual meetings entitled "What's on your Workbench." In these meetings division members can show and describe model railroad projects they have been working on during the pandemic. We have held three very successful meetings so far and are planning to continue this, having a meeting every several weeks. The Palmetto BOD has also decid-



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Division 15 - Carolina Mountain Bill Raymond - trainman@morrisbb.net

Like everywhere else, the level of activity within the division remains greatly reduced

due the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic but we are seeing positive signs of things returning to "normal," especially as more and more people are receiving their vaccination shots. Our last two quarterly division meetings (January and April) have been held as Zoom calls.

Our January meeting was held on the 16th and was also our annual business/elections meeting. The positions open for election were the Division Clerk and the Assistant Division Superintendent. Rich Shook and Rob Bell were both reelected to their positions, respectively. We also needed a volunteer to serve the remaining one-year term as Division Paymaster. Fred Coleman graciously agreed to fill the term but unfortunately Fred passed away only a couple of weeks later. Frank Pearsall then agreed to serve as paymaster for the remaining term.

As many of you know, Fred faithfully served the division and region for many years in various capacities and was the organizer of the Asheville Train Show held every year in late February/early March. This year's show was held on February 26/27 and a very nice memorial was given to Fred at the start of the show. Fred's passing is a big loss to the division, region and national organizations.

Our April meeting was held on the 17th, again via a Zoom call. Among the highlights of the meeting were that two individuals earned Achievement Program Certificates; Ken O'Brien received his Authors certificate and Bill Raymond, MMR received his Association Official certificate, in addition, Rob Wright completed the requirements for his Golden Spike Award.

It was noted that Model and Prototype events were starting to reappear with the 611 Excursion Ride in early May, the Easley Train Show in mid-May, the upcoming 2021 National Narrow Gauge Convention in Hickory in early September and of course the 2021 SER Convention, Swamp Rabbit Express, on September 9th to the 12th in Greenville, SC.

Locally in the division, a few people have recently resumed operating sessions with more looking to restart them soon. The Apple Valley Club has reopened to the public on its previous Wednesday and Saturday schedule. Masks and social distancing are still encouraged at any public gathering.

The next Division Meeting will be held on July 17th. We hope to be able to have a regular "in person" meeting assuming we can find a suitable venue. If not, we will conduct it via Zoom for hopefully the last time. Remember to check out our Facebook group page at www.facebook.com/groups/CarolinaMountainDiv. **SER**

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New Awards in Our Southeastern Region This Quarter



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Cumberland Division members have continued monthly virtual meetings via the Zoom platform. We have enjoyed presentations covering prototype and modeling topics. Allen Tuten, President of the Central of Georgia Railway Historical Society, was a special guest. He presented an insightful history of the Central of Georgia Railway.

The Tennessee Central Railway Museum suffered dam-

ages in a storm that blew through Nashville. The SER made a donation to assist with the recovery efforts. Terry Bebout, TCRY Museum President, was most appreciative of the Region donation.

Modelers continue to keep busy here in the Cumberland Division. Some small groups have been meeting again to push layout projects forward. Here are a few photos from our members.



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Photos #1 a #2 are from Dan Cole's layout. Dan models the Pacific Railroad. See another photo on the back cover and additional information about this model railroad. [SER](#)

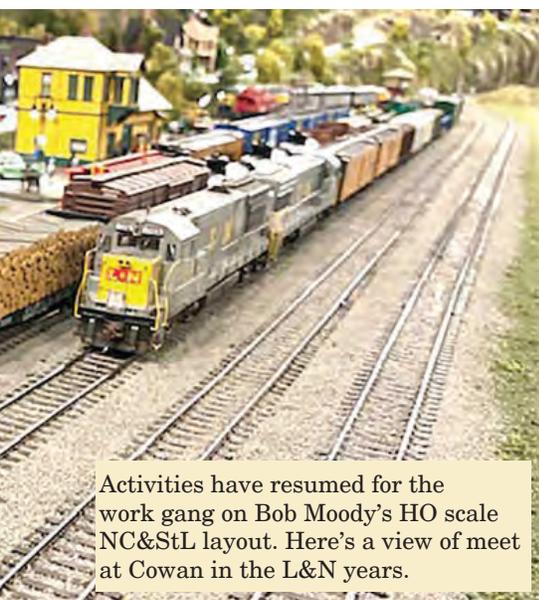


Trainmaster, Bob Moody, observes the action on the far side of an aisle. Nashville Union Station is seen in the background.





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Activities have resumed for the work gang on Bob Moody's HO scale NC&StL layout. Here's a view of meet at Cowan in the L&N years.



Tom Schmidt and J. D. Brooks pilot a southbound passenger train through Cowan and the Tracy City branch connection on Bob Moody's NC&StL layout.



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

The Smoky Mountain Division had several open houses in the first half of the year. In April, a number of members visited Carl Storms' Missouri Pacific Railroad and Allen Keller's Bluff City Southern.

Keith has been reworking his layout and the room by knocking down walls, putting in flooring and lighting. He has plans to double deck the layout when he retires.



Here are a few of the masked modelers at Carl Storms' house.



Dave's layout is around 4,000 square feet and is always changing. Here the masked Dave shows Newport to division secretary Ken Johnson. Newport is one of the newer areas on the railroad.



One of our newer members is photographing the Friars Point scene on Allen Keller's railroad.

On the next page, the top photo is an example of Dave's expansion, the new Apache Railway section. Allen Keller built the two buildings here, The Apache paper mill and the blue Apache power plant. Dave plans to use these buildings and more to hide the track above which leads to Summit.

Meanwhile, Allan Gartner, division member and contributing editor at *Model Railroader* magazine built this drug company (*photo right*) as a shout out to the pharmaceutical companies who made the new Corona Virus vaccines. [SER](#)

Then again in May the division hosted two more open houses. Keith Marson's Lake States Division of the Soo Line and Dave Houseman's Chicago, Denver & Pacific.



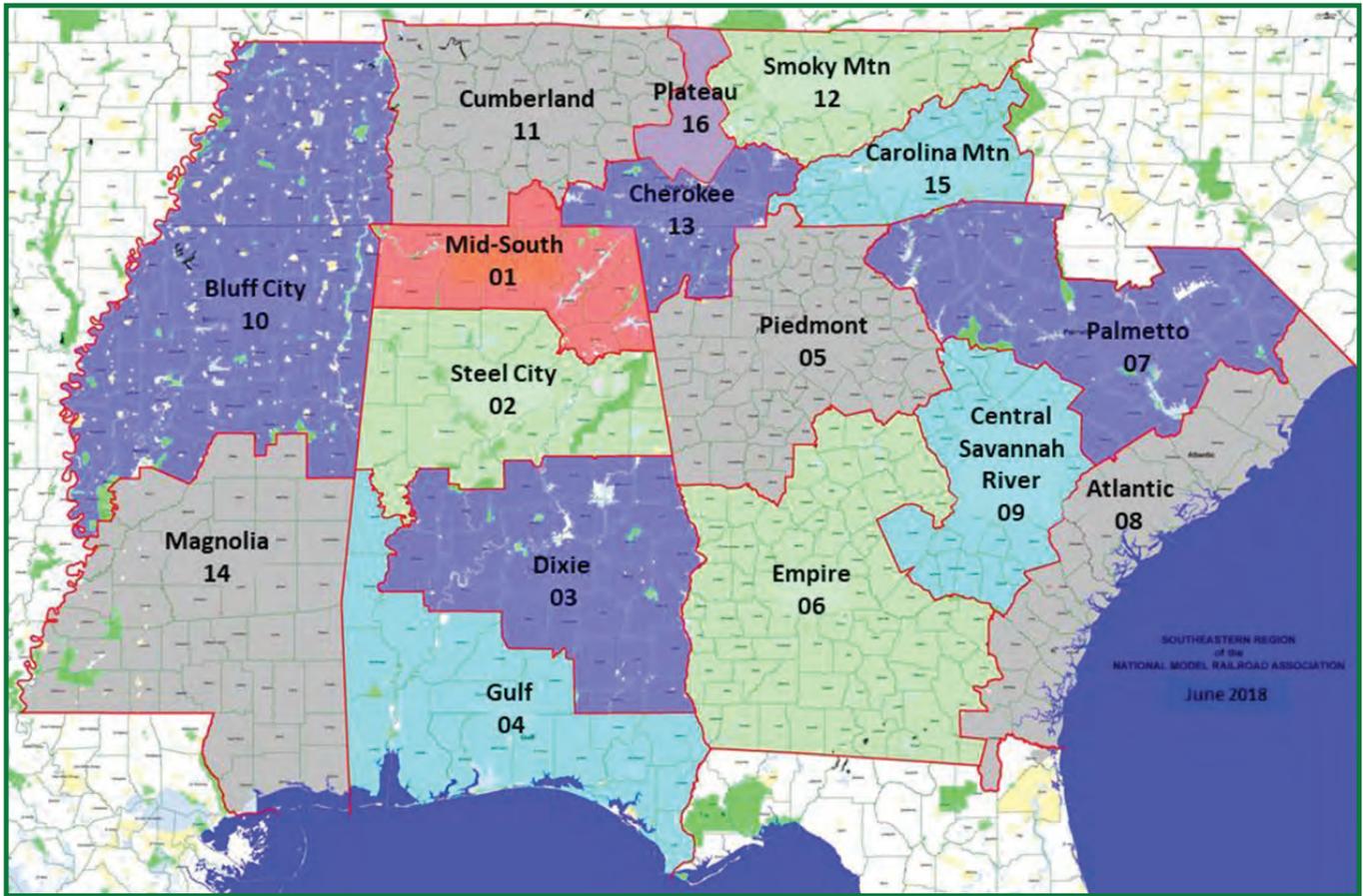
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Bluff City Division 10

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Dan Cole, a member of the Cumberland Division, has built his Pacific Railroad in a spare bedroom. The HO scale layout features standard and narrow gauge lines with a focus on mining and logging in a western mountain setting. Structures are a mix of modified kits and scratchbuilt beauties. Signs, details and weathering are key elements to all of Dan's modeling. *(See more on page 18)*

