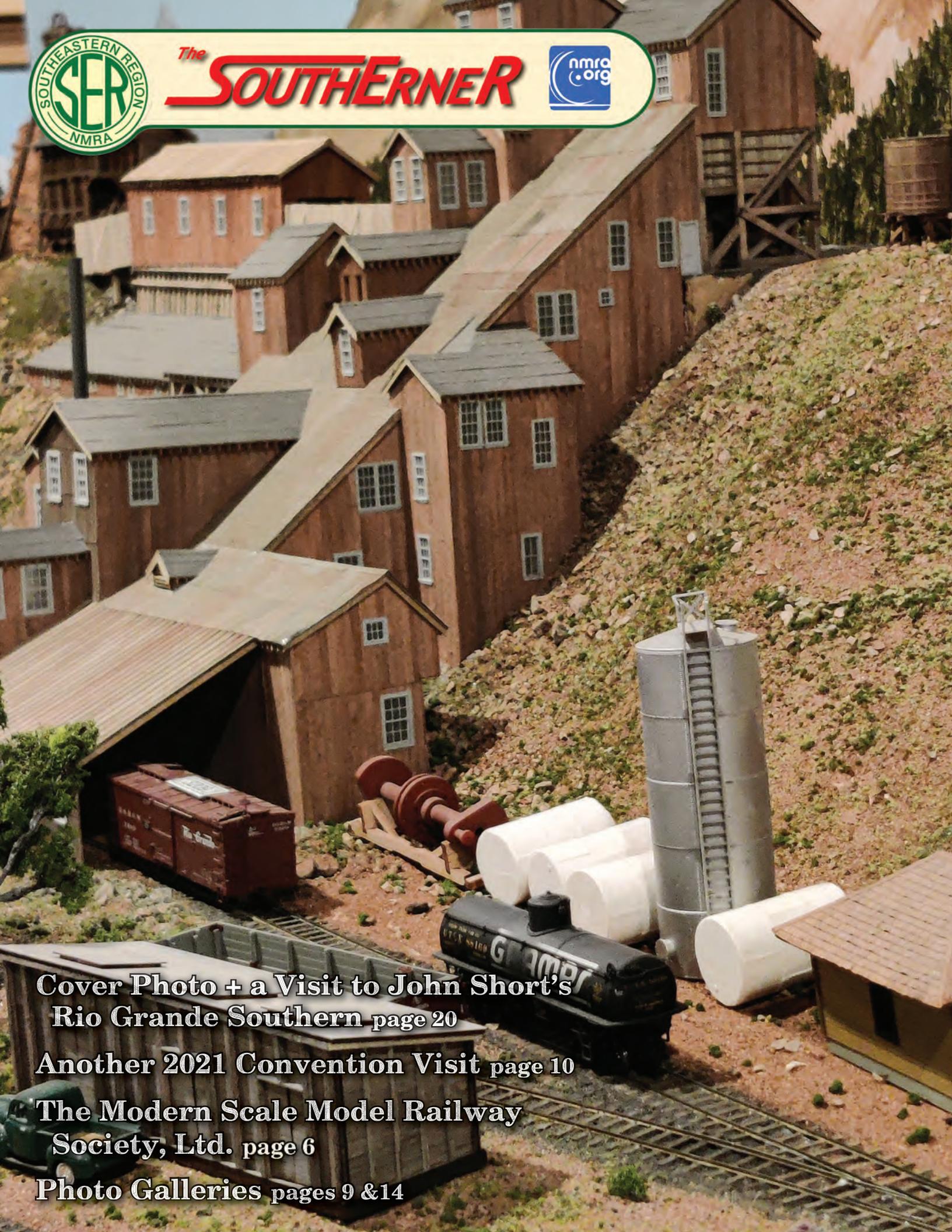




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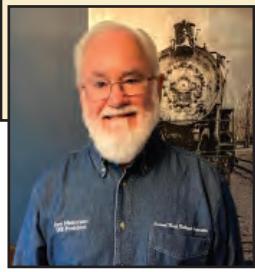


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The President's Car

Roy Masterson

It's been an interesting Fall. Around the SER we see things getting somewhat back to normal again as Covid cases have been decreasing across the southeast and with the easing of CDC guidelines on in-person gatherings. Looking back at this column, the Spring 2020 issue was the last issue without the mention of Covid, even though it had shut everything down before the magazine went to print. This fall modelers have reopened their homes for tours and operating sessions, clubs and divisions are meeting again, and we were able to hold the 2021 SER Convention in Greenville, SC.

I was glad to see the turnout for the Swamp Rabbit Express 2021 SER Convention. Over 160 NMRA members from across the SER and from neighboring Regions were in attendance. Everyone had a great time at the convention and the Palmetto Division put in a lot of hours worked hard to make the convention a success. There are some outstanding layouts in the Palmetto Division and some great modelers. I toured 6 layouts and operated on 4. There were great clinics at the hotel and great contest models. I was pleasantly surprised at the large turnout for the banquet on Saturday evening.



One of the funniest things to happen during the convention occurred after an OP session on Friday. I was riding back to the hotel with Rick Fulkerson from Charleston, SC and he told me he was hoping to meet with the incoming SER President during the convention about restarting the Atlantic Division. I said, "That would be me." Just weird how things happen by chance. Outgoing President Larry Burkholder, MMR met with Rick, Tom Sullivan and Casey Bartman from the Charleston, SC area Thursday evening. I was still on the road to Greenville so I couldn't meet with them.

After the chance encounter, I had dinner Friday evening with Rick, Tom and Casey and we discussed how to get things going again in their division. After the convention I participated in weekly Zoom calls as they reorganized, came up with new By Laws, and new Board members. They held their first Atlantic Division general membership meeting on November 8 at the Golden Isle Model Railroad Club located in Kingsland, GA to elect new

officers and ratify new By Laws. I was able to virtually attend using Zoom.

On November 8, I attended the membership drive at Ed Painter's house in Cohutta, GA for a new model railroad club, the Modern Scale Railway Society, that will be built on the grounds of a planned new Rail Park in Cohutta. The mayor and town council of Cohutta are renovating an area next to the main line of the Norfolk Southern to build a viewing covered platform for rail enthusiast. See the article by Ed painter on page 6 on the planned development.

The Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum's 60th Anniversary celebration was held on two weekends in October. The steam engines 4501 and 630 were each pulling trains on the Missionary Ridge Local. The Tennessee Valley Model Railroaders HO scale layout was on display and the Chattanooga Modular Modelers had their HO and N scale layouts. The Coosa Valley Model Railroad Association from Gadsden, AL brought their N scale layout. During the event I was able to spend some time with Shane Wilson of ScaleTrains who was there with his camper and display of models currently in stock or in development. After the first



weekend of the event Shane and his wife, Melissa, headed to California on his latest cross country road trip.

I also met with Steve Freer, TVRM Operations Supervisor, who gave me a tour of the new TVRM Exhibition Hall



that will be used to display railroad and TVRM memorabilia. We also discussed the TVRM's Grand Junction Master Plan announced this year that they had on display which will

totally change the layout of the Museum property.

In October, the Piedmont Division held their Model Train Show in Cartersville, GA. I attended both days and for those of us coming from areas north of Atlanta it's a much easier location for us to get to. They had use of the whole facility and finding a parking place was much easier than down at the Galleria. It was great to see so many people that were glad to be able to attend train shows again. And to see families with kids looking at all the trains for sale and all the modular layouts on display. The Piedmont Division will be using the same location in March of 2022 for their next train show and for the 2023 SER Annual Convention.

The Piedmont Pilgrimage was back to in person visits this year after being able to only hold virtual tours in 2020. While the number of visitors is slightly less than in previous years, they are happy with the turnout. The overall average per layout is around forty visitors.

Ben Bartlett, MMR stepped down as Contests Chairman after the convention in Greenville. Ben had been the Contests Chairman since 2017 and we appreciate his service to the SER. Bill Raymond, MMR has agreed to temporarily fill the position until a replacement can be appointed.

Due to the uncertainty surrounding the pandemic, it was decided not to hold a 2022 SER Annual Convention. It takes about two years of planning and work by a convention committee to put together a convention of the size we need. In the middle of the pandemic hotels and convention centers were not willing to commit to hosting a convention that no one knew we would be able to host.

For 2022 we are planning on holding two mini-meets. The Cumberland Division has agreed to host a mini meet in October of 2022 in Murfreesboro, TN. We are looking for a location in the southern part of the SER to host a mini meet in February or March. I know everyone would prefer to attend a larger convention but holding events in the northern and southern areas of the SER might allow more people to attend an event closer to home and are held on a Saturday & Sunday.

Thank you for your continued support of the NMRA and the Southeastern Region. And we welcome our new members. I know everyone is as anxious as I am for things to get back to normal. And as we do I hope you will get more involved with events around the SER. [SER](#)

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Education Department

Chuck Higdon
Cherokee Division

I hope this issue of *The South-Erner* finds your family and you well and virus free. Also hope your division is doing something. My predecessor here, Owen Maddux included me in an email about the Nashville, Chattanooga & St Louis Preservation Society's reunion meeting this past October. The main attraction of this event was a caravan tour of the old right away by Dennis Lambert, a local historian and rail-fan. The line was the NC&StL branch up the Sequatchie Valley to Pikeville, TN from Bridgeport, AL. In addition, we toured the Orme branch and visited the Bridgeport, AL



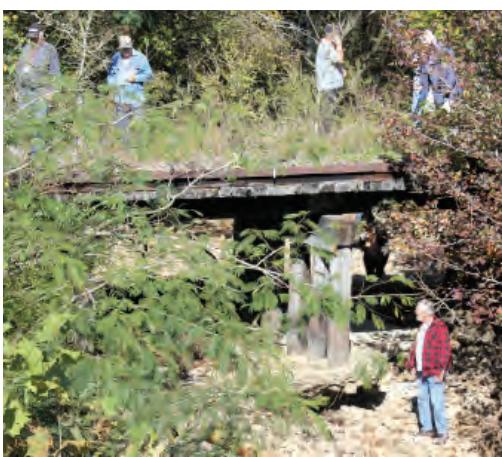
and Stevenson, AL depots. Turned out that the weather was nice that weekend. So, it was great to be outside, driving on roads less traveled much of the time. Seeing some remnants of the old branch still in existence. We were shown the spot where the Kimball, TN depot was.

Just a pile of gravel and weeds next to the tracks of the Sequatchie Valley Railroad.

We drove by the factories in Jasper still shipping and receiving via rail.



We saw the only remaining freight house, now a home.



weeds on top. Even some small trees were growing on the deck.

A wooden bridge about 80 feet long over a creek that was dry on this day. Some of us walked under the bridge and got some nice photos of the bents and structure. This is a closed deck bridge, so ballast, dirt and

So, what is the point here? You might be able to put a tour like this together for a small group in your division. This was very leisurely paced. It was not a road rally. Our group was small with only 4 cars. So, in planning something

like this, keep that in mind. Of course, don't trespass, park illegally or do anything that might get one or the whole group in trouble. If you and another buddy normally have a rail fanning trip sequence, maybe others might enjoy it. You could navigate in the lead car and your buddy be halfway back to help keep the caravan intact. I am not suggesting that you reveal your favorite photo location, keep that your secret. But maybe a short road trip would work as an alternative to an inhouse meeting.

A visit to Folkston, GA type event might be a different type of meeting, again out in the air. There may be places like Folkston, GA in other parts of the Region. I remember after the 2019 convention a group went to Dalton, GA to train watch. At both the Bridgeport, AL and Stevenson, AL depots there is parking and a few seats outside to watch trains. So, there are locations that can handle a dozen or so people around.

With the leaves gone now, we can see deeper into the woods and spot things not seen in the summer. Make some plans and in March get out and enjoy before the new leaves cover everything.

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

Last photo is of the last wall I put up. It is now painted, with the second level switching area to the right side. The new ramps for levels 2 & 3 are across the blue wall to the



other side to attach to the rest of the railroad. I still have to relay the rest of the track, attach the wires and we can run trains again.

See photos of some of the layouts open at the Swamp Rabbit SER convention this past September starting on page 10.

Enjoy life and take care. **SER**

Achievement Program

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Modern Scale Model Railway Society Ltd.

by Ed Painter

This is about a model railway club and the “Junction at Cohutta” rail park. – Cohutta, GA

Cohutta over time, like many small agricultural based country towns, basically became a “has been” community as local importance and businesses went to larger near-by communities. First becoming an entity in 1881, it became the location of a junction between a new rail cutoff constructed to Ooltewah and Chattanooga, TN from the original East Tennessee and Georgia ET&GA mainline.

The original mainline built in 1852 ran from Dalton, GA through Cohutta on to Cleveland, TN and beyond to Knoxville, eventually connecting with the Virginia and Tennessee in Bristol, VA. The cutoff allowed north-south traffic between Atlanta and Chattanooga to avoid going through Cleveland, literally putting Cohutta on the map.

As for rail traffic today, the cutoff became a vital link in what became Norfolk Southern’s (ex-Southern) busy H-Line linking Chattanooga to Atlanta and beyond. Daily volume ranges from 25 to 40 trains. The original ET&GA RR line between Cohutta and Cleveland, Norfolk Southern’s I-Line, has no scheduled trains currently and only sporadic company service moves or detours.

Cohutta is located about 40 minutes east of Chattanooga and halfway between Dalton and Cleveland. Over the past 5 years, Cohutta has begun a rebirth/transformation and revitalization. It began with the renovation of an older classic store in downtown by a lawyer for his practice, then spreading to a variety of businesses, with additional restorations on the horizon. Cohutta’s vision and goal for revitalization is to create a quaint, wholesome, family oriented, Mayberry like small town that will be commercially successful and fun. Cohutta’s railroad heritage and current operations have also become a focus in the revitalization process.

The Modern Scale Model Railroad Society was first conceived a couple of years ago by Marlen Brown and Drayton Blackgrove, both Scale-Trains employees. Their idea was to create a model railroad club that specifically modeled modern prototype railroading, 2000 to present and directly target younger aged modelers. In many cases people want to model what they see or have seen so modeling this period directly addresses this appeal to younger modelers. This is their fo-

cus with an emphasis on (but not exclusive to) NS, CSX and other operations in North Georgia and East Tennessee.

Initial thoughts were to find a suitable location in the Cleveland-Benton area. Regardless of no facility, the club had taken initial steps to organize with Marlin Brown becoming President, Drayton Blackgrove, Vice President, and Ed Painter, Treasurer/membership chairman.

Ed, an avid railfan and model railroader (long term NMRA member), after retiring moved to Cohutta in 2016 where he’d bought land between the two rail lines that join in Cohutta. He built a house plan with a 2,000 sq. ft. poured

basement specifically to construct a large model HO gauge railroad. His model railroad construction began in 2017

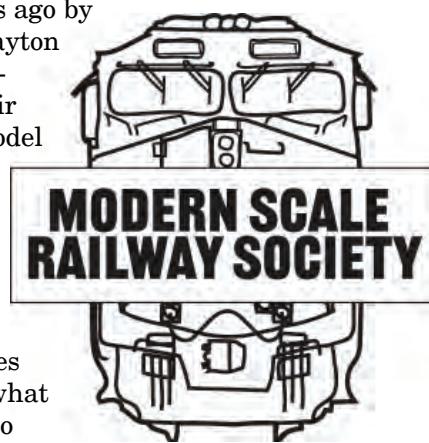


with regular Sunday afternoon gatherings of railfans and model railroaders in 2018.



At the same time Ed became engaged in town government and civic activities as a Land Use and Zoning committee member and Vice President of the Ruratan Club. He became a regular attendee of Town Council meetings and a strong, active advocate for Cohutta’s revitalization. Cohutta has a very forward looking and positive mayor, town attorney and town council. They are very open to all reasonable things that will enhance Cohutta and create positive, community improvement.

On the west side of Norfolk Southern’s trackage parallel to the junction and basically next to downtown Cohutta were five acres of land owned by the town. The land includes nicely wooded areas, some open field and a large concrete area that was the foundation from a long gone industrial/manufacturing facility. Also among other things on



the site was a large double-wide classroom trailer that had been used for volunteer fire department training.

If you can visualize possibilities two things were obvious: First, if the five acres were cleaned and groomed with proper fencing, platforms, bathroom facilities, parking, lighting and landscaping, the area could be transformed into a beautiful Railroad and Town Park. Secondly, the double-wide classroom trailer, if renovated, had good potential to be a location for a model railroad club.

With these thoughts in mind, Ed invited Marlen and Drayton to see what they thought of the potential for putting the Modern Scale Railway Society's layout into the double-wide trailer. After looking over the area, they all felt this was a true opportunity that needed to be pursued. A great location for a Rail Park and Model Railroad Club.

Ed discussed the idea with Cohutta Mayor Ron Shinnick who very much liked the idea. It was decided that a presentation about the rail park and model railroad should be given at the next town council meeting.



Ed (left) - Mayor Shinnick (right)

Follow up activities/actions to establish "The Junction at Cohutta" (rail park) and "The Modern Scale Railway Society Ltd." has progressed along the below timeline:

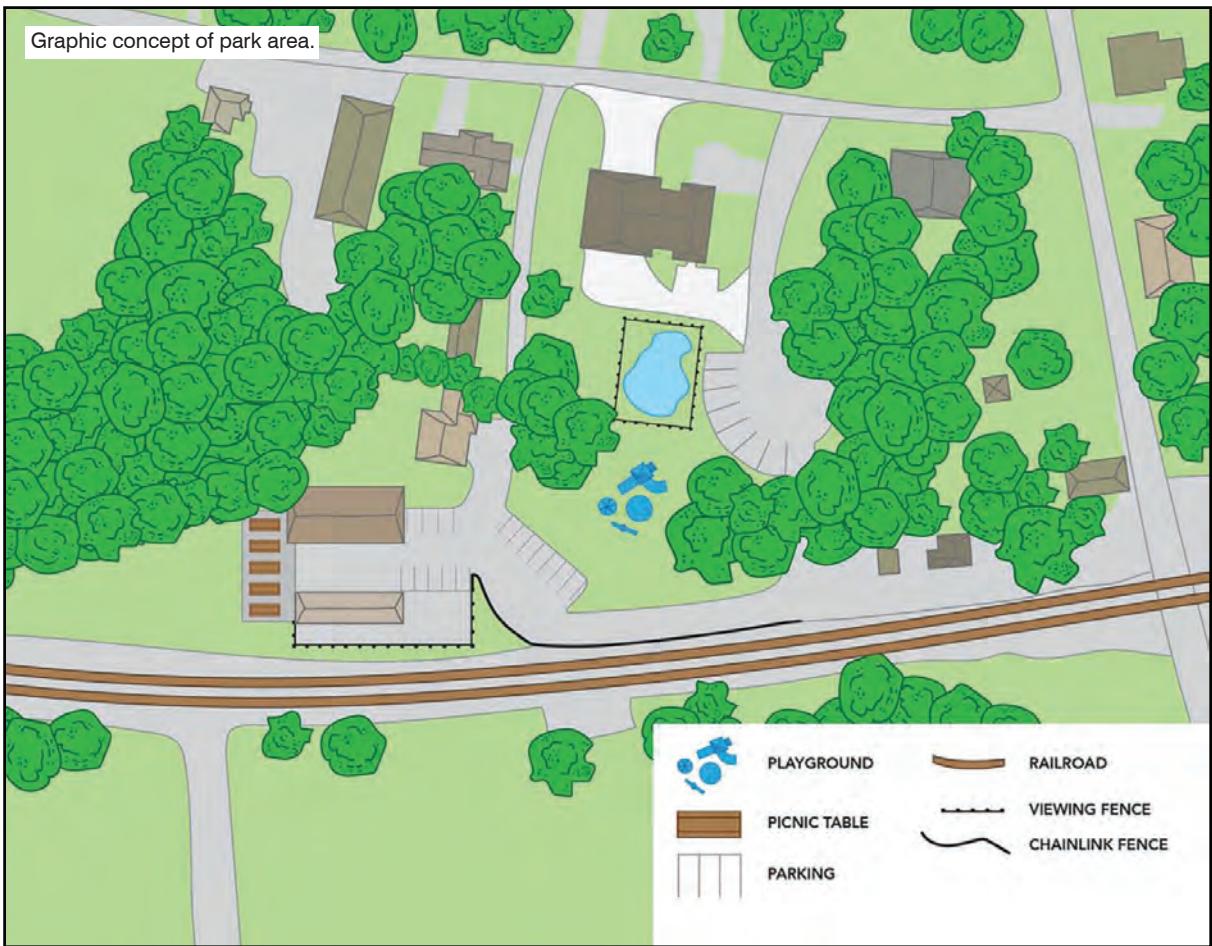
- 7/13/21 - With the help of Cohutta Town Attorney, Todd Johnson, application paperwork was successfully submitted to the Georgia Secretary of State to incorporate the MSRS Ltd as a Domestic Nonprofit Corporation. Established 07/13/2021.
- 8/7/21 - Gave presentation to the Cohutta Town Council that received a very positive response-
- 8/12/21 - Established that the existing double wide trailer would not be suitable for rehabilitation for the model railway so the town and MSRS Ltd would work



jointly to build a 3000 sq ft building for the model railway layout on the park site.

- 9/16/21 - Mayor Shinnick and Ed discussed with the head of the Whitfield County Public Works Dept getting help with the park area cleanup. It was a successful.
- 8/18/21 - Setup a checking account for the MSRS Ltd.
- 9/6w/21 - Gave a presentation to the Cohutta Ruritan Club on model railroading and the Modern Scale Railway Society (MSRS Ltd). The club gave a \$300 donation to the MSRS Ltd. Donations were also received from individuals after the meeting.
- 9/6/21 - Released a You Tube video to promote the park and model railroad.
- 10/21/21 - Norfolk Southern Track Supervisor Matt Robbins and Ed setup a meeting between both parties to discuss the rail park with Norfolk Southern officials from Atlanta and Cohutta town officials, Whitfield County officials and Cohutta's Georgia state representative. The meeting was very successful with a key component to NS supporting the Park being Cohutta's willingness to allow the closure of a sparsely used, unprotected, H Line grade crossing in town. This would provide funding from NS to facilitate building a pedestrian grade crossing adjacent to the Wolfe Street highway grade crossing with likely a surplus of funds that could be invested elsewhere in the park or model railroad building. Moving forward with the park got a green light from NS.
- 10/20/21 - Finalized the revisions of by-laws to the specific needs of the Modern Scale Railway Society, Ltd.
- 11/6/21 - Railfan/wmodel railroad gathering at Ed's to promote MSRS Ltd. and increase membership. Approximately 50 attendees with a gain of 10 new members for the Society. Among the attendees were Cohutta's mayor and town attorney with three town council members. The NMRA was represented with four individuals including Roy Masterson, President of the Southeast Region and Brian Ford, Superintendent of the Cherokee Division.
- 11/15/21 - Submittal of IRS paperwork for MSRS Ltd 501(c)(3) approval by Carnes and Company, CPA, PC (in the interim tax-exempt donations can also be donated through the town of Cohutta for either the park or MSRS Ltd)





Moving forward:

- Continue Park area cleanup (begin setting)
- Pursue corporate sponsorships for the park and MSRS Ltd.
- Research and pursue the availability of grants.
- Begin general fundraising efforts.
- Design/layout park specifics:
 - Area cleanup
 - Landscaping in general
 - Parking
 - Fencing
 - Lighting
 - Model Railroad Building
 - Passenger platform pavilion for train watching
 - Restrooms
 - Picnic tables and park benches
 - Playground equipment for children
- Develop a financial model for the park.
- Build a logic chart/flow diagram for developing the park

In summary: Things are progressing well with the Modern Scale Railway Society Ltd. Current membership stands at 19 with an additional 5 memberships pending. The make-up of membership includes ScaleTrains employees, the owners/operators of Virtual Railfan, James Wright noted You Tube model railroad reviewer, and Norfolk Southern, CSX and Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum employees. The membership while centered around Cohutta ranges to both Nashville and Knoxville.

With the construction of a building in the rail park still pending regular Sunday afternoon meetings will be held at Ed's home. Generally, this will include a cookout with train running and performing continued work on his layout.

MSRS members will also participate in the physical cleaning up of the five-acre park site on Volunteer Park Cleanup Days (including Ruritan Club members and other Cohutta residents). The Cohutta and Whitfield County governments are very supportive of the park and model railway as are the residents of Cohutta as a whole.

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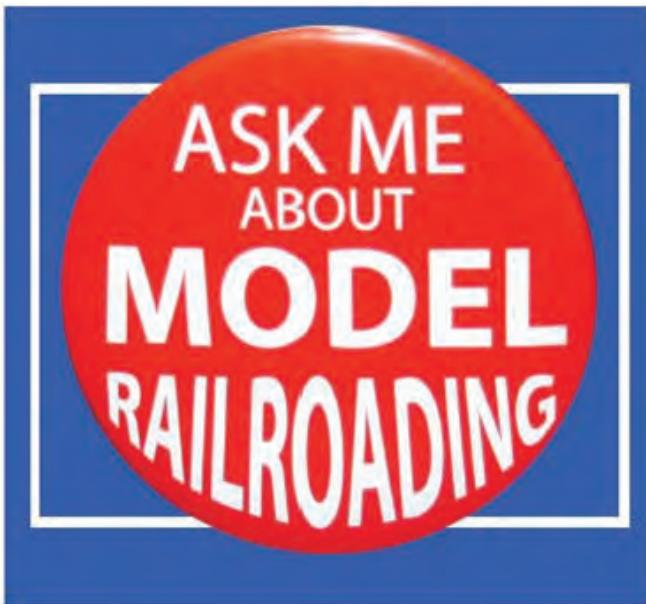
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2021 SER Convention Visit

by Chuck Higdon

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This first SER Regional Convention after the COVID-19

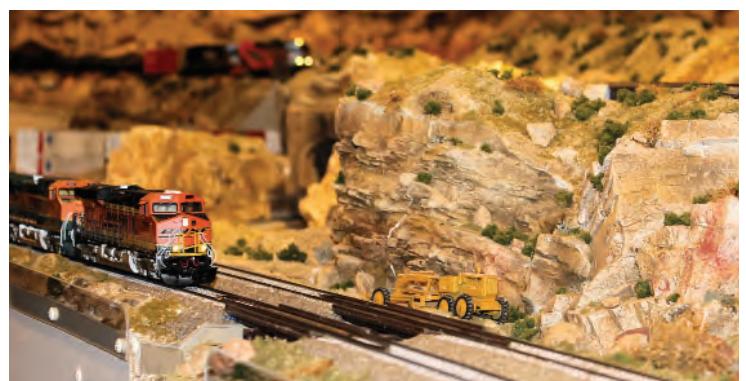
pandemic was a treat for those who attended. I enjoyed visiting 7 of the 27 layouts open for touring during the convention.



Thursday night we visited John Judd's and Markus Weller's. We first stopped at Markus's (3 photos left). Here the helicopter blades are spinning. His roundhouse and transfer table to handle his stable of locos. Nice beach scene, good job with the water coloring.

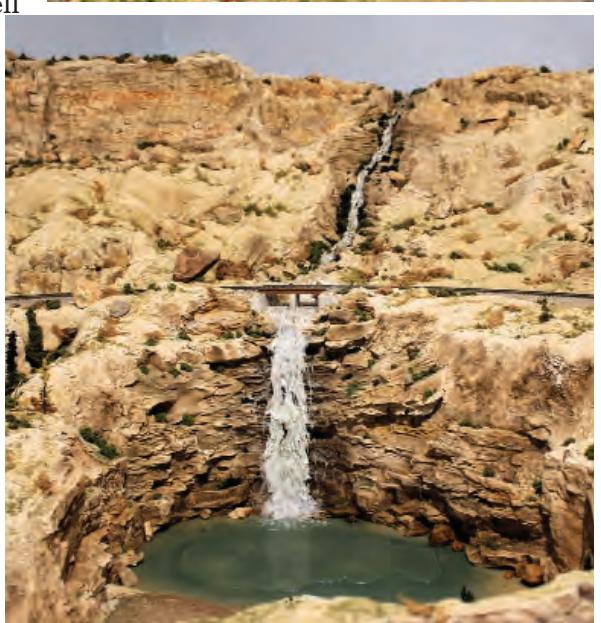
Then to John's Colorado Joint line layout (3 photos below). Lots of tracks for operations here.

Larger buildings kit-bashed for closer to proto size buildings. Using the covered hopper for a discharge bin is a nice touch.



Friday, we stopped first at Les Illes Santa Fe Eastern line. What a nice large layout (above and right) room he has and well lit. I can see the difference in his rocks, very nice results.

His waterfall looked good as did the roadbed. All blending together for a good scene.

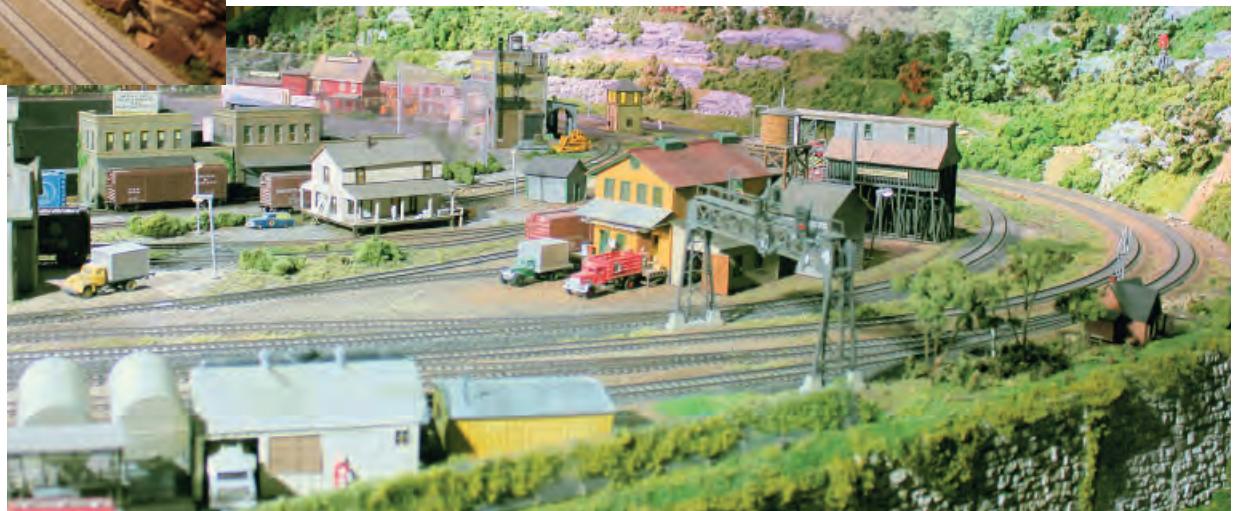




At the Apple Valley Model Railroad Club in the Hendersonville, NC station (*right*). We got to see some nice modeling.

Multiple levels to watch on this hilly layout with lots of tunnels. The tunnels help to get to the different room sections within the building.

The newest section has LED lighting that allows for day to night lighting. Computer controlled and can run automatically. It did brighten up the room and seemed to enrich the colors. The station was a large one with the outside waiting area.



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Then later at Tom Langdale's we saw more nice modeling on his NS inspired layout. (1) Shows one of the three areas for switching and his engine terminal. (2) Shows another area of his switching sections. (3) I thought this coal silo looked interesting and well built. (4) Here is where some of the coal loads originate on this railroad.



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Saturday, we visited Rich Bergen's and then Jack Varadi's layouts. At Rich's we saw a layout that includes some modules, so the track plan was point to point at the module end. Also, the layout is not that long at this location. (5) His engine terminal is compact but has the needed facilities. (6) The main town is up on a bluff with nice looking buildings. (6) I find the silver paint highlighted the container crane, making for a nice touch to it.

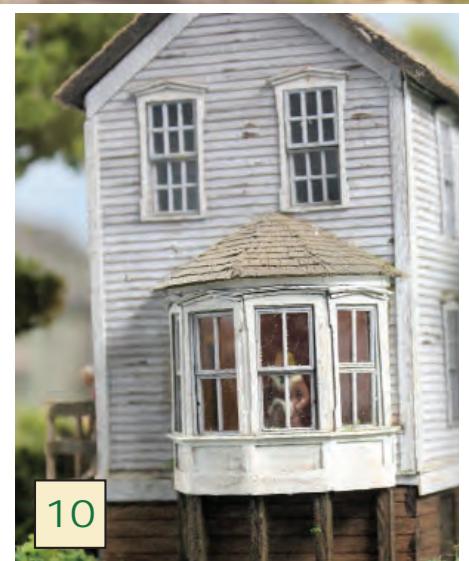
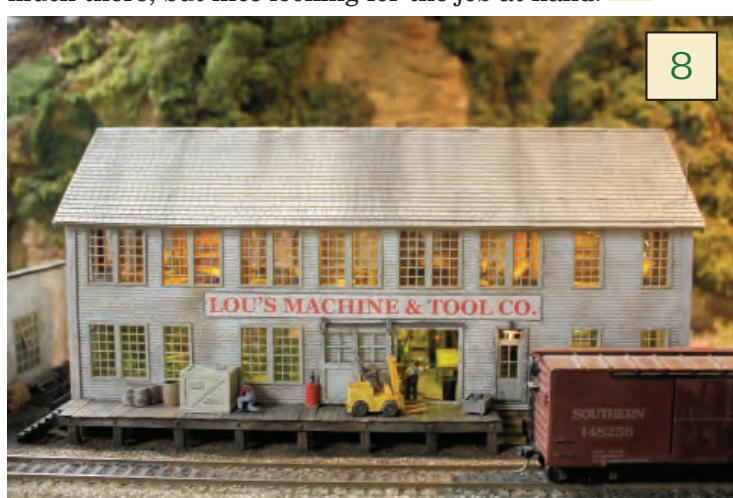


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The Pacific Railroad

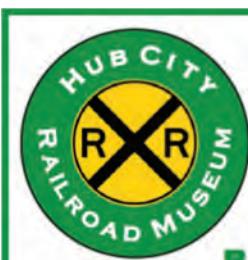
My HO scale Pacific Railroad Company is a fictitious, free-lanced line set in the 1940-1950s with a feel of the northern California, Oregon, and Washington region. It occupies a 12'x12' room with no windows that I designed specifically as a layout room when we built the house.

The layout has a few levels and three gauges. The bottom two levels are HO standard gauge. It follows a lazy dog bone design that goes around the room using grades and a helix to gain altitude. A drop-in girder bridge crosses an entry isle near the top of the grade. A river is at the bottom level, with a cannery as an on-line customer.

Next are two levels of HOn3. I call these the high line because it has a much higher elevation on the layout. The rails also follow a lazy dog bone pattern going around the room. This line is not connected to the standard gauge. I was originally going to connect with dual gauge but decided against it.

An HOn30 mining operation is next.





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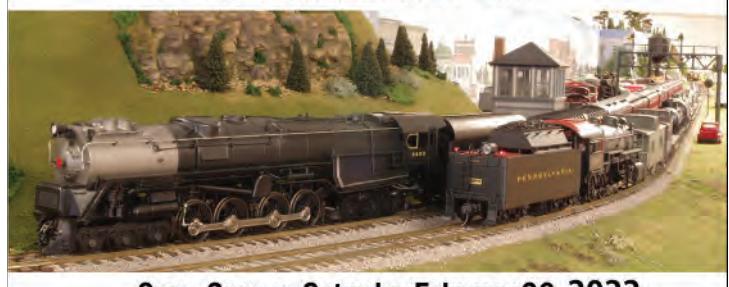
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It is at the highest level, reaching a fictitious elevation of 11,000'. This line and the mining scenes cover a smaller section of the layout.

All gauges have several tunnels with rerailers inside and easy access if necessary. I used scrap thin poster mat board from Hobby Lobby for roadbed, not cork. I use code 70 Micro Engineering flex track on the standard and narrow gauge right of way.

The standard gauge turnouts are PECO, while Micro Engineering turnouts are used on narrow gauges. I spent a lot of time weathering track and often remove ties to give it an old rundown look.

The railroad is modeled as a down and out line, with little money for upkeep. It supports



logging, mining, a cannery, and several other loyal customers. I included rail shop area called Pacific Camp that has detailed scenes for locomotive and freight car repair. A town called Cloud City is also on the layout, but up about 8,000' on the narrow gauge.

I use vertical rock scenery cast from Bragdon molds as well as hand carved plaster. Scattered among the mountains are lots of homemade and store bought trees, shrubs, and other scenic items. The layout is powered by Digitrax DCC, except the HOn30 which is a separate DC system.

I love to kitbash and am constantly building structures and locomotives. I didn't want to overcrowd the layout



with buildings, so I often change out the industries. Scenic elements change with the structures so they do not seem out of place. Vehicles are also a favorite subject and are usually part of a structure scene.

Many of my engines have sound. These are an assortment of geared and rod steam locos, and early diesels. Again, many are kit-bashed. The diesels are inspired by prototype critters.

The line doesn't have much passenger service. I use combines or drover cabooses, but I love motor cars. I've built several various self-propelled cars.

Nothing on my layout is new, it is all old and weathered. The effects of usage (or abuse), weather, and time add character to my kitbashed models. I love the moment when a model wraps up and I can share the work among friends.

My hobby influences are Malcom Furlow, John Olsen, and John Allen. The layout has been featured in the *Narrow Gauge & Short Line Gazette* and *Railroad Model Craftsman*.



Craftsman. A kitbashing article on engines and motor cars was featured in *Railroad Model Craftsman*. More photos have appeared in different Walthers reference books and among *Model Railroader* magazine's trackside photos. SER



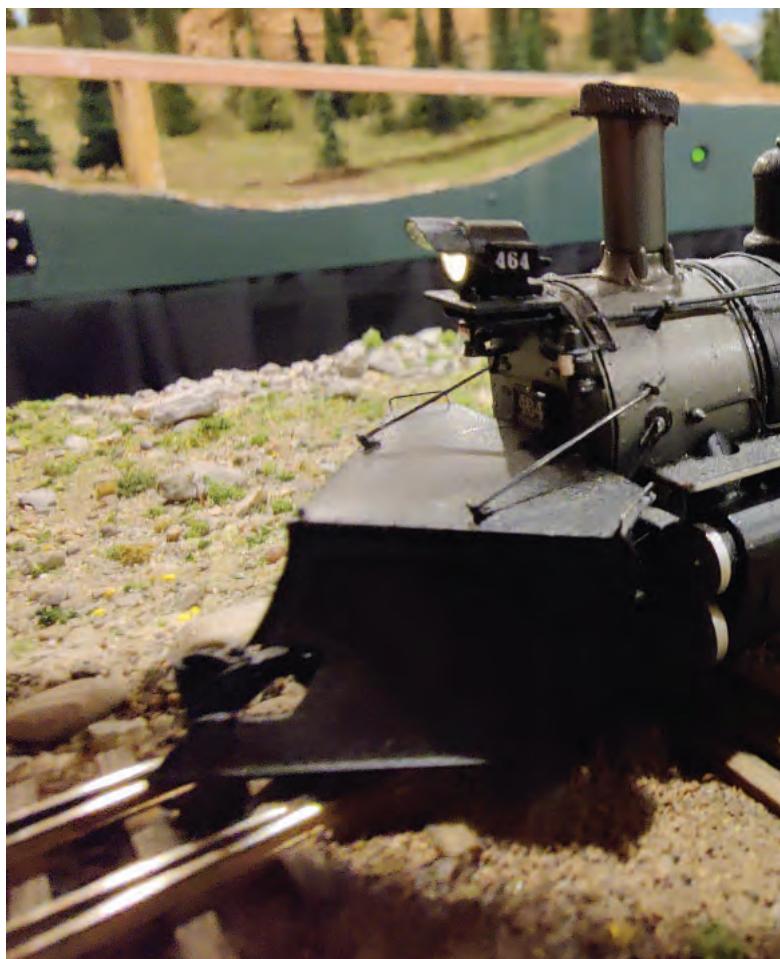


2021 SER Convention Visit

by Brian Ford

Article & photos by Brian

During the recent SER convention, a small but dedicated crew operated on John Short's fabulous Rio Grande Southern set in 1940. This HOn3 layout is 48'x24' modeling the Ridgeway to Durango main line as well as several important branches. It has mountain scenery and many scratch built structures as these photos show.





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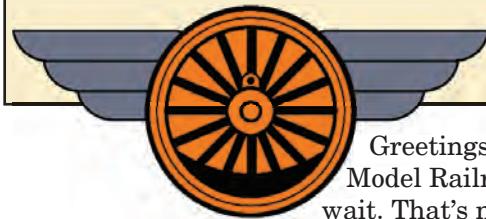
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Division 5 - Piedmont

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Greetings and welcome to Model Railroad season... Um, wait. That's not right, oh yes, its

FALL (winter when you read this!!!!) And it means Model Railroad season! YAY! I think I'm done cutting the grass for the season, no more, well only about 4 more plants to trim and a bunch of mulch to spread, but the cooler temperatures bring about time to get to work on the railroad!

Fall is also a busy season for the Piedmont Division. First, we held our annual Model Train Show in October. The Clarence Brown Convention Center in Cartersville was a very nice place with a very professional staff. The place was impressive, and the staff was great to work with. The vendors commented on it, the visiting layouts commented on it, our own volunteers commented, I was even approached by random attendees who commented on what a great show it was. It is important to remember that this was our first time to host a show in Carterville and the first time for a show like this at Clarence Brown. I thank Hank, Jim and Sally for all the wonderful work they did! We did a wonderful job, and we will be back in the Spring!

We are also about to host our annual Piedmont Pilgrimage! We are back to in-person layout tours and while this won't have as many layouts on tour, it will have quality layouts. This is a big change from last year's all-virtual Pilgrimage. Remember also that things may change for individual hosts, so it will be important to check the status of any layout you want to visit by confirming the daily schedule at www.piedmontpilgrimage.com. I wish to take a moment to thank those folks who are opening their layouts to both in-person and virtual tours. The Pilgrimage takes a lot of work to get ready for, I know, I take part every year. And, while I won't have snacks and paper out, the layout will be up, running and lit. There is new scenery and, I know others have been working hard to get their layouts in shape for tours. Please visit all the railroads open, via either method available.

Please also note that we are currently holding both in-person and virtual Division meetings. These meetings are still being held the second Tuesday of the month. We are back in our normal meeting place, Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, where we were meeting until we were shut down by Covid-19 in April of last year. If you are not ready to meet in person, we are still hosting our meetings via WebEx at perrylamb.my.webex.com/meet/perry_lamb and have been working hard to improve the audio quality of the meetings. We think we've finally found the right combination of hardware and software that will enable us to present both ways. Please join us at our meetings. We

have great topics for clinics for the rest of this year and headed into next year and you don't want to miss what's going on!

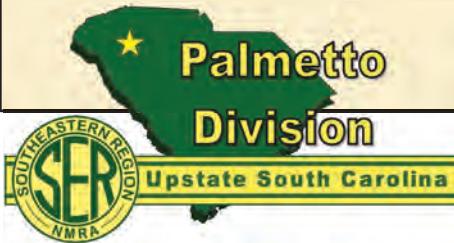
Outside of our more "normal" activities, the Division will be partnering with the Tellus Science Museum in Cartersville to host the first annual Festival of Trains!!! I think this is going to be an awesome event for us. This will further cement our relationship with the Carterville area and let people know we are here to stay. The Division has worked with modular layout groups and the staff at Tellus and the main entry area of the museum will feature two large layouts plus two of ours and our booth.



I think that layouts surrounding the brontosaurus in the atrium is going to be amazing! Additionally, we will have two presentations associated with the festival. Walt Liles is going to present a virtual "Ask the Expert" session on model railroading December 8, and I will be presenting an in-person talk on Model Railroading during the festival on December 11. Tellus has jumped into model railroading in a big way and this can be of great benefit to the both the Division and the Region. Please come support your local brontosaurus, model railroading, and this great event, all rolled into one package!

As we get ready to roll through the last of 2021 and into 2022, I'd like to take a moment to remember why we are here. We are here because we love model trains. This is a hobby we all enjoy and participate in. We are in a city with a long railroad history and in an area where talented modelers have built some truly amazing layouts, both inside and out. I, for one, am ready to get back to work on my own layout. (Actually, I spent some time working on a riverbank!) Our division is active, and we have some really wonderful events coming up. Come join us. Watch our Facebook page, our website (which is under reconstruction, thank you Bob), and read the Timetable from cover to cover.

Ok, back to work (sigh) and until next time, Engage!



Division 7 - Palmetto

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The Palmetto Division has had a very busy third quarter. Our initial focus was on the Swamp Rabbit Express SER Convention held in Greenville, SC on September 4. With the SER not having a convention in two years due to the Covid pandemic we wanted this to be a success for the NMRA members in the SER. A rousing success it was. We had 169 attendees who enjoyed the 32 clinics that were presented, the 27 layouts that were open for visitation and the 9 layouts that had OP sessions. One of the highlights of the convention was the Greenville and Western Railroad motorcar rides and BBQ.

On September 25th we participated in the City of Greer's Railfest for the third consecutive year. We set up our T-Trak HO modular layout and had an NMRA Promotion table which in addition to having handouts there was a display showing the basic sizes of model trains. Also, the



Piedmont 'N Southern Model Railroad Club - a 100% NMRA club - set up their modular NTrak layout. It is estimated that over 2,000 people (adults and children) came and spent time at our displays. Four photos of our T-Trak HO layout and our NMRA table are attached.

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On October 16 the Hub City Railroad Museum in Spartanburg, SC held their Train Day event. Our T-Trak HO modular layout and NMRA Promotion table was set up



in the Southern Railway caboose at the museum. We had about 300 people (adults and children) spend time at our displays.

The Central Railway Model & Historical Association at the Museum in Central, SC has started holding their monthly OP sessions on the first Thursday of every month. They have a full crew signed up to operate but welcome all visitors.



The focus of our division now is our upcoming Division Meeting to be held on December 4 at the Northgate Fellowship Hall in Greenville, SC. It is the first face to face meeting we have had in almost 2 years. We are anxious to get together with our membership friends again. Clinics, open layouts and contests are big parts of our semi-annual meetings.

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Division 11 - Cumberland

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Here we are in the waning months of 2021. Mornings have been chilly with some frost while many afternoons have been sunny and temperate. It's great weather to push modeling projects along.

The Cumberland Division has been meeting monthly with guest presentations and members sharing their projects via a Show & Tell PowerPoint. Our most recent meetings have had Dave Ackmann, of St. Louis, sharing his techniques in billboard modeling. Dave ran through information on building the structures using jigs, sizing the graphics, and printing the graphics. Ken Mattern of the Mid-South Division presented at another recent meeting. His information on 3D printing processes, software, and machines was very interesting. The opportunity to design and print your own models and detail parts has been a growing area of our hobby. Many 3D printers are affordable and can be added to your work area.

We also held a hybrid meeting with some members attending face to face and also using the Zoom platform to share the experience with other members. This combination worked well but is dependent on a facility with solid internet bandwidth and connectivity.

Each meeting has a Show & Tell session for members to share their recent modeling projects. Our meeting notifications are sent a couple weeks before the next gathering. Members are encouraged to snap a few photos under good lighting and send them to me for a PowerPoint presenta-

tion. During our meeting, each member discusses their work and answers questions. This has been an easy way to share model progress via Zoom. Each of the project shares become a mini-clinic. The photos here are from the Show & Tell portions of our meetings.

We are looking forward to 2022 and the possibility of more face to face meetings in metro Nashville. [SER](#)



The Tracy City coke ovens are a new scene on the Dixie Club HO scale layout. Eight CMP Shops resin castings will be used for this coke oven battery.



Eric Hansmann has been adding freight cars to his 1926 era fleet. He completed two HO scale Red Caboose boxcar kits to reflect Baltimore & Ohio M-26b class prototypes. A few extra details were installed and the as-built lettering was custom produced from photographs.



A pair of Speedwitch Media HO scale Pere Marquette automobile boxcars were recently completed on Eric Hansmann's workbench. Several details were modified to reflect the 1926 prototypes of these models.



1. Horton Monroe has been on a bridge building mission. These bents are from an HO scale Hunterline trestle kit.

2. He was very happy with his results building the Hunterline trestle deck. The kit instructions guide the way to a great looking model.

3. A second HO scale bridge kit is progressing on Horton Monroe's workbench. This is a Laser-Art structure from Branchline Trains. Many of the parts fit together well, although Horton noted a few fine details that are hidden away inside the structure. The roof is not yet attached in this photo.





4. A panoramic view of Jim Horton's HO scale Tellico & Blue Ridge Railroad.

5. Jim has been busy finishing track on the endpoints of his HO scale layout, Tellico & Blue Ridge Railroad. Tellico is on the upper level while Greenville is below.



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Division 12 - Smoky Mountain

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With only a small number of members available for reserving a meeting room at a restaurant, Allen Keller invited the members who said they were available the night of September 2 to his house for a seminar on model railroading.

Twenty years ago Allen ran a seminar business called Model Railroad Skills Institute along with Tony Koester, Dave Frary, Bob Hayden and Henry Freeman. So, Allen thought it would be a fun and educational time to have members ask him questions about the hobby using his Bluff City Southern Railroad as a springboard for discussion. A total of 8 modelers made the event a success. One of them had been laid up with a serious condition for several years and this was his first time out with the group.



The talk ranged from powering frogs, to track placement, track laying, tree making and return loops. Along the way modelers got a crash course in layout design and planning. Using the layout itself as a teaching device seemed to work very well.



Due to lack of meeting space Larry Burkholder, Assistant Superintendent, arranged a Zoom clinic for the division on September 16. Eric Hansmann offered a live clinic on "Backdating Boxcars." Unfortunately, only about 8 members arranged to view this program. Larry also used the chance to give a quick overview of the Greenville SER convention.

Members have also been busy working on projects at home. Ken Johnson detailed two stock flatcars for his railroad. He approached this as a challenge because he had never done this type of detailing before. He used multiple paint colors, ground foam, rails and chain to get these great results.



A new group of officers will take over the Smoky Division in January and I hope they have more chances to arrange in person events.

A relatively new club in the area, The Maryville Model Railroad Club, is having some success with their own layout room. Let's see what the club president Don Clark has to say:

"Maryville (TN) Model Railroad Club, MMRC, was formed 2003 with 9-10 members. The club met briefly at Bard's Coffee shop but soon acquired a room in the basement of a local Maryville church. In 2010 they were given a small room in the Blount County Historical Museum in which to build a layout for display. By 2017 the club was down to four members and the layout was completed.

"Due to limited space no more than 4 people could be in the room at one time. In the spring of 2018 MMRC was approached by the Great Smokey Mountain Heritage Center in Townsend, Tennessee about building three layouts to be operated during Thanksgiving through New Year's holidays. They wanted a garden-scale layout, a fanciful Christmas O-scale layout and an HO-scale layout depicting the Townsend era of the Little River Logging Company.

"The members, though excited to have such a project, knew it would be tough due to such a tight schedule. The



room was not available until mid-September and all three displays had to be completed by the first weekend of November. We met the deadline and opened the first week of November, Thursday through Sunday from open to closing at the Center to greet guests and answer questions. After New Year's the displays had to be dismantled and carefully stored so that we could do it all over again the following year.

"Sadly, due to the Covid pandemic, the display was canceled the third year. By the spring of 2020 the Heritage Center was under a new director with other interests. Anticipating the cancellation of the Holiday displays, which happened, MMRC was left with little to occupy their time.

"With the current club layout completed and club membership now up to nine, we needed more space. Our search led us to an old school building that was being used as a community club where we were able to rent a former classroom. Beginning October of 2020, with plenty of room to accommodate members and have a layout over three times the size of our previous one we got to work. By November we had a basic track plan and the open grid bench work was completed.

"When Covid hit harder we closed down the months of November and December. We went back to work in January and by April we were ready to start laying track

and adding scenery. We were fortunate and proud to have Gale Hinton, a renown muralist from Knoxville, TN paint the backdrop for us. Thanks to a core group of members, we had trains running by June 2021.

"MMRC is very fortunate to have among the members a variety of talent and interests. A couple of members are very good at laying track, a couple more would rather do scenery and several others enjoy assembling kits. We also have an electrical engineer and a retired architect added to the mix.

"During the course of construction, our track plan continued to evolve as most layouts do. Currently



members are adding industries and finishing up track work. Some members have their own little stretch of land where they can dream it and build it.

"With much work ahead, we move on with anticipation, knowing layouts are really never finished. We look forward to the day we can have weekly open houses and operating sessions. For a small club we are proud of what we have accomplished in the last year. Now with 10 members, and open to new members, we are looking forward to what lies ahead." **SER**

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Division 13 - Cherokee

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The Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum (TVRM) celebrated its 60th anniversary in October, with both steam locomotives 630 and

4501 operating concurrent excursions, as seen in this photo (*right*) of them passing on a siding before the Missionary Ridge tunnel. Additionally, nighttime photo sessions of the locomotive under steam were set up, as seen in this photo (*bottom*) in the style of O. Winston Link.

During the two weekends Chattanooga Modular Modelers (CMM) had several layouts operating on the TVRM grounds and the Tennessee Valley Model Railroaders (TVMRi) opened their



layout to the public which is located in the lower level of the TVRM business office.

On December 18, the two clubs will hold a collective Christmas party at Ed Painter's home in Cohutta GA, where 1:87 and 1:1 trains will be operating, see attached photo.

Speaking of clubs, we have a new model railroad club formed within the Cherokee Division. The Modern Scale Railway is negotiating with the town of Cohutta, GA for an empty property along the NS mainline. You can learn more about this club at: www.modernscale-railway.org. **SER**





Division 15 - Carolina Mountain

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The Carolina Mountain Division is looking forward to a great start to the new year after

a quiet end to 2021. We are excited about many events coming up this Spring such as train shows, RPM meets and more operating sessions among Division members. Be sure to keep an eye out for announcements of upcoming events. If you are not receiving emails from me, please let me know at paul@spilman.me.

We will be holding elections for Division Superintendent and Division Paymaster at the January Division meeting. It will be on January 15 at 10:00 am. We will again meet at the Skyland / South Buncombe Library. Please be sure to attend!

At our last meeting in October, we had Ben Bartlett, MMR, present a great clinic on weathering freight cars using a variety of weathering materials. We were also pleased to



recognize Ed Neal for earning his Golden Spike Award.

Remember to check for updates on the Division's Facebook Group at: www.facebook.com/groups/CarolinaMountainDiv.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting in January and catching up after the holidays. SER

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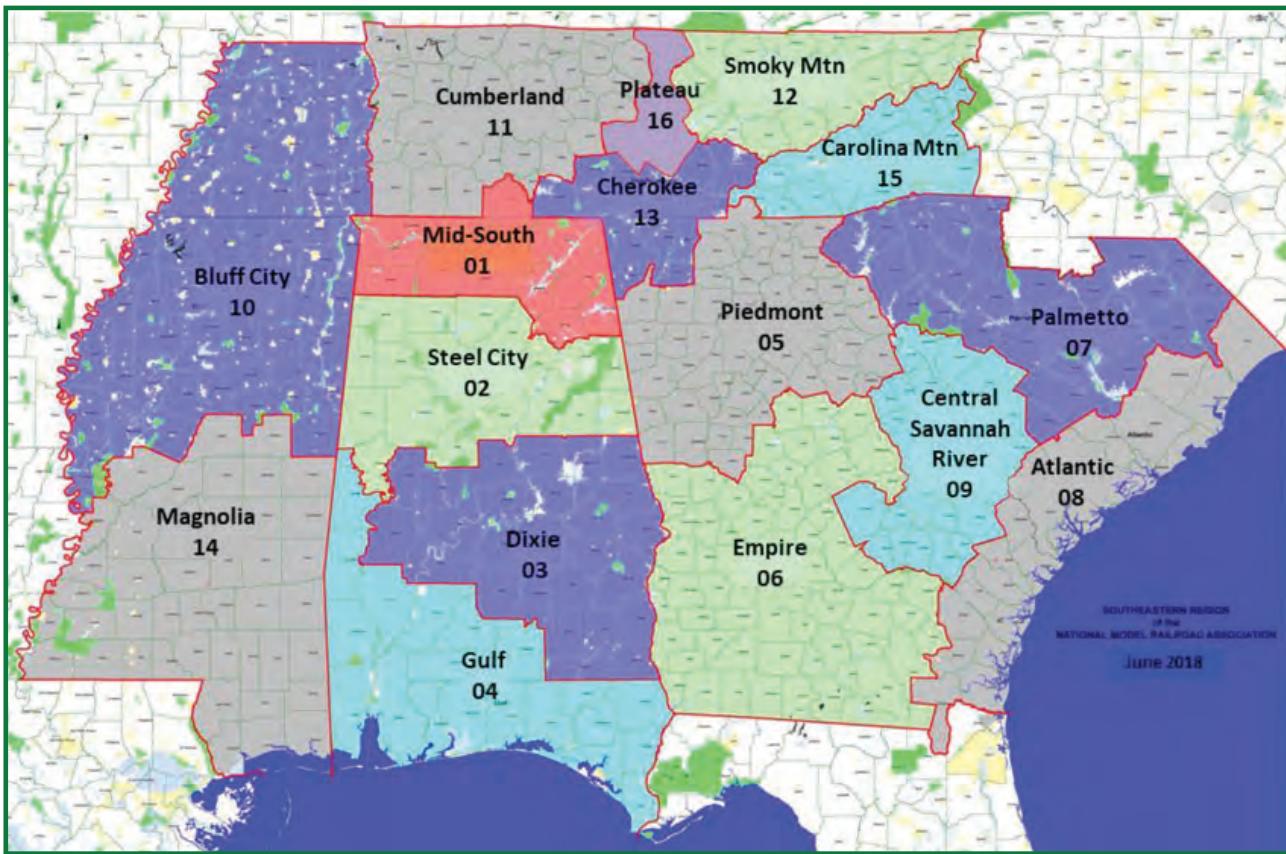
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THE CLUB CAR

This is a list of clubs and organizations in the Southeastern Region. If your club that is accepting new members or visitors, kindly send the information to the **Editor** at: SouthErneR@ejpj.com. Please provide a contact name and phone number. Websites will be listed if given.

Atlantic - Division 8

Coastal Rail Buffs, Savannah, GA, Nate Stone, 912-354-2606

www.coastalrailbuffs.org

Charleston Area Model Railroad Club, Citadel Mall in Charleston, SC

Tom Kabele, tkabele@sc.rr.com; www.camrc.club

Grand Strand MRRC, Myrtle Beach Mall, North Myrtle Beach, SC

Joe Corsetti, 843-236-9148, yrusoslo728@aol.com; www.gsmrrc.org

Golden Isles Model Railroad Club, Brunswick, GA

Helio Valdes, 912-261-2478; t29b52f4@comcast.net

groups.yahoo.com/group/GIMRRC

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

Carolina Mountain - Division 15

Apple Valley Model Railroad Club, Hendersonville, NC

Located in Hendersonville Station; www.avmrc.com

French Broad e'N'pire NTRAK Club, Hendersonville, NC

Chuck Place, 828-685-2726; hmp3@blueridge.net; www.fdr-ntrak.com

Waynesville Area Rail Roaders

Waynesville, NC; www.facebook.com/WARRNC

Western North Carolina Model Railroaders; email: webmaster@wncmrr.org

Central Savannah River - Divison 9

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

Cumberland - Division 11

Dixie Model Railroad Club, 2101 Belmont Blvd, Nashville, TN 37212

Eric Hansmann, 304-376-0256; eric@hansmanns.org

Mid-South Live Steamers, Columbia, TN, Hank Sherwood, 615-665-0512

www.midsouthlivesteamers.org; midsouthlivesteamers@yahoo.com

Nashville NTRAK, Nashville, TN, Mike Curtis, 615-479-7663

4900 Rucker Christiana Road, Christiana, TN 37037

macurtis@comcast.net; www.nashvillentrak.org

Nashville Garden Railway Soc., Nashville, TN, Ross Evans, 615-292-6555

Tennessee Central Railway Museum, Nashville, TN

Terry Beabout, 615-244-9001; terry.bebout@earthlink.net; www.tcry.org

Dixie - Division 3

Central Alabama Model RR Club, Montgomery/Prattville, AL

Phil Hutchinson, 334-272-1933 or Joe Mashburn 251-363-8508

MGB Model Railroad Club, Prattville, AL Visitors welcome

Brett Scott, 334-799-3096; www.mgbr.org

Wiregrass Steel Wheels Sub-Division, Dothan, AL

Dan Adams, 334-588-3312; danielma522@centurytel.net

Empire - Division 6

Flint River Model RR Club, Albany, GA, Jimmy Swinn, 229-883-3517

MGMRC - Middle Georgia Model RR Club, Warner Robins, GA

Bill Attaway, 478-954-9200; mgmrc@cox.net; www.mgmrc.org

MGRA - Middle Georgia RR Association, Bill Jones

wrvjones845@aol.com; middlegeorgiairailroadassociation.com

South Georgia Model RR Club, Hahira, GA, (Near Valdosta)

Todd Tait, 229-548-3611

Cherokee Division 13

Chattanooga Society of Model Engineers, Dunlap, TN

Andy Morrison, 423-344-8502; www.csme-eprr.com

Chattanooga Modular Modelers, Inc. meet Monday & Thursday at 6:30 pm

Mark McAllister, 423-424-0352; www.chatmodmod.org

Tennessee Valley Model Railroaders, Inc., Chattanooga, TN

Steve Crowe, 423-443-1517; www.TVMRI.org

Gulf - Division 4

Caboose Club, Foley Railroad Museum, 125 E Laurel Ave, Foley, AL 36535

Bonnie Donaldson, 251-943-1818; foleyrmuseum@gulftel.com

CATT - Coastal Alabama T-TRAK, Bruce Arbo, 228-669-6705

coastalalabamatrak@gmail.com, www.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

Mobile Society of Model Engineers, Alabama Gulf - Chapter, NRHS

2800 Graham Rd, S Mobile, AL; Dave Miller, 251-645-2296

Pensacola Model Railroad Club (PMRC), Pensacola, FL

HO Division - Steve "Chip" Borona, 850-384-3206; www.PMRC.us

N Division - Terry Tucker, 850-723-5390

Z Division - Joshua Murrah, 251-533-6481

Southwest Alabama Railroad Modelers (SWARM), Mobile, AL

Glenn Samuel, 205-914-0693, Gasamuel@aol.com

Monthly round robin meetings or event - contact for details.

West Florida Model Railroad Club, Milton, FL

Tom Augustine, 850-944-0471; www.wfrm.org

Magnolia - Division 14

Central Mississippi Model Railroad Association, Jackson, MS

MS Ag and Forestry Museum, 1150 Lakeland Dr, Jackson MS 39216

Nils Larsen, 601-432-4500; www.cmmra.org

Mississippi Coast Model RR Museum, 504 Pass Rd, Gulfport, MS 39507

228-284-5731; timetrain54@yahoo.com; www.mcmrcm.org

Mid-South - Division 1

Northeast Alabama Model Railroad Club, Guntersville, AL

Charles Dick, 205-878-2537; charlesdick@bellsouth.net

Redstone Model Railroad Club, Huntsville, AL; www.rmrcc.net

Coosa Valley Model RR Assoc. www.coosavalleymodelrailroad.com

Palmetto - Division 7

Associated Model Railroads of Columbia (AMROC), Columbia, SC

Clark Gregory, 803-781-7912; www.amroc.org

Carolina Railroad Heritage Association, Inc.; www.facebook.com/hubcityrrmuseum

Central Railway Model and Historical Association (CRM&HA), Central, SC

Sandy Eustis, 513-325-8850; www.crmha.org

Piedmont N' Southern, Greenville, SC

Michael Offik, 864-884-2165; www.piedmontnsouthern.org

The Carolina Conspiracy (On30 modular) Andrew Gillette, 803-316-8128

amn_a_gillette@yahoo.com; groups.yahoo.com/group/carolina_on30conspiracy

Station 187 Model Railroad Club, Greer, SC; www.station187.net

Piedmont - Division 5

Atlanta Interlocking Model Railroad Club;

Charlie Crawford, 678-982-4699

Athens Bend Track Railroad Club

Peter Wood, 706-215-3313; www.facebook.com/AthensBendTrack

Atlantic Coast S-Gaugers, Bob Lacheen

home 770-578-9937; cell 404-431-8032; www.trainweb.org/acsg

Boomers, John Rieken, Saturday a.m.; OPS Athens, Gwinnett, Commerce areas

email for specific dates; jrieken@windstream.net

Chattahoochee Express Operating Group, Chris White, 770-594-2618

Georgia Garden Railway Society, Juliet Foster

GAGardenrailroad@outlook.com; www.grgs.info

Georgia Society of Ferroequinologists, Marietta

Bob Hoenes, 770-422-0081; Jasper Roundhouse, Jasper, GA

Phil Stead, trainman07@aol.com; all scales, meets weekly at a member's home

Metro Atlanta N-Scalers, Atlanta, GA, Charles Leak, 404-262-2969

Model Railroad Club of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA

Terry Weldon, 770-979-0473; www.oscale-atlanta.info

North Atlanta O-Gauge Railroad Club, Roswell, GA, Jeff Pergl, 770-516-6378

North Atlanta Rail Barons, Howard Goodwin, 770-529-2103

North Georgia Lego Train Club, James Trobaugh, 770-844-1076

www.ngltc.org OR questions@ngltc.org

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

NWGA T-TRAK Club Kennesaw GA

Jim Nealand, 678-358-9171; casadiego86@gmail.com

Railroad Model Club of Atlanta, Bob Poppel, 770-934-4067

S-COG Southern Crescent Operating Group

Joe Gelmini, 770-460-8873; papagel@comcast.net

Southern O Scalers, Dan Mason, 470-385-6638; daniel@masonlawfirmga.com

Tri-State Area Model Railroad, Inc.

Thomas Roskelly, 828-361-2210; thomasroskelly@gmail.com

Volunteer Garden RR Club,

Vines Botanical Gardens, 3500 Oak Grove Rd, Loganville, GA 30052

Plateau - Division 16

Crossville Model RR Club, Crossville, TN; Tom Shallcross, 931-484-7565

chipmonk4@comcast.net; www.crossvilletrains.org

Smoky Mountain - Division 12

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, Alnwick Community Club

2146 Big Springs Rd., Maryville TN 37803

Mark Fisher, 865-982-8731; meet each Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon

Steel City - Division 2

Black Warrior Model RR Society, Tuscaloosa, AL, Bob Way, 205-556-3073

Smokey City Model Rails, Birmingham, AL; www.smokeycityrails.com

Wrecking Crew Model RR Club, Birmingham, AL; Whit Francher; 205-746-0007

Steel City Shifters Operating Group, jstew@bhamrails.info

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