



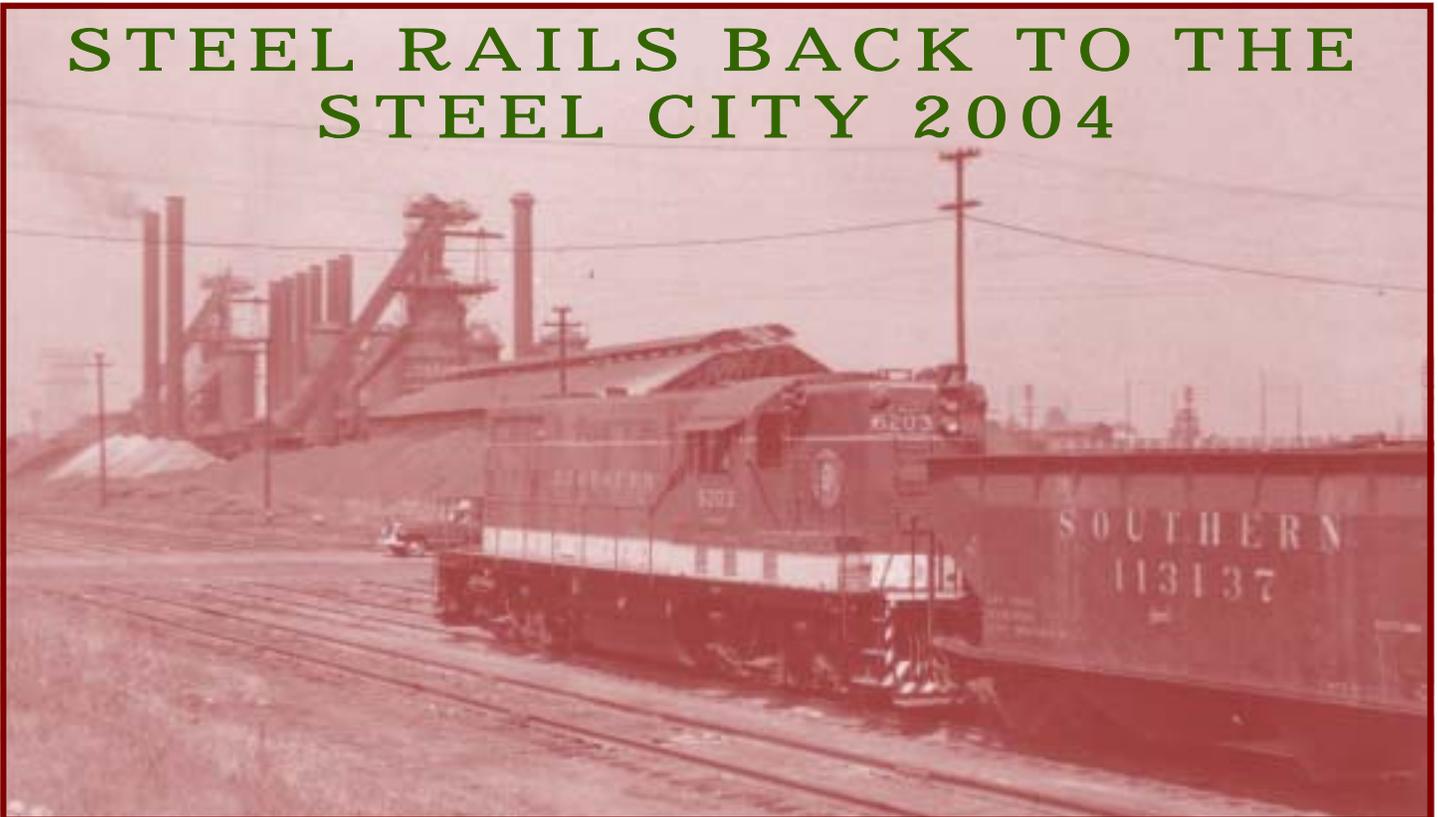
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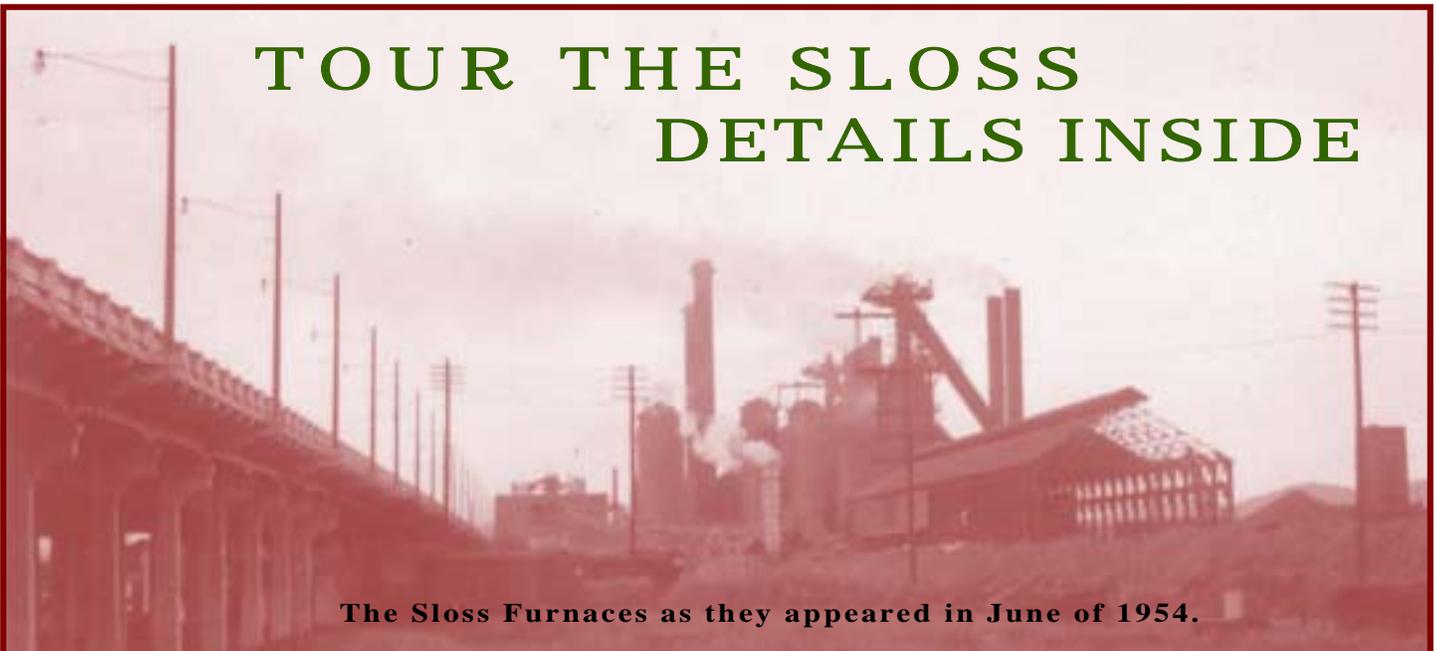
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## STEEL RAILS BACK TO THE STEEL CITY 2004

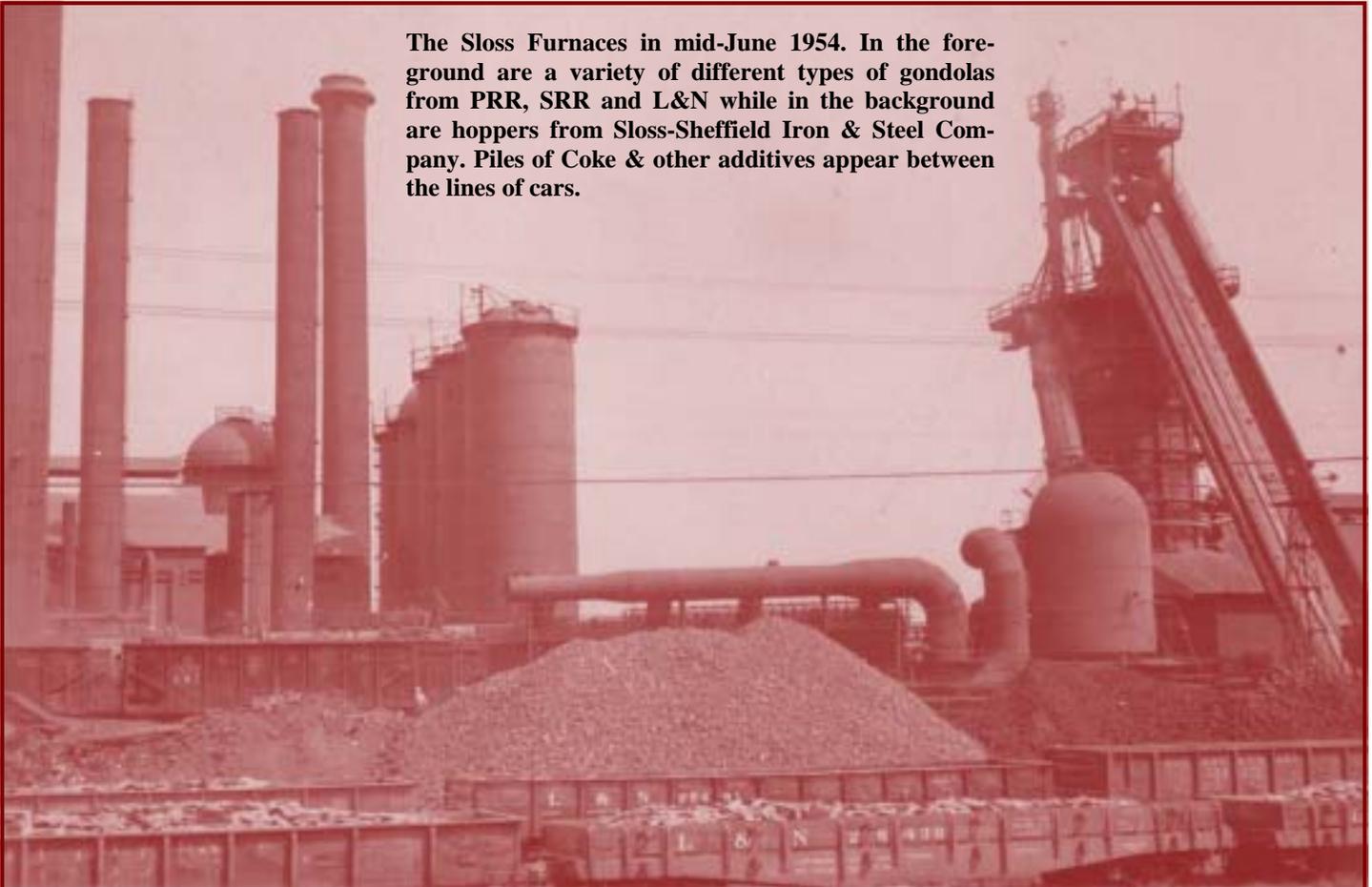


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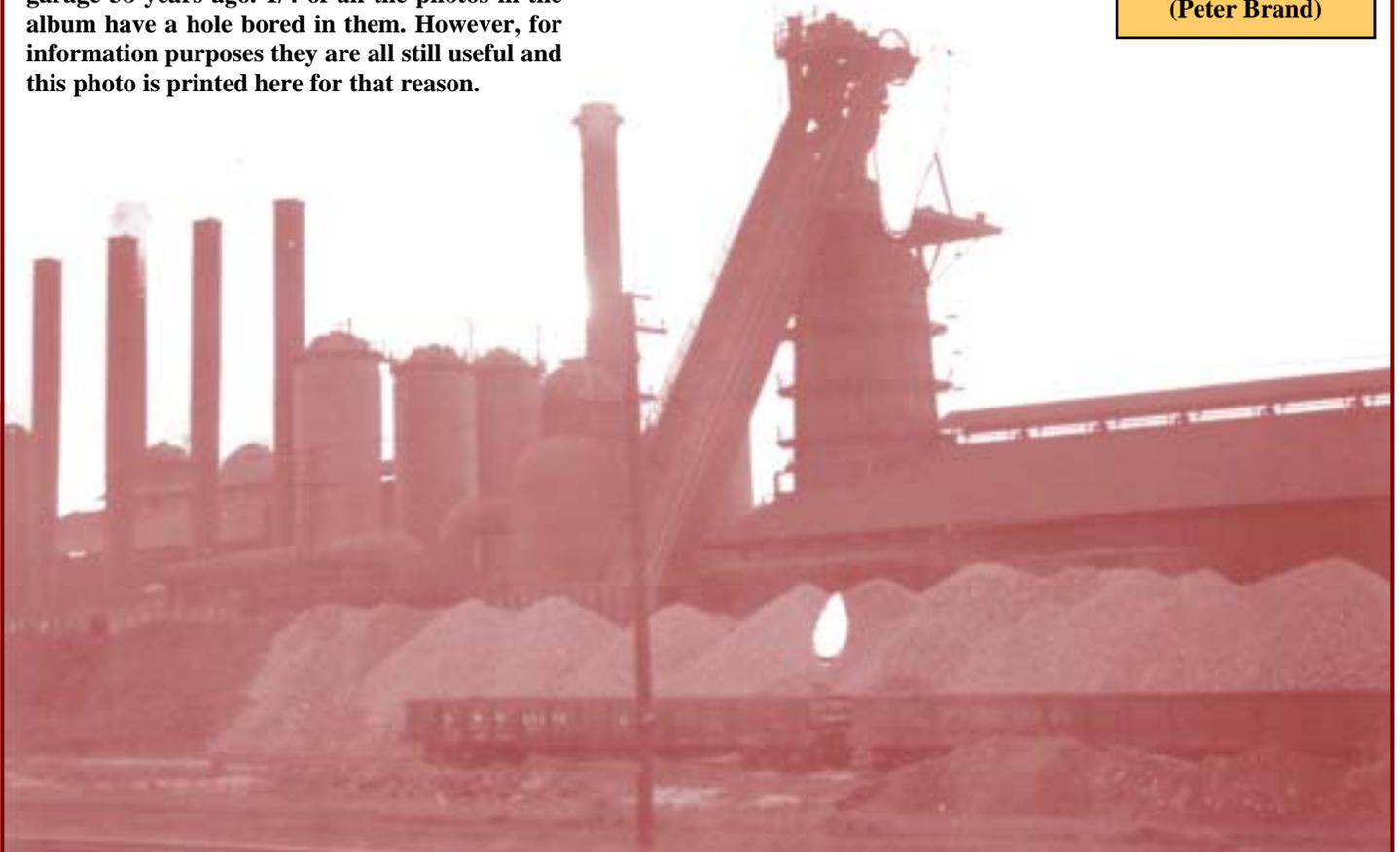
The Sloss Furnaces as they appeared in June of 1954.

The Sloss Furnaces in mid-June 1954. In the foreground are a variety of different types of gondolas from PRR, SRR and L&N while in the background are hoppers from Sloss-Sheffield Iron & Steel Company. Piles of Coke & other additives appear between the lines of cars.



The album these photos were in received some worm damage prior to their rescue from a leaky garage 38 years ago. 1/4 of all the photos in the album have a hole bored in them. However, for information purposes they are all still useful and this photo is printed here for that reason.

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(Peter Brand)





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**On The Front Cover:** Two photos of the **Sloss Furnaces** in the early summer of 1954. The top photo shows SRR (CNOTP) GP7 #6203 switching a cut of Southern hoppers with the furnaces in the background. The lower photo shows the diagonally opposite end of the furnace complex viewed from under the highway viaduct. The Sloss National Historic Landmark is part of the Prototype Tour offered during the **2004 SER Convention in Birmingham** this coming May. Seating is limited so register early! **Both photos: Walter Voelker, Jr.**

**On The Back Cover:** A "movable point frog" turnout specially built by **Nortrak** of Birmingham, AL. The facility where this turnout was fabricated is part of the Prototype Tour offered during the **2004 SER Convention in Birmingham** this coming May. Seating is limited, so those interested in this tour should register early to be assured of getting a seat. A **convention registration form is located on page 13 of this issue.**

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# Editor's Soapbox

Sometime this year (2004) we will have presented to us by the national, an upgrade of the bylaws that will thereafter be known as the "Regulations". This document will change how the NMRA operates and may or may not be a good thing but will have a direct impact on how our region gets its revenue and will require changing our By-Laws to conform with national's changes. Now this isn't a done-deal by any means and you all will get a chance to vote it either up or down.

Personally I am going to vote against it because I feel that the Trustees are once again taking us down the "garden path"! I ask you all to read the new Regulations closely and to remember that this is laid before us as an all or nothing vote. However, if it doesn't pass, the NMRA won't suddenly cease to exist! The Trustees will just have to go back to the drawing board and find something more palatable to try to get past us or break the Regulations down into separate individual pieces that may pass or fail on their own merit (or lack thereof).

**When the new "Regulations" comes up for a vote, please make sure you understand what you are voting for and don't just rubber-stamp it because most of the Trustees think it's a good idea!**

Basically, our \$10 dues will go away and *The SouthErner* will become a subscription. Now here is the complicated part, a portion of the NMRA's dues will be "rebated" back to the regions who may then pass a portion on to the divisions. The working amount at present is \$3/NMRA member residing in a region per year or about \$4500 in our case. That's about how much our dues run now with our current membership but that includes *The SouthErner* 4 times a year but doesn't include the other 1200 or so NMRA members not paying region dues.

After the new Regulations pass (if they do), *The SouthErner* becomes a subscription and you will probably pay as much for it as you do now but it will appear as about a \$7 to \$8 subscription and above whatever the national's dues will then become to account for the \$3 (or whatever) that will be "rebated" back to the regions. Sound simple?

That will then make "everyone" residing in the region's boundaries, region members. And they all get to take the additional "hit" of an increase in national's dues (if needed) to cover the "rebate". So you may end up paying national \$48 (or more) and then an additional \$7 to \$8 subscription to the region for *The SouthErner* if you want it. Sound simple now? Anybody remember which cup the penny is under?

Now on the plus side the Trustees go away but they are reincarnated in a smaller number (9 instead of 17) and a much more convoluted method is used to elect them. Supposedly this will make the national easier to operate because there won't be as many Directors (the new word for Trustee) to try to get things voted on. Bear in mind here that 17 people put us in deep financial trouble quite easily and just think what 8 fewer will be able to accomplish!

Which brings me to our role in all of this. The regions will no longer be sending Trustees to national. Now we (the regions) will have a real voice where we didn't have one before (the Trustees didn't actually "represent" us, they just came from our regions). Now we are able (through our region Presidents) to elect a real representative of all the regions to a Directors position (that is **ONE Director**).—but he won't be one of the region Presidents. This is a thinly disguised way to rid national of the problems they have had with Trustees trying to do what is right for the regions they come from. **Basically, the regions are being neutered whether they are aware of that fact or not.**

**As I say, read the new Regulations carefully. Don't let national get away with pulling the wool over your eyes!**

## Piedmont Division Boy Scout Merit Badge Day

On Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, members of the Piedmont Division attended the Boy Scout Merit Badge Day sponsored by the Rotary Club of Stone Mountain held at Smoke Rise Elementary School in Stone Mountain, Georgia. The Rotarians hold this day long clinic to support scouting within the Hightower Trail District of the Atlanta Area Council (AAC) of the Boy Scouts of America. The AAC is one of the biggest councils in the country. It covers 13 metro counties including Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Dekalb, Douglas, Fulton, Gwinnett, Haralson, Newton, Paulding, Pickens, and Rockdale. The AAC provides scouting opportunities for over 72,000 boy scouts.

Once again, I had assembled a great crew to teach the scouts various aspects of prototype and model railroading. For the third time, Charlie Brown, Rick Coble, Ed Jahns, and Perry Lamb manned their respective teaching stations. This time, we also welcomed newcomers Mike Cahill, and L.B. Groover.

In a council as large as the AAC, there are numerous outings planned on any given weekend. The weekend of November 8<sup>th</sup> was no different. Although this year's merit badge day was not as well attended as last years, they did have more than 130 scouts in attendance. We initially had 17 scouts sign up for the day.

We have divided the merit badge into eight stations. After a short introduction, the scouts watch a 20 minute video produced by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad that serves as an introduction as to what we will be covering through the rest of the day. The scouts were then divided into four groups, and they started cycling through the teaching stations.

Once again, the Rotary Club had some instructors that did not show to teach their merit badge. We initially had seven scouts that were going to move over to our merit badge. Four of the scouts wanted to remain together for the day, but I told them that could not be done since we had already started. They decided to take another merit badge. We did have three of the scouts stay, bringing our total for the day to twenty.

The scouts were able to complete three stations before lunch. Once again, the Rotarians provided the instructors with lunch, which consisted of burgers, dogs, chips, cookies, and a soda. After lunch, the scouts returned for another five stations.

At the end of the day, the scouts gathered in one big group to receive their scout paperwork, and their parting gifts. Once again, we gave each scout copies of "The World's Greatest Hobby" paperwork. We also gave them copies of the latest Railroad Model Craftsman donated by Carstens Publishing.

We have now presented our program three times, and have had 82 scouts complete the merit badge. Currently, we are presenting the program with the Rotarians in the fall and with the Flint River Council in the spring. After each session, we evaluate our program, and we have some plans to make our program even better.

We are always looking for more instructors for this program. In order to complete the merit badge in one day, it takes a minimum of 8 members. I have been able to identify three benefits to the current program. The first is the opportunity to help promote the hobby of model railroading. The scouts are usually quite enthusiastic (sometimes too enthusiastic) about taking this merit badge. These scouts are the future modelers that will help drive our hobby. The second benefit is the opportunity to spend the day with fellow members of the Piedmont Division. We have become a close knit group that is having a great time promoting our hobby. The third benefit is the fact that members earn points toward the Association Volunteer Certificate for every month they are instructors, and for every scout that gets the merit badge. I completed my requirements for the certificate through this program, and I know two fellow modelers who are close to finishing their requirements through this program. If you are interested in signing up for the program, please contact me at:

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# Little River Lumber Co.

## Building a 4' x 8' Two-Level Layout.

Photos & Text By: Paul V. Voelker

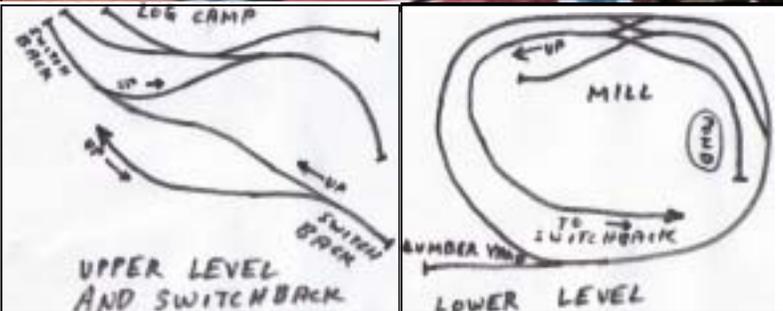
I've always been told that you can't do very much in only a 4' x 8' space. Well this little layout proves that it IS possible to do quite a lot if you don't limit yourself to just working at one level. You could call this a split level layout. It has an upper and lower level on one side and a mid-level on the other. Granted, your locomotives will be small, but your operating possibilities make up for that. Here I will be using a Bachman GE 70 Tonner for the main motive power. The cars will be 25-40 feet long.



The layout was built using 1"x 2" lumber for most of the framing in an L-girder type form. The frame had to be able to fit the internal dimensions of my pickup truck and still be able to get the maximum distance between upper and lower levels. That condition eliminated using 1"x 4" standard L-girder construction. All plywood is Lauan 1/4" (actually 3/16") which is used for the fascia, sub-roadbed, backdrop on the lower level (not yet installed) and reinforcement for the 1"x 2" where needed. All but one (Peco) of the switches are Atlas and there are two crossings.



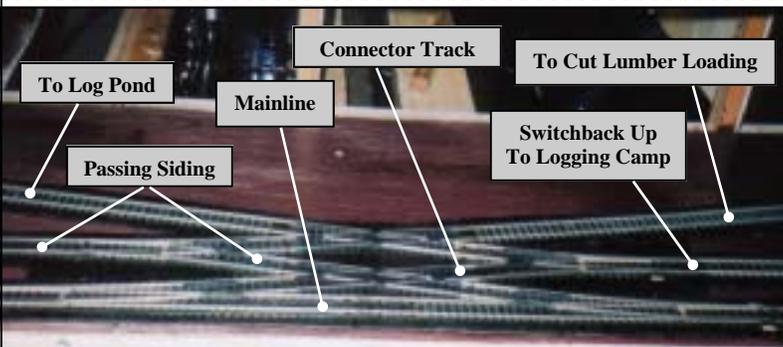
The trackage in the lower left photo appears complicated but allows for a very elegant solution to a problem—how to overlap the two layouts and still provide a connection between the two. The roadbed itself is AMI Instant Roadbed. I started out using Gray but then couldn't find any at the hobby shops so used Black for most of the rest of the layout. The switchback is therefore mostly Gray and the rest is Black. Once covered with ballast it shouldn't really matter that much.



The layout is a loop of track with a passing track and two industry tracks. Connected to this loop is a switchback that climbs at a 10% grade and through three switchbacks to the upper level which is where the logs are loaded and the logging camp is. The switchbacks are short so a small loco can take up to three small cars up the hill. Ten percent sounds really steep and it is but it is also fairly common on a logging railroad. The 70 Tonner could be replaced with a Shay, Heisler or Climax any of which would be ideal. The railroad can be run as two separate railroads—logs to mill and the finished lumber to market sections. There is a connection between the two sections so that a single engine can work both if the need should arise.



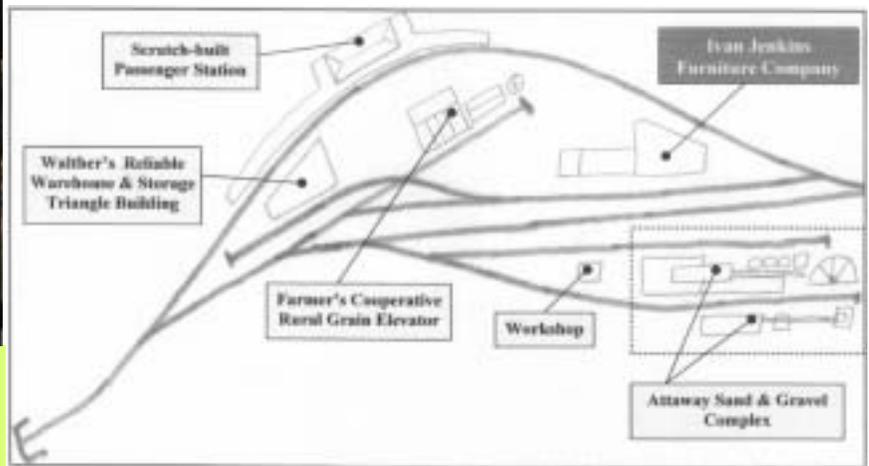
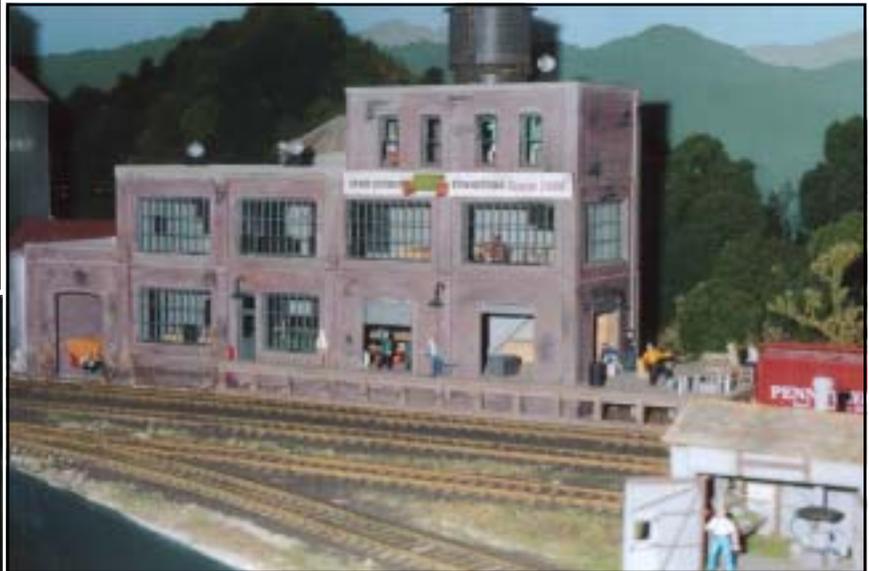
Scenery will be mostly large stumps and small trees representing new growth. The saw mill will be a flat on the backdrop with some small amount of depth to it. This allows me to create a really large mill without having to consume a huge portion of the layout. A cut lumber retail outlet will occupy the siding off the mainline in the mid-level area. A logging camp will be built off one of the sidings on the upper level and a Barnhart Loader will be positioned at the end of one of the others.



When it is complete, this layout will be raffled off at the next Piedmont Division Trainshow in March. It will have a Digitrax DCC control system and come with several cars and a locomotive.

# IVAN JENKINS FURNITURE COMPANY

Text & Photos By:  
Paul V. Voelker



The Ivan Jenkins Furniture Co. was designed to fit into a triangular-shaped footprint as a mirror image of the Walther's Reliable Warehouse & Storage building. The RW&S building occupied the south end of the passing siding while IJFCo occupied the north end.

IJFCo was constructed using Design Preservation Models wall sections. A parts list appears on the next page. Construction followed the instructions provided with the wall sections but with some slight changes on how the window casements were attached to the walls.

The building was to get an interior and would be close enough to the edge of the layout to be able to see where the window's "flange" would be in view. I chose to cut off this "flange" and make the windows flush mounted at the back of the window opening in the wall. This was a lot of work but was worth doing. The clear plastic window "glass" was attached to the window and part of the interior wall and then the inside walls were painted gray and the clear plastic "glass" was painted up to the window casement.

This did two things, one- it guaranteed that the window would stay attached to the wall as it was glued to both the "glass" and the wall opening. Second- it allowed the interior wall surfaces to be flush without having to build up the wall with styrene around the window openings or doubling up on the wall sections.

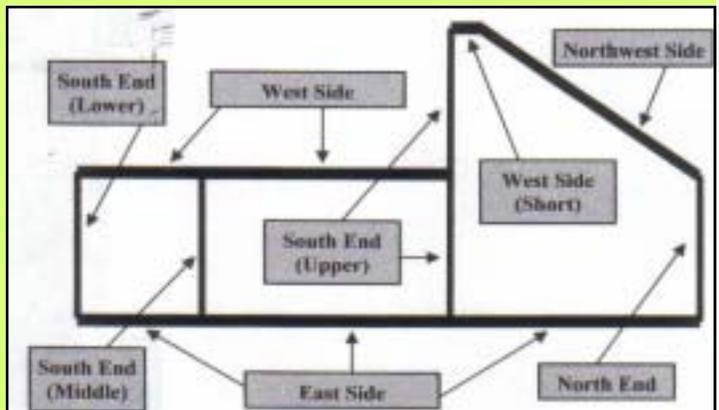
Some of the casement windows were trimmed to appear as though either the upper or lower portion was open. Doors were

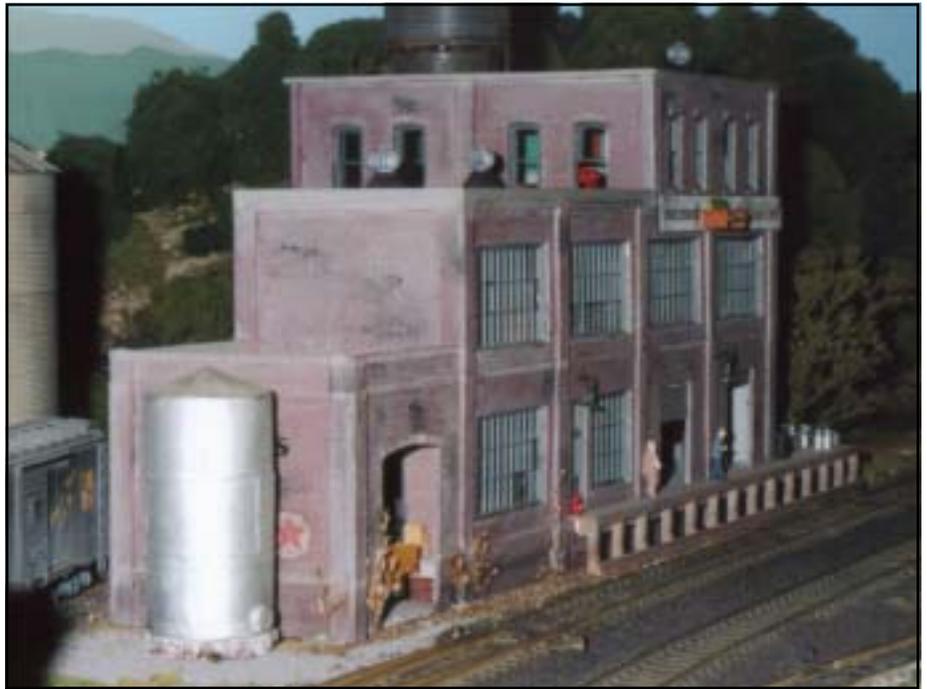


treated similarly. In the garage, wall sections were doubled up on the back arch opening and the blank end wall to show the brickwork that would be present in a real structure. If you do this feature you will need more wall sections than are listed on the Parts List.

The sheet styrene roof was provided with sky lights that are actually Korber Models Factory Windows glue into openings cut in the roof. Both the factory section and the office section have these skylights. Roof ventilators are from Campbell Scale Models (200-927) and the water tank is from a Model Power water tower kit (490-552).

Office furniture was adapted from various Model Power furniture kits with some items scratchbuilt. The loading dock was made from sheet styrene and various sizes of styrene shapes. The vertical tank at the end of the building was an after thought but is a Mr. Plaster item that came pre-painted.





The overall structure was spray painted with Model Masters Light Earth Brown and after that was dry I used diluted Accuflex paint in various shades of Tuscan Red & Oxide Red to get the coloration I desired for the structure.

Mortar work was done in Erie Lackawanna Grey. The structure was allowed to sit with whatever side I was working on at the time in the horizontal position and the grey color was applied as a thin wash and allowed to cover the horizontal surface until it dried. It would naturally flow into the groves between the bricks and then I would lightly wipe off whatever covered the bricks themselves after the paint had nearly dried.

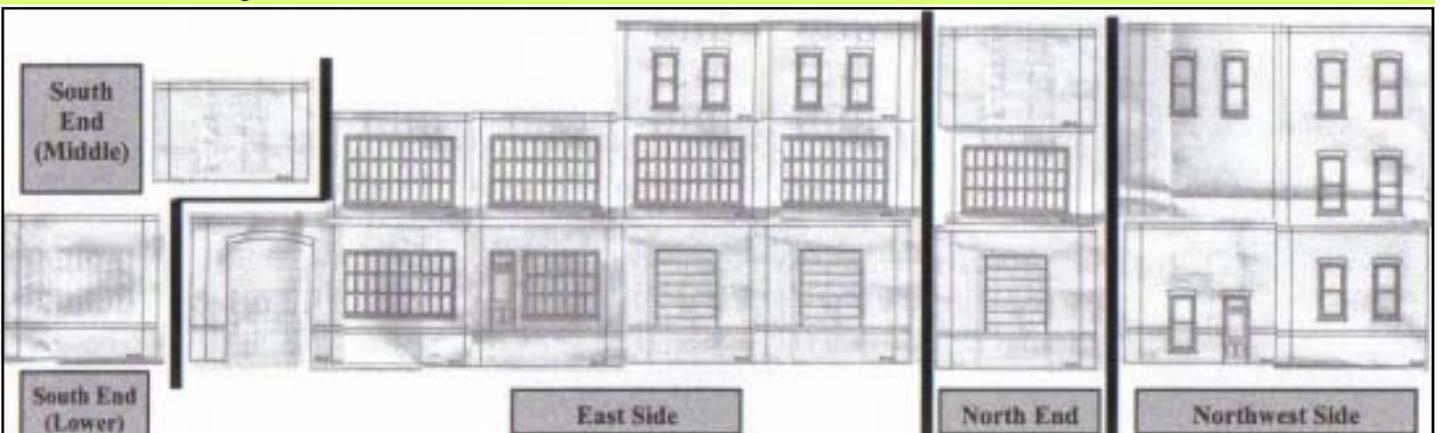
Later, John Travis further weathered the structure using India inks. He also added the sign on the front of the building and the sofa attached to the sign.

The office roof is removable and the upper floor can be removed to get at the lower floors of the building.

The rollup doors were made using corrugated styrene sheet and H-Beams for the door tracks. Half rounds were added to the interior to simulate the enclosures for the doors.

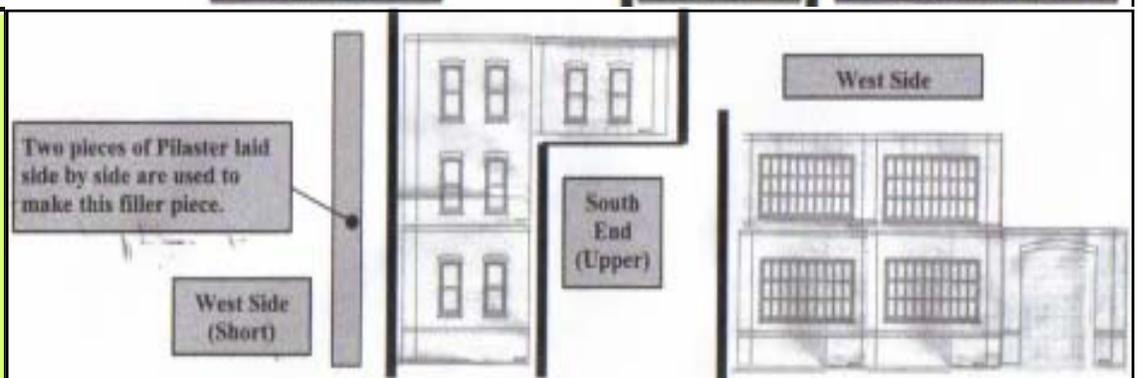
A number of figures were added to populate the building and at one window, a guy holding a pair of binoculars is peering out through an open window at whoever comes in the entry door to the train room!

The milk canisters clustered at the end of the loading dock are awaiting pickup by either a passing milk train or the local dairy farmers. This is a convenient drop-off point for both.



**Parts List: 243-**

30104 S/DL Blank Wall	2
30107 SL Open Arch	2
30113 OS Blank Wall	2
30130 OS Rectangular Window	3
30131 SL Rectangular Entry	1
30133 DL Rect. Window	2
30135 DL Overhead Door	3
30138 TS Rect. 4 Window	2
30139 TS Rect. 2 Wind. (Low)	1
30172 DL Steel Sash Entry	1
30173 DL Steel Sash Window	3
30175 OS Steel Sash Window	7



# The President's Car

By Phil Hutchinson, President, SER

This issue of the SouthErneR is the last in which I get to write a column as President and Trustee of the SER. For the past 12 years I have had columns as Secretary, Treasurer and President. After having completed four years as Secretary, and four years as Treasurer and not desiring any other office, I was looking forward to being a Plain Ordinary Member (POM).

It was not to be. I offered to fill the President/Trustee position, on recommendation of the SER BOD, and by appointment from the NMRA President, Allen Pollock, after Ron Gough had resigned for family reasons.

I ran for a second term because no one else offered. The SER President position has been a most enjoyable experience. Presiding at our Board meetings, Conventions, and attending train shows, has brought me into contact with many people who have the best interests of the SER at heart.

The elected and appointed members of our organization are special people. The SER is a volunteer

group of like minded folks. No one needs to be a member. No one is required to stand for election to office or agree to be appointed to chair a committee. Each is there because they volunteered to serve, devoting time away from their enjoyment of the hobby, and on occasion their family.

I won't single out individuals for recognition. There isn't enough space to give adequate credit to all who have carried out the duties of the various offices. I have found the expertise, talents and fellowship of these people to be an inspiration. They have made the duties of the office of President easy to carry out. It has been an honor to serve with them. I look forward to continuing to serve the SER as Past President. Let me take this opportunity to encourage those who have never served to step up and volunteer.

The more demanding part is being also the SER Trustee. This part of the job entails attending two three day meetings a year. A working person needs to take off two days from work each meeting. If you intend to attend the NMRA convention, the meeting three days before the NMRA convention and train show opens means you will be away from home, eleven days.

The schedule goes like this; Thursday, travel to meeting location, arriving before 7p.m. meeting, usually taken up with discussion of what will be discussed, this lasts until most have had enough; Friday, all day meeting and into the evening if needed, mainly dealing with reports from the various departments, a lot of time devoted to finances; membership (or lack of), the magazine and LRP; Saturday, all day meeting at which agreements and decisions are formalized and motions voted on.

Motions to be voted on must be submitted to the Secretary in time

to be published in the meeting agenda unless 2/3rds agree to accept. This agenda will have been sent to you by email some time before the meeting. This email list is restricted to NMRA Officers and Trustees. Much discussion and debate goes on all year long on this email net and you will spend a lot of time reading and answering it.

After adjournment on Saturday evening there is usually some organized activity, such as a group diner, at your expense, followed by a tour of some local model RR's. Lunch is usually supplied in the meeting room, paid for by the NMRA, so as to keep everyone focused on getting on with the agenda. Sunday you get to go home and recover from a hectic, and, hopefully, fruitful three days.

The requirements of time and treasure to be a Trustee make it difficult for a young person, working on his career and family, to carry out these duties. A look around the table at these meeting supports this contention. All are middle aged, or older, established in their careers or retired persons, like myself.

Most Regions pay at least some of the expenses incurred by their Trustees. The proposed replacement of the Region Trustee raises the question of who pays the expenses of the Directors who will have no direct ties to the Regions. Another expense item in the NMRA budget?

I'll be seeing you around the Region!

Happy Modeling

**Phil Hutchinson**



## DAVE MULLER AWARD

As a reminder, the categories with applicable points are below. All Division Superintendents submit your candidates name and point count by March 1st of each year to be presented at the SER Conventions currently held in May.

CERTIFICATES OR DEEDS DONE	POINTS
Holds "Volunteer" Certificate	20
Holds "Official" Certificate	15
Holds "Author" Certificate:	10
Other Certificates, MMR, Gold Spike Award	10
Has put on one or more clinics (per clinic)	5
Active in putting on a Division convention (per full day)	5
Active in putting on a SER convention (per full day)	10
Active in putting on a National convention (per full day)	7
Organized a modular and/or sections layout show	15
Active as a contest or AP judge during a convention	10
Active as Committee Chair for at least 6 months this year at Division level or higher.	10
Served as an AP judge for at least 6 months	10
Active in a modular or sectional layout	5
Boy Scout Merit Badge program (per badge)	5
Signed up one or more members to both NMRA & SER (per member)	3

Send nominees to Lenny Polinsky at:  
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# Why You Should Attend the 2004 SER Convention

**It's a no-brainer!! The top ten reasons why you should attend the 2004 SER Convention:**

1. All your friends are going to be there.
2. Great clinics
3. Twenty fantastic layout tours
4. State-of-the-art prototype tour
5. Terrific train show
6. Special Clinics and a Roundtable Discussion with National Experts
7. Everything will be in one location
8. Entertaining stuff to do for your spouse and family
9. Installation of our new president
10. If you don't come people will talk about you

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Be sure and visit our website for further information and updates. Reserve your hotel room and send in your registration form. Further information on these two key areas is contained on the website.

**1. All Your Friends Are Going To Be There**  
Everyone who loves model trains is going to attend the convention. No excuses allowed. The convention is being held on the traditional Memorial Day weekend, May 28 – 30, 2004 in Bessemer, Alabama, a suburb of Birmingham.

**2. Great Clinics**  
As of this moment 18 clinics are planned for presentation by your friends and fellow modelers. More may be added. We are planning on having some clinics repeated on Sunday after the breakfast.

**3. Fantastic Layout Tours**  
Birmingham has a large supply of quality layouts. As of now, we have 20 layout tours signed up for you to visit. Most are home layouts, but a few are club or store layouts. These vary in size from small, full basement, a 30' x 50' 2 rail O scale to 1,500 feet of G Scale track outdoors. We have N, Ho, Hon3, O and Garden railroads. Most of these layouts are within a 20-mile radius of the convention center. We will provide maps that will take you on a guided tour from one layout to the next to keep travel time to a minimum. Due to the large number of layouts on tour plus the availability of other activities, some of the layouts will be open on Sunday for your viewing pleasure.

**4. State-of-the-art prototype tour**  
We have put together what we feel is a great 2-site tour. The tour will last about 5 to 5 ½ hours.

**Prototype tour space is limited**  
**so register early!**

**First, will be a visit to Nortrak Inc.**  
Nortrak manufactures railroad and transit trackwork and supplies railroad track materials to the railroad industrial market. Trackwork encompasses all the devices that railroads use in track to move trains from one track to another, or in layman's terms - **SWITCHES**.

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## The Second site is Sloss Furnace.

You will be given a guided tour though this double furnace steel mill built in 1881-82 by Alabama planter and investor James Withers Sloss. Extensively rebuilt and modernized in the late 1920s, the current steel-jacketed furnaces employed an estimated 500 workers and produced 400 tons of pig iron daily. Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron Company and U. S. Pipe operated these furnaces, maintaining their position as a leading foundry iron producer until 1971.

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Sloss Furnaces has the unique distinction of being the only publicly held industrial site in the world. Other communities in countries as far away as France have modeled their preservation efforts after those that have transformed Sloss Furnaces into the cultural center it is today. Your guide will be very knowledgeable about the workings of Sloss and probably a former employee. Besides seeing the plant itself there are various pieces of railroad equipment still on the site including an engine and different types of cars.

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Reservations should be made with the hotel by calling 205-425-2010. Identify yourself as being with the NMRA group for the discount rate.

***Room Rates are just \$62 to \$69 per night!***

This Special Rate will apply from Thursday May 27 thru Monday May 31 for those wishing to stay a few extra days to see all the attractions the greater Birmingham Area has to offer.

## 5. Terrific Train Show

We will have a train show in the convention centers large 12,000 sq. foot expedition center. The show will be open Saturday and Sunday morning to the convention attendees before the general public is allowed in.

## 6. Special Clinics and a Roundtable Discussion with National Experts

You won't want to miss Friday's speakers. We have nationally renowned modelers Dave Frary, Dean Freytag, Charlie Getz, Boone Morrison and Sam Swanson who will each be giving a talk in their area of expertise. Then on Friday evening we will be having a roundtable discussion with these modelers. You will have a chance to ask questions and get their different views. This should be an exciting and fun evening for everyone.

## 7. Everything will be in one location

Bessemer is located 20 minutes from the Birmingham airport on I-59. The convention center and hotel are located one block off the freeway. We have departed from the norm of using a hotel/convention center and are instead using two separate venues. The main convention hotel, The Hampton Inn, is located across the street from the Bessemer Civic Center. The overflow hotel, the Comfort Inn, is located a short distance down the street.

The Hampton Inn is a recently built facility offering a room rate of \$62 to \$69 per night, with the rate extended for those that wish to come early or stay over. The hotel has a pool and offers a continental breakfast.

The Bessemer Civic Center will host all convention activities. It is a modern 2-story facility that is very easy to navigate. Elevator service is available for those that have a problem with stairs. Registration, train show and snack bar will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. The clinics, model contest and

banquet will be conducted on the second floor of the facility.

### 8. Entertaining stuff to do for your spouse and family

If you would like to make this into a family outing there are plenty of other things to do in the area. You may even want to consider coming in a day early or staying over to Monday.

Located only a few minutes from convention center is Watermark Place, an upscale Outlet Mall with over 30 stores. For the kids we have Visionland Amusement Park and Splash Beach Water Park. A trip to either park will give everyone a fun day.

For the shopping minded we offer The Galleria with 200 specialty shops. The Summit, the area's newest shopping area features over 300 stores with some of the area's best restaurants. Downtown Mountain Brook offers a small town atmosphere with dozens of specialty shops. The Birmingham Zoo and Botanical Gardens are located nearby. Both are worth a visit. For those into antiques there are over 15 antique shops just minutes from the convention center.

For those who fancy sports we have several Robert Trent Jones golf courses in the area. During your stay the SEC baseball tournament will be taking place at the Hoover Met.

Along the lines of train activities we have the Heart of Dixie Railroad Museum. This is the official railroad museum for the state of Alabama. You can see railroad memorabilia, locomotives, cars, and equipment. Ride Alabama's only operating steam locomotive is based there. We also have several great railfanning locations where you can see lots of trains coming and going. Directions to these locations will be in the registration packet. This would make a great Sunday afternoon trip.

### 9. Installation of our new president plus Great dining, a company store, model contest, and auction

In keeping with SER tradition, the 2004 convention will have the usual banquet, company store and an auction. The banquet will feature Charlie Getz who is coming from

California to speak. Charlie is noted for his great sense of humor. At the banquet the SER Contest Awards will be presented.

The company store will be present featuring a broad array of items. Rumor has it that the stuff left over from the last SER convention will also be available for sale for those who missed it the last time.

### We are hoping for a super Model Contest!

Our contest chairman has provided a special event with the **Handcar Shed Contest** being featured. We are looking forward to having as many models present as possible and urge everyone to bring models including display models. A special area will be set aside for those who wish to display but not enter the model contest. Everyone has done something that they are proud of – so please show them off. Everyone enjoys the contest room. So let's make it first rate.

The SER has a tradition of having a rowdy auction. This year's should be no different. Bargains galore. The convention committee is hard at work trying to obtain excellent auction items for sale at the auction.

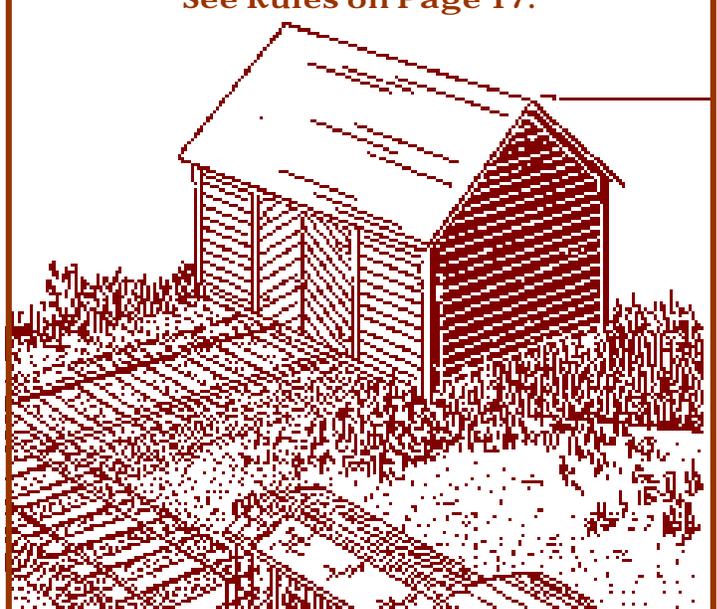
Sunday's breakfast features the installation of our new officers as well as the annual membership meeting. Here is your chance to come out and tell the new officers what you think.

10. If you don't come, people will talk about you. - This one is self-explanatory!

We look forward to seeing you in Birmingham in 2004.

Tom Cusker  
Tom Schultz  
2004 Convention Co-Chairmen

**Enter the Handcar Shed Model Contest !**  
**See Rules on Page 17.**





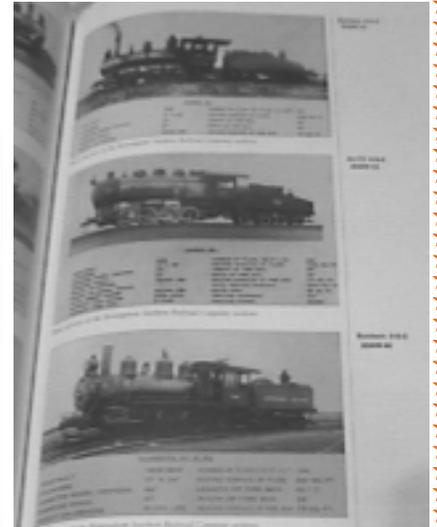
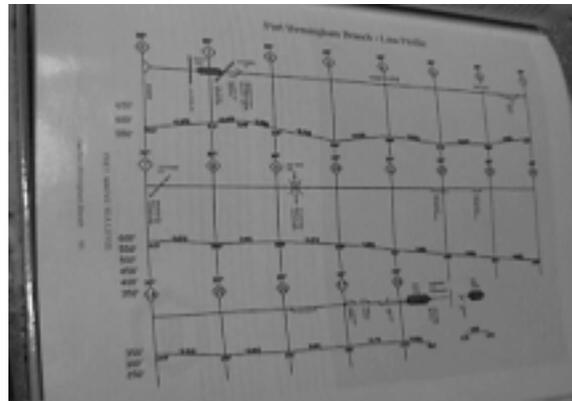
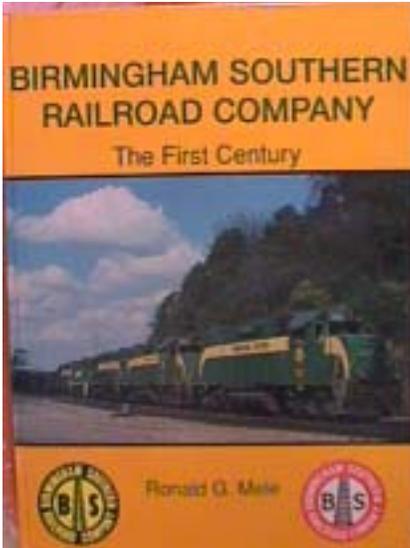
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# The VP's Keyboard

## Pat Turner, VP SER



Of late I have watched all the talk about the Long Range Plan (LRP). I have sat back and scratched my head wondering what direction the NMRA is going in.

At the same time I have a similar thing going on at work. There I am wondering if the BLE-Teamster merger is good or bad and how this will work out in years to come. I just voted on a new contract that had some big question marks in it. On both I turned in my vote and all I can do now is sit back and see how it all works out and hope for the best.

contest. I also find I am working more within my division and with local clubs that I belong to.

Basically what I am trying to say is, when you don't know what to do with one group or organization, work with what you do know. Either another part of the same group or a slightly different organization that is working towards a similar goal.

The NMRA is working with what they know, let us do the same at either the Region, Division or Club level.

Pat Turner, SER V.P



This is the same approach I have taken with the NMRA. I passed my thoughts on to our Pres. and Trustee and he passed them on to National. It is in there hands from there and all we can do for now is sit back and see how it works out. I am hoping this all works out for the best interest of everyone in the NMRA.

At this time I find myself looking more towards my own modeling like working on my handcar shed for the special SER

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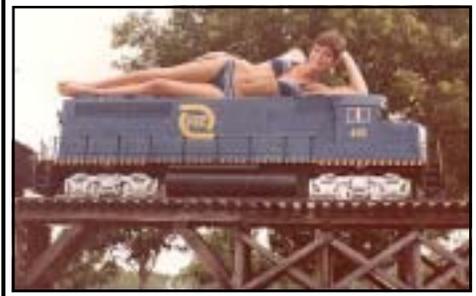
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# GOOD & WELFARE

By John Stevens, Chairman

Since the last Southerner, I have written 9 letters. One of those letters was for illness/injury. Eight of those letters were for Milestone Birthdays.

I have finally found an unintended side effect of writing Milestone Birthday letters. I sent out two birthday greetings in August to members who were to be celebrating their 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. In both incidents, I received a letter from the widow indicating the fact that their husband's were no longer alive. One husband had passed away over a year ago, and the other one more than a decade ago. Both of these members were shown as current members on the list that we get periodically from NMRA national headquarters. It appears that in both instances, the men had not been active members of either the region or their local division before they died. When they died, their widows did not notify this organization of their passing, and since they had not been active, none of the active members knew that they were no longer with us.

The way I see it, the only way this could happen is if the two members in question were life members. If they were not life members, when they did not renew, they would be dropped from the roster. I have embarked on a quest of sorts. I have been in contact with Karl Shaffer, and he has given me a roster of all the people that we show as being life members. A number of these people are currently active within the organization and are well known to most of us. There were some people that I did not recognize. I have made a list of those names, and sent them to the superintendents of each of the divisions to see if these members are still active. When the superintendents have all had a chance to check the people on their lists, I will contact all of the remaining individuals.

I know how difficult it is to inform everyone of a loved ones death. Early Veteran's Day morning, I received a call from my brother. Around three a.m. our father woke with chest pains. My mother called the ambulance, and they took my father to the hospital. My mother called my brother and then headed to the hospital. When my mother arrived, she was informed my father had a massive heart attack in the ambulance. Before my brother arrived at the hospital, my father was dead. He was 76 years old.

My father had been spending the better part of the last year consolidating matters in his estate. My father was a pack rat. To make matters worse, his hobby was genealogy, which develops HUGE amounts of paperwork. He had done a fairly good job of separating his important papers from his genealogy paperwork, but I have got quite a mountain of work ahead of me. To add to the problem, every couple of days my mother gets mail or magazines addressed to my dad. She is in the process of notifying them of my father's passing. My father didn't belong to many groups, so it won't be a huge amount of work.

This situation has made me look at my current situation. A number of years ago, I had developed a package for my wife that includes all the important information about my estate. That package had not been updated in a while, so I am going through that process now. I am also adding information about all the magazines I subscribe to and all the groups that I belong to. My hope is that this process will make things easier for my wife upon my passing.

Keep in touch, and let me know if you have any Good and Welfare concerns.

Respectfully,

John Stevens

<u>Good &amp; Welfare Letters Written</u>		
<u>October 2003</u>		
Revis Butler	Milestone Birthday	Piedmont
David Read	Milestone Birthday	Piedmont
James Fitzpatrick	Milestone Birthday	Outside reg
<u>November 2003</u>		
Paul Lator	Lung operation	Piedmont
Ken Buchen	Milestone Birthday	Land O'Sky
William Cole	Milestone Birthday	Steel City
Gary Bentson	Milestone Birthday	Empire
Ronald Kirkpatrick	Milestone Birthday	Land O'Sky
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## Handcar shed Contest Guidelines

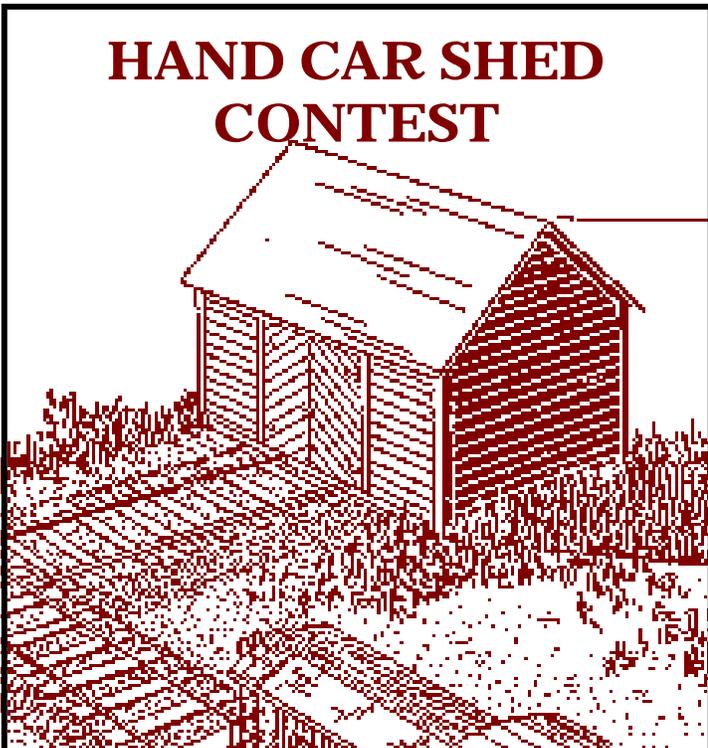
Here are the guidelines to follow for the handcar shed contest proposed for the Birmingham Convention in May:

1. Structure can be a kit, kitbashed, or Scratchbuilt.
2. Structure can be from any era.
3. Structure can be any scale.
4. Model should have the following:
  - a. Shed area for handcar storage w/track (not the mainline track).
  - b. Enclosed tool storage area.
5. Model should be painted, weathered and on an appropriate base with scenery. Base should extend a minimum of 1-1/2" beyond exterior of structure on all sides.

This will be a separate contest, not connected to the main contest, and will have it's own awards. Those wishing to have thier models merit judged, or to enter the main contest, will require the requisite paperwork. Otherwise, models for the Handcar Shed contest will require no additional paperwork.

This should give everyone plenty of time to get started on one....or more !!

-Dean B



# DIVISION REPORTS

## STEEL CITY - DIVISION 2

Tom Schultz - tom.schultz@bhsala.com

The Steel City Division has been very busy working on the 2004 SER Convention and holding its regular meetings. Individual members have also been exceptionally busy pursuing achievement awards. Our AP Chairman, Bob Beaty continues to perform with excellence in this area. During the past few months, four awards were given to Hunter Womble and Roy Stewart for Scenery, Tom Cusker for Volunteer and Bob Beaty for Association Official. Congratulations to all.

In terms of meetings, the September meeting featured a discussion on DCC and its operation by Ron Wojtylmo. Ron is a relatively new member and brings a great deal of knowledge on DCC.

The October meeting featured Glenn Samuel and a discussion of rock carving using wet plaster of paris. It was a very useful presentation and one that all should try.

Gary Glick led off the November meeting with a presentation on Nortrak. This company is one of the world's leaders in custom switch production. Gary presented a slide show on several installations across the country including a place in Iowa where more tonnage crosses the rails than goes through the Panama Canal in a year. On Saturday, the Division had over twenty members visit Nortrak and tour the plant. It was an exceptional tour and was the same tour that will be included in the 2004 SER Convention. Sign up early. You don't want to miss this one.

The Division will not meet during December. Larry Smith will lead off our January meeting with a discussion on how to upgrade your freight car fleet for contest model purposes. As always, the Division will meet at the Southside Library on the third Thursday of the month. Guests are always welcome.

## DIXIE - DIVISION 3

Open - Phil Hutchinson Reporting

The CAMRRC web page has been visited many times already. Through the web page we had one request for assistance to get an old Lionel train set going. We have a Lionel knowledgeable person living near-by in the person of Tom Jaworowski who has agreed to help out.

Several club members made a visit during November to the Wrecking Crew in Bessemer to watch them working on their modular lay-out.

We took our modular lay-out to Dothan in September and enjoyed the two-day show.

The next outing for the modular lay-out will be the Empire Div. meet in Albany, GA, in January.

The club Saturday operation sessions continue and some members are meeting on Wednesday evenings to continue operations. Phil Hutchinson

## GULF - DIVISION 4

Ed Dice - EdwardDice@aol.com

Well, another year has blown by and it is hard to believe it went so fast. Gulf Division is busy with model railroading activity. The Mobile folks are busy planning for their annual train show at the Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival this coming March 2004 in Fairhope, Alabama. This annual festival attracts thousands of folks from all over. The SWARM train show usually sets up in the Fairhope Elementary School with lots of modular layouts and dealers spread all over the place.

SWARM also has ongoing monthly round-robin visits and events at each other's homes and also at the area mall. They get in lots of rail time with all of their activities. Unfortunately, SWARM has lost their website and are scrambling to find another one. They posted lots of pictures of their various model railroading events.

The Pensacola Model Railroad Club had a very successful first time train show back in September. They are already planning for next year's train show. Their modular N scale layout and the newly formed HO modular layout were seen at the Pensacola Fair. They were nestled inside a nice exhibit hall building with many classic autos and a terrific Navy exhibit of naval technology. They ran their trains every day of the Fair.

The West Florida Railroad Museum has also been busy sprucing up their exhibits. In October they hosted two weekend open houses in support of the local county tourism bureau. They received many visitors who enjoyed strolling around the Museum grounds, riding the 7-1/2" gauge train, as well as the occasional full size trains zooming by on the CSX mainline. There were two model layouts, one G scale and one HO scale. Both got lots of attention during both weekends.

Other model railroaders are also busy in points East of Pensacola over in Fort Walton Beach and in Panama City. I have to break free and get over there.

The Dothan Train Show back in September was a big success. The Emerald Coast Garden Railway Club set up a large display outside in the heat, wind, and typical rain. We had a blast even with a little sunburn and too much heat.

GATS is coming to Pensacola for the first time on 27-28 Dec 2003. They will be in two large buildings at the Pensacola Fairgrounds. We are eagerly awaiting their arrival. It looks like all of the various model railroad clubs will be well represented there.

Hope everyone has a great holiday season.  
Happy 2004. ++++++

## PIEDMONT - DIVISION 5

Bob McIntyre - robert.mcintyre@gesm.ge.com

At the time of writing this column the members of the Piedmont Division wish everyone in the Southeastern Region a Happy Holidays. Is there a better time to think about model railroading than between Thanksgiving and Christmas?

This fall has been a very exciting time in the Piedmont Division. In my last update I briefly described a new program we are embarking on named the "Piedmont Pilgrimage". In the Philadelphia metro area during November (National Model Railroad Month) a dedicated group of modelers coordinates open houses through Southeastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, and Maryland. Layouts are open each weekend. Many are grouped geographically so you can attend multiple layouts each day. This has been very successful. I have attended a number these tours and can attest on the success of the program.



Howard (Horn) Goodwin helps Ron Gough MMR run his railroad during the Pilgrimage Tour. These tours were well attended by both Piedmont Division members as well as local non-members and some members from other divisions and at least one member from another region (Sunshine) standing to Horn's left.



Ron Gough's layout features rugged mountain scenery mixed with foreground plains. The mountain hides a six-plus loop helix that allows trains to lap the layout starting from the plains and working uphill to the mountain top.

This is due to the hard work of Chris White and volunteers. Thank you Chris.

Well that's all for now. With all the excitement in 2003 I can't wait till 2004. Happy Railroading.



Another layout on the Piedmont Pilgrimage Tour belonged to Dr. Joe Nichols, Sr. MMR. These two photos were actually taken 12 or so years ago during an earlier Piedmont Division tour. I couldn't make this part of the Pilgrimage tour. Ed.



With the dedication of our Director of Operations, Howard Goodwin, we launched a mini version of the November House Program in the metro Atlanta (Piedmont Pilgrimage). The inaugural run was a smashing success. There were twelve layouts featured through the weekends of November. Many of the layouts you know about. They would include John Travis (Johnstown & Geryville RR), Dr. Joe Nichols, Sr. (Delta Southern RR), and Ron Gough's (National Southern RR Co.). However, there were many new layouts featured for the first time. The scales included HO, N, HO13, and OO.

The attendance figures are still being tabulated but we know it was a minimum of 500 attendees. I know of a few layouts that had over 70 visitors over a 4 hour showing. The people attending were not only from the Piedmont Division but also from out of state. Many were not members of the NMRA. Because our brochures detailing the event were distributed at local hobby shops the event reached out to the local community. The goal was to have many of these first time members attend the Piedmont Division monthly meeting and become members. A letter outlining the NMRA\Piedmont Division put together by Ron Gough was available at each open house.

I encourage other Divisions to think about hosting an event like the Piedmont Pilgrimage. It can really generate excitement in the community. It also helps to move the construction along on the layouts, which are going to be on tour. Plans are already starting for next year's event here in Atlanta.

Other activities over the past months include a very successful Anniversary Meeting. Our Director of Personnel, Chris White, assembled a great collection of door prizes for the members and the turnout was huge. Great job. Our clinic program is in high gear and plans are in place for the annual Holiday Party on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

We also conducted our semi annual model contest. The number of entries was very low. This was disappointing. Plans are in place to review why the entries were low and encourage everyone to participate in the spring contest. Even yours truly (me) will try their hand on an entry. Look out judges! We are looking at a model theme type event that may help generate building a contest quality model.

The Boy Scout Merit Badge directed by John Stevens is still going strong. The objective is to have all of the materials and instructors at a site where at the end of the day the scout has completed the work to earn the merit badge. If you are looking to do this program I encourage you to contact John.



Ron Gough points something out to Ed Laity whose layout had been on tour the previous week.

The Membership Match program has been very successful. As of November we have signed up 36 new members of the NMRA and the SER.

**PALMETTO - DIVISION 7**  
Howard R. Garner reporting

Palmetto Division will meet on Feb 7, 2003 at the Central Railway Model and Historical Association's train show to be held at the Armory in Seneca, SC. 9 until 3. Two layouts will be open in the afternoon for touring. We are still looking for a new Superintendent.

**BLUFF CITY - DIVISION 10**  
Ned B. Savage - nssavage@juno.com

The Bluff City Division in conjunction with the Memphis Society Of Model Railroad Engineers, held a much smaller, than planned swap meet and show. The attendance was good but small, after having the advertised location taken away from us by the Building's management. I apologize to any one who tried to attend, but was unable to find the other location that we moved to.

The Group had its annual year end potluck dinner in the Memphis Transportation Museum's Dining Car in Collierville, TN, and about 50 people were in attendance.

**CUMBERLAND - DIVISION. 11**  
Bob Hultman - hultman@earthlink.net

Cumberland Division has had an active late summer-fall here in 2003. The Nashville Ntrak folks operated their N scale modular railroad during Day Out With Thomas 2003 over Labor Day weekend and the following weekend at the Tennessee Central Ry Museum. For 5 days they promoted the hobby of model railroading to thousands of kids of all ages and their parents. Then, following DOWT 2003 both the Division HO modular RR and the Nashville Ntrak modular RR set up at CSX's Family Day on 20 Sep 2003 at Radnor Yard's old blacksmith shop building. Although it was only a 1 day setup, what better venue could you ask

for? Full-size locomotives on display were just yards away from the modular RRs while the TC Ry Museum excursion train operated several shuttle trips during the day for attendees. And, the food was great!

Next was our Division Meet at TCRM on 1 Nov 2003. Several hundred people attended the Meet, enjoyed the HO modular RR in operation, bought and sold at the Company Store, shopped all the dealer tables and took in a "Detailing HO Rolling Stock" clinic by James Bilbrey and Garrett Rea. Thanks go to all who worked to make this meet a success.

Running on the Division Meet's signals was the Adventure Science Center's (formerly Cumberland Science Museum) Whistlestop Weekend on 7-9 Nov 2003. This is an event where toy and model trains are featured, with several operating layouts in the Center. This year our HO modular RR ran for 9 days, 7-15 Nov while the Nashville Ntrak modular RR will be operating 7 Nov through early January 2004. We always look forward to this event since we set up in a great venue and can operate for several days before having to take down the RRs.

The Division is moving forward with its 2003 limited run HO car project- the TC Ry 500 series and 7900 series 40' PS-1 box cars. These cars will not duplicate numbers that were done as part of the SER 1988 limited run car project (TC 507, 526 & 561; TC 7903, 7910 & 7916). The SER 1988 car project used the McKean 40' PS-1 box car kit because it was the closest PS-1 design, had a 6' door opening with 7-panel Superior sliding doors. Our 2003 project uses the Red Caboose PS-1 kit and will feature updated artwork, better details and metal wheelsets. Pricing and ordering instructions will be coming soon. Many thanks go to Allen Hicks, Division treasurer and car project manager, with prototype research help from Steve Johnson, author of the Morning Sun L&N Color Guide to Freight & Passenger Equipment.

Additional HO modules are being built and rebuilding the 36' freight yard for reliable DCC operation continues. We are also getting ready for the 28-29 Feb 2004 GATS Show in Nashville plus our Spring 2004 Division Meet and TC Ry Museum Open House in March 2004.

Bob Hultman



## HEADQUARTERS - DIVISION 13

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### Crossville:

Our membership is up to 50+ and currently no home. We meet the 1st Monday of each month in the old Crossville Tennessee Central Depot. We have started working on modules in the N, HO and Lionel 027. We are trying to find a building to rent now. The outlet mall on I40 is interested in letting us use an open suite after the 1st of the year. Will discuss renting their suite.

We have completed our by-law and have submitted for our Incorporation with the state of Tennessee. We have received our 501c non-profit status. We had 21 members and their families attend the Oak Ridge open house (Part of the Knoxville Model Railroad Group) They are in the Oak Ridge Mall (with N, HO, S and G scale layouts). In the Oak Ridge Historical Society building they have their large N and HO modules. We are starting to get members from the old Cookeville club attending our meeting and they plan on joining after the 1st of the year.

We have a new committee, called the long range plan group, consisting of Mike Ferry; Ann & Jim Grogitsky; Russ Childs; Jim Affinito; Jack Holland and Rick Matzelle. We have meet with the County Mayor and their are interesting in helping us get a T1 grant from the Tenn. Highway Group in 2005. Property is available across the street from the Depot and both city and county are really helping us to get located in that area. With completing the

by-laws and organization charts, we now will get back to clinic presentations. and trying to find a building for the near future.

We are working on getting a bus load to come to the spring convention in Birmingham. Most all do not want to stay over night, but want to see what the SER /NMRA is all about. If we get a bus there will be over 40 attending for the day at the train show. See you in Birmingham.

Mike Ferry, Pres. Crossville Model Railroad Club

### Chattanooga:

The Chattanooga Area Model Railroad Club is continuing to grow and develop the modular railroad and has added two new members to the ranks in recent weeks. The club also recently completed the annual display at the Hamilton county, Tennessee fair. A beautiful fall weekend brought thousands out to the fair and many visitors were exposed to model railroading instead of toy trains for the first time! All in all it was a very positive experience for all.

After a fatal derailment during a train show a couple of years ago, the very popular train cam has been replaced. If you have never seen one of these then you are in for a treat! A tiny camera and RF transmitter is housed in a dummy locomotive and pushed ahead of the power unit. The technology has been refined so much that the new one is capable of being housed in a single locomotive including the battery pack. Reliable transmissions are received up to about 150 ft away with a 2.4Ghz. transmitter / receiver and displayed on any TV set. The new generation units will transmit video and sound and have outputs to be recorded. This was very popular when setup at public events. Look for this up and running in Q1 2004 at train show events.

### From the Super's office:

Model railroading has been a part of my life for over 25 years and I am also an amateur radio operator (N4YAV). I have made many friends in the hobby but the one thing that keeps me interested in the model railroading, besides it is trains, is the variety. There are so many different areas to enjoy, locomotives, rolling stock, passenger equipment, scenery, electrical, historical research, etc. From looking around our division it seems there is a lot going on and a lot to enjoy. I applaud the efforts of those that are working hard to ensure the future of our hobby by sharing it with others and in the process, making new friends and learning new skills.

By the time you read this, Christmas will be behind us and I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and a Joyous New Year. We will see you in Birmingham.

Mark McAllister, N4YAV Superintendent HQ Division  
(706) 937-6337 (Home) (423) 499-1469 (Office)

## LAND O' SKY - DIVISION. 15

Fred Coleman - Charlie Bryan

**BIG NEWS: FRED COLEMAN** is the new Superintendent as Charlie Bryan had to turn it over for health and family reasons. Fred is doing a grand job and Charlie hangs on as 'Communications' ! We've had excellent attendance each meeting with great speakers and presenters from within the fold. Dec.'s meeting will be our annual Christmas Social and (new this year) White elephant Sale.

Linda & David Purcell (Company Clerk) continue as our steadfast hosts supplying Punch & Cookies and Mixed Nuts to the assembled. Paymaster, Jim Fuqua will be on hand in support, as long as you got a receipt!

We are anticipating a really big show in a local Mall (Biltmore Square just west of I-26 - exit #2) the weekend of the 27th & 28th of February. Hope to see you there!

Seasonal Blessings +  
Charlie Bryan  
Communications, Div. 15  
Land O'Sky, NMRA/SER



# SER CONSTITUTION

## RESTATEMENT OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGION OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION, INC. AS AMENDED THROUGH SEP. 8, 1988

1. The name of the Corporation is The Southeastern Region of The National Model Railroad Association, Inc.

2. The Corporation shall have perpetual duration.

3. The Corporation is organized under the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code, Georgia Code Annotated Section 22-2101, et seq (Ga. L. 1968, pp. 565, 731, et seq.), for the following purposes: to further the purposes of the National Model Railroad Association, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Ohio, particularly within the states of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Tennessee, which purposes are as follows: (a) to assemble, define, set up, investigate and regulate Model Railroad Standards for the better interchange and operation of model railroad equipment; (b) to promote closer understanding and cooperation among model railroad manufacturers, distributors, dealers, publishers and consumers; (c) to promote the greater fellowship of model railroading among model railroaders; (d) to sponsor, organize, conduct and participate in conventions, displays, meetings and other functions relating to model railroading; and (e) to advance the hobby of model railroading wherever and whenever possible and to do all things necessary or incident to the aforementioned purposes. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for non-profitable purposes, and no part of the net earning of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder. The Corporation shall not do or fail to do any act or engage or fail to engage in any activity which would be in any manner inconsistent with the exclusive organization and operation of the corporation as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent tax laws, or, if the Internal Revenue Service shall not determine that the corporation is an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, then as an organization described in Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent tax laws."

4. The initial registered office of the Corporation shall be at 3300 First National Bank Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, and the initial registered agent of the Corporation at such address shall be C. L. Wagner, Jr.

5. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of eight (8) members who shall be as follows:

- a) Paul Curlee: Chattanooga, TN
- b) Arthur M. Bennett, Jr.: LaFayette, GA
- c) James Gibson: Bessemer, AL
- d) Roy Keeley: Theodore, AL
- e) Joe Nichols: Atlanta, GA
- f) Tom Bailey: Fayetteville, TN
- g) Edward H. Gardner: Huntsville, AL
- h) Arvin Pierce: Mobile, AL

The method of election of directors shall be left to the by laws of the Corporation.

6. The Corporation shall have one or more classes of members. The number and designation of classes and the qualifications and rights of the members of each class shall be set forth in the by-laws of the Corporation, and may be changed from time to time by amendment of the by-laws. The Corporation may issue certificates to members evidencing membership in the Corporation, but such certificates and the membership evidenced thereby shall be nontransferable. Members shall have voting rights as provided in the by-laws of the Corporation.

7. The name and address of the incorporator is Ronald W. Dettmer, 3807 Sable Court, Tucker, Georgia 30384.

8. In the event of the liquidation or dissolution of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation shall be turned over to one or more organizations which are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501 (c)(3) and 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal, State or local government for exclusive public purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned executes these Articles of Incorporation. /S/Ronald W. Dettmer, Incorporator

## BY-LAWS OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGION OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION, INC.

### ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this corporation shall be THE SOUTHEASTERN REGION OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION, INC., and will be hereinafter referred to as the Corporation.

### ARTICLE II PURPOSES

The Corporation is organized under the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code for the following purposes: to further the purposes of the National Model Railroad Association, a nonprofit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Tennessee, particularly within Alabama; the Florida counties of Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Walton; Georgia; Mississippi; the North Carolina counties of Avery, Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, McDowell, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania and Yancey; South Carolina and Tennessee, which purposes are as follows: (a) to assemble, define, set up, investigate and regulate Model Railroad Standards for the better interchange and operation of model railroad equipment; (b) to promote closer understanding and cooperation among model railroad manufacturers, distributors, publishers and consumers; (c) to promote the greater fellowship of model railroading among model railroaders; (d) to sponsor, organize, conduct and participate in conventions, displays, meeting and other functions relating to model railroading; and (e) to advance the hobby of model railroading wherever and whenever possible and to do all things necessary or incident to the aforementioned purposes.

### ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

#### 1) Eligibility for Membership:

(a) Resident Membership: Persons who are members in good standing of the National Model Railroad Association, Inc. while they are residents of the geographical area described in Article II shall be eligible for resident membership in this Corporation. Only resident members may vote in any election for Vice president, Secretary or Treasurer or director of this Corporation or upon any amendment to the Articles of incorporation or by-laws of this Corporation.

(b) Non-resident Membership: Persons who reside outside the geographical area described in Article II, and are members in good standing of the National Model Railroad Association, Inc. shall be eligible for non-resident membership in this corporation. Non-resident members shall have the same rights as resident members of this Corporation, except that they shall not be eligible to serve as a director or officer, or to vote in any election or upon any proposed amendment to the Articles of Incorporation or by-laws of this corporation.

(c) Persons who are not members in good standing of the National Model Railroad Association, Inc. shall not be eligible for membership in this Corporation. By paying an amount equal to the membership dues as stated in Article IV of these By-laws, such persons may receive the publications of this Corporation for the period to which their payment relates.

#### 2) Withdrawal From Membership:

(a) Withdrawal from membership may be made by a member in good standing by serving the Membership Chairman of the Corporation a notice of his intention to withdraw and such withdrawal shall become effective immediately upon the receipt of said notice. No dues paid by a withdrawing member shall be refunded.

(b) A person who ceases to be a member in good standing of the National Model Railroad Association, Inc. shall thereupon cease to be a member of this Corporation, but may continue to receive the publications of this Corporation for the remainder of the period for which such person's dues have been paid.

3) Application for Membership: Any person requesting membership in the Corporation shall file an application with the Membership Chairman of the Corporation. Such application shall be accompanied by proof of membership in good standing in the National Model Railroad Association, Inc., and membership dues in the following amounts:

(a) Annual Membership: The amount of the current annual dues as determined by the Board of Directors.

(b) Two Year Membership: Two times the amount of the current annual dues as determined by the Board of Directors.

(c) Five Year Membership: Four times the amount of the current annual dues as determined by the Board of Directors.

(d) Life Membership: An amount determined by multiplying the life dues for the N.M.R.A. at the applicant's age, by the proportion of the annual dues for the Southeastern Region to the annual dues for the N.M.R.A.

(e) Family Membership: (including the member's spouse and children living at the member's address) In an amount equal to 125% of the current annual dues.

(f) Sustaining Membership: In an amount equal to 150% of the current annual dues.

4) Honorary Life Membership: The Board of Directors by unanimous vote may elect deserving persons to honorary life membership. Persons so elected shall not be obligated to pay further dues, and shall continue to enjoy all the rights of resident or non resident membership, as the case may be.

5) Changes between Resident and Non-resident Membership: A person's membership shall change from resident membership to non resident membership while the person ceases to live in the geographical area described in Article II.

## **ARTICLE IV DUES**

- 1) **Annual Membership.** Except as provided in Article III, Section 2(b) of these bylaws, the annual, two year, five year, family or sustaining membership dues shall convey the benefits of membership in the corporation for the period for which dues are paid, commencing from the date that the application and dues are received. Renewals shall commence on the same date at the end of the period for which dues are paid.
- 2) **Delinquency In Payment of Annual Dues.** The annual, two, five year, family or sustaining dues of this Corporation for all members other than life members shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days after billing. Any non-life member whose dues are not paid by that time shall be declared delinquent and a member not in good standing, and shall be denied the privilege of voting. If said delinquency shall continue for a further period of thirty (30) days, said member shall be dropped from the rolls and any further consideration for membership shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- 3) **Life Membership.** The life membership dues shall convey the benefits of membership in the corporation for as long as the member shall live after the date that the application for life membership and the life membership dues are received.
- 4) **Limitations On Use of Life Membership Dues:** All amounts received by the Corporation as life membership dues shall be deposited in the name of the Corporation in a separate account in a bank or savings and loan association selected by the Board of Directors. Such account shall be insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The amounts received as life membership dues may not be withdrawn from the account except that the Board of Directors may transfer amounts in such accounts from one bank or savings and loan association to another. The interest, dividends or other earnings on the amounts in the account may be withdrawn in accordance with resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- 1) **Management of The Corporation.** The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors, membership of which shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, four (4) elected Directors and the Executive Advisor. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, the elected directors and the Executive Advisor shall be resident members of this Corporation. If a director shall cease to be a resident member, he shall be deemed to have resigned as a director. His later becoming a resident member again shall not affect his resignation.
- 2) **Powers of the Directors.** The Board of Directors shall have the duty and power to control and manage all affairs of the Corporation; may at any time provide for an audit of the Treasurer's books; shall approve all contracts and purchases; and do any and all business necessary for the Corporation to carry out the objects and purposes of the Corporation as set forth in its Articles of Incorporation. During the temporary absence or disability of the President, and the Vice President, the Board of Directors shall appoint a President Pro-Tempore who shall perform the duties of the President. In the event of the death, permanent disability, or resignation of an officer or director of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall fill such vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term by majority vote of the board. Such elections may be conducted by mail or regular meeting of the board. Any officer or director so elected shall hold office until his successor is elected at the next regular election.
- 3) **Meetings Of the Directors.** The Board of Directors shall hold a regular meeting for the transaction of business at least once in each half of the fiscal year of the Corporation and may hold such additional meetings as the Board may deem necessary. The President shall call with seven (7) days written notice meetings of the Board of Directors at such time and place, within the geographic bounds of the Corporation as he shall decide. Additional meetings of the Board of Directors, as provided for above, shall be called upon written request of three (3) members of the Board of Directors. Five (5) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of those present and voting shall control. All committee chairman and Division Superintendents of the Corporation may attend all meetings of the Board of Directors, with voice but without vote. A director who is absent from two consecutive meetings without an excuse acceptable to the Board of Directors shall be considered to have resigned from office at the end of the second such meeting.
- 4) **Executive Director.** The Board of Directors shall have the authority to employ an Executive Director and establish a Corporation office. The duties of the Executive Director shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VI OFFICERS**

- 1) **President.** The President, the Vice President or the President pro Tempore shall preside at all meetings of the members of the corporation and Board of Directors. The President shall:
  - (a) serve as the trustee of the National Model Railroad Association from the Southeastern Region;
  - (b) be an ex officio member of all committees;
  - (c) enforce the By-Laws;
  - (d) appoint the Chairman and members of all committees;
  - (e) with the Secretary or Treasurer, sign all written contracts and

obligations of the Corporation approved by the Board of Directors; and (f) either he or the Assistant Treasurer shall countersign, with the Treasurer, any check or transfer of funds of the Corporation which exceeds \$500.

In order to help to provide continuity in the representation of this region at meetings of the Trustees of the National Model Railroad Association, if the President determines that he will be unable to attend such a meeting, he shall ask the Vice President to attend as his proxy, and forward to the Vice President any material relating to the meeting. If the Vice President is unable to attend the meeting, the President may appoint another officer or director of this region as his proxy and forward to him any material relating to the meeting.

2) **Vice President.** In case of the temporary absence or disability to act as the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President. The Vice President shall request reports from Division Superintendents of Division meetings and shows, and attempt to coordinate them to avoid conflicting dates as far as possible. The Vice President shall appoint the Division Superintendent of any division which does not elect its superintendent.

3) **Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep an accurate list of the members of the Corporation, keep minutes of the proceedings of the Corporation and of the Board of Directors which shall, at all reasonable times, be open for inspection by the members of the Corporation, prepare and distribute notices of the annual meeting and ballots for elections, and be the custodian of the Seal of the Corporation.

4) **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of all financial records and books of account, shall send notices to all debtors of the Corporation of amounts due the Corporation, shall deposit all dues transmitted to him by the Membership Chairman and receive and receipt for all other monies belonging to or receivable by the Corporation and shall disburse the same in such manner and amount as shall be directed by the Board of Directors. He shall keep an accurate record of all monies of the Corporation received and disbursed by him and shall make full and complete reports thereof at the annual meeting of the Corporation and at all meetings of the Board of Directors. He shall, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer, subject to the control of the Board of Directors. Except as provided in Article IV, Section 4, all funds of the Corporation shall be deposited in the name of the Corporation in a bank selected by the Board of Directors. Except as limited by Article IV, Section 4, said funds are to be withdrawn in accordance with resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors.

5) **Assistant Treasurer.** The Assistant Treasurer shall:

(a) countersign any check or transfer of funds of the Corporation which exceed \$500; and

(b) receive and reconcile all statements of checking or savings accounts of the Corporation.

6) **Executive Advisor.** The retiring President shall automatically be a full member of the Board of Directors and shall be known as Executive Advisor to the Board of Directors.

7) **Requirement of, and payment for, fidelity bond.** The Corporation shall obtain and pay the premium for a fidelity bond from a commercial insurance company, covering the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Membership chairman, in an amount determined by the directors of the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE VII ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE**

1) **Elections.**

(a) The person elected as Trustee of the N.M.R.A for the Southeastern Region, as provided in the by-laws of the N.M.R.A., shall also serve as the President.

(b) The Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and directors shall be elected by the resident members of the Corporation.

(c) The Directors shall elect one or more Assistant Treasurers as needed.

(d) If an election by the members of the Corporation is to be held or a proposed amendment is to be considered at a meeting, the Secretary shall prepare and distribute to the members eligible to vote, six weeks prior to the meeting, ballots setting forth the names of the nominees for the various offices and the proposed amendment. Ballots postmarked not later than two weeks prior to the meeting will be counted by the committee appointed by the President, and the results of the election published in the next issue of the corporation's magazine, The Southerner.

2) **Nominating Committee.** A nominating committee consisting of at least three (3) regular members of the Corporation shall submit to the President nominations for the office of Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Directors by February 1 of the year in which such officers are to be elected. Nominations may also be made to the President, in writing, for any office by any regular member of the Corporation if accompanied by a written statement by the nominee that if elected he will serve.

3) **Terms of Office.**

(a) The Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer shall be elected to serve for two (2) years. Directors shall be elected to serve for four (4) years. The terms of office of the Directors shall be staggered so that two Directors are elected each two years.

(b) No person other than the President-Trustee shall be elected to the same office or as a director for more than two successive full terms. Nothing in this section shall prevent the election for up to two full

terms of a person who has been elected to serve the unexpired term of his predecessor, nor the election to an office or as a director of a person who has, more than one term previously, formerly served in that position.

4) Tenure. The term of the person serving as President of the Corporation and Trustee of the N.M.R.A. from the S.E.R. shall begin and end as provided in the by-laws of the N.M.R.A. All other duly elected officers and directors shall be installed in office at the annual business meeting of the Corporation and shall serve until their successors shall be installed. If an officer or director shall cease to be a resident member he shall be deemed to have resigned. His later becoming a resident member again shall not affect his resignation.

### **ARTICLE VIII** **FISCAL YEAR AND MEETINGS**

1) Fiscal Year and Annual Meeting. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall commence on the first day of the month of January and end on the last day of the month of December. The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held each year within the month of May, unless a different date is authorized by the Board of Directors, at such time and place as approved by the membership of the Corporation. At least fifteen (15) days written notice shall be given by the Secretary to all members of the Corporation as to the place and date of the annual meeting.

2) Purpose. The purpose of the annual meeting and convention shall be as follows:

- a) to receive reports from officers and committees;
- b) to install the officers and directors elected in accordance with these by laws;
- c) to handle any other business that may come before the membership; and
- d) to pursue the purposes of the Corporation.

3) Special Meetings. In addition to the annual meeting, special meetings of members of the Corporation may be called at any time by order of a majority of the Board of Directors. At least fifteen (15) days written notice of the date and place of any special meeting shall be given by the Secretary to all members of the corporation.

4) Quorum. The presence of twenty percent (20%) or more of the resident members shall constitute a quorum for all purposes at meetings of the members of the Corporation.

5) Convention Bids. Bids for location of the convention city for the next annual meeting shall be received and approved on the floor at the annual meeting.

6) Responsibility for Convention Arrangements. The organization inviting a Corporation convention, is to be principally responsible for the convention arrangements and all financial arrangements relating thereto. A written contract specifying the responsibilities shall be executed between the Corporation and the organization inviting the Corporation convention.

### **ARTICLE IX** **COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

The President shall appoint the following Committee Chairmen:

(1) Publications Chairman. The Publications Chairman shall normally be editor of the Southeastern Regional publication, "The Southerner," and shall perform the duties generally associated with such, including the mailing of the publication to S.E.R. members and subscribers. The "Southerner" shall be published and distributed no less than four (4) times nor more than six (6) times annually. Should the financial condition of the treasury warrant such action, publication of "The Southerner" will be suspended until such time as finances will permit publication to resume. It will be the responsibility of the Treasurer to advise the Board of Directors of the funds so that the proper decision can be made and the editor informed as to the decision of the Board of Directors.

(2) Achievement Chairman. The Achievement Chairman shall be responsible for the local administration of the Achievement Program as established by the N.M.R.A. He will make the interpretation of award requirements and the certification of achievement application within the Southeastern Region.

(3) Convention Chairman. The Convention Chairman shall be responsible for organizing a convention committee in the convention city selected by the membership. He may serve as advisor to the local convention committee. He will report to the President every ninety (90) days regarding the action of the local convention committee.

(4) Contest Chairman. The Contest Chairman shall be responsible for conducting the model contest at the annual meeting. This responsibility includes notification of such a contest to the membership through the regional publication, providing entry forms, establishing qualification procedures, selecting judges and providing recognition of winners. Contest chairman shall establish close liaison with the convention chairman and the achievement chairman. The contest chairman will use the Southeastern Region Contest Rules in effect at the time of the annual meeting. The Contest Chairman shall coordinate security matters with the local convention committee.

(5) Membership Chairman. The Membership Chairman shall: (a) promote new membership; (b) promote continuance of memberships through notification of expired terms of memberships and required renewals, (c) send notices to members for payment of dues, and to persons subscribing to the publications of this Corporation, receive payment of the dues and subscriptions and transmit them to the

Treasurer with the names and addresses of the persons to whom the payments relate; and (d) notify applicants of their election to membership and issue membership certificates.

(6) Other Committees. The President shall have the power to create such other committees for such purposes as he deems necessary.

### **ARTICLE X** **DIVISIONS**

1) Establishment and boundaries.

(a) The establishment by resolution of board of directors of fifteen divisions of this Corporation, in order to encourage greater participation by modelers in local areas in the activities for which the Corporation is organized, is hereby ratified.

(b) With the consent of a majority of the resident members of the divisions involved, the board of directors may, by resolution, establish one or more new divisions or change the boundaries of the divisions.

(2) Organization of divisions. The members of each division may determine whether the division will incorporate, or operate as an unincorporated association. The by-laws of the division, and its articles of incorporation if the division is incorporated, shall not be inconsistent with the articles of incorporation and by-laws of this Corporation.

### **ARTICLE XI** **AMENDMENTS**

1) These By-Laws may be amended or repealed in whole or in part by the Board of Directors at any regular meeting, subject, however, to approval at any annual meeting, or special meeting called for that purpose, by a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the resident members who are present and voting, provided that a quorum is present and, provided further, that reasonable written notice of such proposed amendment has been mailed to each resident member of the Corporation by the Secretary.

2) Each proposed amendment shall contain the exact wording of the action or proposition and shall contain the signatures of not less than ten (10) resident members of the corporation or a statement by the Secretary that a majority of all of the board of directors has recommended the adoption of the proposed amendment.

3) Proposed amendments may be sent to all resident members for approval, by mail, at the discretion of the Board of Directors. It will be necessary for twenty per cent (20%) of the resident members to vote and for two-thirds (2/3) of those voting to approve to amend these By-Laws by this method.

### **ARTICLE XII** **RULES OF ORDER**

Robert's Rules of Order for Deliberative Assemblies shall be the parliamentary standard of the association on all points not otherwise provided for by these Articles.

### **ARTICLE XIII** **SEAL**

The Board of Directors shall provide for a corporate seal which shall be in such form and design as directed by the Board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE XIV** **WAIVER OF NOTICE**

Whenever any notice whatever is required to be given under the provisions of the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Act or under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or of the By-Laws of the corporation, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

### **Article XV** **DISSOLUTION**

(1) In the event of dissolution of the Corporation, no distribution of any of the property or assets of the Corporation shall be made to any trustee, officer, member or employee of the Corporation, but such property or assets shall be given only to an organization or organizations, which would qualify under Section 501 (c) (3) of the present Internal Revenue Code.

(2) Such organizations to be selected by the officers of the Corporation, whose purposes may be similar to or different from the purposes of this Corporation, provided that the corporation qualifies under the provisions of Section 541 (c) (3) of the present Internal Revenue Code or the comparable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code in effect.



# The Club Car —

This is a list of clubs and organizations in the South Eastern Region. Most have some NMRA members. If you have a club that is accepting new members or visitors, please send the information to Paul V. Voelker at: [paul-voelker@email.msn.com](mailto:paul-voelker@email.msn.com).

Please note, you must provide a contact name and phone number! If you have a website you can send us the URL as well!

## Atlantic Division

**Atlantic Division**, Savannah, GA. Nate Stone (912) 354-2604  
**Coastal Rail Buffs**, Savannah, GA., Nate Stone, (912) 354-2606  
<http://www.coastalrailbuffs.org/>  
**Golden Isles Model Railroad Club**, Brunswick, GA.  
**Grand Strand Model Engineers**, Myrtle Beach, SC.

## Bluff City Division

**Bluff City Division**, Memphis, TN, Ned B. Savage, (901) 682-8716  
**The Memphis N-Scale Road Railers**  
**The Memphis Society of Model Engineers**

## Central Savannah River Division

**Central Savannah River Division**, Augusta, GA, Terry Pitts, Jr. (706) 636-9581  
**Georgia-Carolina Model Railroaders**, Augusta, GA, Roy Tritt (706) 733-6870

## Cumberland Division

**Cumberland Division**, Brentwood, TN., Bob Hultman (615) 833-5158  
**Nashville NTRAK**, Nashville, TN., Ken Harrel (615) 352-4576  
<http://www.nashvilentrak.org>  
**Nashville Garden Railway Society**, Nashville, TN., Ross Evans (615) 292-6555  
**Tennessee Central Railway Museum**, Nashville, TN.,  
Terry Bebou, (615) 244-9001 FAX -2120 [terry.bebou@mach10internet.com](mailto:terry.bebou@mach10internet.com)  
<http://tcry.org>  
**Mid-South Live Steamers**, Columbia, TN., Hank Sherwood (615) 665-0512  
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## Dixie Division

**Dixie Division**, Phil Hutchinson, Montgomery, AL, (334) 272-1933  
**Central Alabama Model RR Club**, Montgomery/Prattville, AL,  
Phil Hutchinson, (334) 272-1933  
**Alabama Model Railroad Association**, Opelika, AL  
**Southeast Alabama Model Railroad Club**, Dothan, AL, Chuck  
Batherson (334) 677-3413

## Empire Division

**Empire Division**, Richard Dalrymple, Macon, GA., (478) 471-8883 FAX -8994  
**Columbus Model Railroad Club**, Columbus, GA., David Cotton (706) 323-1417  
**Flint River Model Railroad Club**, Albany, GA., Mike Frary (912) 434-1746  
**Middle Georgia Model Railroad Club**, Warner Robbins, GA  
<http://members.cox.net/mgmrc/> Bill Attaway (478) 328-1743 [mgmrc@cox.net](mailto:mgmrc@cox.net)  
**Thomasville Model Railroad Club**, Thomasville, GA., Ben Strickland (912) 465-3730

## Gulf Division

**Gulf Division**, Pensacola, FL, Ed Dice (850) 293-3532 cell - (850) 455-1313 home  
**Miracle Strip Model RR Club**, Shalimar, FL Chris Beard (850)-244-0161  
[www.geocities.com/miraclestriprrclub](http://www.geocities.com/miraclestriprrclub) [rafollacchio@pcola.med.navy.mil](mailto:rafollacchio@pcola.med.navy.mil)  
**Emerald Coast Garden Railway Club**, Milton, FL Ed Dice (850) 455-1313  
[EdwardDice@aol.com](mailto:EdwardDice@aol.com)  
**Mobile Society of Model Engineers**, Dave Miller, at (251) 645-2296 for information  
**West Florida Model Railroad Club**, Milton, FL Keith Rapley (850) 434-6374  
**West Florida Railroad Museum**, Milton, FL  
**Pensacola Model Railroad Club**, Pensacola, FL  
**Southwest Alabama Railroad Modelers (SWARM)**, Mobile, AL  
Herb Kern (251) 660-1659  
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## Headquarters Division

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**Chattanooga Area Model Railroad Club**, Dale Bryant [dale.bryant@camrc.org](mailto:dale.bryant@camrc.org)  
(423) 752-0141 or (423) 991-5243 [www.camrc.org](http://www.camrc.org)  
**Chattanooga Society of Model Engineers**, Dunlap, TN  
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**Land O' Sky Division**, Weaverville, N.C., Charles Bryan (828) 645-6896

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**Magnolia Division**, Pascagoula, MS., Mike Barry (228) 762-0929  
**Jackson Society of Model Engineers**, Jackson, MS  
Jackie Meck (601) 842-0909 [www.jsme.org](http://www.jsme.org)

## MidSouth Division

**Mid-South Division**, Fayetteville, TN., Thomas Bailey (931) 433-4207  
<http://www.geocities.com/mnta136/>  
**Northeast Alabama Model Railroad Club**, Guntersville, AL  
Charles Dick (205) 878-2537 [charlesdick@mindspring.com](mailto:charlesdick@mindspring.com)

**Redstone Model Railroad Club**, Huntsville, AL

## Palmetto Division

**Palmetto Division**, Pickens, S.C., Howard R. Garner (864) 878-4705  
**Associated Model Railroads of Columbia**, Columbia, SC  
Jack Huffman 803-699-2518 or [amroc.org](http://amroc.org) for information.  
**Central Railway Model & Historical Association**, Pickens, SC,  
Howard R, Garner (864) 878-4705 [hrgarner@innova.net](mailto:hrgarner@innova.net)

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**Piedmont Division**, Alpharetta, GA., Bob McIntyre (770) 518-8932  
**Northwest Georgia N Track Club**, Woodstock, GA  
Located in the Woodstock Depot—Downtown Woodstock @ Canton Rd./Arnold Mill  
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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/georgiangaugers>  
[GeorgiaNGers@yahoogroups.com](mailto:GeorgiaNGers@yahoogroups.com)  
**North Georgia Lego Train Club**, James Trobaugh (770)-844-1076  
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**Melvin G. Sheppers at: melmania@bellsouth.net**

## NATIONAL:

**2004 NMRA Convention: Puget Sound eXpress 2004**  
Seattle, Washington July 4 - 11, 2004  
www.nmra2004.org

## REGIONAL:

**2004 SER Convention: Steel Rails Back To The Steel City**  
Bessemer Civic Center, Bessemer, AL  
May 28-30, 2004

## DIVISIONAL:

### Land O'Sky Division - Regular Meeting

First Thursday of Every Month, All Souls  
Cathedral in Biltmore, NC, 7:00 pm. Until Concluded.

### Piedmont Division - Regular Meeting

2nd Tuesday of Every Month, Elks Lodge,  
1775 Montreal Rd., Tucker (Atlanta - East Side)

### Smoky Mountain Division—Regular Meeting

1st & 3rd Sunday of every month  
Oak Ridge Mall, Oak Ridge, TN  
3-5 pm work or open house sessions  
5-7 pm business meeting 3rd Sunday

### Steel City Division - Regular Meeting

Third Thursday of Every Month,  
Southside Branch  
Public Library at 7:00 pm.  
1814 11th Avenue South, Birmingham, AL

## Local Shows and Events (Date Order by State):

### - Alabama -

**Mobile Society of Model Engineers**, Alabama Gulf  
Chapter, NRHS - 2800 Graham Rd., S. Mobile, AL  
Call Dave Miller (251) 645-2296 for information  
Membership is open & we meet on the 2nd & 4th Sat  
urdays of the month in a Southern Railroad baggage  
car that we share with the Alabama Gulf Chapter,  
NRHS. The car is located behind the restored  
GM&O depot in Mobile, AL. Meeting is at 9:00 am.

### - Georgia -

#### Coastal Rail Buffs, Inc.

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www.costalrailbuffs.org railbuffs@sabrelink.com

### - Florida-

### - Mississippi -

#### Jackson Society of Model Engineers

www.jsme.org  
For info contact Jackie Meck at (601) 842-0909

### - North Carolina -

#### Narrow Trak 04—Brevard, NC

October 2004 (date not finalized)  
Two day meet featuring narrow gauge & logging clinics,  
manufacturer displays, popular vote model contest &  
modules.

For a non-binding registration form send a SSAE to:  
Narrow Trak 04, 216 S. Broad St., PMB4NE,  
Brevard, NC 28712-3702  
Specify type of registration: Individual Attendee,  
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### - South Carolina -

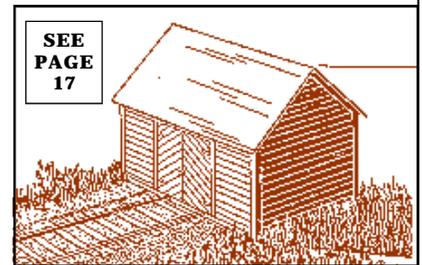
#### Associated Model Railroads of Columbia

1800 Lincoln Street, Columbia, SC  
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30 min. business meeting on first Thurs. of month  
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### - Tennessee -

#### Memphis Society of Model Railroad Engineers

First Saturday of Every Month  
All Saints Episcopal Church at 1508  
South White Station Road in  
Memphis (Except in May!)  
7:00 pm - Swap meet, videos,  
how-to programs. Prototype, too!



## A note to all SER Divisional AP Managers:

Please remember when submitting SOQ to me, that you verify that all the required paperwork is included such as, the complete SOQ forms and records with signatures, and a copy of the members current NMRA membership card. The packages should be complete before I receive them. There are still a few out there that have come incomplete, and I thank those that have been getting them to me in one package, as it keeps from delaying the process.

*The following Achievement Program Awards have been approved by National as of*

**Master Builder - Structures**

**Mike Braunstein**

## PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION:

At a news conference on Sat., Nov. 15th. following the National Southern Railroad Company's open house as part of the Piedmont Pilgrimage, Ron Gough, owner and sole proprietor announced a change in the railroad's slogan.

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**Applications must be RECEIVED NO LATER THAN February 1, 2004.**

<p><b><u>Mail all materials to:</u></b> <b>Mike Braunstein</b> <b>PO Box 500</b> <b>Centerville, GA</b> <b>31028-0500</b></p>	<p><b><u>2004 SER - BOD</u></b> <b><u>Nominating Committee</u></b> <b>Mike Braunstein-Chairman</b> <b>Randall Watson</b> <b>Mike Ferry</b></p>
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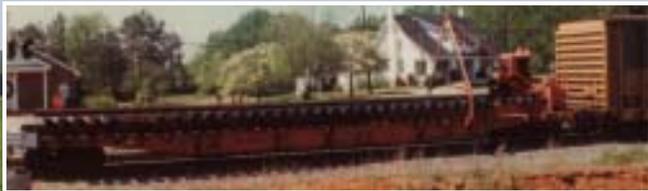
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