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Rick Coble, SER Secretary

The SouthErneR

November is Model Railroad Month!
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ON THE FRONT COVER: *Clockwise from left top, our Keynote Speaker was NMRA President Charlie Getz; SCD John Stewart getting this year's Dave Muller Award from Honors & Awards Chair Larry Smith, MMR; PD Joe Gelmini, MMR getting the Vern Yarbrough Award; CD George Gilbert receiving a President's Award from SER President Glen Hall, MMR.*

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Welcome to the NMRA InfoNet News For July 2014

A message from Allen Pollock, Interim At Large North American Director

I have just returned from the Board of Directors meeting held in Cleveland on July 11th and 12th. There were many topics discussed and acted upon, most of which will be covered in other venues, such as President Getz's column, board meeting reports on the web page and in the magazine. But one topic that deserves attention here, and in the other media mentioned above is the declining membership.

Programs and activities are in the works to address this problem. However, I believe that it is not solely the job of the membership promotional volunteers at the national level, as well as the regional and divisional folks. The most immediate attack on the membership decline lies with you and with me. We all know fellow model railroaders locally who for whatever reason don't belong to the NMRA. In many cases there is a confrontation or situation of long ago that happened to cause the member to not renew the membership, or deter this potential member from joining. Ironically, it was not a confrontation with the NMRA itself, but rather a situation involving another volunteer representing the NMRA which turned negative. I think we would do a great service to the Association to talk with these folks, try to determine their resistance to renew or join, and explain that most likely the original offending parties are no longer involved or the situations have now been corrected.

Another avenue to offer these folks is to simply enroll them as a member. That can be as inexpensive as the $9.95 Rail Pass membership, or as elaborate at a full one year membership with the NMRA Magazine. There are some divisions already enrolling and paying for the Rail Pass for visitors to their meetings. Internal studies have proven that the retention rate for renewal of these memberships is surprisingly high. This is a great gift to offer to a potential member, and should get their attention that you are serious about the NMRA, and want to share that with them. If each of us reading this InfoNet News would commit to signing up one new member, regardless of who actually paid the membership rate, this situation would be turned around in very short order.

The demographic data available has told us that almost all membership organizations have a problem with memberships declining. This is related to the fact that young people prefer not to join groups, spend more time than previous generations on electronic media, and are seeking instant gratification. While we may be able to convince these folks to join our NMRA at some point in the future with programs underway and directed at them, I think we should immediately address the potential members who form the group of age 45 on thru retirement. We meet these folks at divisional activities, conventions and train shows all the time.

I have signed up my new members, will you commit to sign up yours?

Allen Pollock
Interim At Large North American Director

2019 NMRA Convention & Train Show Location
The NMRA Board of Directors, at their annual meeting in Cleveland, unanimously selected Salt Lake City as the location for the 2019 NMRA Convention and Train Show. The convention dates are 07-07-19 to 07-13-19 & the train show dates are 07-12-19 to 07-14-19.

Newly revised NMRA Web Page
Ben Sevier, NMRA Information Technology Manager, has announced the release of a new and improved version of the NMRA web page at:

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Meritorious Service Award
Ray deBlieck
Ed Slintak

Honors Committee Report

Larry E. Smith, MMR chair

As a matter of information to the board, the honors committee is made up of previous recipients of the Yarbrough Award who are still active and live within the confines of the Southeastern Region. The current members of the committee are Dr. Joe Nichols, Sr. MMR, Joe Gamble, Len Polinsky, Paul Voelker, Jim Blanchard, Carey Jenkins, Jim Ketchersid, Bob Beaty MMR, and myself.

The honors committee is responsible for two awards, The Vern Yarbrough award and The Dave Muller award, both of which are service awards.

The Vern Yarbrough award is given for service at the regional level. It is not restricted to being an officer of the Region. This award may not be given on an annual basis. Nominations are made based upon the activities of an individual at region level. When the nominations are made, the name or names are distributed to the members of the committee and the qualifications are discussed and a vote taken.

The Dave Muller Award is given for service at the divisional level. The elaborate point system that was developed in the past has been done away with and individuals are nominated based upon their activity level within their division. The procedure for the Mueller Award is the same as the Yarbrough Award.

These procedures were developed to prevent these two awards from becoming popularity awards and to be a special recognition for the hard work each individual has done at the two different levels.

There will be both the Vern Yarbrough and the Dave Muller awards presented this year at the Memphis convention. As in the past both of the recipients names will be revealed at the awards banquet.

Respectfully submitted
Larry E. Smith, MMR

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Editor's Soapbox

My apologies to the SER BOD and the membership for the tardiness of this Summer issue of The SouthErneR. Due to a number of things including procrastination, my paying job, the national convention and computer issues, this issue of the newsletter is coming out 3 months late. The Upcoming Events section has been updated to include mostly events that will occur after you receive this issue although September events may occur before the newsletter arrives. Sorry!

It seems that every few years something happens that requires a computer upgrade or replacement. My venerable HP Pavilion Laptop has served me well since 2004 running Windows XP and the newsletter has been put together with Publisher 2002 since 2002! However it is now 2014 and Microsoft in their infinite wisdom (yeah, right!) has chosen to discontinue support of both XP & Publisher 2002 (and 2003). As a result (and due to a computer glitch from an unknown source) I have had to upgrade to Windows 7 (Win 8 is unusable) with Publisher 2007 (2013 is also unusable, at least for now) and installed on both a new desktop computer and laptop. Neither is "company supplied" as my job does not require a computer at Kroger!

As I am typing this I am on my ninth attempt to get the newsletter done, the previous eight tries resulted in the file becoming un-openable. I think I have finally isolated that problem but I thought that I had done that a few weeks ago! (Sigh…) At this point I have 5 more pages to finish, let's hope there are no more problems.

Anyway, if you did not attend either the Memphis 2014 joint MCoR/SER regional convention or the Cleveland 2014 national convention you missed two very good conventions! We had pretty good attendance at the region, less so at national but the number of entries in both contests was very good! And the models were excellent, some of which appear within these pages and on the back cover.

Congratulations go to John Stewart of the Steel City Division on earning this year's Dave Muller Award. John's efforts have revitalized the Steel City Division.

Congratulations also go to Piedmont's Joe Gelmini, MMR for joining the ranks of Vern Yarbrough Award recipients as this is not a yearly award but is only given for years of extraordinary service to the region. Joe has under his belt tours as the region's president, the Piedmont Division's Superintendent, their Train Show Manager, and is currently serving as the NMRA's Eastern District Director. He also holds a Dave Muller Award.

If you've read the NMRA's InfoNews on page 4 you've probably noticed that the one person running for the At Large North America Director (ALNAD) position withdrew his name after the BOD meeting. To date there are now no less than six (6!) candidates running for that one seat, two of whom are both SER Directors and Piedmont Division members! Of the other four I know all but one and also all but one have never served on the national BOD before. Should be an interesting race particularly if one of the SER members should win that seat! By the way, should that happen there will be a vacancy created on the region's BOD as whoever that person is they can not sit on the boards of both the region and national.

The President's Car

Glen Hall, MMR

The Bluff City Division under the guidance of Superintendent Mike Fleming pulled off a great first with the joint SER/MCoR Convention. Lots of great clinics, all prototype tours full, plenty of outstanding contest models, a modest train show, a scrumptious banquet, lots of awards and the NMRA President Charlie Getz as guest speaker. Oh and beautiful weather, what more could you ask for. There were 188 attendees at the convention. The Southeastern Region rocked with 137 attending. Congratulations SER members.

This was also election year for most of the officer positions. Your new Board of Directors and some new chairmen positions are listed else where in this issue. One sad note, only 149 votes were cast out of a possible 1,434. Every member received a ballot! Has the price of a stamp and a couple of minutes gotten to expensive?

It was my pleasure to present a President's Award for volunteerism above and beyond the norm. George Gilbert served the Region for 10 years as the Achievement Program Chairman. He also stepped in as the Contest Chairman a couple of times and has been elected as the SER secretary. A great thanks to George for his past and continued support and service to the region. The Honors Awards Chairman, Larry Smith, MMR, presented the Dave Muller Award for outstanding service at the division level to John Stewart, Superintendent of the Steel City Division. The coveted Vern Yarbrough Award given for outstanding service at the regional level was presented to past president Joe Gelmini.

Mark these up coming events on your calendar, September 27th Mini-Meet and BoD meeting in Huntsville, AL. Mid-South super Sandy Warrington has a great weekend planned. Next years convention in Greenville, SC. Again Ron Loan, Palmetto Division super already has the ball rolling and presented an outstanding slide show at the convention.

Looking forward to my new term of office, I will try and tackle a couple of issues that need resolution. (1)We have a couple of divisions that are rather large in size, but small in member numbers. Those members in most cases are separated by many miles making it difficult to hold meaningful meetings. I will do my best to find a solution, be it changing division lines, mergers or both. (2) With assistance from the BoD I would like to come up with a "Regional Action Plan" that will take us into the future by setting priority's and milestones for such things as recruitment and member retention.

It is officially summer, so have a great vacation and enjoy your family.

Keep a steady hand on the throttle and your eyes on the track

SER Boy Scout Coordinator

Howard Goodwin - horn69@bellsouth.net

The Piedmont Division continues to have regular programs four times a year and they are nearing 900 scouts who have attained the Railroading Merit Badge. I would ask that any Divisions that are currently involved in the Railroading Merit Badge to let me know what they are doing and more importantly if they need any help.

Howard

Education Department

Peter Youngblood, MMR

Are we really Dinosaurs?

Recently I received an e-mail from two fellow SER NMRA members with ideas on how we might improve our efforts to individually or collectively, stem the flow of member attrition. I'm taking the liberty of sharing my reply with you.

"Thank you for taking the time to comment on the declining NMRA membership and suggestions to help stop the bleeding. I certainly share your concerns.

The issue, as you indicate, is complex, a challenge made more difficult in our rapidly evolving electronic daily environment. Yes, kids today are still drawn to animated train displays like magnets-to-metal just like we were. We witness it at every public model railroad event. This hasn't changed. What has are electronic diversions galore starting at a very early age, even increasingly so in lower school classes. Speaking for myself, I find it depressing to see so many kids learning to rely, almost to addiction, on multitudes of computer devices to either solve simple problems or just to communicate. Are they therefore any less intelligent? Not necessarily. Just contemporary.

Seniors that most of us are in the hobby, what it taught us throughout the years and why we're still so passionately involved, are these things that no longer have relevance or even matter? Are we becoming dinosaurs, an endangered species rapidly advancing toward extinction? Just how we went from kids happily "playing with trains" with young minds creating imaginary of three-dimensional landscapes and story boards, then evolving by learning basic skill sets mostly out of necessity if we wished to actually try to achieve the imagined…, well, some of it anyway. That "necessity," some too easily assume, is gone. Is it? I'm not so sure.

Factually it is easier today to build a model railroad. Indeed, there are more pre-made "built-ups " encompassing everything from basic layouts to rolling stock to motive power to structures to scenery items, etc. We see them all, disdain most, shake our heads at the prices, yet succumb on occasion in the interest of saving time. Saving time, hobby manufacturers realized not too long ago, is of increasing importance if you're going to sell product and remain competitive in today's marketplace, a time when leisure hours are less prevalent for either kids or adults. We may wish it otherwise, but it's reality.

Consider, however, bench work must still, for the most part, be constructed. Sub-roadbed and roadbed cut, shaped and fastened. Track must be installed, then wired. Landforms created and scenery materials applied, trains still tuned to operate reliably, and the intricacies of DCC or ancillary electronics understood, and so on. Even with ready-made materials and products, skill sets must still be learned..., and taught.

Exposing as best we can by whatever means, to young, old, or in between, the enjoyment and educational benefits derived from the hobby of model railroading, is a recruiting element essential to maintaining the welfare of the NMRA for years to come. Of equal recruiting importance is stressing NMRA membership as the best resource for experienced teachers ready and willing to help the novice hands-on. That's where we "dinosaurs" can show we're not yet extinct and can demonstrate our proven worth."

Peter Youngblood, MMR
SER Education Program Manager

Communications Report

Rick Coble, Scott Povlot

Newsletters

Newsletters continue to be sent approximately every six weeks. Since the February BOD meeting, newsletters were sent at the beginning of March 2014, Mid-April, and the beginning of June.

Newsletters are designed to be simple, brief, and straightforward to keep the recipient's attention.

Content is solicited from region board members and superintendents.

The newsletter remains a work in process.

Website

Traffic remained relatively low with about 30 visits per day. The majority of visits came from users located in the Southeast, but we also had visits from users located across the USA, including Hawaii. International visits information is not available.

As expected, the most visited website page was the home page, accounting for 31% of total website visits. The second most visited page was the Memphis convention page (9%).

Eight of fifteen division pages contain information about division activities or have detailed information about the division. The remaining pages list only the superintendent's contact information and geographic area served by the division.

Rick Coble is available to assist with the addition of NMRA events on the website and schedules on division pages. All he asks is that items are placed on the website at least 30 days prior to the event. This is primarily to make the information available to visitors well in advance of the event.

Registrar Report

Steve Prevette - prevette@atlanticbb.net

Current membership in the Region is 1,268, with 632 SouthErneR subscribers. Membership by division is as follows:

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07 Palmetto	99	95
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10 Bluff City	53	60
11 Cumberland	65	60
12 Smokey Mountain	61	59
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15 Land O' Sky	81	82
TOTAL	**1,273**	**1,268**
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2	Dave	Roeder, MMR	Webster Groves	MO	HO ADM #1934 Diesel - GP 9 R - with cut off cab	21	15	22	19	6	83		3
51	Brad	Slone, MMR	Dixon	MO	SD-38-2	13	15	24	23	6	81		4
5	Dave	Roeder, MMR	Webster Groves	MO	HO BN #2552 GP-35 Diesel	18	15	20	20	4	77		5
4	Dave	Roeder, MMR	Webster Groves	MO	HO BN #1632 GP-7m Diesel	18	15	18	20	5	76		6
6	Dave	Roeder, MMR	Webster Groves	MO	HO BN #1437 GP-10 Diesel	18	15	18	20	4	75		7
					Freight Car								
53	Bill	Griffith, MMR	Hendersonville	TN	On3 Freight Car	35	18	23	20	14	110		1
43	Ryan	Moats, MMR	Omaha	NE	B&CC House Car #301	35	16	24	19	15	109		2
38	Ryan	Moats, MMR	Omaha	NE	B&CC House Car #302	35	15	24	19	15	108		3
40	Ryan	Moats, MMR	Omaha	NE	B&CC House Car #306	36	16	24	16	15	107	X	4
42	Ryan	Moats, MMR	Omaha	NE	B&CC House Car #303	34	16	24	18	15	107	X	4
41	Ryan	Moats, MMR	Omaha	NE	B&CC House Car #304	34	16	24	18	15	107	X	4
52	Brad	Slone, MMR	Dixon	MO	SLSF #5904	37	17	22	17	14	107	X	4
11	Dave	Roeder, MMR	Webster Groves	MO	HO Flat Car 40 foot wood T&E #567	32	17	18	20	13	100	X	8
48	Larry	Alfred, MMR	Olathe	KS	ICG Thrall All Door Box Car	32	16	22	20	8	98	X	9
10	Dave	Roeder, MMR	Webster Groves	MO	HO Adhesive tank car TCC #521	28	14	20	17	9	88	X	10
13	Dave	Roeder, MMR	Webster Groves	MO	HOn3 SG&N #13 Narrow Gauge 30' bulkhead flat	26	16	20	15	6	83		11
12	Dave	Roeder, MMR	Webster Groves	MO	HOn3 SG&N #15 Narrow Gauge 24' flat car w/red	23	14	19	12	13	81		12
					Non Revenue								
49	Larry	Alfred, MMR	Olathe	KS	SJM&P Co Work Car	36.5	19	23	20	14	112.5		1
					Structure								
55	Scott	Matherly	Birmingham	AL	On30 Engine House	32	18	22	21	14	107		1
44	Ryan	Moats, MMR	Omaha	NE	B&CC Forks Creek Water Tower	35	16	24	17	14	106		2
20	George	Gilbert	Nashville	TN	Gallows Turntable, HOn3	37	17	22	20	8	104		3
1	George	Gilbert	Nashville	TN	The Old Mill	32	14	23	20	14	103	X	4
50	Pat	McCarthy	Jackson	MS	Stone Church	29	15	22	22	8	96	X	5
3	George	Gilbert	Nashville	TN	Fancied Up Log House	26	13	24	20	11	94	X	6
21	George	Gilbert	Nashville	TN	Hydro Electric Power Plant	28	17	25	20	4	94	X	6
26	Larry	Smith	Lawrenceburg	KY	Ex NYC Depot	26	15	23	15	9	88	X	8
56	Tom	Schultz	Birmingham	AL	Quincy's Salvage Barn	22	15	21	18	12	88	X	8
58	Tom	Schultz	Birmingham	AL	Alder Trestle—Sumpter Valley Railway	32	15	16	11	14	88	X	8
34	Larry	Smith	Lawrenceburg	KY	Lawrenceburg Depot	17	14	16	12	12	71		11
					Display (Diorama)								
25	Danny	Head	Gunterville	AL	Friday's Crossing	37	19	24	24	13	117		1
27	Larry	Diehl, MMR	Shawnee	KS	Chicken Fat & Red Bull Hide Processing Diorama	27	16	24	17	13	97		2
57	Tom	Schultz	Birmingham	AL	HOn3 Railroad Camp	30	18	23	19	6	96		3

PHOTO CONTEST RESULTS

Rails to the River MCoR-SER Memphis 2014 Convention

#	First	Last	City	St	Description	Award
					B&W Print—Model	
P11	Cliff	Powers	Brandon	MS	Roundhouse Repairs	1 & Chairman's Award
P09	Cliff	Powers	Brandon	MS	Sand Tower	2
P13	Cliff	Powers	Brandon	MS	Steam and Diesel	3
					Color Print—Model	
P16	Cliff	Powers	Brandon	MS	Departing New Orleans	1
P02	Peter	Youngblood, MMR	Kennesaw	GA	"The Supervisor" Lamy, NM	2
P10	Cliff	Powers	Brandon	MS	Turning the Switcher	3
P07	Jack	Rosenfield	Overland Park	KS	KCS - Flying Cloud #3	Chairman's Award
					Color Print - Prototype	
P04	Peter	Youngblood, MMR	Kennesaw	GA	"Approaching Thunder" Santa Fe, NM	1 & Chairman's Award

PASS CONTEST RESULTS

Rails to the River MCoR-SER Memphis 2014 Convention

#	First	Last	City	St	Description	Award
26	Donald	Broner	McLouth	KS	Stock Certificate	1
67	Ryan	Moats, MMR	Omaha	NE	B&CC Stock Certificate #3	2

And The Winners Are...

Text & Photos by the Editor

Shown here are some of the contest winning models and their builders from the recent "Rails Across The River" Memphis 2014 convention last June. All told we had thirty-seven AP judged contest models, one Favorite Train, thirteen Showcase, two Railroad Passes, and sixteen Photos for a total of sixty-nine (69!) entries, not too bad guys! We somehow managed to scare up enough judges to have two for each of the five judging categories - Construction, Detail, Conformance, Finish & Lettering, and Scratchbuilding.

I had to lend a hand judging Conformance for a while so some of our judges, who also entered models, would not be judging their own model. Normally when I get "drafted" by the model contest crew it is to judge Finish & Lettering but I really enjoyed doing Conformance!

However my main interest is in the photo contest as in addition to being the region's Editor, I am also the NMRA's national Photo Contest Chairman. A few years ago I started a special award category for the region's photo contest in an effort to "drum up business" so to speak. I give out four special "NMRA Photo Contest Chairman's Award" plaques, one each for Black & White Print—Model, and Prototype, plus Color Print Model, and Prototype. This year we did NOT have a Black & White Print—Prototype entry but we did have a few Black & White—Model entries.

The winner pictured here at the Awards Presentation ceremony was by SER Magnolia Division member **Cliff Powers** of Brandon, MS which is titled "Roundhouse Repairs". The photo also won First Place in B&W Print—Model in the general contest. PVV

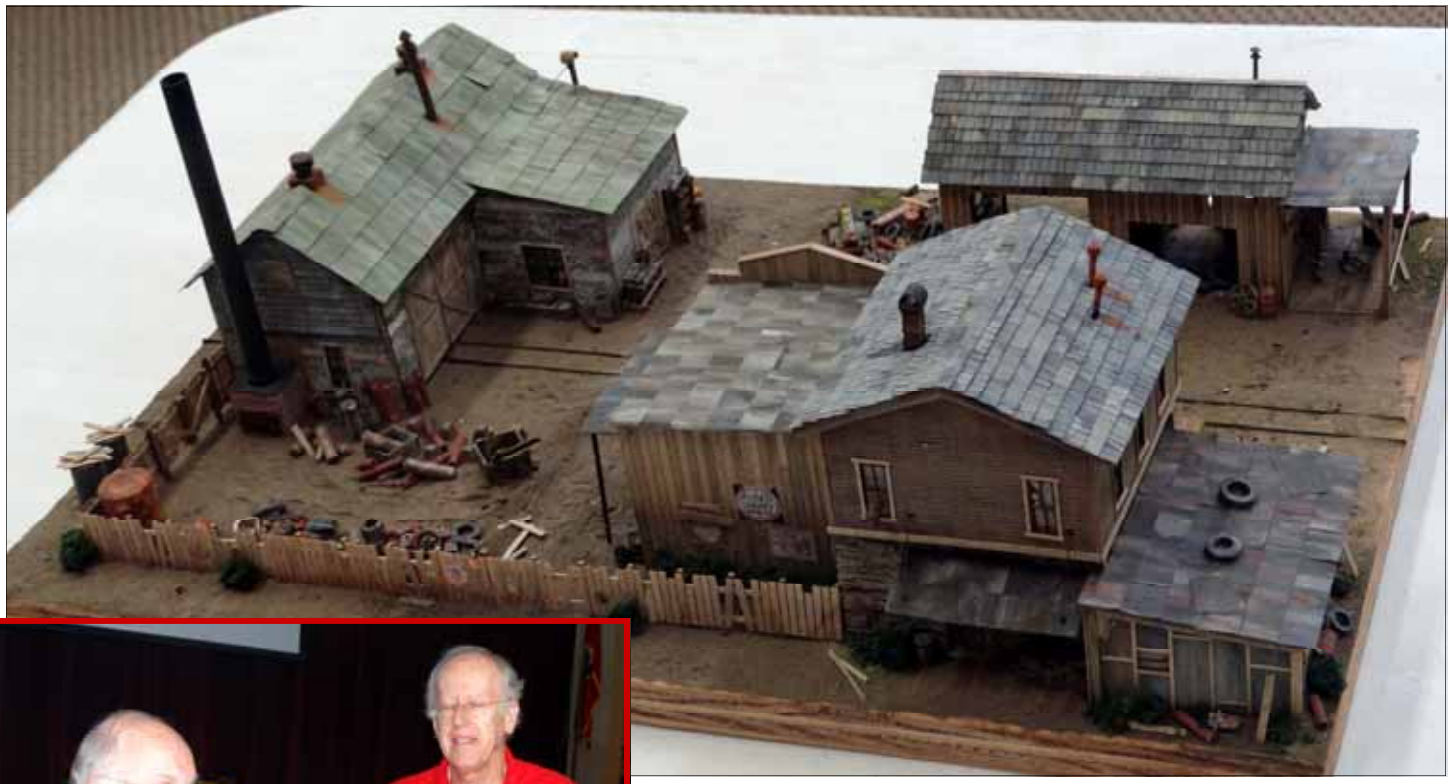
The **Steam Locomotive** category only saw two entries, both by **Ryan Moats, MMR**.

B&CC #6 (left) earned 90 points for First Place and B&CC #4 earned 89 points for Second Place. Both models are in HOn30 scale.

Above In the **Diesel & Other** category MCoR member **Al Warren, MMR** picked up First Place for his Illinois Central Gulf GP11 #8749 earning 96 points and a Merit Award.

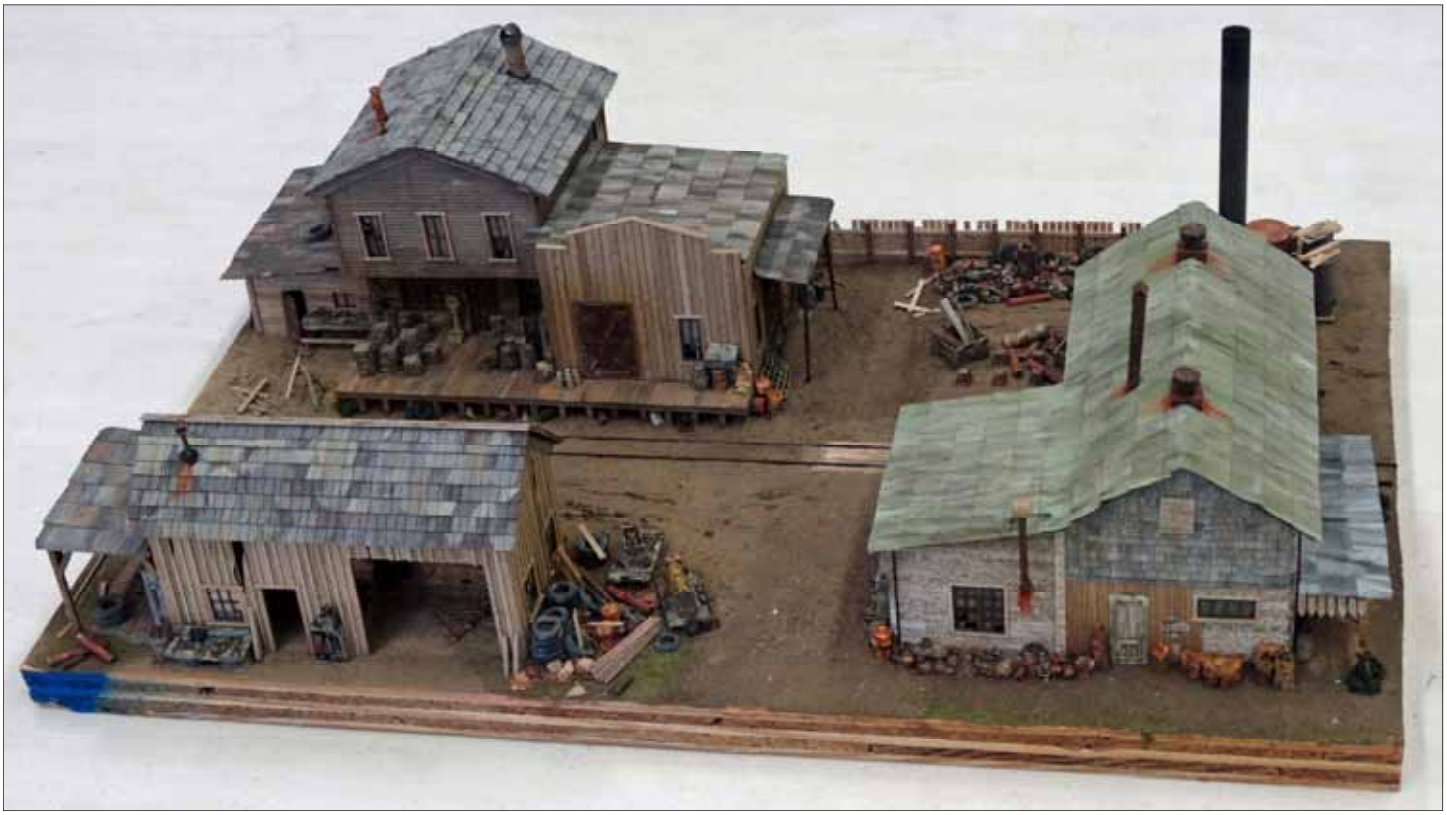
Below MCoR member **Al Warren, MMR** also picked up Second Place for his Chicago & Northwestern SD38-2 #6652 earning 92 points and another Merit Award.

At Left MCoR member **Dave Roeder, MMR** won Third Place with his ADM #1934 with a cut-off cab nose which earned 83 points.



DISPLAY

*SER Steel City Division member **Tom Schultz** is given his Third Place plaque by SER Contest Chair George Gilbert. Tom's HOn3 Railroad Camp Diorama earned 96 points.*

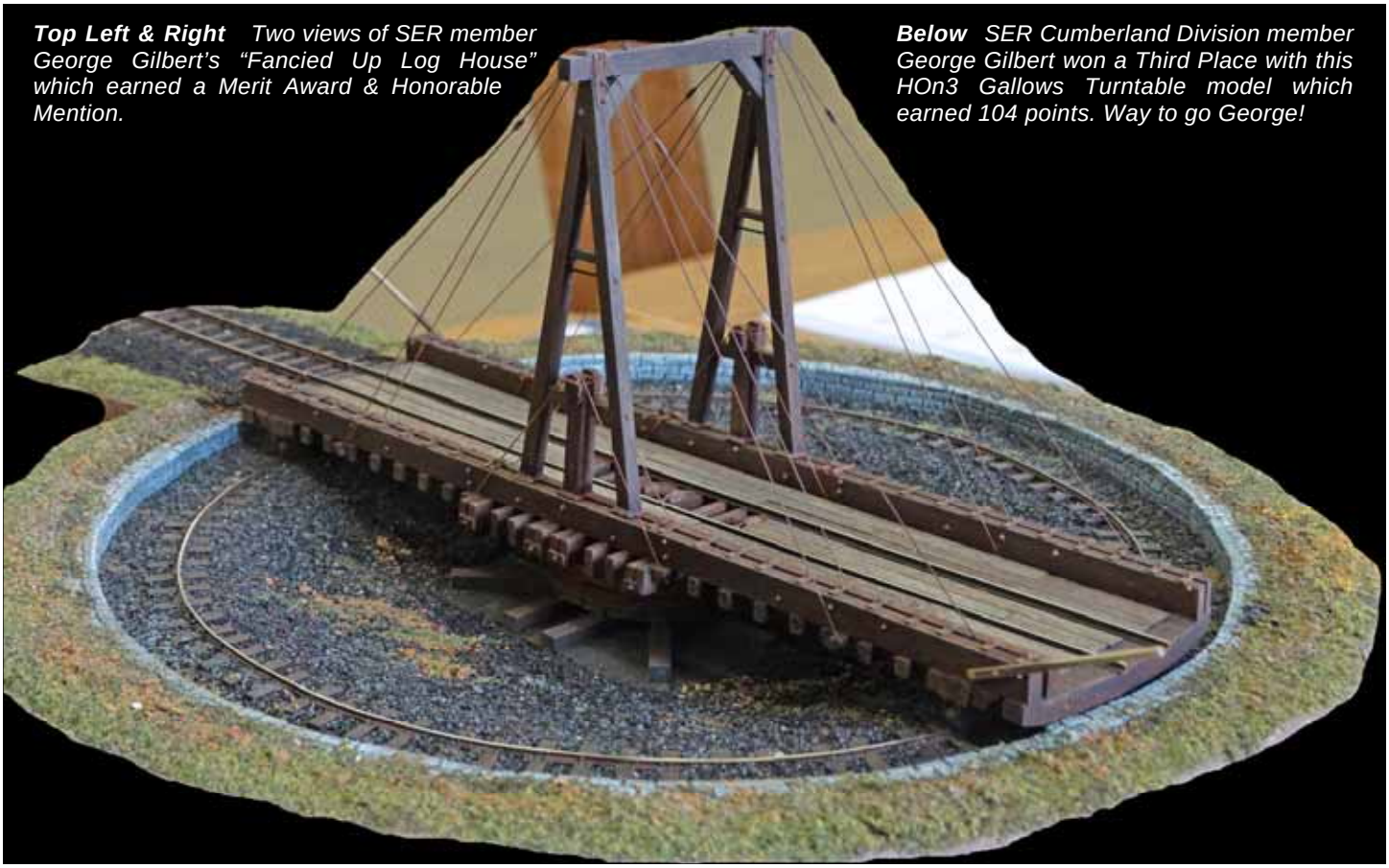


Above *MCoR member* ***Larry Diehl, MMR*** *constructed this interesting diorama titled* ***"****Chicken Fat & Red Bull Hide Processing". The diorama earned 97 points good enough for Second Place in the Display (Diorama) category.*

STRUCTURES

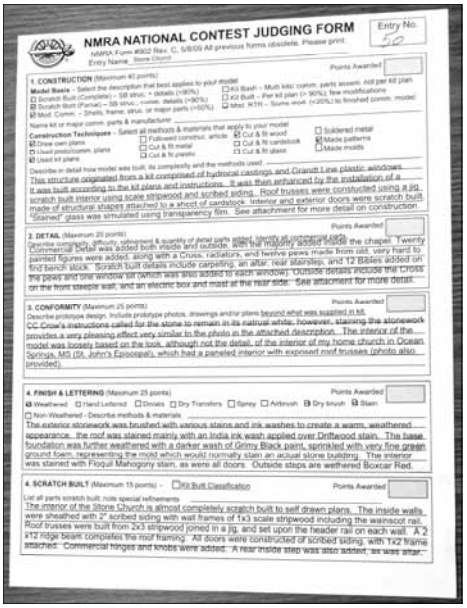
Top Left & Right *Two views of SER member George Gilbert's "Fancied Up Log House" which earned a Merit Award & Honorable Mention.*

Below *SER Cumberland Division member George Gilbert won a Third Place with this HOn3 Gallows Turntable model which earned 104 points. Way to go George!*



Top & Above *SER member George Gilbert earned a Merit Award and Honorable Mention for this model of a Hydro Electric Power Plant which earned 94 points.*

At Right *SER member George also snagged another Merit Award and Honorable Mention for his "The Old Mill" which earned 103 points.*



NMRA NATIONAL CONTEST JUDGING FORM

NMRA Form #802 Rev. C, 5/8/09 All previous forms obsolete. Please print

Entry No. 50

Entry Name Stone Church

Points Awarded

1. CONSTRUCTION (Maximum 40 points)

Model Basis - Select the description that best applies to your model

☐ Scratch Built (Complete) - 5B struc. + details (>80%)
☑ Scratch Built (Partial) - 5B struc., some details (>50%)
☑ Mod. Comm. - Shells, frame, struc. or major parts (>50%)
☐ Kit Bash - Multi kits; comm. parts assem. not per kit plan
☐ Kit Built - Per kit plan (> 90%), few modifications
☐ Mod. RTR - Some mod. (>25%) to finished comm. model

Name kit or major comm. parts & manufacturer

Construction Techniques - Select all methods & materials that apply to your model

☑ Draw own plans
☐ Used prototype/comm. plans
☑ Used kit plans
☐ Followed construc. article
☐ Cut & fit metal
☐ Cut & fit plastic
☑ Cut & fit wood
☐ Cut & fit cardstock
☐ Cut & fit glass
☐ Soldered metal
☑ Made patterns
☐ Made molds

Describe in detail how model was built, its complexity and the methods used

This structure originated from a kit comprised of hydrocal castings and Grandt Line plastic windows. It was built according to the kit plans and instructions. It was then enhanced by the installation of a scratch built interior using scale stripwood and scribed siding. Roof trusses were constructed using a jig made of structural shapes attached to a sheet of cardstock. Interior and exterior doors were scratch built. "Stained" glass was simulated using transparency film. See attachment for more detail on construction.

Points Awarded

2. DETAIL (Maximum 20 points)

Describe complexity, difficulty, refinement & quantity of detail parts added (double all consideration points)

Commercial Detail was added both inside and outside, with the majority added inside the chapel. Twenty painted figures were added, along with a Cross, radiators, and twelve pews made from old, very hard to find bench stock. Scratch built details include carpeting, an altar, rear stairstep, and 12 Bibles added on the pews and the window sill (which was also added to each window). Outside details include the cross on the front steeple wall, and an electric box and mast at the rear side. See attachment for more detail.

Points Awarded

3. CONFORMITY (Maximum 25 points)

Describe prototype design. Include prototype photos, drawings and/or plans beyond what was supplied in kit.

CC Crow's instructions called for the stone to remain in its natural white; however, staining the stonework provides a very pleasing effect very similar to the photo in the attached description. The interior of the model was loosely based on the look, although not the detail, of the interior of my home church in Ocean Springs, MS (St. John's Episcopal), which had a paneled interior with exposed roof trusses (photo also provided).

Points Awarded

4. FINISH & LETTERING (Maximum 25 points)

☑ Weathered ☐ Hand Lettered ☐ Dmsels ☐ Dry Transfers ☐ Spray ☐ Airbrush ☑ Dry brush ☑ Stain

☐ Non-Weathered - Describe methods & materials

The exterior stonework was brushed with various stains and ink washes to create a warm, weathered appearance. The roof was stained mainly with an India ink wash applied over Driftwood stain. The base foundation was further weathered with a darker wash of Grimy Black paint, sprinkled with very fine green ground foam, representing the mold which would normally stain an actual stone building. The interior was stained with Floquil Mahogony stain, as were all doors. Outside steps are weathered Boxcar Red.

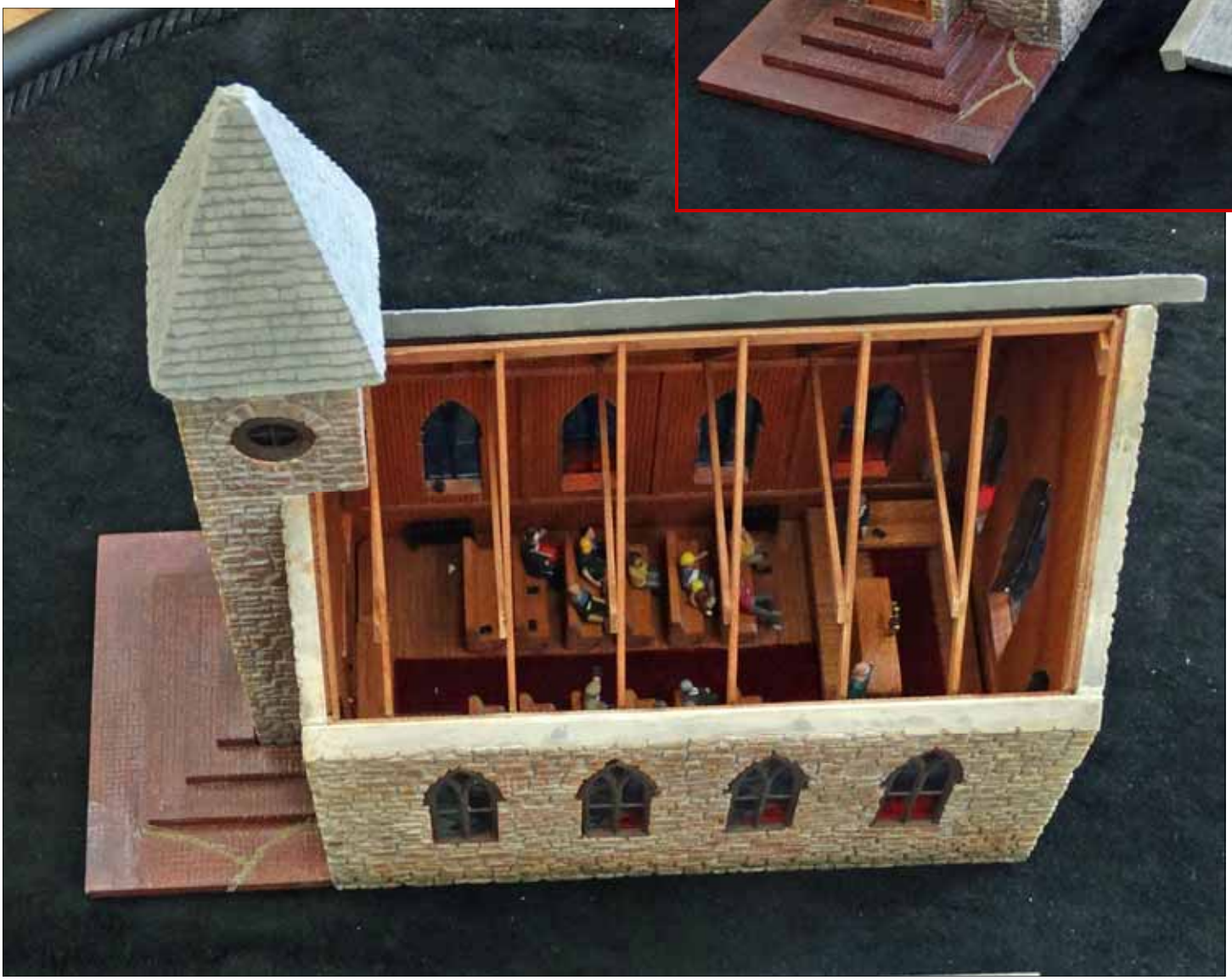
Points Awarded

4. SCRATCH BUILT (Maximum 15 points) - ☐ Kit Built Classification

List all parts scratch built; note special refinements

The interior of the Stone Church is almost completely scratch built to self drawn plans. The inside walls were sheathed with 2" scribed siding with wall frames of 1x3 scale stripwood including the wainscot rail. Roof trusses were built from 2x3 stripwood joined in a jig, and set upon the header rail on each wall. A 2 x12 ridge beam completes the roof framing. All doors were constructed of scribed siding, with 1x2 frame attached. Commercial hinges and knobs were added. A rear inside step was also added, as was altar.

Magnolia Division's first-time contest entrant ***Pat McCarthy*** *of Jackson, Mississippi got an Honorable Mention with 96 points in the Structures category. Honorable Mentions are given to entrants who earn a Merit Award but who do not place in first through third. At right we see Pat's write-up of the model on the Judging Form.*

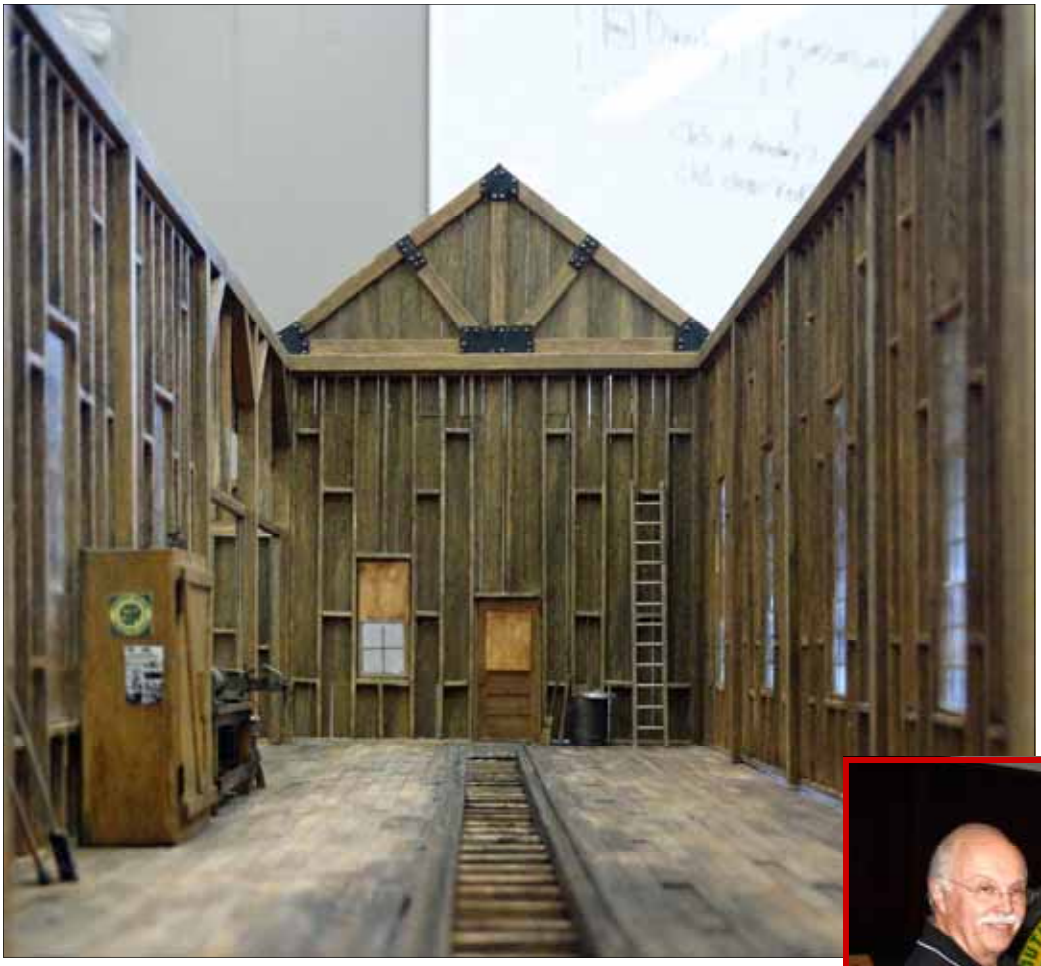


Above & Below *Two views of an ex-New York Central Railroad Station built by Mid-Central Region member* ***Larry Smith*** *of Lawrenceburg, KY. Larry's HO scale model earned 88 points for a Merit Award and an Honorable Mention.*

Above *MCoR member* ***Ryan Moats, MMR (right)*** *receiving his Second Place Structure plaque from SER Contest Chair George Gilbert.*

At Left *Ryan's B&CC Forks Creek Water Tower earned 106 points, the photo at right is almost the exact size of the water tower.*

Below *While the water tower seems rather plain looking, it's what is under the outer sheathing that is really interesting as all of the piles and framework that supports the water tank are modeled as can be seen here.*



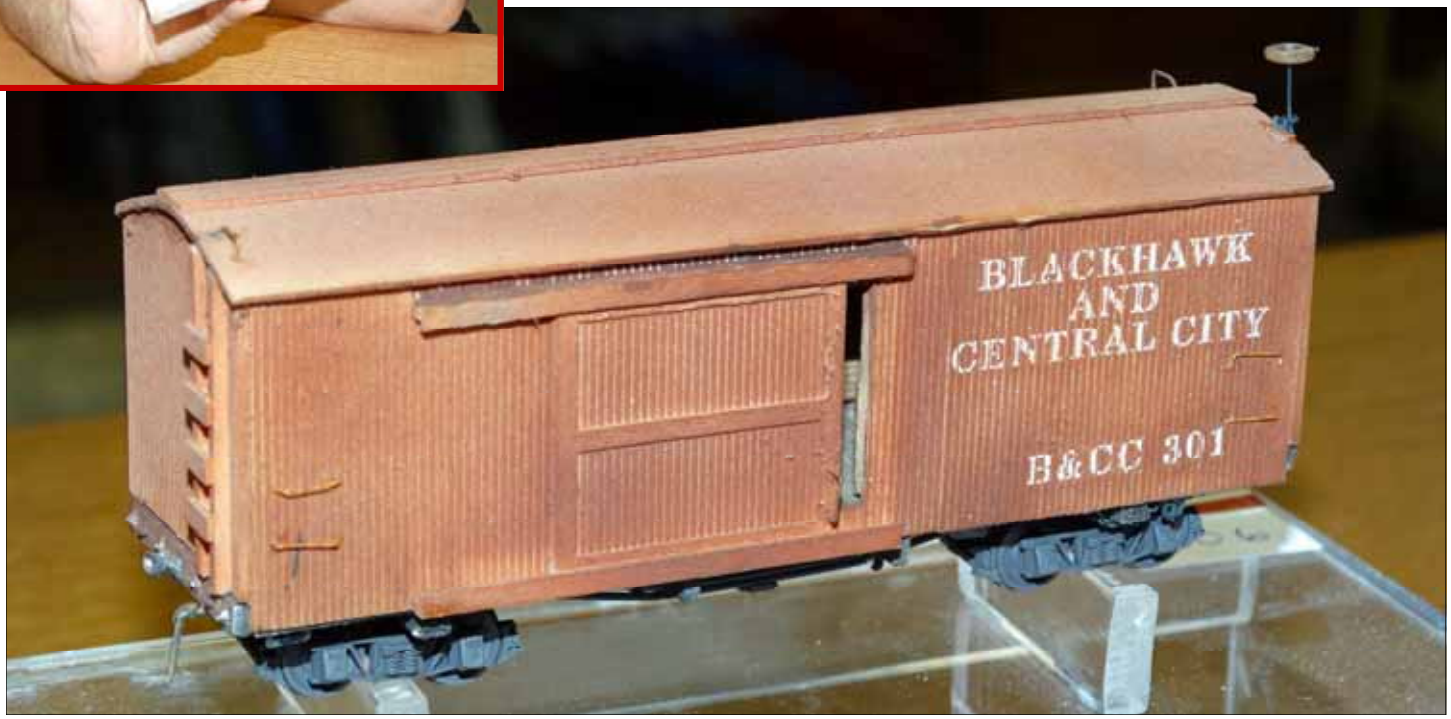
*SER Steel City Division member **Scott Matherly** receives his First Place Structure plaque from SER Contest Chair George Gilbert. Scott earned 107 points and a Merit Award with this On30 Engine House model.*

Above *Second Place—Freight Car went to B&CC Box car #304 which earned 109 points and a Merit Award for Ryan.*

FREIGHT CAR

Left *MCoR Contest Chair* ***Ryan Moats, MMR*** *holds up the superstructure of one of his box car models.*

Below *Third Place—Freight Car went to B&CC Box car #301 which earned 108 points and another Merit Award for Ryan.*



*SER Cumberland Division member **Bill Griffith, MMR** earned 110 points with this Southern Pacific Coke Rack car #218 in On3 scale. Here is Bill receiving his plaque from SER Contest Chair George Gilbert.*

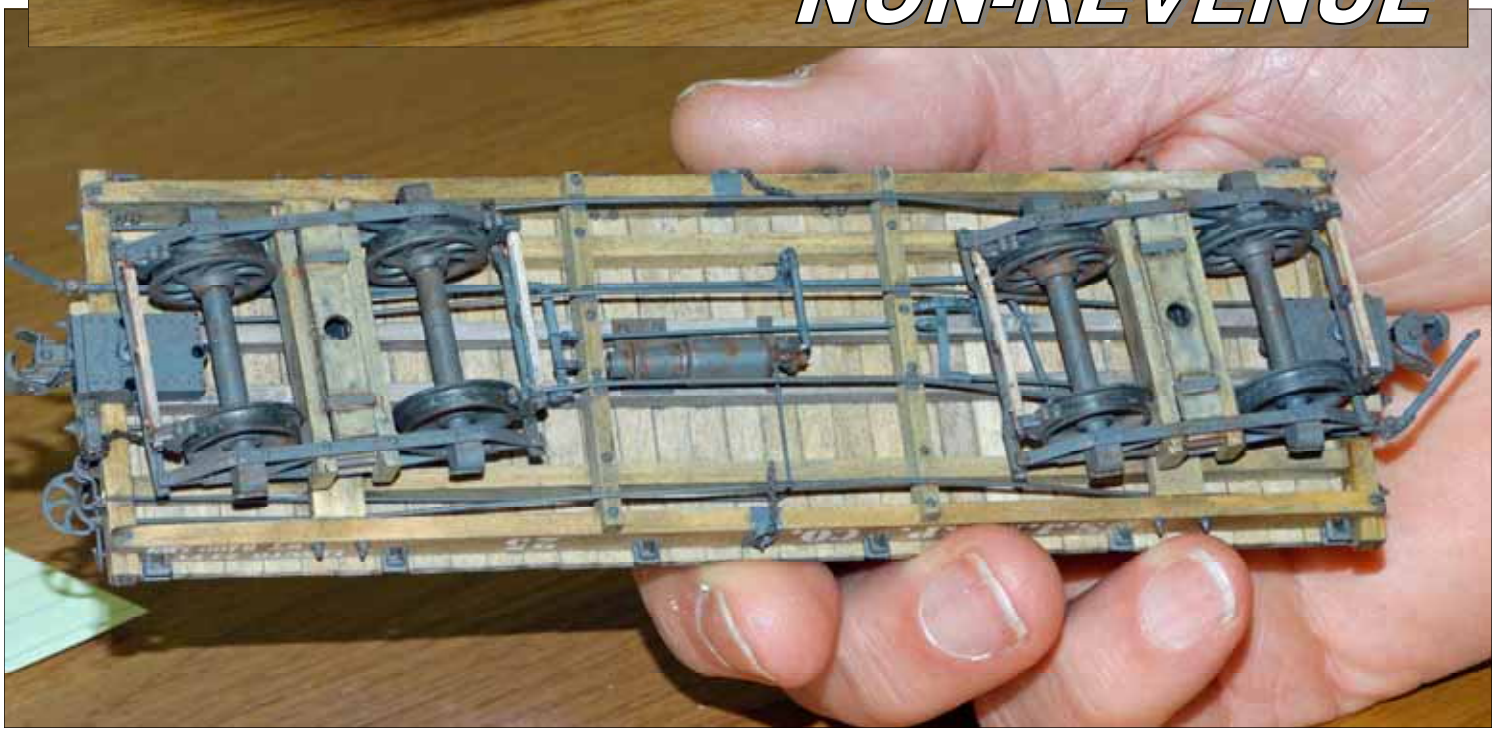
SER Cumberland Division member Bill Griffith, MMR (left) receives the Mike Callahan 101 Award from SER Contest Chairman George Gilbert for Bill's 110 point On3 Freight Car model seen on the previous page.

Above *MCoR member and former NMRA Contest Chairman* ***Marty Vaughn, MMR*** *(left) receives the MCoR "Larry Long Award" from fellow MCoR member Larry Diehl, MMR.*

Right *MCoR member Ryan Moats, MMR (left) receives the MCoR "2014 Narrow Gauge Light Iron Award" from fellow MCoR member Larry Alfred, MMR.*

*MCoR Turkey Creek Division member **Larry Alfred, MMR** receiving his First Place plaque for this exquisite narrow gauge SJM&P Company Work Car which earned 113 points and a Merit Award.*

NON-REVENUE



BEST OF SHOW

At Left **"**Rails Across The River" Memphis 2014 Convention Chairman **Mike Fleming** (left) presents Mid South Division member **Danny Head** with the convention's Best of Show plaque during the Awards Ceremony after the banquet.

SER Mid South Division member Danny Head is presented with a First Place in the Display (Diorama) category for his 117 point "Friday's Crossing" diorama. Danny also received the Best of Show for this model (see back cover). Here Danny is being congratulated by SER Contest Chair George Gilbert.

SOUTHEASTERN REGION

NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2014 - Memphis, TN

The following Board Members were Present:
Glen Hall MMR, President; Fred Coleman, Vice President Alan Mole, Treasurer; Peter Youngblood MMR,Director; Tom Shallcross, Director; Randall Watson, Director; Bob Beaty MMR, Executive Advisor

The following Division Superintendents were present:
Peter Youngblood MMR, Piedmont; Larry Burkholder, Smoky Mountain; Troy Hight, Magnolia; Ken O'Brien, Land of Sky; Tom Shallcross, Headquarters-Northern District; Sandy Warrington, Mid-South; Ron Lown, Palmetto; Mike Fleming, Bluff City

The following Committee Chairman were present:
George Gilbert (Secretary elect), AP & Contest Chair; Paul Voelker (Director elect), Editor; Peter Youngblood MMR, Education Director: Joe Nichols, Sr, Historian

The following members were present:
John Stevens, NMRA Secretary; David Gelmini; Tyler Gelmini; Joe Nichols, Jr.; Joe Gelmini, NMRA Eastern Director; Tracy Schrimscher; James Bando; Sally Bando (Treasurer elect); Allen Hicks; Ben Bartlett; (and one member whose handwriting is, unfortunately, unreadable)

Non-SER guest present: Charlie Getz, NMRA President

(Note: in the absence of the Secretary, Rick Coble, the Secretary Elect served as secretary for this BOD meeting)

There being a quorum present the meeting was called to order at 5:01PM

President Glen Hall,MMR welcomed everyone and introduced Joe Gelmini, NMRA Eastern Division Director and Charlie Getz, NMRA President. Then he invited all attendees to Introduce themselves.

Officer and Committee Reports

Secretary Report
In response to a call for reading of Feb. 8, 2014 BOD minutes, a Motion was made by Bob Beaty, 2nd by Randall Watson, to accept the minutes as distributed electronically by Secretary, Rick Coble. Motion passed

Treasurer Report
In response to a call for reading of the Treasurer's Report Peter Youngblood moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as published and distributed by Treasurer, Alan Mole. Randall Watson 2nd motion. Glen Hall read the bottom line from the Financial Statement and a short discussion ensued. Then the motion was called and passed. Minutes were accepted as published.

Vice President and Superintendent's Reports
Fred Coleman yielded to the following Division Superintendents:
Sandy Warrington, Mid-South. Noted the Division has 43 members.
Thomas Shallcross, Headquarters-North: Noted the Division has 13 members. Many of Div members in local club and division and local club work together.
Mike Fleming, Bluff City Almost all activity in division has been focused on this 2014 Joint Convention.
Troy Hight, Magnolia: Troy commented on success of the September 2013 Choctow Mini-Meet and noted the division has still not been able to hold elections.
Bob Beaty for Steel City: Division holds monthly meetings at Hoover Library. They also do monthly clinics. Attendance typically 15-20 of 125 in the division.

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Ken O'Brien, Land of Sky: Reports holding quarterly meetings and notes the division has some AP activity in progress.
Larry Burkholder, Smoky Mountain Division holds quarterly meetings with 15-20 attendees out of 60 members. Activity includes clinics many current ones focusing on the prototype.
Peter Youngblood, Piedmont: Very active division. 547 members with ~100 attending monthly meetings. Strong Boy Scout program with over 800 BS participants.
Ron Lown, Palmetto: Ron states division members working on the planned 2015 convention. Division holds 2 yearly meetings.

Communications Report
Rick Coble was not present to report. Glen noted that Rick will continue with the newsletter & web site.

Membership Report
Registrar, Steve Prevette was not present. His written report shows SER has 1274 members.

Editor's Report
Paul Voelker reported the Southerner, Spring Edition had been posted online. Deadline for next newsletter is 1 week after the Convention. Southerner scheduling is "back on track"

Education Report
Peter Youngblood Boy Scout program in Piedmont is very successful. Howard Goodwin has accepted chair of the Piedmont BSA program. AP program has awarded 45 certificates since the 2013 National Convention

Good & Welfare
David Anderson reports staying busy with letters. He notes his e-mail address in the Southerner is wrong. Glen states he will insure e-mail is corrected.

Honors & Awards
Larry Smith was not present. Glen Hall stated that both SER special awards will be presented at the Convention Banquet.

Old Business
2014 Convention Update About this convention the statement was made "we know what we are doing". There was some question about the accuracy of that statement.

2015 Convention Update
Ron Lown gave a talk and presentation about the June 5-7 Greenville, SC SER convention. He had registration forms available.

2016 Convention Update
Sandy Warrington talked about Mid-South Division's planned "Rocket City Rails" convention to be held in Huntsville, AL June 8-9.

2017 Convention Update
Planned for Aiken, SC; no one present to discuss this convention.

Fund Raising Projects
Alan Mole confirmed that there were no new fund raising projects underway.

There are no new DVD projects.

Car Project.
Randall Watson discussed in detail. Briefly proposed TAG Kaolin car may not be a good idea; suitable HO models are available, N models are not. Required numbers may make doing the HO cars financially questionable.
Alan Mole asked if doing a TAG boxcar (for HO & N) might be a better choice.
Bob Beaty noted he has suggested the TAG car because it's uniqueness to the South. He said the BOD may want to rethink the car done. This was followed by a lively discussion about what car might be a good choice but no conclusion was reached. Randall Watson agreed to summarize the information he presented in writing.
Alan Mole then discussed some peculiar tax concerns with receiving the cars in GA then reselling them.
Bob Beaty moved tabling further discussion of car project. Alan Mole 2nd. Motion passed; discussion tabled.

Mini-Meets
Sandy Warrington will host the next Mini-Meet in Huntsville, AL. Date mentioned was September 27, 2014. Hotel will be Huntsville Marriott.

New Business
Election
The 2014 Election of officers has been held as required by By-Laws. Executive Advisor, Bob Beaty, presented the election results. Those results were:

President	Glen Hall, MMR
Vice President	Alan Mole
Treasurer	Sally Bando
Secretary	George Gilbert
Director	Howard Goodwin & Paul Voelker

(Directors Tom Shallcross and Peter Youngblood, MMR were not up for election this time; they remain directors for the remainder of their terms.)

President Glen Hall made the following new Committee appointments:

Achievement Program Chair	Randall Watson
Contest Chair	Howard Garner
Convention Chair	Fred Coleman
Membership Chair	Rick Coble
Mini-Meet Chairman	Alan Mole

Other committee assignments remain unchanged.

Bob Beaty requested relief from the job of Executive Advisor. Bob noted that he became Exec Advisor when Joe Gelmini seceeded him as President. Since Glen Hall has now been elected as President the preceding president, Joe, should now become Exec Advisor. Charlie Getz confirmed that Joe cannot take a Region office since he holds a National office. Bob withdrew the request to be relieved and remains Executive Advisor.

Electronic Elections
Glen Hall passed out notes concerning the possibility of doing Region elections electronically. A lively discussion followed which concluded when Bob Beaty moved and Randall Watson 2nd that the president create a committee to investigate electronic elections. Motion passed. The president then created the following Committee
Committee Head: Alan Mole
Members: Bob Beaty, Buddy Black, and Region Legal Counsel.

Several Points raised by Alan Mole
Alan Mole raised a legal problem that exists with the state of GA. It seems that a GA based non-profit has a Registered Agent and that agent must be a GA resident. Normally we would like the "agent" to be the SER president. However, Glen, does not live in GA. So Alan Mole will remain the agent.

Alan Mole recommended printing the Financial Reports in the Southerner. Paul Voelker stated an abbreviated report is in the Southerner

Alan Mole mentioned he had a report on Greenville use of SER convention seed money.

Alan Mole noted that Steve Prevette did an review of SER financials for the last 4 years. Found a clear record.

Awards
The president presented the "Outstanding Conductor Award" to outgoing officers. The recipients included:
Fred Coleman, Charlie Crawford, Alan Mole, Randall Watson, Rick Coble others not listed during the meeting.

Items from Members
The meeting was opened to items from members. So Bob Beaty got the floor and moved that the meeting be adjourned. Alan Mole 2nd. Motion Passed and meeting was adjourned at about 6:42pm

Respectfully submitted
George Gilbert, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN REGION

NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2014 - Memphis, TN

The Southeastern Region, NMRA Annual Meeting was held on June 13, 2014 at the Joint MCoR / SER Region convention at Memphis Tennessee. President Glen Hall called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

The president asked for a reading of the minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as published in the Southerner. Motion passed.

The president asked for the Treasurer's Report. Bottom line numbers were reported as:

Total Assets in Bank Accounts	$45,681
Liabilities and Reserves	$ 6,386
Leaving Undesignated cash as	$39,295

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasures report as distributed electronically. Motion passed.

The Education Chairman reported that the Achievement Program had awarded 45 certificates since the 2013 Annual Meeting. He reported that the Boy Scout program is doing well (particularly in the Piedmont Division) with some 800 scouts having participated to date.

Old Business

Old business opened with a discussion of non-dues Revenue. It was noted that a new region car project was discussed by the BOD but tabled for further discussion. The DVD program was reported as doing well. Bob Beaty made a request for new ides for DVD's from any member. Alan Mole suggested a DVD on installing Tortoise switch machines. A short discussion issued on possible DVD subjects.

New Business

The results of the election of officers was announced.

President	Glen Hall, MMR
Vice President	Alan Mole
Treasurer	Sally Bando
Secretary	George Gilbert
Director	Howard Goodwin & Paul Voelker

(Directors Tom Shallcross and Peter Youngblood, MMR were not up for election this time; they remain directors for the remainder of their terms.)

Joe Nichols, Jr moved to accept the results of the election. John Stevens seconded. The motion passed, the new officers are now installed.

Randall Watson moved to have the ballots destroyed; seconded by ????. Motion passed, ballots will be destroyed.

President Glen Hall made the following new Committee appointments:

Achievement Program Chair	Randall Watson
Contest Chair	Howard Garner
Convention Chair	Fred Coleman
Membership Chair	Rick Coble
Mini-Meet Chairman	Alan Mole

Other committee assignments remain unchanged.

Updates for the upcoming conventions were given by representatives from the convention sites.

2015 Convention Update: Ron Lown gave a talk and presentation about the June 5-7 Greenville, SC SER convention. He had registration forms available.

2016 Convention Update: Sandy Warrington talked about Mid-South Division's planned "Rocket City Rails" convention to be held in Huntsville, AL June 8-9.

The 2015 convention was approved in a previous Annual Meeting. Bob Beaty moved to accept the 2016 Convention proposal by Mid-South in Huntsville. Alan Mole seconded. Motion passed.

It was noted that Aiken, SC will propose the 2017 Convention but there was no presentation for that convention.

By Law Changes

It was announced the following Bylaw change was made at the February 8, 2014 BOD meeting:

Article VI
Officers
8) Accounts Review. The President will require that all SER accounts be reviewed at the end of each fiscal year and at the handover of responsibilities to a newly-elected Treasurer. The independent Accounts Review should be performed by a person with appropriate accounting/financial experience and be appointed by the President.

In accordance with this change to the Bylaws the required review was performed over the last 4 years of financial records and a clean report returned.

Other Items

Mike Fleming discussed a program to teach young families railfan safety.

Fred Coleman asked for the convention registration count and was told there were about 190 registered attendees.

It was noted that the 2014 Memphis Convention is holding the first train show in the Memphis area since 2007.

At this point a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. President Glen Hall, MMR adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
George Gilbert, Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please send info on your event to the **SouthErneR** at least 6 months prior to the next deadline for it to appear in time or before your event takes place.

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Golden Isles Model RR Club

in Brunswick, GA is accepting new members.
Contact GIMRR president Helio Valdes at 912-261-2478
Or by email ***t29b52f4@comcast.net***

DIVISION MEETS

Steel City Division 2 - Regular Meeting
Steel City Division meets the 3rd Thursday of every month except December, at 7 PM at the Hoover Public Library.
Call (205) 744-0758 for meeting information

Piedmont Division 5 - Regular Meeting
2nd Tuesday of every month, Elks Lodge, 1775 Montreal Rd., Tucker (Atlanta - East Side) **Website: www.piedmont-div.org**

Smoky Mountain Division 12 - Regular Meeting
1st & 3rd Sunday of every month

Land O'Sky Division 15 - Regular Meeting
Quarterly, third Saturday of January, April, July & October. Locations vary. **Call (828) 696-9436** for program information and directions.

LOCAL SHOWS & EVENTS

Alabama

October 4 & 5 Mobile

Model Train Show
Sponsored by South West Alabama Railroad Modelers
Mobile VIA Health, Fitness and Enrichment Center
Arlene F. Mitchell Campus, 1717 Dauphin Street, Mobile, AL
Sat. 10 AM - 5 PM; Sun. 10 AM - 4 PM
Admission $3.00 (Children under 10—FREE)
Operating Layouts, Model Railroad Technique Demos, Train Dealers & More in several scales and throughout the Gulf Coast area
Info: Glen Samuel 205-914-0693 ***gasamuel@aol.com***

North Carolina

October 11 & 12 Hendersonville

Autumn Rails All Scales Train Show
French Broad e'N'pire Model Railroad Club
Expo Building, WNC Agricultural Center,
Boyleston Hwy. (NC280), I-26 exit 40
Sat. 10 AM—5 PM; Sun. 12 PM—4 PM
Admission $6.00
Over 100 tables, layouts clinics, door prizes.
Contact: Chuck Place ***hmp3@blueridge.net*** or 828-685-2726

South Carolina

November 8 & 9 Charleston

Charleston Area Model Railroad Club Annual Train Show
Danny Jones Armory Park, 5000 Lackawanna Blvd.,
North Charleston, SC
Sat. 9 AM—5 PM; Sun. 10 AM—4 PM
Adults $5.00; Kids 12 & under FREE
For table information contact the club at:
trainshow@chamrc.com or visit: ***www.chamrc.com***

Tennessee

October 4th Memphis

Memphis Railfest 2014 GM&OHS Railroadiana & Model Sale
Celebrating 100 year anniversary at Memphis Central Station,
in large meeting room at the corner of Main & Patterson Streets.
Saturday 9:00 AM—3:00 PM
Admission $5.00 includes tour of Amtrak cars, station and exhibits.
http://www.gmohs.org/Events.htm
http://www.memphistravel.com/amtrak-exhibit-train

Georgia

October / November Atlanta-area

Twelfth Annual Piedmont Pilgrimage Layout Tours
Every Weekend from Mid-October thru November
Details can be found on the division's website:
www.piedmont-div.org or ***www.piedmontpilgrimage.com***

November 22 to 30 Warner Robbins

7th Annual Planes & Trains Model Railroad Show
www.museumofavaition.org/planestrains.php
Presented by the Middle Georgia Model Railroad Club
Museum of Aviation, GA Hwy 247 and Russell Parkway
Warner Robbins, GA Attractions include model train layouts in several scales (Z, N, HO, O and G) Vendors available.
Free Admission
Hours: 9 AM—5 PM. Closed Thanksgiving Day
www.mgmrc.org email: ***info@mgmrc.org***

January 17th, 2015 Norcross

48th Annual Atlanta Model Train Show * Free Parking! *
North Atlanta Trade Center, 1700 Jeurgens Court
Norcross, GA 30093
Saturday 9:00 AM—4:00 PM
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Contact: Charlie Miller 703-536-2954
Email: ***rrshows@aol.com*** Website: ***www.gserr.com***

January 24 & 25 Savannah

Coastal Rail Buffs 26th Annual Model Railroad Show
National Guard Armory, 1248 Eisenhower Drive,
Savannah, GA 31406
Sat. & Sun. 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
2-Day Admission $7.00 Adults; Students & Seniors $5.00
Active Duty Military (w/ID) & under 12 FREE
Dealer tables and operating layouts in O, HO & N scales
For details see: ***www.coastalrailbuffs.org***

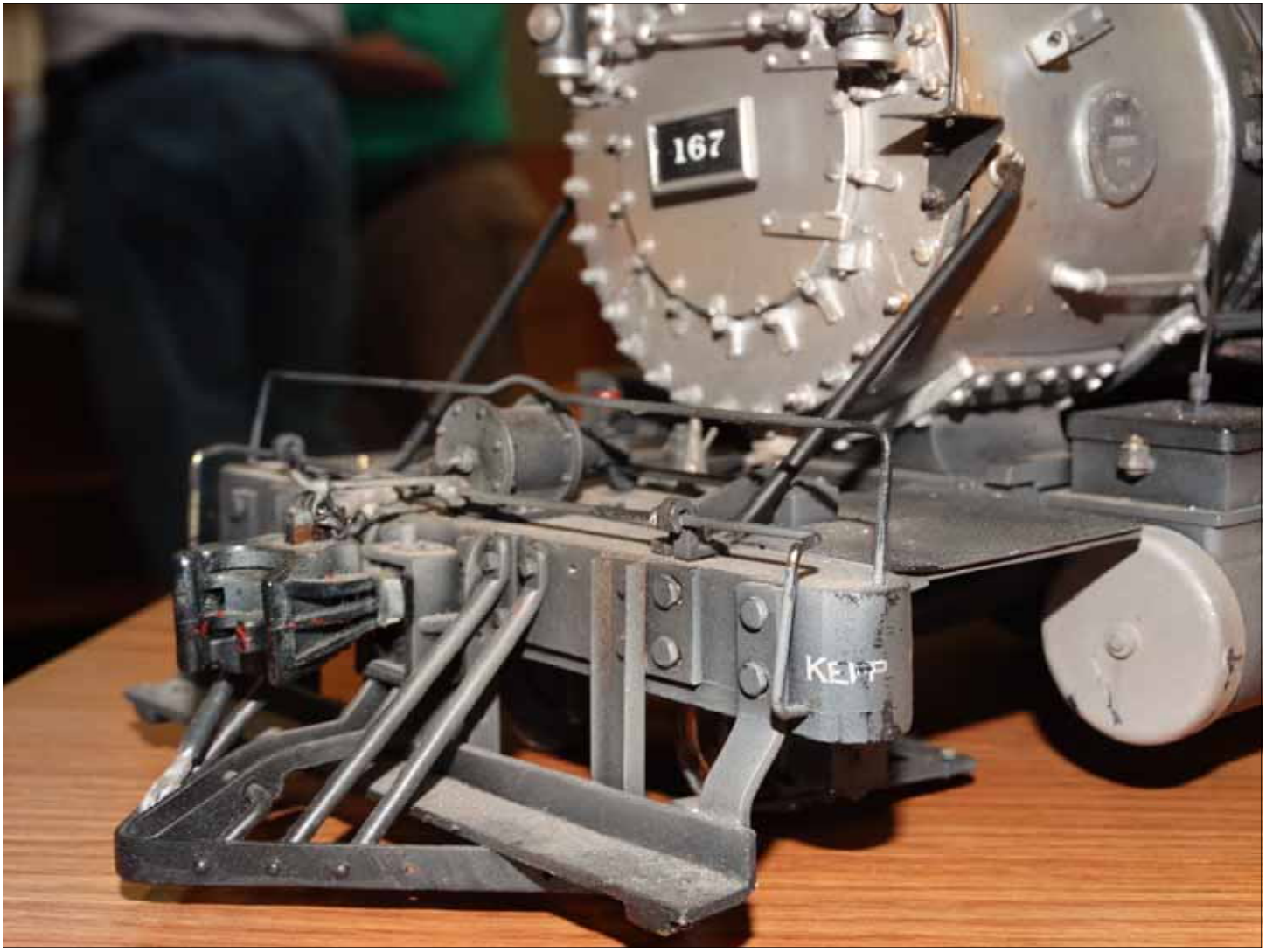
March 14 & 15, 2015 Atlanta

Piedmont Division Model Train Show * Free Parking! *
Cobb Galleria Centre, 2 Galleria Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30339
Saturday: 10am—5pm; Sunday: 10am—4pm
Adults $10.00, kids 12 & under FREE!
Scouts in Uniform get free admission
Over 250 Vendor tables, Club Display Layouts,
Kid's Operating Layout, Door Prizes, Raffle Layout
www.themodeltrainshow.com

Fn3

Appearing in the next few pages is Don Niday's amazing scartchbuilt narrow gauge C-25 in Fn3 Scale. F scale? Yeah, well this scale uses the G scale track gauge to represent 3 foot narrow gauge and bases everything off that. So basically "F scale" assumes that the gauge (distance between the rails) of G scale's track equals 3 feet in F scale. Needless to say (maybe) is that just about everything has to be either scratchbuilt or kitbashed in some way until fairly recently. For more information about this scale you should venture over to Don's website: www.ironcreekshops.com/home.html Click on "What is F-Scale" from the menu on the home page. Those of you who attended "Rails Across The River" and attended Don's clinic on this subject should already know this! And for those of you who think scartchbuilding is dead—Dream on, it is alive and well! PV

Three quarter left front view of the C25 in the contest room at the recent MCoR/SER joint convention in Memphis. In the following photos we will work our way down this side of the engine. The photo below shows the front 3/4 view of the smokebox and pilot. In the background are SER members Ben Bartlett, MMR, Randall Watson and SER Contest Chair George Gilbert.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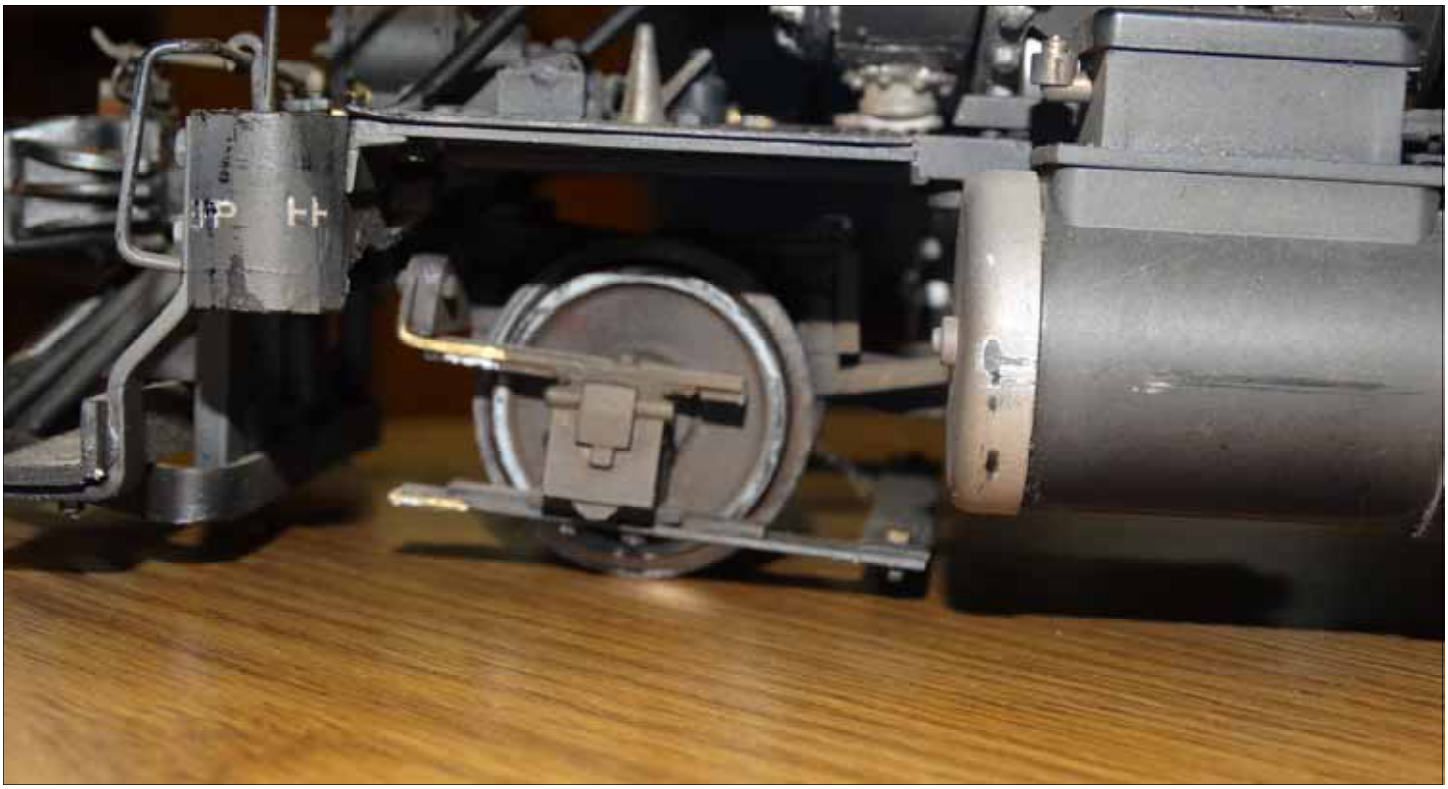

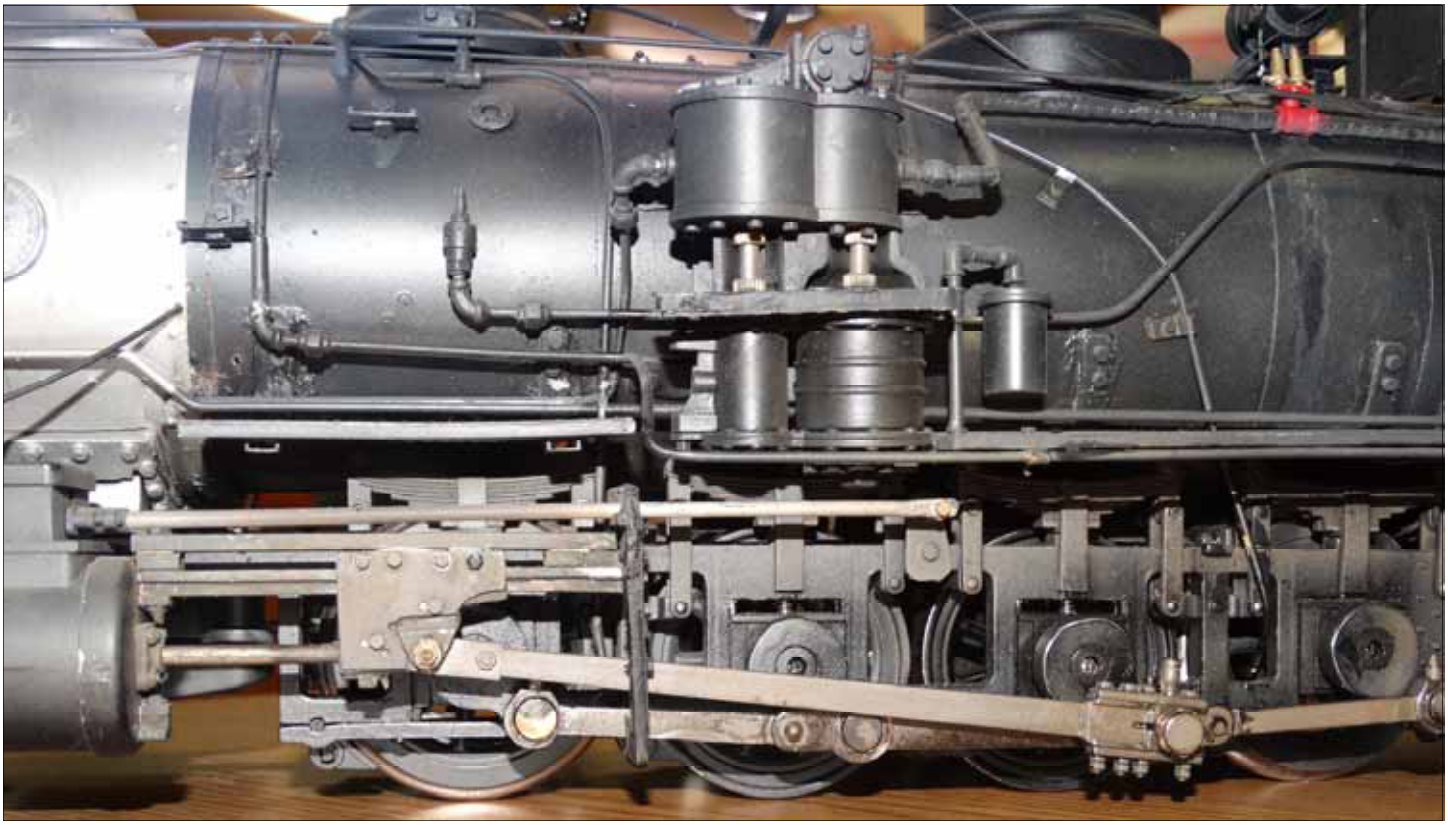

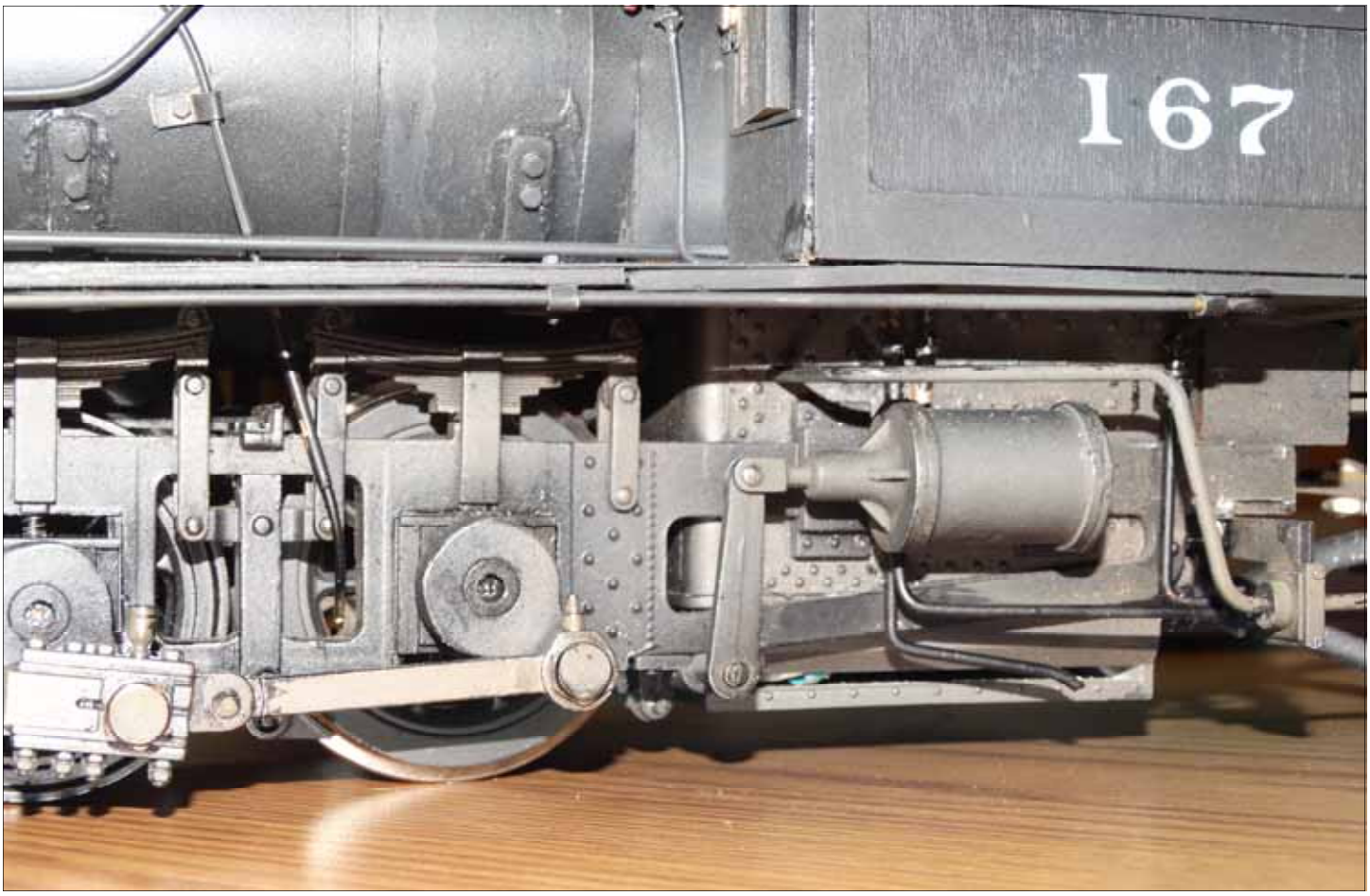
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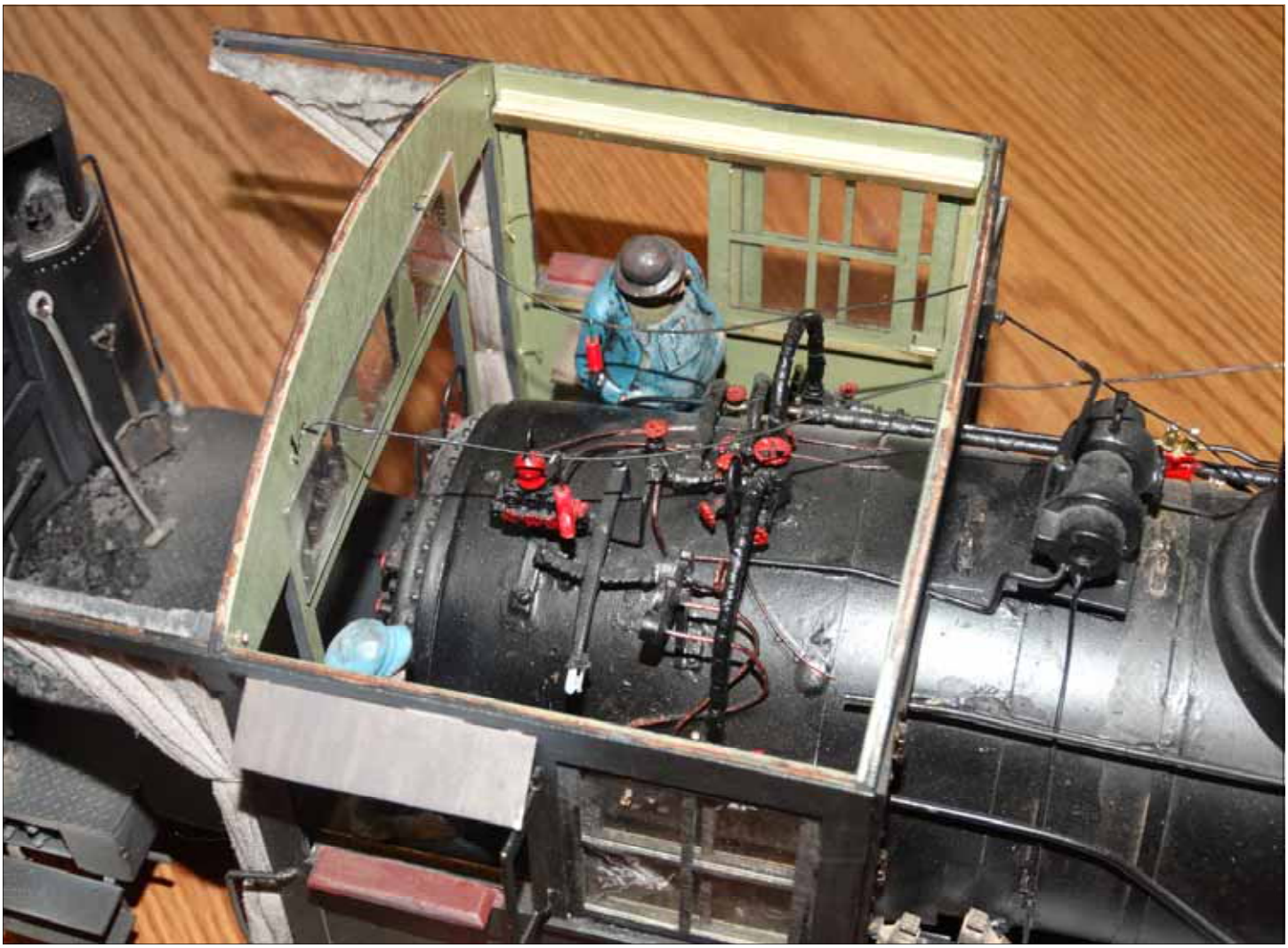

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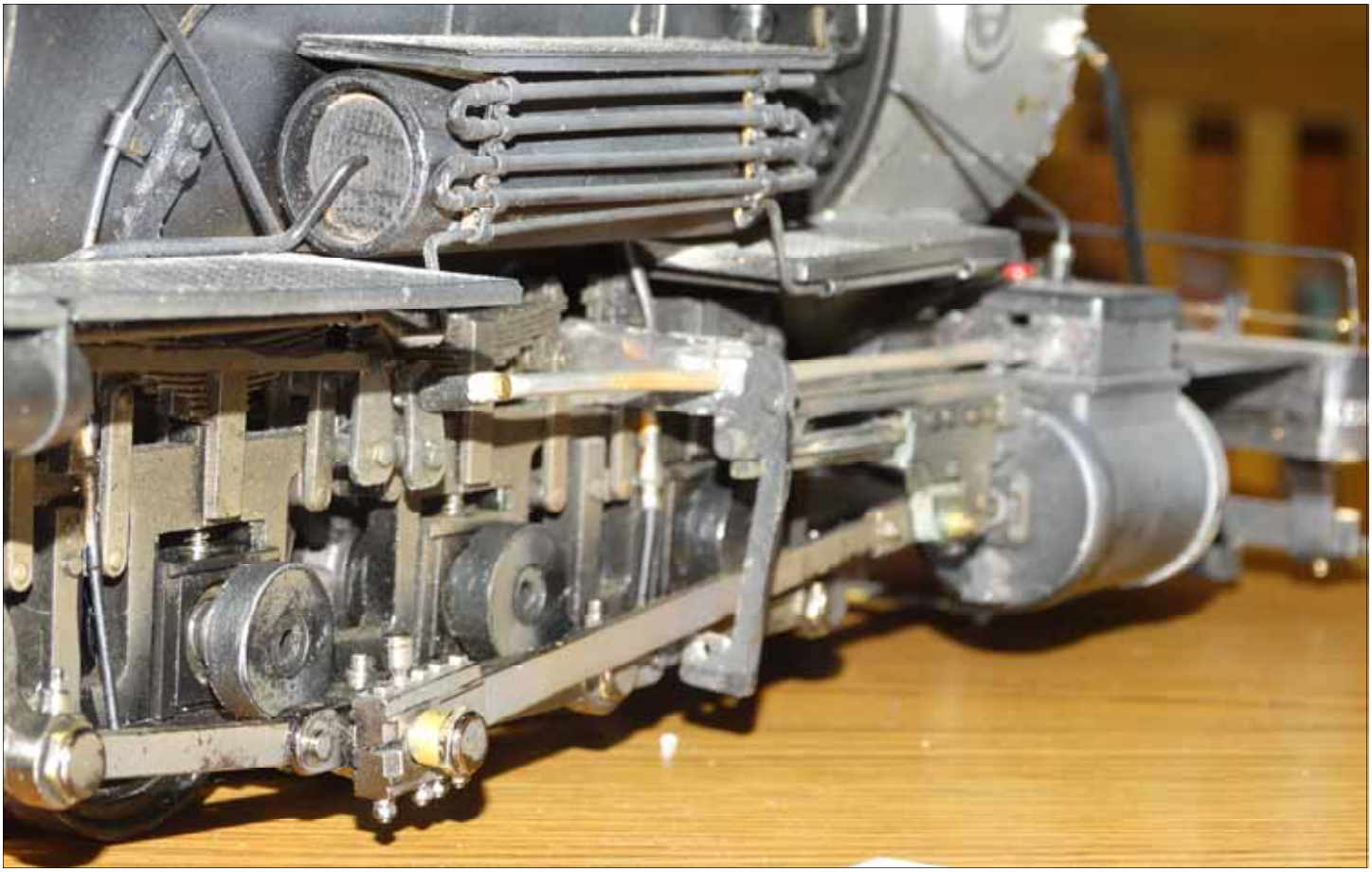

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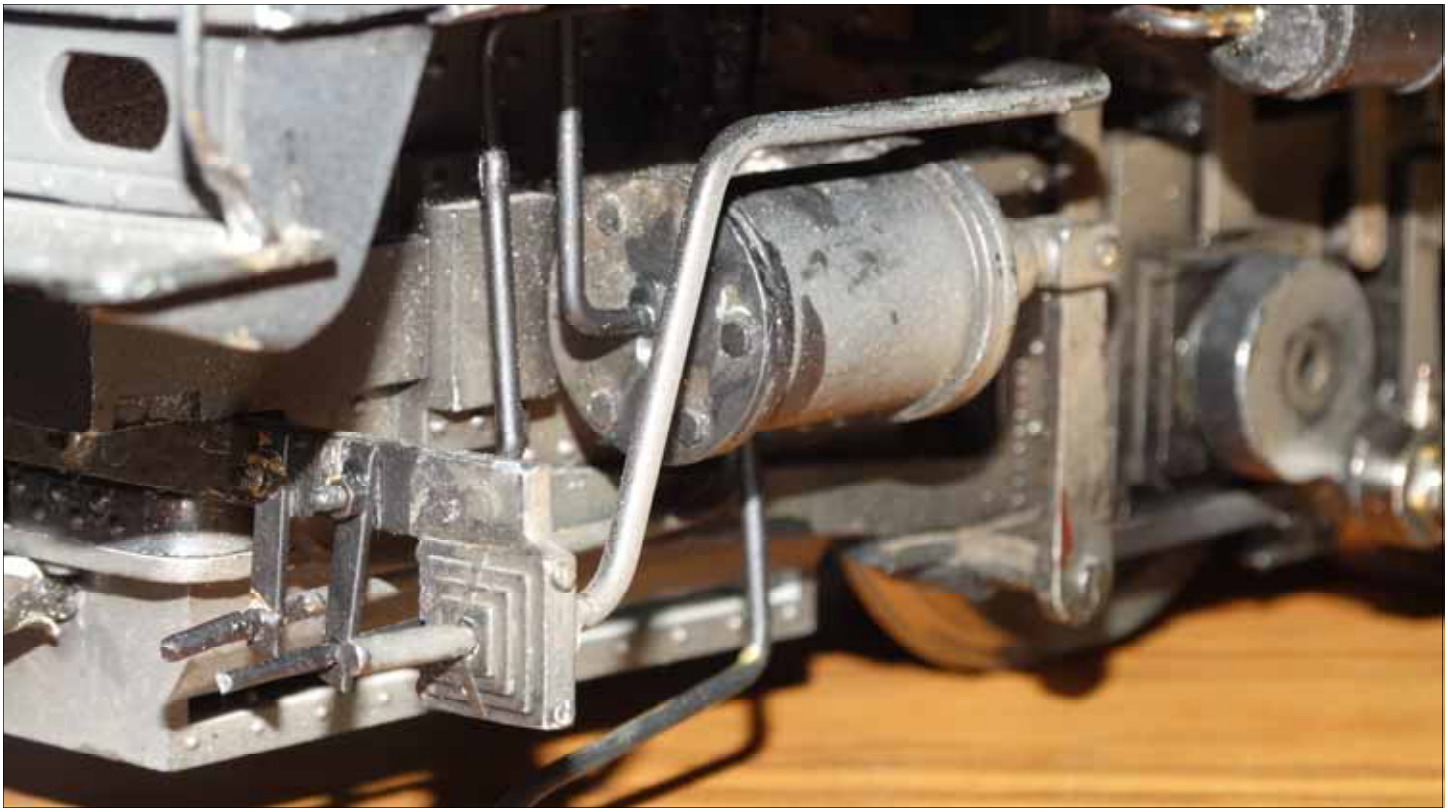

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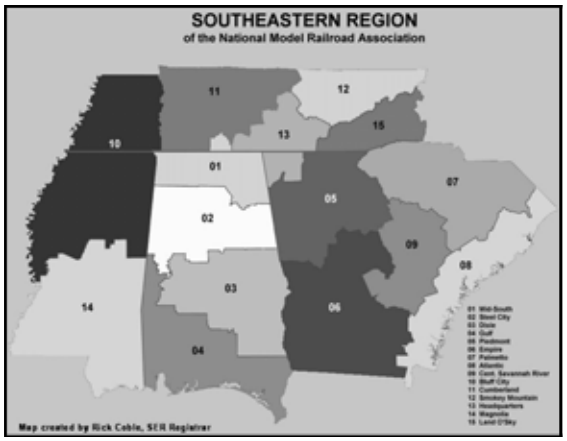

Division 14 – Magnolia News

Troy Hight - TrHg6@aol.com

The Rails Across the River joint convention was well attended and a very successful endeavour spearheaded by Mike Fleming and his excellent staff of volunteers. Many thanks to all who made the convention a success and to all of our guest from the Mid Continent Region for a very rewarding weekend.

Cliff Powers and I had full houses for our clinic presentations. We would like to thank all of you that took the time to listen to our program and we sincerely hope that you enjoyed your experience. Cliff shared about his operation on his recently completed New Orleans Union Passenger Terminal and its incorporation into his now finished Mississippi, Alabama & Gulf Railroad. Cliff's took home 1st and 3rd place awards for photo, color, model. A 1st, 2nd and 3rd place award for photo, black and white, model and and also the NMRA Photo Chairman's Award for best photo, black and white print. Congratulations, Cliff!

The next three convention venues have been awarded to Greenville, SC, Huntsville, AL and Aiken, SC. My long term goal has been for the Magnolia Division to host the 2018 or 2019 convention. Yes, I finally said it! We can do this with your help. I have asked numerous times and will continue to do so again. If you are willing to help strengthen our division , please contact me and I will get you plugged into a very rewarding aspect of our hobby, assisting a fellow modeler.

Hattiesburg, MS will host the Illinois Central Historical Society meeting from July 31 - August 2, 2014. The cost is thirty dollars. A thank you goes out to Pat McCarthy for bringing this event to our attention. I will be more than happy to forward the contact information along to you. Just let me know.

Until next time,

Troy

Division 15 - Land O' Sky News

Ken O'Brien - kobrien1600@live.com

The second quarter started out quite nicely. We held our quarterly meeting on April 12 in the Deerfield Community Center in South Asheville and fully expect to be going back. Division member and Deerfield resident Clint Smoke made the arrangements to use one of the Community Center classrooms for this meeting. The room had excellent video facilities; a selection of refreshments was also provided. A "Well Done" goes out to Clint for his efforts.

The meeting started with welcoming remarks by the Superintendent and an overview of this new venue by Clint. Division and Region news were covered; then, show and tells were presented by Ken O'Brien on his latest work building a Moloco brand insulated box car and Gordon Fewster on his trials with matte medium and diluted white glue for ballast cement. We had seventeen in attendance, 16 members and one guest. Ben Bartlett, our AP Chairman, had recently received Clint Smoke's latest AP Certificate for Civil Engineering and we had the pleasure to make the presentation to Clint at this meeting. Ken returned to do the first clinic on glues and cements, stressing safety issues and proper ventilation while using them. Clint added a mini clinic on moving hazardous materials via rail. Joe Norris then offered a presentation on making stained glass windows in HO scale and then using LEDs to light these structures. Joe's techniques in a number of different areas continue to evolve and improve. The video clinic was a Woodland Scenics one on painting structures. The techniques presented by the video resulted in a lively discussion on their pros and cons. The meeting ended about 12:30; Clint invited the attendees to lunch at the café on site and six of us took him up on the invitation.

One of our division members, Dan Lang, hosted an open house at his home and layout, the Fitchburg Division of the Boston and Maine on May 17. Our guest from the division meeting, Tom Lanning, was in attendance and presented his brand new NMRA membership card. Welcome aboard, Tom, and thanks for supporting this organization.

Members of the OPSIG, locally called the Carolina Boomers, continue to operate at a number of layouts in Land O'Sky, Palmetto, Smokey Mountain and Piedmont Divisions; sessions are somewhere on a weekly basis. Boomers from other areas, such as Gulf Division Superintendent Buddy Black, have also operated with the group.
Our next division meeting will be a return to Deerfield on July 26. We'll cover news from the Region and National Conventions, along with our usual events.

SER Magnolia Division member Cliff Powers' First Place Black & White Print—Model photograph. This photo also won the NMRA Photo Contest Chairman's Award.

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SouthEastern Region, National Model Railroad Association

Statement of Income & Expenses against Budget at May 31, 2014

		Budget FY2014	Actual FY2014
INCOME			
Member Subscription (SER)		$ 5,000.00	$ 2,829.12
NMRA Region Rebate		$ 2,200.00	$ 1,116.00
Southerner Ads		$ 250.00	$ 300.00
Pike Ads		$ 336.00	$ 322.00
DVD Sales		$ 350.00	$ 81.02
Other Income		$ -	$ -
	Total	$ 8,136.00	$ 4,648.14
EXPENSES			
President		$ 100.00	$ -
Vice President		$ 50.00	$ -
Secretary		$ 40.00	$ -
Treasurer	**Awards/Gifts**	$ 200.00	$ 102.64
	Bank Charges	$ 50.00	$ -
	Bonding	$ 170.00	$ 170.10
Registrar	**Mailing**	$ 50.00	$ -
Membership	**Mailing**	$ 350.00	$ -
Education Programs	**Contest Awards**	$ 400.00	$ -
	Achievement Program	$ 125.00	$ 12.35
	Dave Muller Award	$ 35.00	$ -
	Vern Yarbrough Award	$ 50.00	$ -
Good & Welfare		$ 200.00	$ -
State of Georgia	**Incorporation**	$ 30.00	$ 30.00
SouthErneR	**Printing & Mailing**	$ 5,000.00	$ 3,165.84
Division Support		$ 1,286.00	$ -
Donations			-
	Total	$ 8,136.00	$ 3,480.93
	Surplus / (Deficit)	$	$ 1,167.21

SER Magnolia Division member Cliff Powers First Place Color Print—Model photo contest winner (this will be in color in the online version of this issue).

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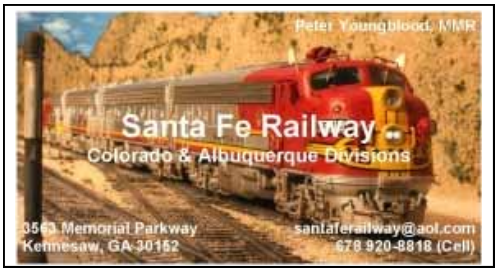

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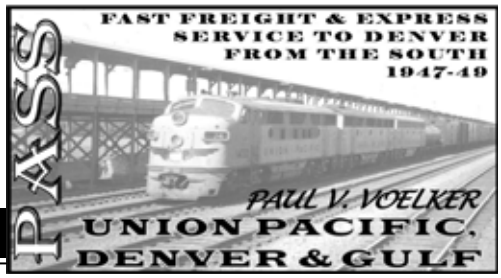

Division 4 – Gulf News

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Officers and Directors
The division officers did not meet this quarter.

Membership
Membership continues to hold steady. We have three delinquent renewals of which two will certainly renew.

Division Events
The Pensacola Section sponsored a swap meet at the West Florida Railroad Museum on 19 April. The weather and attendance was excellent. CSX cooperated with a mid-morning "fly-by".

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The Panama City, Mobile, and Pensacola Sections all sponsored operating session events during the quarter. A number of members attended each event.

Charitable and Educational Activities
We continuing to work on a Railroading Merit Badge kit that will contain a complete set of the material and equipment a counselor will need to complete a merit badge for a small number of scouts.

Achievement Program Activity
No awards this quarter.

Future Directions
There will also be a train show in Pensacola in the fall. Details to follow

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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 the editor at: **voelkerpv@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! 9/2014

Atlantic Division 8 Conway, SC, Dean Belowich 843-457-5661
Coastal Rail Buffs, Savannah, GA, Nate Stone, (912) 354-2606
http://www.coastalrailbuffs.org/
Charleston Area Model Railroad Club, Citadel Mall in Charleston, SC
http://www.chamrc.com or Phillip E. Euper ***peuper@comcast.net***
Golden Isles Model Railroad Club, Brunswick, GA
Helio Valdes 912-261-2478 ***t29b52f4@comcast.net***
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GIMRRC/

Bluff City Division 10 Bartlett, TN, Mike Fleming, (901) 467-7138
The Memphis N-Scale Road Railers
The Memphis Society of Model Engineers—The 1st Saturday Night Group meets at the Highland Street Church of Christ, at 7:30 PM contact Ned for additional information at: ***nssavage@juno.com***

Central Savannah River Division 9 Graniteville, SC, Steve Prevette (803) 392-7684
OFRRA Operators, Tuesday Nights, Aiken SC, Steve Prevette (803) 392-7684

Cumberland Division 11 Brentwood, TN, Bob Hultman (615) 833-5158
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Central Alabama Model RR. Club, Montgomery/Prattville, AL
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MGRA - Middle Georgia Railroad Association, is a railroad history group that meets in Macon and Gordon, GA Bill Jones, ***wrjones845@aol.com***
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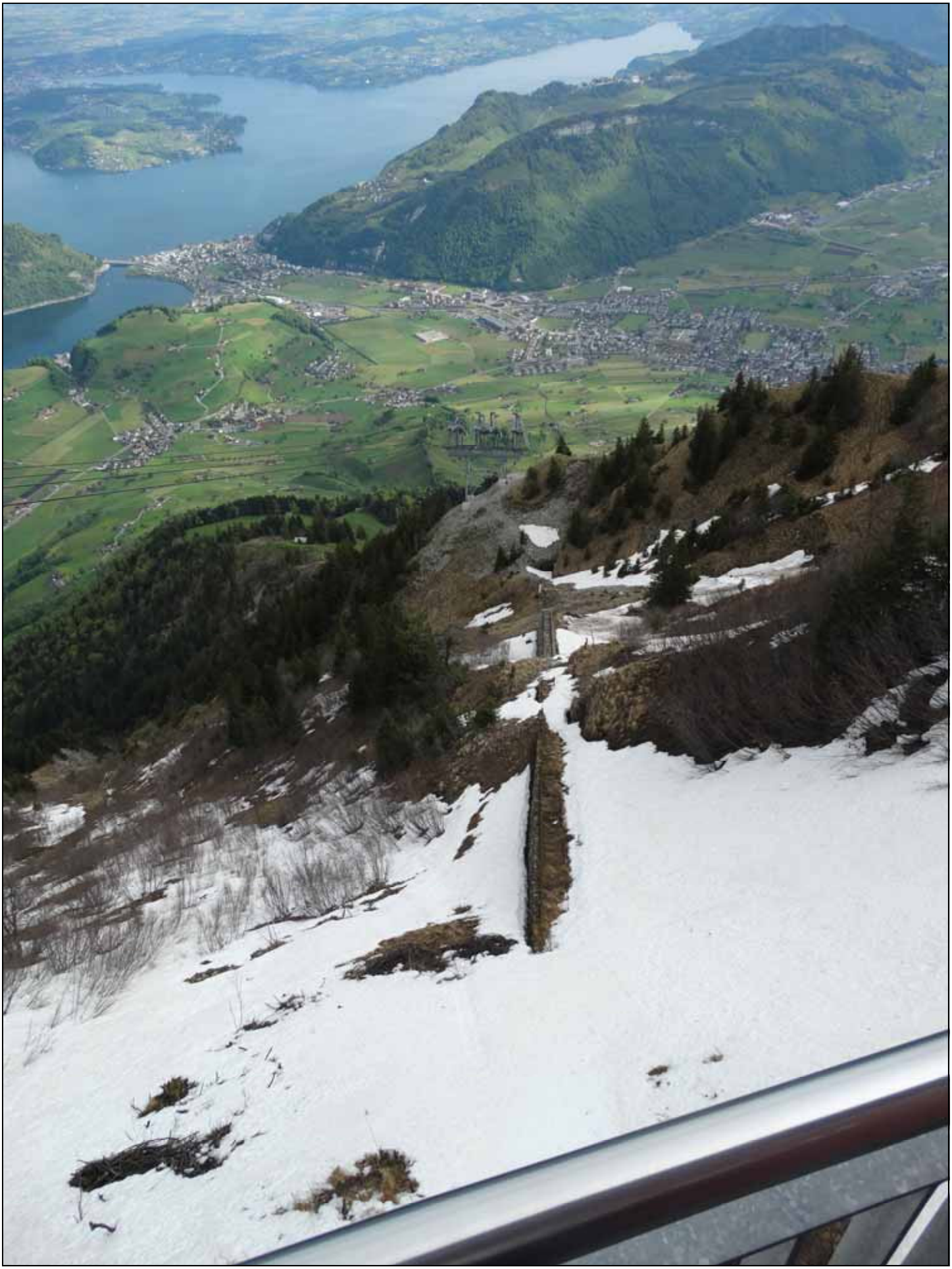
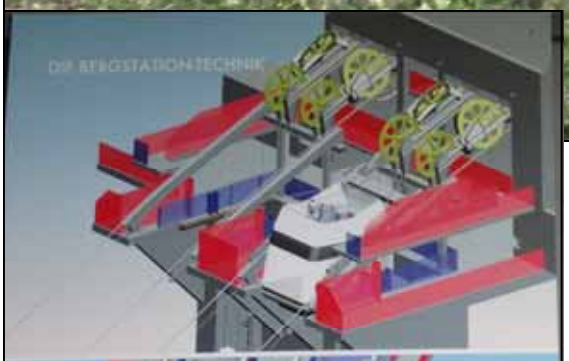
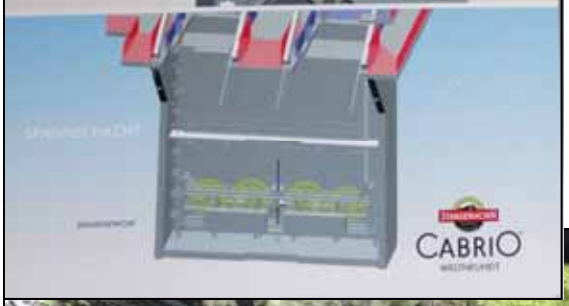
STANSERHORN...

...in the SWISS ALPS

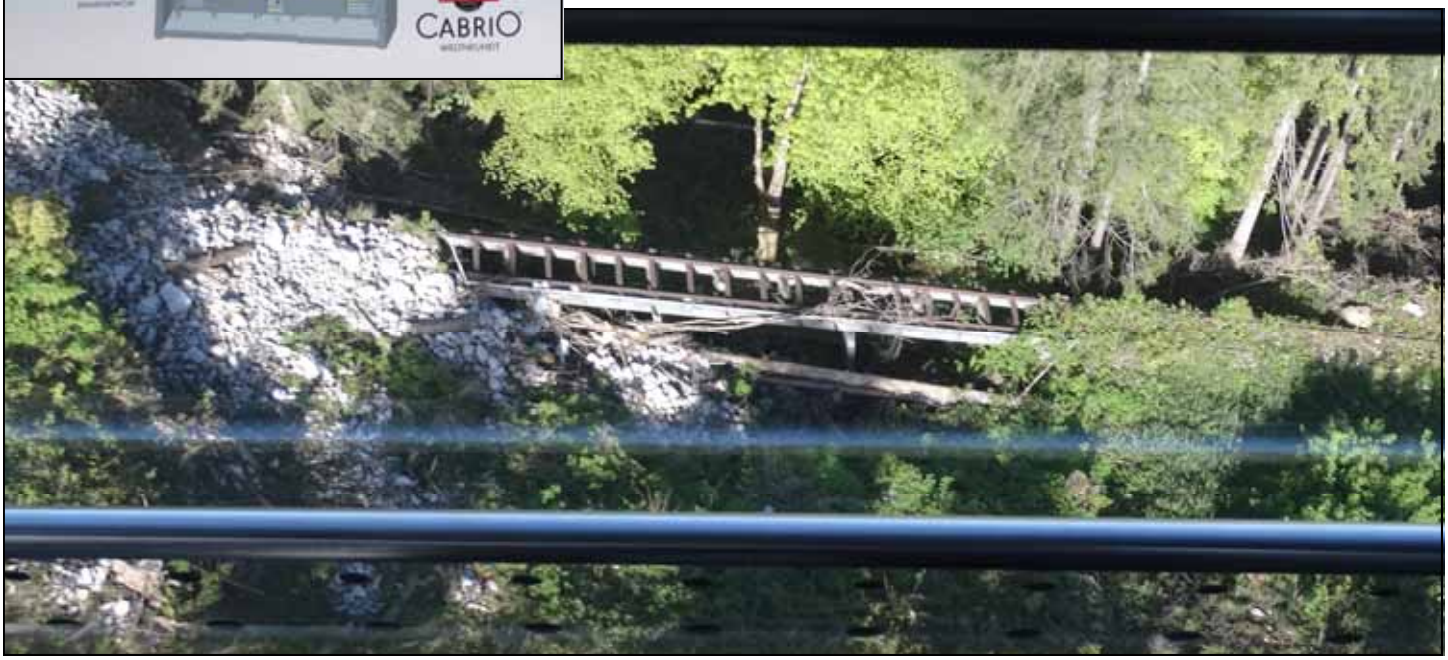


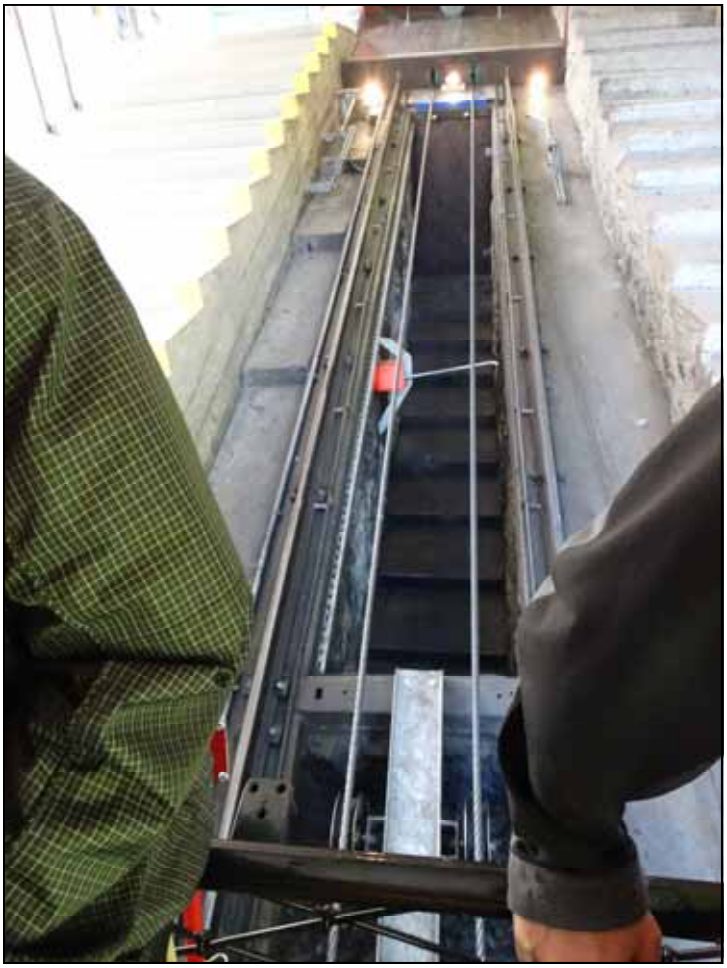




On the previous few pages we've seen the cable car station and viewing area at the top of the Stanserhorn. We have also seen what is left of the incline railway track that had been in use prior to the disastrous fire on the mountain that took out the middle and upper portions of the line. I remember reading about this fire back in 1970, it was a big thing in the news at that time. On this page in the upper and lower photos we can see what is left of the lower portion of the middle section of the incline's track. A hiking trail up the mountain passes under the "bridge" in the upper photo.

The current Cable Car line is called "Cabrio" (left) which is a pair of double deck cars, the upper deck being "open air" giving a truly spectacular view. The rest of this photo montage is devoted to the still-operating lower incline section which gets you to the Cabrio's station for the rest of the trip to the top.





You will notice that there are no movable parts of this “switch” so I am not sure why or how this works. The only explanation that makes some sense is that the outer wheels (right side on this car, left on my car) are double flanged whereas the wheels on the opposite side are wide and flangeless (green arrow in left bottom photo).

Circled objects in the two photos below appear to be a sensor to activate the operation of automatic road crossing warning lights seen in the photo on the next page.

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