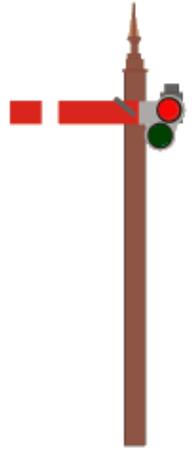


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Our next meeting is on January 6th at 7 PM.

Send comments about and contributions to this newsletter to [editor](#).

Please keep us informed of changes in your address, phone number or email address.





NEWS FOR OUR MEMBERS

OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be starting at 7 PM on Thursday January 6th.

Clinic: Tree making

Synopsis: The ladies who are making all those tree for Lake Junelaska layout will be giving us their tips on making a considerable amount of great looking trees, inexpensively. **See you there!**

REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

Superintendent Fred Coleman made announcements:

1) Saturday, 12/4 we will be exhibiting our modules at the Nature Center. Setup is 8AM, show opens at 10AM and strike at 8PM. Will load the modules into the trailer Sunday morning when there is light. (see photographs on following pages)

2) Train Show Tickets are available for sale. Fliers are available to distribute.

3) Result of a meeting with Eliada Home's Mark Upright is that we will either be given the use of a lot up the hill by the Green house for our own 40' x 80' building with parking for 20 cars, or we will receive use of a large portion of the Bi-Lo building nearby.

4) Eliada Homes is about to be recipient of the T-Track Corporation. Kits will be made and sold from here.

5) Sam Hopkins' group has their modules up and running in O gauge.

(see photographs on following pages)

6) Work continues on the Peggy Keys' layout in Lake Lure on US 64, next to the post office. The 3 rail layout is in a U shape 22 ft. wide with a 16 ft. leg and a 14 ft. leg.

7) Roland King, a resident of Lake Lure, has an N scale layout of substantial size to move.

Fred Coleman is contact if you want to help.

John Williams reports we are solvent, and that the half-year financial report will be available near the end of December.

Volunteers are requested to help on Wednesday afternoons to swap turnouts on the "German Layout". Interaction with Eliada Home children is not necessary, so a background check is not necessary.

Penn Bullock needs help working with the children. (Contact him if you can help.)

The January meeting will see the conclusion of the tree-building clinic.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Smith
Company Clerk

Don't forget the Train Show March 3rd and 4th. Tell all your friends. Visit our train show website: <http://www.Asheville-Trainshow.com> - Tickets will be available at the December meeting - please pre-sell them. Blocks of tickets to small business at \$4.00 each instead of the \$ 5.00 at the door.



Scenes from our Christmas party



Photography by Mike Smith



Seasons Greetings



SCENES FROM OUR DAY AT THE NATURE CENTER



It was cold outside, but warm inside. We had lots of visitors and ran lots of trains.
A large crew of good people made the day enjoyable for all.
The host facility's hospitality was great.
Thanks to all who participated.

EVENTS FOR MODELERS:

2011 SER CONVENTION

May 20-22, 2011 in Macon, Georgia. Hosted by the Empire Division

2011 NMRA CONVENTION

July 3-9, X2011, Sacramento, CA check [out website for details](#)



More scenes from the operating session at the Nature Center



Penn Bullock, Travis Martin and Herb Roberson, and Santa and another bearded fellow.

Photography by *Clint Smoke*



**May you enjoy a safe and pleasant holiday
and be blessed with**

**Peace, grace, good health and happiness
in the New Year.**



SCENES OF THE LARGE-SCALE TEAM'S IMPRESSIVE FIRST OUTING



Photography by **Sam Hopkins**



Your hard-working, never-say-die track gang was able to set up and show the layout at the Smoky Mountain Nursing Home. Many thanks to Harriet, Barbara, Ed, Harold, Dave, Sam, Jacob, Steve, and several 'volunteers' at the facility who all pitched in to create a festive time for all. The many guests & residents at the home were very enthusiastic and appreciative of the trains. We set up in the dining area which had been cheerfully decorated for Christmas. It is a beautiful well-lighted room with a recessed ceiling and several chandeliers as well as tasteful artwork around the walls. A wonderful setting for our 'maiden voyage' on the main line of the Smoky Mountain Model Railroaders Modular Project. Check out the several scenes that are under construction- Harriet & Barbara created a pretty winter scenario' while Harold showcased his 'Heavy Equipment Sales'. San's 'Lighthouse Cove' really looked wet! Dave brought a boxful of classic Plasticville structures that filled in quite a bit of real estate. What are you guys waiting for? We're having a ball **RUNNING OUR TRAINS!**

Merry Christmas to everyone and God Bless you and your families. *Sam Hopkins*