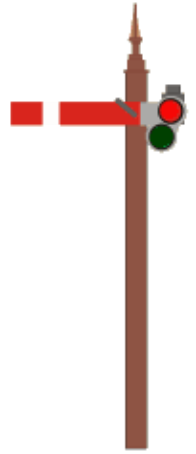


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Our next meeting is on January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

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

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



**A YOUNG VISITOR GETS TO BE THE ENGINEER AT OUR DEERFIELD  
RETIREMENT COMMUNITY DISPLAY.**



## OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be starting at **7 PM** on **Thursday January 5<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Clinic: Steam Locomotives for Dummies**

Synopsis: A clinic explaining the external appliances and piping of steam locomotives in terms of six major systems: water supply, fuel supply, steam distribution, sand for traction, air brakes, and electric lighting. . **See you there!**

## REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

Superintendent **Fred Coleman** called the meeting to order about 7 pm on December 1, 2011.

He reported that we had received a nice letter of appreciation, and a check, for our participation at the Craft Show in WNC Ag Center.

With regard to the upcoming train show:

- We are doing well on getting set up for our show in March.
- A raffle prize of a tool box was donated. (picture right)
- We should all be out promoting the show, selling raffle tickets, and admission tickets.

It was reported that Bill Seibert is doing well. He should be helping out at Lake Junaluska on Saturdays, and going to his house to visit with his son and work on his layout. If you are in the area he is residing at Autumn Care (360 Old Balsam Road, Waynesville, NC 28786)

Penn Bullock is recovering nicely from hernia surgery, and is on limited duty for next couple of weeks.

The modules are set up the Deerfield Retirement Community and will remain on display until Christmas. It opened up over the Thanksgiving weekend and had over 200 folks visiting our display. It is well attended by the public, staff of Deerfield, and his volunteers. Clint made a short course to 'qualify' people on the DCC throttles. His youngest graduate was a 6 year old girl, which he didn't photograph. Clint passed around pictures of the event. Thanks to those who helped with the set up on November 19.



Clint was asked to give a blessing for the food. The meeting was adjourned to enjoy fellowship and food together. (See pictures [on the following page.](#))



# ENJOYING GOOD FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP AT OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY





## EVENTS FOR MODELERS:



### 2012 SER CONVENTION

**June 1-3, 2012**

*Tracks To The Smokies' . Hosted by the Smokey Mountain Division.  
Check [out their website](#) for latest details.*



### 2012 NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION

**July 29 - August 4, 2012**

*Grand Rails 2012, 77th Annual NMRA National Convention,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan. Check out [the convention's website](#) for  
details.*



**PEACHTREE EXPRESS**  
NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION  
[nmra2013.org](http://nmra2013.org)

### 2013 NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION

**July 14 - July 20**

*Peachtree Express 2013, 78th Annual NMRA National Convention, At-  
lanta, Ga. Check out [the convention's website](#) for details.*



### 21<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MODEL TRAIN SHOW

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**

At the WNC AG Center, visit our [train show website](#) for the latest information.

### LAND O'SKY DIVISION MEETING AND ELECTION

**VOTING FOR SUPERINTENDANT AND PAYMASTER WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 21 AT A PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED. JOIN WITH YOUR FELLOW NMRA MEMBERS TO SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR AREA**



# 2012 TRAIN SHOW RAFFLE PRIZE





## TRAIN DISPLAY AT DEERFIELD



We have 12 modules set up at the Deerfield Retirement Community in Asheville. As of this writing we have had over 500 visitors. We have had people from 6 to 70 take the controls and competently run the trains. And we have had heard many interesting stories from residents and their guests about train travel, as well as a surprising number of stories by folks who worked or whose parents worked for the railroad. All seem grateful for the club's sharing our Modules for the holidays. '





# ELIADA TRAIN'S UPDATE

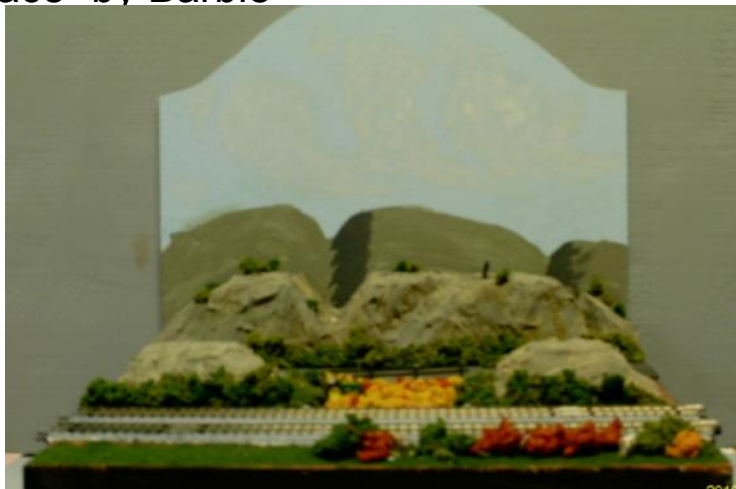
Here are some more pictures from our young modelers at Eliada's Trains program



"Peace" by Barbie



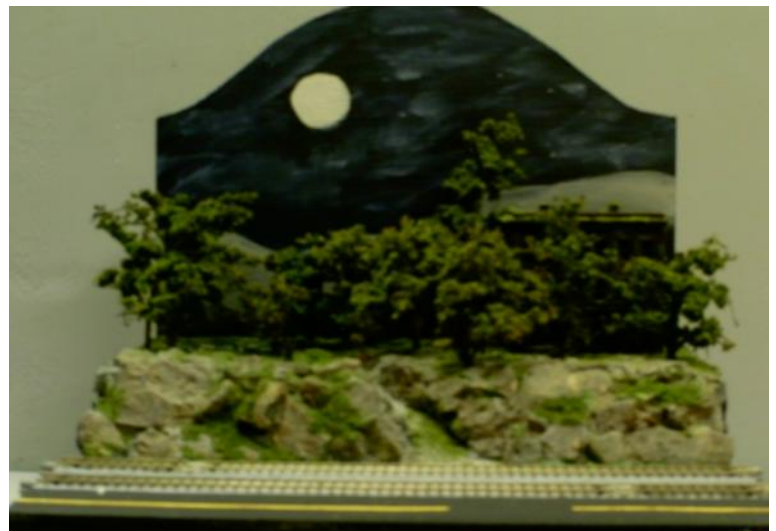
"Kyleigh's Farm"  
" by Kyleigh



"Truck Farm" by Hayden



"Africa Supremo"  
by Kayla H



"Phantom Night" by Brittany Rose



**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR**



**May you find peace and  
grace in the New Year.**