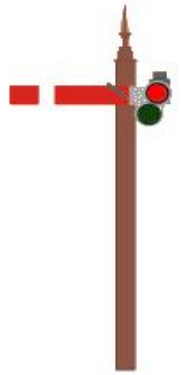


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Our next meeting is on March 4th at 7 PM.

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

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

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January 1, 2010

Date



**We are now a 100 percent NMRA Club.
Congratulations to all!**



NEWS FOR OUR MEMBERS

OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be starting at 7 PM on Thursday March 4th.

Clinic: Superintendent's choice, it won't be disclosed until the meeting. See you there!

Raffle Ticket: We have reach a 100 tickets sold. We need more sales, please join in the fun. Contact [Fred Coleman](#) for more info.

SUMMARY OF THE WEATHER POSTPONED MONTHLY MEETING, FEBRUARY 11, 2010

The meeting scheduled for February 4 was postponed due to weather.

On February 11, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Fred Coleman reported on the *Train Show*, scheduled for March 5 and 6 in the new Exhibition Building at the WNC Agriculture Center, in Fletcher. He reported that over 50 tables were rented, but with over 30,000 square feet of floor space, there is plenty of room for exhibitors and layouts, and he is still looking for both.

Set up day is Thursday, show hours are: **Friday, from 1200 noon until 7:00 pm**, and on **Saturday from 9:00 am to 4 pm**.

We will set up our modules, and several other module crews are expected to participate.

Discounted advance-sale tickets in bulk, and raffle tickets are also available.

There are many opportunities for helping:

On Thursday, March 4, starting about 8:30 am., we need help in retrieving our modules from storage and setting them up at the WNC Agriculture Center.

On Friday, March 5, during the morning, we will need help in all the usual last minute details. From 12 noon we will need help in running the show – we need to staff the door, the concession area, the Company Store, and of course, to run trains.

We will also fill these same positions all day Saturday, March 6.

We can start now by getting the word out to promote this important event, by selling advance-sale tickets, and by selling raffle tickets. (See attached flyers.)

Call Fred Coleman to offer your help.

Fred announced that we are now recognized as a 100 percent NMRA club.

Fred suggested we get new shirt to reflect our new identity, using the logo we developed for the show in 2008 on a green shirt. The suggestion was adopted.

Jack Mershon displayed another of his high quality scratch-built structures at the February meeting.

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NEWS FOR OUR MEMBERS (CONT.)

Following a short break, **Gordon Fewster** presented an interesting program on his visit to Cass and

Dublin, WVA, during Rail-fan Week-end in 2007

Here are some of his pictures!



By Gordon Fewster



By Gordon Fewster



By Gordon Fewster



By Gordon Fewster



By Gordon Fewster



By Gordon Fewster

COMPANY STORE

If you are planning on putting items in the Company Store for sale, please complete the [attached form](#) and bring it along with your goodies to the Company Store area before the show opens.

It also helps to place a label (such as a mailing label) to each item, displaying your initials, the item number (from the inventory sheet) and your price. This makes selling the item easier, tracking the money easier for those working in the store, and a more accurate accounting for you.

For your convenience, we will have copies of this form and labels at the Company Store.

Thanks!



EVENTS FOR MODELERS:

Our 20th Trains Show

See [next page](#) for flyer and [door prize raffle](#). For the latest detail see the [website](#).

15th Annual Train Show

Sponsored by the Carolina Coastal Railroaders on March 6 & 7, 2010.
The oldest and largest Train Show in Eastern North Carolina! at New Bern High School
Check out their [website](#) for details

The Best Little Train Show in Greensboro, NC

There will be a train show in Greensboro on Saturday, March 13
at the Depot, 236 East Washington Street.

The Model Train Show 2010

Sponsored by The Piedmont Division, at the Cobb Galleria Centre,
2 Galleria Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30339.
March 13th and 14th, 2010
Saturday: 10 - 5 & Sunday: 10 - 4
Check out their [website](#) for details

Great Train Expo

Dixie County Fairgrounds, Winston-Salem, NC
March 27 & 28
11 AM—4 PM
Check out their [website](#) for details

8th Annual North Carolina Railroad Expo

Sponsored by the Alexander Chapter-NRHS
Hickory Metro & Convention Center (The Hickory Metro Center is located at Interstate 40 Exit 125.)
Hickory, NC
April 10, 2010 from: 9:00am – 4:00pm
Check out their [website](#) for details

Spring Rails 2010

The French Board "N"pire RR Club
Whitmire Activity Center, Lake Pond Lane Hendersonville
April 24, 2010 from 10 AM to 4 PM
Check out their [website](#) for details



EVENTS FOR MODELERS: (CONT.)

2010 SOUTHEASTERN REGION CONVENTION

THE BIRMINGHAM SPECIAL

“YOUR LAYOUT, FROM CONCEPT TO REALITY”

MAY 21-23, 2010

THE BESSEMER CIVIC CENTER



BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

2010

The clinics will evolve around giving you all the information you need to design and build your own railroad empire.

“The Birmingham Special” [Convention Registration Form](#)

For the latest information check out the [SER Website](#).

NMRA 2010 CONVENTION

NMRA 75TH ANNIVERSARY

JULY 11-18, 2010

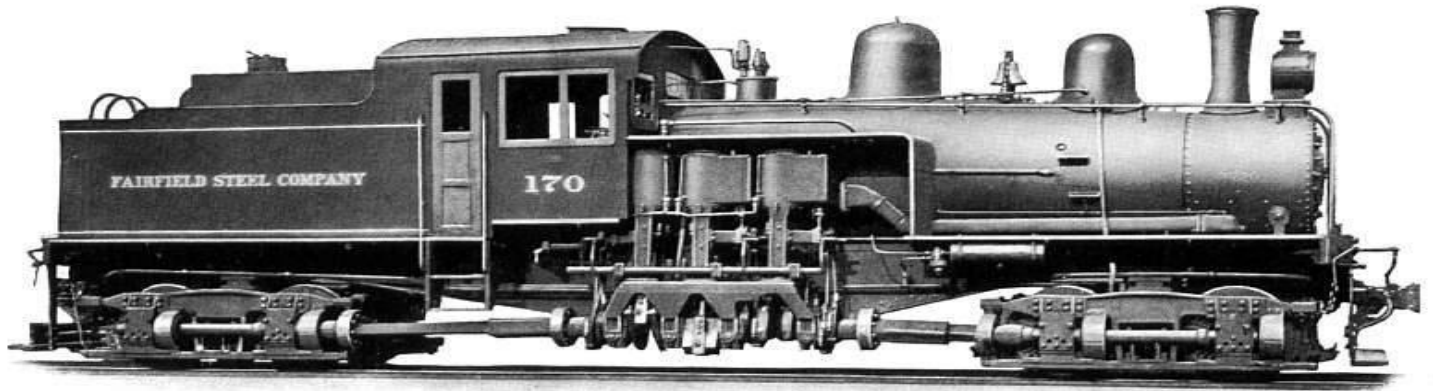


The convention will be held at the Midwest Airline Center located on Wisconsin and Fourth in Downtown Milwaukee. We have planned an outstanding modeling program and an excellent general interest program, so bring the entire family. There are special events to choose from each night of the week. There will be operating sessions, layout tours, prototype tours, clinics on Midwestern topics and of course the contests and silent auction.

For the latest information check out [the website](#).

WNC Model Railroaders, Inc.

20th Annual Model Train Show



Will be held at

WNC AG CENTER

From *North/East/West*: I-26 East, then exit 40 turn right at end of the ramp, then...
From *Hendersonville/South*: I-26 West to exit 40, turn left at the end of the ramp then...

...go just past the airport, WNC AG Center will be on the left hand side use Gate #5 and follow the signs to the show

March 5 & 6, 2010

Friday March 5, Noon to 7 PM

Saturday March 6, 9 AM to 4:30 PM

**Free
Parking**

ADMISSION:

\$5.00 PER DAY

(Children under 13 FREE with adult)

**Free
Parking**

THERE WILL BE 3 OPERATING LAYOUTS

OVER 100 TABLES

Need Info? Contact Fred Coleman @ 828-699-0983 or email: fred_coleman@bellsouth.net

WNC Model Railroaders Inc., a nonprofit organization

2010 TRAIN SHOW RAFFLE

Three Prizes!

Original Water Color
by Ann Vasilik

Date: 3/6/2010

Price per ticket
\$1.00 or
6 for \$5.00



Machinist Tool Box



Also,
an N scale layout that is
3' x 5'

Inventory of Goods Offered for Sale

WNC Model Railroaders, Inc
COMPANY STORE

Description of the item(s)	Quantity	Asking Price	Minimum Price	Selling Price
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Instructions: Please complete the first four columns. Company Store personnel will record the actual selling price in the right hand column.

Notice to Seller: Goods are offered at your own risk. Store representatives will make every reasonable effort to protect your property from harm and to sell your goods at the asking price. Your minimum price will not be shared with customers but will be used to set the minimum price for an acceptable offer. In consideration of these efforts the Western Carolina Model Railroaders Inc. will take a 10% (percent) commission on items actually sold. Your proceeds and any unsold goods will be available for pick up during the final two hours of the show. Thank you for your participation and your support of our organization.

SELLER'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY): _____

Total Sales: \$ _____ Less Commission (10%) \$ _____ = Proceeds to Seller \$ _____ Initials: _____