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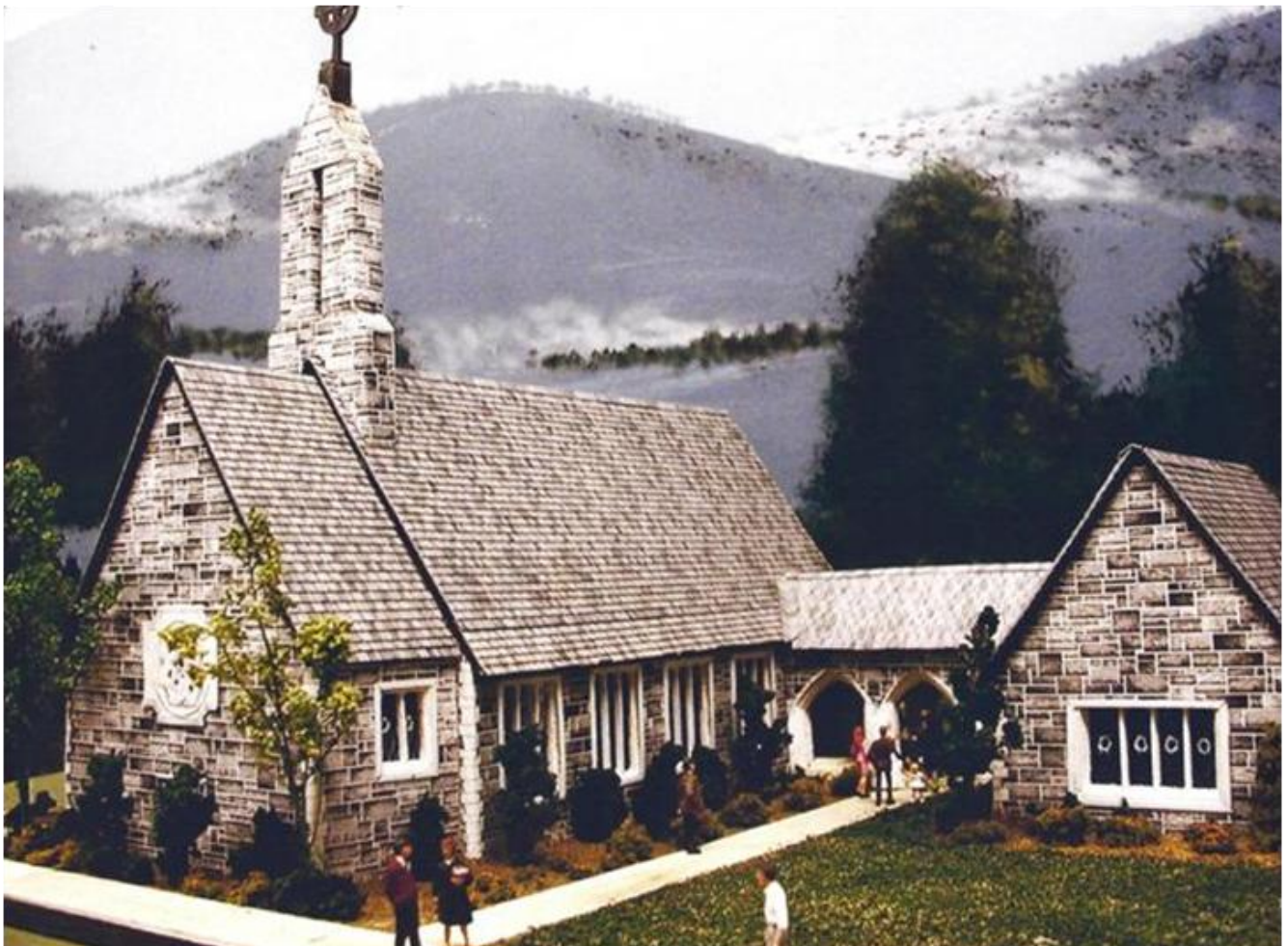
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Our next meeting is on March 3rd at 7 PM.

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

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



Jack Mershon's award-winning model of the Memorial Chapel at Lake Junaluska.



NEWS FOR OUR MEMBERS

OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be starting at 7 PM on Thursday March 3rd.

Clinic: Railfanning in WV and Station Inn

Synopsis: Gordon Fewster will have a slide show of railfanning in WV and the Station Inn during June 2010. Come to learn and have fun. **See you there!**

REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Superintendent Fred Coleman.

Fred reported that:

We are moving the train show to the beautiful new log cabin at the NC Agriculture Center due to heating problems at the Expo Building. As a result we not have as much space nor as many operating layouts. But the show will go on! We will return to the Expo Center next year.

WLOS will help us produce several brief commercials that will promote our train show. These will run during the week before the show.

We continue to assist Peggy Keyes establish a model train museum at Lake Lure.

Paymaster John Williams provided a finance report for the period ending Feb. 3; we are solvent.

Following a short break we had an outstaying clinic on weathering freight cars. Bill Seibert used several Testors markers to effectively weather several freight cars. Pictures of this activity follow.

Jack Mershon brought his Will Miller Award certificate, photographs of the award winning chapel, and several models to the meeting. This award is in recognition of his contest entry at the SER Convention in Birmingham, Alabama. The Will Millar award is presented to the best entry at the show, if and when the judges feel that this award is appropriate.

The model is based on the structure that stands at Lake Junaluska. Jack took numerous photographs

of the structure, and working from these built the model from scratch. The many windows are handmade and hand painted.

Jack notes that the external appearance structure has not changed much over the years, but the vegetation that surrounds the chapel has: The landscaping features in the model represent their present appearance.

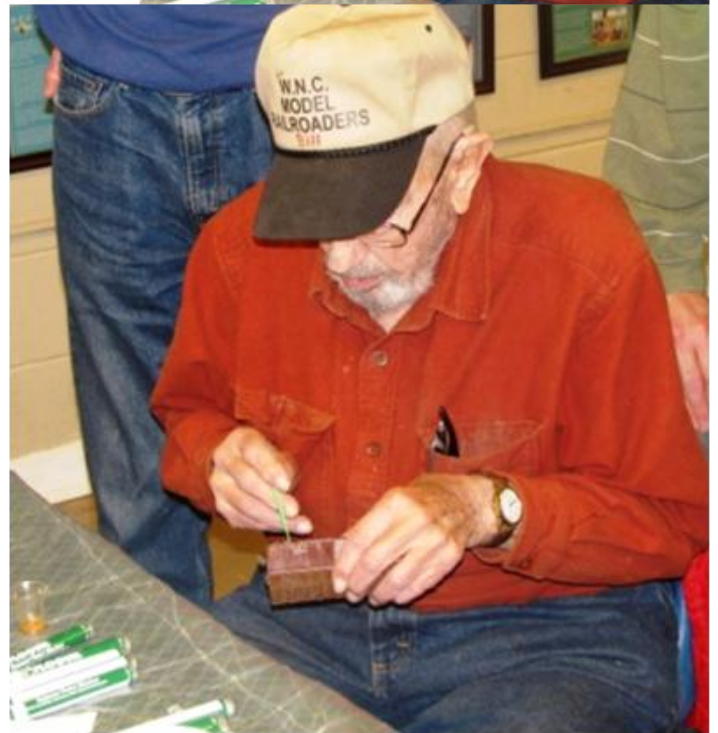
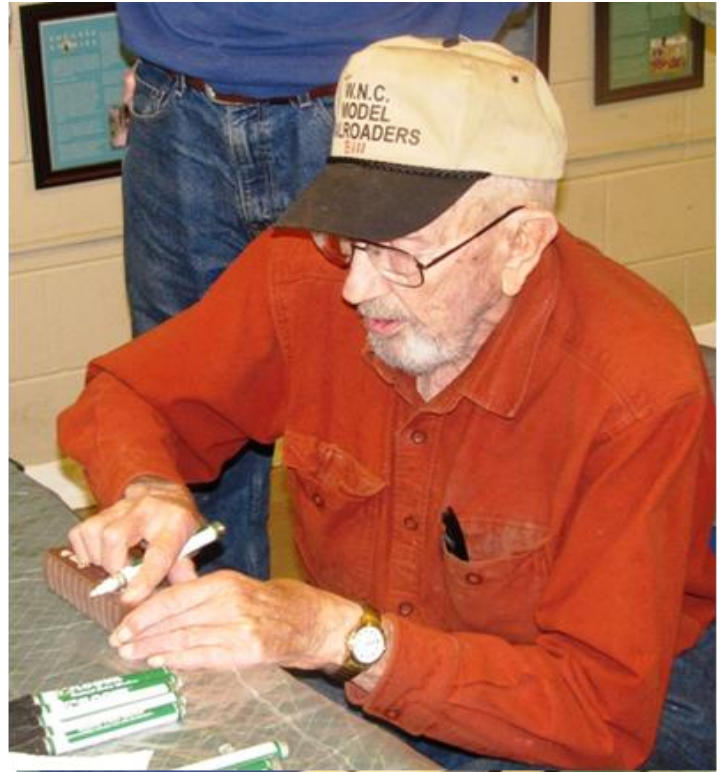
Jack has built many outstanding structures. Many, like the chapel on the cover, grace the layout under construction at Lake Junaluska. His next project is the Shackford Inn at Lake Junaluska.



Congratulations Jack!



Weathering clinic



Bill Seibert shows an easy and effective weathering technique using Testors paint markers. Here he demonstrates his technique: put it on, smear it around, and if you don't like it, wipe it off using a little thinner. In the last frame he is adding a bit of rust to the trucks and wheels.

All of this can be done in a matter of several minutes, with no cleanup.



A VISIT TO THE PIEDMONT AND WESTERN RAILROAD CLUB



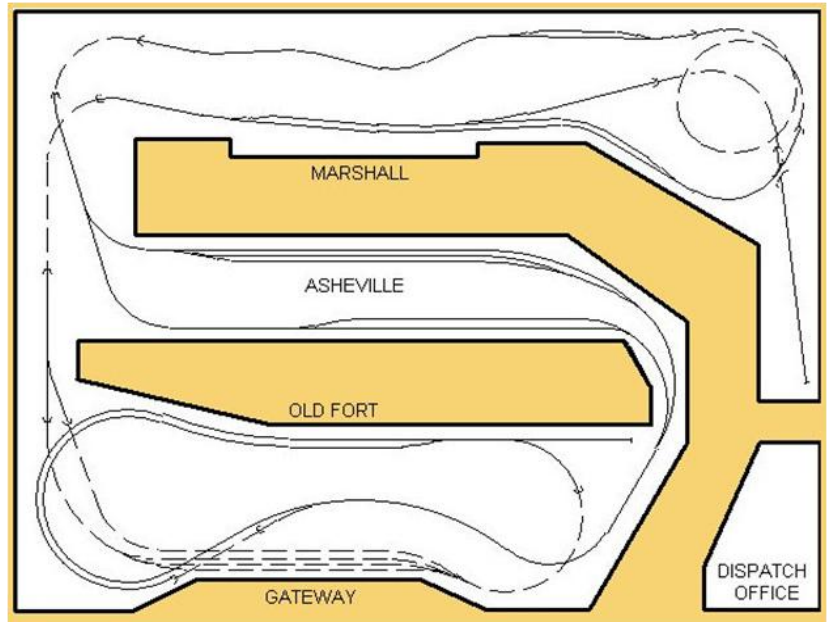
The Piedmont and Western Railroad is a fictitious line serving Western North Carolina who's mainline extends from Marion, NC to Leadvale, TN. Its chief purpose is to carry the trains of its owners, the Southern RR and the Clinchfield RR, across the Blue Ridge Mountains. Since it is the only Carolina's mainline that crosses the Blue Ridge, traffic is heavy. The Piedmont and Western also maintains extensive terminal facilities in Asheville, which is the focus of operations. Trains set off or pick up local traffic, or are reclassified for their final destinations. Modern operations with diesel locomotives are emphasized.



History and Description:

The HO Scale Club was formed in July 1988 in the city of Valdese, North Carolina.

The club was Incorporated in November of that year and commenced construction of the layout in January of 1989. The layout is almost 1400 square feet (130 sq. meters) in area, with workshop, storage and railroad museum in adjacent rooms. The mainline is mostly single track to increase operating interest, and is approximately 250 feet (76 meters) long with total trackage well over 1000 feet (305 meters). Digitrax Super Chief control is used. Currently 16-20 locomotives and almost 200



freight and passenger cars are in use.

During 2004, construction began on the "Murphy Branch" extension which is in the adjacent room of 600+ sq. ft. The "Murphy Branch" will include the Graham County Rwy. Construction also began for an expansion (which is now nearing completion) of our extensive railroad museum displays.



Club Information

The Club's activities focus on Tuesday and Thursday nights, with monthly business meetings on the first Thursday and operating sessions on the fourth Thursday. Informal viewing can be arranged in advance for the latter. We are located in the Old Rock School on Main Street in downtown Valdese. We are about an hour east of Asheville. Use I-40, exit 111.



WNC TRAIN SHOW

This is our show; we all should support it with our time and talents.

- We will set up the modules on Thursday afternoon, starting at 1:00 pm. at the show site.
- We will make final plans and assignments at our meeting on Thurs. night at Eliada Home. Come ready to show where your talents will help our club out.
- We will need members' assistance all day on Friday and Saturday.

Help promote the show. Print out the show announcement [full page on page 7](#), [quarter page on page 8](#), and place on bulletin boards in your neighborhood: barbershop, grocery, clubs, church, etc.

COMPANY STORE

(For our new members) Our form of E-bay

If you are planning on putting items in the Company Store for sale, please complete [the attached form on page 9](#) 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.

Your proceeds and any unsold goods will be available for pick up during the final two hours of the show.

Thanks!

Train Show Pictures

If you take pictures at the train show, would you please submit them to our Webmaster/Asst. Superintendant.

Please take pictures not only of layouts, buildings, exhibits but also of people enjoying our show (club members included!).

You can email, zip file, or CD them to [Dave our web lackey](#). These will end up on the website as a slideshow.

Thanks!



EVENTS FOR MODELERS:

21ST ANNUAL WNC TRAIN SHOW

WNC Ag Center, March 4th from Noon to 7 PM, March 5th from 9 AM to 4:30 PM

2011 MODEL TRAIN SHOW

Sponsored by Piedmont Division

March 19th and 20th, 2011

Saturday: 10 - 5 & Sunday: 10 - 4

Admission: \$8 Adults - Kids 12 and under are FREE!

Cobb Galleria Centre, 2 Galleria Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30339

[Check website for details](#)

DIVISION 15 SER MINI-CONVENTION

April 16 at 9 AM, Hampton Inn, Hendersonville, NC

[See website for details.](#)

FRENCH BROAD E" N" PIRE TRAIN SHOW

April 30 from 10 AM to 4 PM, Whitmere Act. Ctr., Hendersonville, NC

[See website for details.](#)

SRHA CONVENTION

May 20-21 SRHA's 25th Anniversary at Spencer, NC.

2011 SER CONVENTION

May 20-22, 2011 in Macon, Georgia.

Hosted by the Empire Division

For the latest information [go to the website for details.](#)



EXTRA 2011 WEST



NMRA 2011 SACRAMENTO, CA

2011 NMRA CONVENTION

July 3-9, X2011, Sacramento, CA

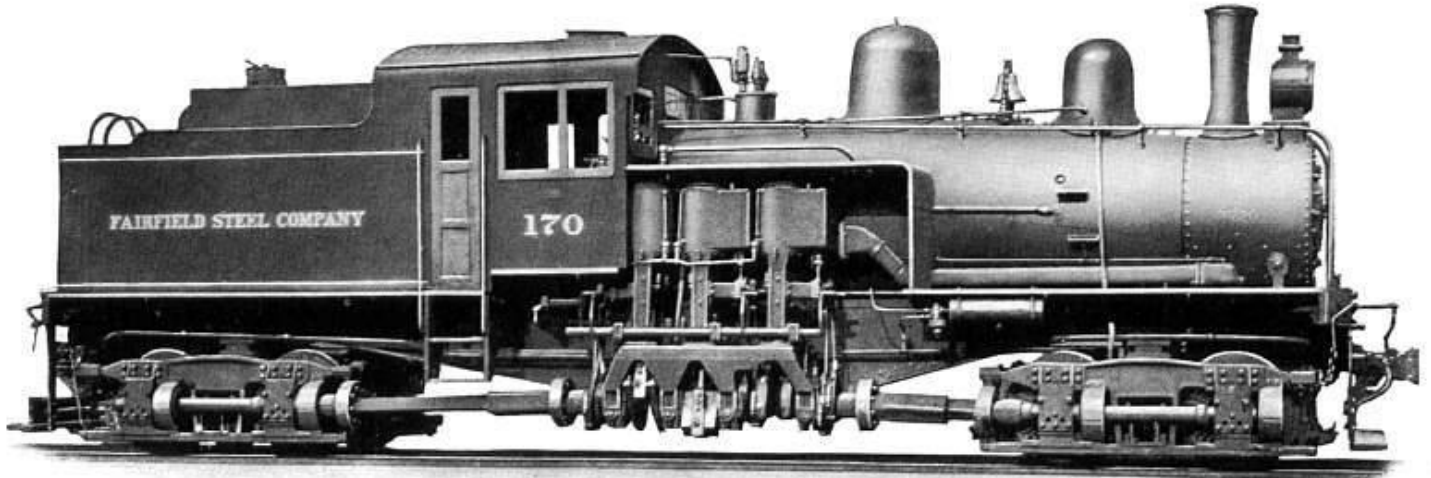
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National Train Show

July 8 to 10 check out [the website for more details,](#)

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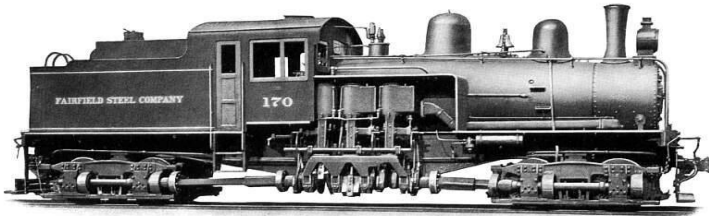
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**THERE WILL BE OPERATING LAYOUTS
OVER 60 TABLES**

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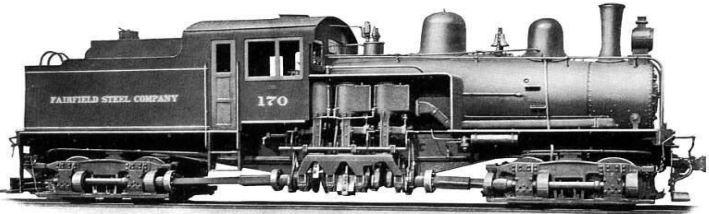
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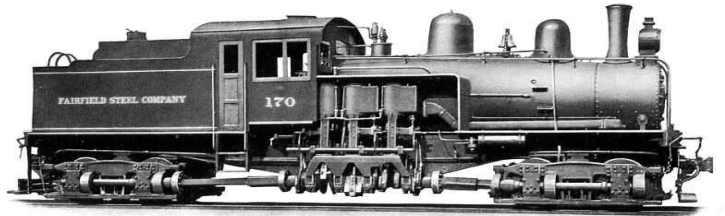
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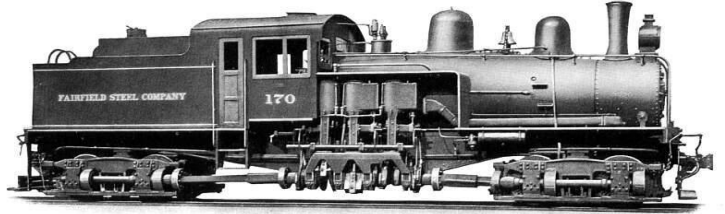
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Inventory of Goods Offered for Sale

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: _____