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Our next meeting is on April 3<sup>rd</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.



**People enjoying our train show**



## NEWS FOR OUR MEMBERS

### OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be starting at 7 PM on Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Clinic: Diesel locomotives

Synopsis: A look at diesel locomotives, design, classifications, and history of diesels. Bring in your example or latest project (in progress or finished). **See you there! (Weather permitting)**

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## REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

Superintendent **Dave Anderson** called the meeting to order at 7:00 on Thursday, February 6, 2014

**Dave** provided a report on the Train Show and expressed appreciation to all who helped. Photographs from the Train Show on Pages 4 and 5. Some highlights were that we had 1761 paid attendees and an estimate of at least 300 children. (We have yet to have the manpower to count children entering. The admissions people can at times only keep the line moving with the paid attendees. So our estimate may be low.) The tables sales and concessions did very well, along with the slight increase in admissions over last year.

The raffle winner was *Kaden Elkins*, age 9 who attends West Marion Elementary. He can not wait to put it up in his train room. Congratulations to *Kaden*.

At the Board of Directors meeting one topic was about next year's raffle. **Dave** brought out some of the options. The two main ideas are one big item like a quilt or a tool box, or a table with various items available with people leaving the tickets for the item they want. Items would be anything railroad items (custom railroad cars, buildings or other items). Members are to think about this any we will have a vote for the final plan at a meeting by June.

Other items brought up at the BOD meeting was that with other events going on at the AG Center better placement of signage to direct people, map of the interior showing locations of layouts, bathrooms, and a Thomas the Tank engine modules as possibilities for next year's show. We are looking at ideas for small children.

If you are interested in operating, setting up or helping out at the Hickory Train show on April 12th please contact [Fred Coleman](#) by March 15th. We need to know if we have enough to set up and man LOST RR. Set up day is Friday, the show is Saturday from

**Dave** asked **Wally Brown** provided an update on progress on his layout because of the recent pictures of the Asheville Station. We saw pictures of **Jack Mershon's** scratch-built Asheville station on his layout. The station was in existence until the 1960 when it was torn down. **Jack** built the model based on pictures that **Wally** had of the depot. **Wally's** model railroad represents the Southern Asheville Division. **Wally** updated us on the other things going on his model railroad.

**Clint Smoke** reported on the continuing story of crude oil shipments in rail cars. This will be the subject of an article in an upcoming issue of this publication.

Land O'Sky Division meeting will be in Asheville. See [page 7](#) for details.

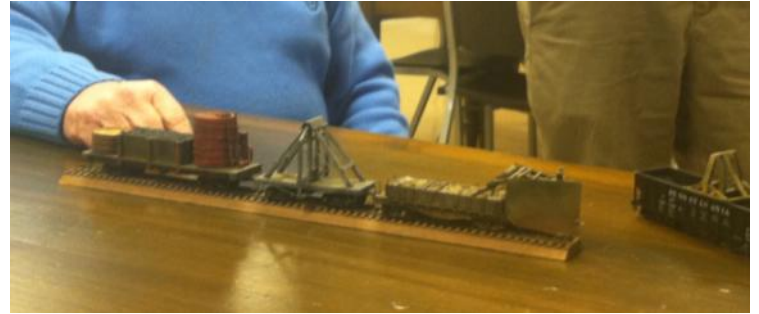
The clinic was about maintenance of way cars and trains. The clinic had a brief history of the evolu-

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tion of maintenance of way cars. Some pictures of equipment in use and modeling ideas were discussed. The hardest thing to model would be the modern continuous welded rail cars. We then discussed our club members items. (Thanks to all who brought examples.)

**Our next meeting is on April 3th at 7:00 pm.**



Two ice breaker MOW cars that were brought to our meetings. Thanks to **Charlie and Rick.**



**KADEN ELKINS WON THE RAFFLE. HE IS ATTENDING WEST MARION ELEMENTARY IN THE 3RD GRADE. HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO PUTTING 'HOLLYWOOD ARRIVAL' ON HIS WALL NEAR HIS TRAINS.**





# PICTURES FROM OUR TRAIN SHOW









# CLUB CALENDAR

This is listing of know activities for our club members in the near future:

April 2nd                   **Eliada Hobos**  
*Downstairs in the Barn*  
 Session 1    2:30 –3:15 PM  
 Session 2    3:30—4:15 PM  
 Session 3    4:15—5:00 PM  
 Session 4    6:00—6:45 PM  
 Session 5    7:00—7:45 PM

April 3rd  7:00 PM           **Club Meeting**  
*Eliada Admin Building*

April 9th               **Eliada Hobos**  
*Downstairs in the Barn*  
 Session 1    2:30 –3:15 PM  
 Session 2    3:30—4:15 PM  
 Session 3    4:15—5:00 PM  
 Session 4    6:00—6:45 PM  
 Session 5    7:00—7:45 PM

April 16th           **Eliada Hobos**  
*Downstairs in the Barn*  
 Session 1    2:30 –3:15 PM  
 Session 2    3:30—4:15 PM  
 Session 3    4:15—5:00 PM  
 Session 4    6:00—6:45 PM  
 Session 5    7:00—7:45 PM

April 23th           **Eliada Hobos**  
*Downstairs in the Barn*  
 Session 1    2:30 –3:15 PM  
 Session 2    3:30—4:15 PM  
 Session 3    4:15—5:00 PM  
 Session 4    6:00—6:45 PM  
 Session 5    7:00—7:45 PM

April 30th           **Eliada Hobos**  
*Downstairs in the Barn*  
 Session 1    2:30 –3:15 PM  
 Session 2    3:30—4:15 PM  
 Session 3    4:15—5:00 PM  
 Session 4    6:00—6:45 PM  
 Session 5    7:00—7:45 PM

May 1st  7:00 PM           **Club Meeting**  
*Eliada Admin Building*

May 7th               **Eliada Hobos**  
*Downstairs in the Barn*

Session 1    2:30 –3:15 PM  
 Session 2    3:30—4:15 PM  
 Session 3    4:15—5:00 PM  
 Session 4    6:00—6:45 PM  
 Session 5    7:00—7:45 PM

May 14th           **Eliada Hobos**  
*Downstairs in the Barn*  
 Session 1    2:30 –3:15 PM  
 Session 2    3:30—4:15 PM  
 Session 3    4:15—5:00 PM  
 Session 4    6:00—6:45 PM  
 Session 5    7:00—7:45 PM

May 21st           **Eliada Hobos**  
*Downstairs in the Barn*  
 Session 1    2:30 –3:15 PM  
 Session 2    3:30—4:15 PM  
 Session 3    4:15—5:00 PM  
 Session 4    6:00—6:45 PM  
 Session 5    7:00—7:45 PM

May 28th           **Eliada Hobos**  
*Downstairs in the Barn*  
 Session 1    2:30 –3:15 PM  
 Session 2    3:30—4:15 PM  
 Session 3    4:15—5:00 PM  
 Session 4    6:00—6:45 PM  
 Session 5    7:00—7:45 PM

June 4th           **Eliada Hobos**  
*Downstairs in the Barn*  
 Session 1    2:30 –3:15 PM  
 Session 2    3:30—4:15 PM  
 Session 3    4:15—5:00 PM  
 Session 4    6:00—6:45 PM  
 Session 5    7:00—7:45 PM

June 5th           7:00 PM           **Club Meeting**  
*Eliada Admin Building*

We have things for you to do, expand the hobby and your talents! Come out to see what your fellow club members are doing.



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## EVENTS FOR MODELERS:

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### LAND O'SKY DIVISION MEETING

**APRIL 12TH, 2014**

At the Deerfield Community Center, 9:30 AM to noon.

Please observe speed limits inside Deerfield. Once on the campus, continue three blocks to the stop sign. Turn left onto Wakefield Drive. Turn right into the first driveway, which leads to the parking lot.

The entrance to the Community Center is at the far end of the lot

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### 12 ANNUAL NC RAILROAD EXPO

**APRIL 12TH, 2014**

**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**HICKORY EXPO CENTER , HICKORY, NC**

Sponsored by the Alexander Chapter, NHRS.

Admission: \$5 Adults - Kids 12 and under are FREE!

Free parking, located just off I-40 exit 125

See their [website](#) for more information.

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### 11TH NORTH CAROLINA RAIL FAIR

**SATURDAY, JUNE 21**

Metrolina Expo Center  
Charlotte, NC

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### 2014 Memphis Convention - Rails Across the River

Fri, 06/13/2014 (All day) - Sun, 06/15/2014 (All day)

The Memphis Railroad and Trolley Museum and the Bluff City Division of the NMRA are proud to host the 2014 Joint Convention of the Southeastern and Mid Continent Regions of the NMRA.

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### 2014 NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION

**July 13 - July 19**

79th Annual NMRA National Convention, Cleveland, OH. Check out [the convention's website](#) for details.

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