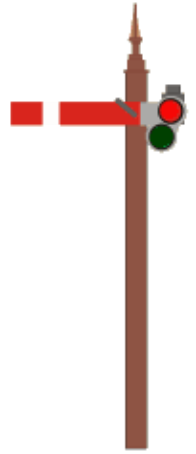


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Our next meeting is on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM.

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**WHILE THIS IS THE REAL MCCOY,  
MODELS OF MANY OF NS'S HERITAGE UNITS ARE  
NOW AVAILABLE OR WILL BE SOON. CHECK OUT  
YOUR FAVORITE HOBBY SUPPLIER FOR DETAILS,  
LIKE FACTORY DIRECT TRAINS OR HOBBYTOWN**



## NEWS FOR OUR MEMBERS

### OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be starting at 7 PM on Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Clinic: How 1:1 scale railroads deal with disasters (reprise).**

Synopsis: A presentation of how 1:1 scale railroads recover from a disaster. Come to have fun, bring a model you are working on or finished. (Hopefully without the DVD difficulties of last time.) **See you there!**

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## REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

Superintendent **Dave Anderson** called the meeting to order at 7:00 on Thursday, April 4, 2013

He thanked all who went to Hickory (**Fred, Charlie, Boyce, Tom, Kevin, Mike Devore**), for their help. The team was able to pack up very quickly which was nice. It was a good size show, with lots of people and vendors. The afternoon the number of people slacked off, but our host was very pleased with the turn out, which exceeded last year. (Good for them)

The topic of standards for the modules was discussed with more details to be developed. We discussed having a repair log for rolling stock, and it was decided for now that the B end will be where the brake wheel is. If anyone has the real designation, please tell us. The A end will be the opposite end from B end.

We discussed what a 1:1 scale railroader's definition of operating at reduced speed means. Most people got part of the definition correct. The definition was from 1967 and the Southern Railroad, although it should not be that different for any other railroad is "means you must go slow enough to stop before hitting any train, engine or obstruction which happens to be ahead of you on the track."

Nothing was brought up from the floor for discussion.

We then went straight into **Gordon Fewster's** presentations. First was weathering wheels and trucks and adding weights, then train watching spots in the area, which will help anyone wanting to railfan the upcoming run of Southern 630, and some train chasing of Southern Consolidated (2-8-0) #630 from Chattanooga to Summerville, GA. It was all well presented and informative.

**Our next meeting** will be on Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00 pm.

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## REPORT OF THE QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

The financial results of our train show were discussed. Several suggestions to improve the event next year. By all measures the event was a success. Thanks was given to **Fred Coleman** for leading us to a very successful weekend.

The board also agreed to allow non-members to bring items for sale at the Company Store. The items would be priced, an inventory sheet submitted, and the club would take 20 of the proceeds. Current policy limits this activity to club members with a 10 percent share going to club.

The board will be drafting some standards for LOST RR equipment, members running trains on the modules. The intent is to improve the reliability of the layout and minimize breakdowns. More to follow.

**Fred Coleman** was asked to chair the nominating committee for this year's election.



## Southern Railway Historical Association meets in May at Savannah



SRHA's annual convention will be held from May 17th to 19th in beautiful Savannah, Georgia. Sixteen years have passed since we were last in this great city! Registration is available online now at [srha.org](http://srha.org).

We will begin our convention on Friday with our presentations and meetings. Our presentations will feature a variety of modeling and historic content. The SRHA board meeting will also be held at this time.

On Saturday, we'll be touring several locations, including Roundhouse Railroad Museum, one of the oldest and largest existing nineteenth century railroad complexes in the nation. Also on our tour will be the former Central of Georgia Passenger Station, and Norfolk Southern's Port Wentworth Intermodal Yard. There will also be a lady's tour featuring lunch at Paula Dean's and shopping in Savannah. The annual meeting will be held in evening and feature a guest speaker

On Sunday morning we have arranged a tour of the 8th Air Force Museum in Pooler, Georgia. The 8th Air Force Museum is one of the world's best museum experiences as it honors the history of this proud Air Force group that began in Savannah in 1942.

## GE to Reduce Production at its Erie Facility

General Electric recently announced plans to reduce the size of the work force at its Erie, PA facility and shift some work to a more modern facility in Fort Worth, Texas, due to reduced demand for its heavy locomotives. Part of the problem is a reduced demand for coal. In recent years, GE has been a dominant player in the manufacturing of high-horsepower six-axel diesel locomotives, typical power for coal trains.

## AREA GROUPS OR CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

**The Apple Valley Model Railroad Club's** HO club layout is in the Hendersonville, NC depot. It is open every Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. See their [website](#) for details.

**The French Broad E'N'pire**, a N scale club is based in Hendersonville, NC. See their [website](#) or contact Chuck Place at [hmp3@blueridge.net](mailto:hmp3@blueridge.net).

**The Smoky Mountain Model Railroaders** meet in Clyde, NC at 7:00 pm Tuesdays, off Exit 107 near the hospital. They have two 3 rail O gauge modular layouts. For more information, contact Sam Hopkins at 828-773-0550 (cell) or [csamh@att.net](mailto:csamh@att.net).

**Piedmont Garden Railway Society**. the NC/SC area. We are interested in the hobby of garden railroading and having open houses. Contact Email their newsletter [editor](#) for details

For those who are also railfans, the **Asheville NRHS** Meets 6:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Enka-Candler library, Candler, NC. See their [website](#) or contact [katiphelps@charter.net](mailto:katiphelps@charter.net) or 828-670-7709.

The **Hub City Railroad Museum**, a project of the **Greenville Chapter NRHS**, is located at 298 Magnolia St. in downtown Spartanburg, SC. Summer hours are 8 am until 2 pm, winter hours 10 am until 3 pm every Saturday, Wednesdays 10 am until 2 pm all year. See their [website](#) for details



# CLUB CALENDAR

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

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

May 2nd    7:00 PM      **Club Meeting**  
*Eliada Admin Building*

May 8th      **Eliada Hobos**  
*Downstairs in the Barn*  
 2:30 –3:15 PM  
 3:30—4:15 PM  
 4:30—5:15 PM  
 7:00—7:45 PM

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

May 22nd    **Eliada Hobos**  
*Downstairs in the Barn*  
 2:30 –3:15 PM  
 3:30—4:15 PM  
 4:30—5:15 PM  
 7:00—7:45 PM

May 29th    **Eliada Hobos**  
*Downstairs in the Barn*  
 2:30 –3:15 PM  
 3:30—4:15 PM  
 4:30—5:15 PM  
 7:00—7:45 PM

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

June 6th    7:00 PM      **Club Meeting**  
*Eliada Admin Building*

June 12th    **Eliada Hobos**  
*Downstairs in the Barn*  
 2:30 –3:15 PM  
 3:30—4:15 PM  
 4:30—5:15 PM  
 7:00—7:45 PM

June 19th    **Eliada Hobos**  
*Downstairs in the Barn*  
 2:30 –3:15 PM  
 3:30—4:15 PM  
 4:30—5:15 PM  
 7:00—7:45 PM

June 21th    Noon            **LOST RR**  
*Pack up & Set up for Charlotte show*

June 22th    9:00 AM—4:00PM    **LOST RR**  
**10th Annual NC Rail Fair,**  
*Charlotte, NC*

June 26th    **Eliada Hobos**  
*Downstairs in the Barn*  
 2:30 –3:15 PM  
 3:30—4:15 PM  
 4:30—5:15 PM  
 7:00—7:45 PM

July 3rd      **Eliada Hobos**  
*Downstairs in the Barn*  
 2:30 –3:15 PM  
 3:30—4:15 PM  
 4:30—5:15 PM  
 7:00—7:45 PM

July            7:00 PM      **Club Meeting**  
*Eliada Admin Building*

July 20th      **Land O'Sky Division** meeting

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



## EVENTS FOR MODELERS:

### CASS RAILFAN WEEKEND 2013

May 16 – 19, 2013

Four Great Days of Mountain Railroading in Cass, West Virginia  
Return of the Freight Train, Multiple Locomotives Under Steam, Great  
Run by Locations. See Titans of Mountains, Geared Steam Photo Spec-  
tacular, *Celebrating 50 Years of the Cass Scenic Railroad!*

### 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NORTH CAROLINA MODEL TRAIN AND RAILROAD ARTIFACT SHOW & SALE

June 22, 2013 9:00 AM To 4:00 PM

At The METROLINA EXPO TRADE CENTER – BUILDING 1  
7100 STATESVILLE ROAD  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA 28269  
Admission: \$7.00 (Children Under 12 Free)

Over 200 Tables of Model Trains And Railroad Collectibles For Sale  
Golden Spike's Model Train and Railroad Artifact Show and Sale, Including Operating Layouts  
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### 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.*