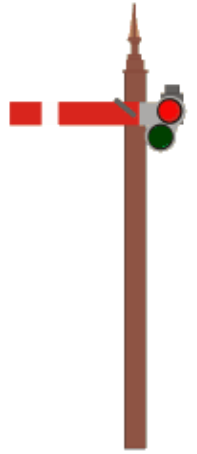


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Our next meeting is on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

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

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



**JOE NORRIS SHOWED THIS DIORAMA WHICH USES NATURAL MATERIALS FOR SCENERY. HIS CLINIC EXPLAINED HIS METHODS OF COLLECTION, SEPARATION, AND USE OF THE MATERIALS .**



# NEWS FOR OUR MEMBERS

## OUR NEXT MEETING

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

### Clinic: 'Tracks to the Smokies' Panel Discussion

Synopsis: A review of what happened at tracks to the Smokies', observers likes, dislike of clinics/ models/other items. A general rundown of things that weekend. **See you there!**

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## REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

Superintendent **Fred Coleman** called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm May 2, 2012.

Elections for officers for the Southeastern Region are ongoing. **Fred Coleman** and **Dave Anderson** are candidates. Ballots are in the Southerner. Be sure to vote.

The next Regional Convention is in Gatlinburg the first weekend in June. Registrations have already surpassed last year's conference attendance. This should be a great event we hope to see you there. Check out the model contest rules and enter a model.

The current issue of Model Railroader has a nice article about the late **Kent Roberts'** model railroad.

Our outing at Hickory was successful Thanks to **Boyce** and **Todd** for helping out.

We have another opportunity to set up modules at a Train Show in Charlotte in June 23rd. ( Ed. note. We need volunteers to help out with the LOST RR on Friday and run on Saturday. Talk to Fred.)

Paymaster **John Williams** reported the financial details of the March Train Show. We done good.

After a short break **Joe Norris** provided us with a interesting and informative clinic on using natural material to make scenery. See photographs on page 3. He also brought a diorama (See cover.)

Our next meeting is Thursday, June 7, at 7:00 pm.

### SER News

**Fred** and **Dave Anderson** are among the candidates running for office in the Southeast Region. Ballots are in the current SER newsletter. Be sure to vote, preferably for our own candidates. Voting must be postmarked by May 17th to count.

The SER Annual Conference is in Gatlinburg on June 1, 2, and 3. This is close and convenient. We should all plan to go. Details on the [page 4](#).

### Other items

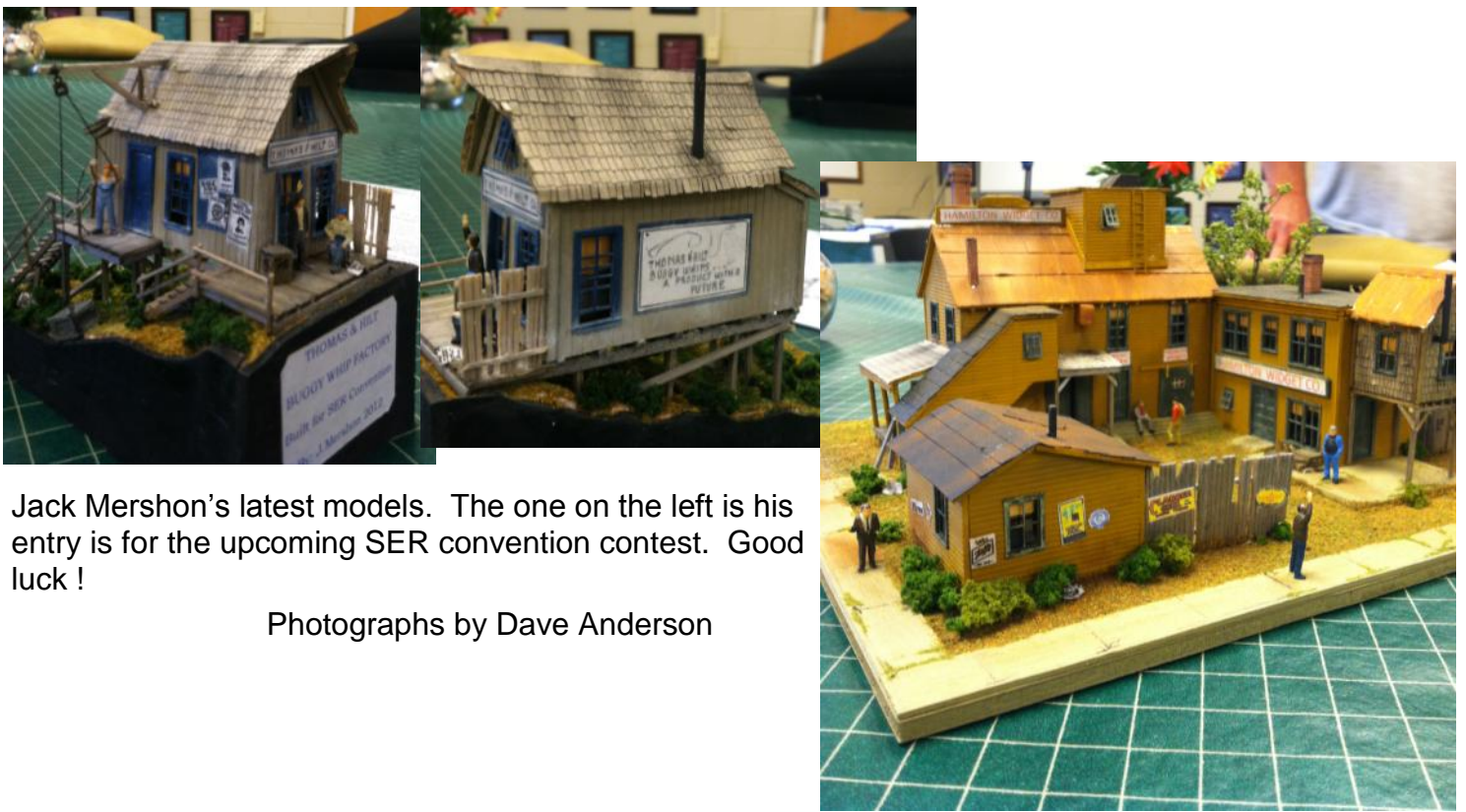
Jack Mershon brought in a few excellent scratch-built model structures, see the [next page](#) for the photos of his work.

Joe Norris presented an interesting and informative clinic on "How to use natural materials for scenery. He brought a finished diorama shown on the front page and to the right.





Joe Norris showing his techniques using natural materials. Photo's by Clint Smoke.



Jack Mershon's latest models. The one on the left is his entry is for the upcoming SER convention contest. Good luck !

Photographs by Dave Anderson

## LAND O'SKY DIVISION MEETING REPORT

Our division's quarterly meeting was in Fletcher on April 28. Chuck Place was appointed Assistant Superintendent, and Dave Hull was appointed Paymaster.

Chuck Place reported that the French Broad e'N'pire Model Railroad has relocated to 503 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue near the Depot in Hendersonville.

*Model Railroader Magazine* is producing an article about the Apple Valley Model Railroad in Hendersonville.

Several members presented interesting and informative clinics.



# 2012 GATLINBURG CONVENTION



This convention will be the first SER's convention in the heart of both Tennessee's and the National Park Service's premier visitor's area. Located in the heart of Gatlinburg, Tennessee, the convention site is right at the north entrance to the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Within a one-hour drive is Pigeon Forge and Dollywood, Townsend, Knoxville, Cherokee and of course all of the Smoky Mountain National Park. You will have ample time before, after and during the convention for you to enjoy Gatlinburg's shops, arts and crafts driving tour, outstanding restaurants or just relax. Plan to attend now and you will see why we say - "Arrive Early - Stay Late". Enjoy your journey through our site and we will see you at the convention.

**Home Layout Tours:** Because Gatlinburg is in a remote place and travel to and from can take time, all layout tours have been scheduled for Sunday after the convention is over when you can stop by on your way home or just enjoy the day if you are staying over for a little vacation. Descriptions and maps are in your registration package. All lay-

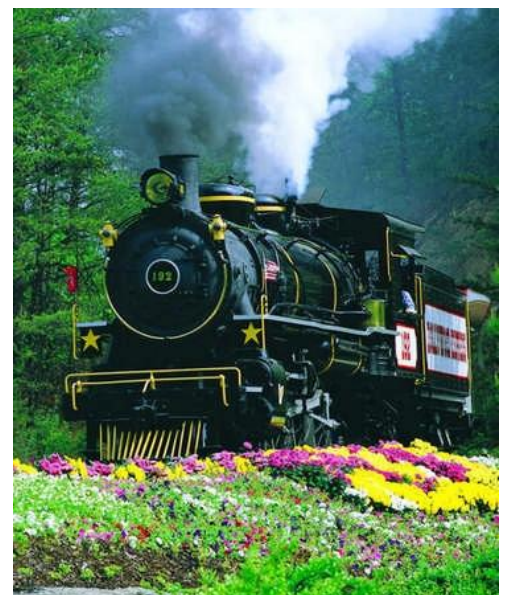
outs will be open from 10 am to 3 pm Sunday.

**A New Model Contest You Might Want To Enter At This Year's Convention!** The structure can be built in any scale, but must adhere to the basic dimensions shown in the plan. The base that the structure sits on is to be a maximum size of 40 scale feet by 20 scale feet. The footprint of the structure is 10 scale feet by 20 scale feet. For example in HO, the base would be a maximum of 5-3/8" X 2-3/4" and the base of the structure 1-3/8" X 2-3/4". The structure may have as many doors and windows, etc., wherever you choose to place them. You may also add porches, chimneys, attached lean-to, fences, a fully detailed interior and any other details unique to your building. Figures, animals, vehicles and scenic details can be included. If a walkway or a porch is added to the front, the maximum allowable width is 6 scale feet. Because no two modelers will build the same model exactly the same, this competition will allow you express your own creative abilities. There are no restrictions to style, type or materials used in building the model. It can be built to scale and prototype, or not, so it can be used on your layout after the contest. See [SER website](#) for details.

**Dollywood Engine Facilities and Operations Tour:** Dollywood, one of the most visited tourist attractions in the United States, operates a tourist train that carries up to 600 passengers on a twenty minute dog-bone round trip excursion through the park and the surrounding wooded hills that includes a 6% grade. The park maintains two 2-8-2 narrow-gauge locomotives that were obtained from the White Pass & Yukon. Two tours will be conducted on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> - one at 9 am and another at 1 pm. There is space for 45 attendees on each tour on a first come first served basis.

The convention hotel for the 2012 Convention is the Glenstone Lodge. Please make your reservations directly and ask for the model railroad convention rate of \$75/night. Rate is good three days before and after convention dates. Phone: 1-800-362-9522

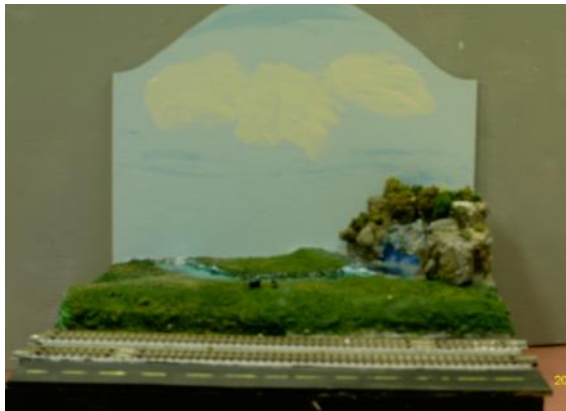
**This conventions is close by, we hope to see many of you there!**





## ELIADA HOBO'S UPDATE

Here are some more pictures from our young modelers at Eliada's Trains program. When they graduate from Eliada they earn "Hobo" status.



"3 Bears" by Hayden

Photographs by Train Crew



"Unicorns & Rainbows" by Ryleah M



"Summer Valley" by Carolyn J



"Celtic Horse Land" by Ryleah M



"Happy Day" by Bishop S



"Morning Walk" by Sandra A



# CLUB CALENDAR

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

## June 1 to 3, SER Convention, Tracks To The Smokies'

June 6th **Eliada Hobo's**  
*Downstairs in the Barn*  
 2:30 –3:15 PM  
 3:30—4:15 PM  
 4:20—5:00 PM  
 5:15—6:00 PM  
 7:00—7:45 PM

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

June 13th **Eliada Hobo's**  
*Downstairs in the Barn*  
 2:30 –3:15 PM  
 3:30—4:15 PM  
 4:20—5:00 PM  
 5:15—6:00 PM  
 7:00—7:45 PM

June 20th **Eliada Hobo's**  
*Downstairs in the Barn*  
 2:30 –3:15 PM  
 3:30—4:15 PM  
 4:20—5:00 PM  
 5:15—6:00 PM  
 7:00—7:45 PM

June 23rd **LOST RR** at *Charlotte Expo Center.*

June 27th **Eliada Hobo's**  
*Downstairs in the Barn*  
 2:30 –3:15 PM  
 3:30—4:15 PM  
 4:20—5:00 PM  
 5:15—6:00 PM  
 7:00—7:45 PM

June 30th **Eliada Hobo's**  
*Downstairs in the Barn*  
 2:30 –3:15 PM  
 3:30—4:15 PM  
 4:20—5:00 PM  
 5:15—6:00 PM  
 7:00—7:45 PM

July Meeting/picnic TBA

July 11th **Eliada Hobo's**  
*Downstairs in the Barn*  
 2:30 –3:15 PM  
 3:30—4:15 PM  
 4:20—5:00 PM  
 5:15—6:00 PM  
 7:00—7:45 PM

July 18th **Eliada Hobo's**  
*Downstairs in the Barn*  
 2:30 –3:15 PM  
 3:30—4:15 PM  
 4:20—5:00 PM  
 5:15—6:00 PM  
 7:00—7:45 PM

July 25th **Eliada Hobo's**  
*Downstairs in the Barn*  
 2:30 –3:15 PM  
 3:30—4:15 PM  
 4:20—5:00 PM  
 5:15—6:00 PM  
 7:00—7:45 PM

August 1st **Eliada Hobo's**  
*Downstairs in the Barn*  
 2:30 –3:15 PM  
 3:30—4:15 PM  
 4:20—5:00 PM  
 5:15—6:00 PM  
 7:00—7:45 PM

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

August 8th **Eliada Hobo's**  
*Downstairs in the Barn*  
 2:30 –3:15 PM  
 3:30—4:15 PM  
 4:20—5:00 PM  
 5:15—6:00 PM  
 7:00—7:45 PM

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:



### 2012 SER CONVENTION

**June 1-3, 2012**

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

## THE 9TH ANNUAL NORTH CAROLINA MODEL TRAIN AND RAILROAD ARTIFACT SHOW & SALE

**SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2012**

Show Hours Are 9:00 AM To 4:00 PM

At The METROLINA EXPO TRADE CENTER – BUILDING 1  
7100 STATESVILLE ROAD  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA 28269

Admission: \$6.00 (Children Under 12 Free) *Check out [the show's website](#) for 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.*

### LAND O'SKY MEETING

**On July 21st**

see our [division's website](#) for more details



### 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.*