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

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**FAMED N&W's #611 AT SPENCER
ON MAY 29. 2014.**



NEWS FOR OUR MEMBERS

OUR NEXT MEETING

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

Clinic: Summer Picnic

Synopsis: Food and open discussion of modeling. Bring a model (in any phase of construction) any size or scale for discussion. *See you there!*

REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

Superintendent **Dave Anderson** called the meeting to order at 7:05

The minutes for the May meeting as written in the Semaphore were accepted.

The next outing for the LOST RR is June 22 at Charlotte. We will set up on June 21. This is the NC Rail Fair at the Charlotte Expo Center. For more information contact **Fred Coleman**.

Unfinished business: None

New business:

The first order of business was the election of new officers. The nominating committee presented a slate of nominations for officers as follows:

Superintendent: **Dave Anderson**

Paymaster: **Rick Pyeritz**

Board Member : **Fred Coleman**

The nominations were opened to the floor. No additional names were offered. The members were elected. Congratulations and thank you!

The SER convention is next weekend. A review of what was slated to happen in Memphis.

We talked about the Streamliners at Spencer the previous weekend. Several members had attended.

One streamlined steam engine and 25 streamlined diesel engines were on display at Spencer. A few of them were captured in pictures shown on the [following page](#).

The NC Transportation Museum is having several big events in the near future. Additional information is available on [page 7](#).

We talked about steam engines. Some brought models of steam engines. (see [Page 5 & 6](#))

Good and Welfare:

Charlie Krug, Ken Vasilik, Dave and Troy Carroll have birthdays this month.

Our Annual meeting is on June 5, 2014 at 7:00 pm.



PICTURES OF STREAMLINERS AT THE NC TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM





STEAMLINERS AT SPENCER

by Clinton Smoke



Most of the streamliners at Spencer were EMD F units. There were several E units and at least one Alco diesel on display, but most were EMD F units.

EMD F-units were a line of Diesel-electric locomotives produced between November 1939 and November 1960 by General Motors Electro-Motive Division and General Motors-Diesel Division. Final assembly for all F-units was at the GM-EMD plant at

La Grange, Illinois and the GM plant in London, Ontario, Canada. They were sold to railroads throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and a few were exported to Saudi Arabia. The term *F-unit* refers to the model numbers given to each successive type, all of which began with F. The F originally meant Fourteen, as in 1,400 horsepower, not F as in Freight.

However, the F-units were originally designed for freight service, although many hauled passenger trains. Almost all F-units were B-B locomotives; they ran on two Blomberg B two-axle trucks with all axles powered. The prime mover in F-units was a sixteen cylinder EMD 567 series mechanically aspirated two-stroke Diesel engine, progressing from model 16-567 through 16-567D.

Structurally, the locomotive was a carbody unit, with the body as the main load-bearing structure, designed like a bridge truss and covered with cosmetic panels. The so-called bulldog nose was a distinguishing feature of the locomotive's appearance, and made a lasting impression in the mind of the traveling public.

The F-units were the most successful "first generation" road Diesel locomotives in North America, and were largely responsible for superseding steam locomotives in road freight service. Over 8,000 were built. About a hundred are known to exist and about 25 are still running.

F-units were sometimes known as covered wagons,^[1] due to the similarity in appearance of the roof of an F-unit to the canvas roof of a Conestoga wagon, an animal-drawn wagon used in the westward expansion of the United States during the late 18th and 19th centuries. When a train's locomotive consist included only F-units, the train would then be called a wagon train.



PICTURES OF ENGINES AT OUR LAST MEETING



Charlie with an O and HO scale engines



Troy with 4-6-2



Boyce and Patrick look on as Clint demonstrates his 0-4-0 switcher.



PICTURES OF ENGINES AT OUR LAST MEETING (CONT.)



Kevin's locomotives showing his weathering. style.



ANNUAL PICNIC

CONTACT **FRED** TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE A GOOD MIX OF APPETIZERS, SALADS, DESSERTS AND DRINKS

WANT A CLINIC?

- If you have a clinic you would like to give, see or email **Tom** or **Dave** with what you want to give. Try it out on us before going big time at a SER or Land O'Sky meeting.

Even if you don't want to go big time, we would love to hear about your niche of our expansive hobby!



CLUB CALENDAR

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

July 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

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

July 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

July 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

July 23rd **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

July 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

August 6th **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

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

August 13th **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

August 20th **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

August 27th **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

September 3rd **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

September 4th 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.



EVENTS FOR MODELERS:

NATIONAL N SCALE CONVENTION

JUNE 25TH–29TH, 2014

Roanoke, VA.

See their [website](#) for more information

LAND O'SKY MEETING

DEERFIELD EPISCOPAL RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

JULY 26

HISTORIC SPENCER SHOPS TRAIN SHOW

AUGUST 23–24

NC Transportation Museum

Spencer, NC.

SER MINI MEET

SEPTEMBER 27, 2014

The Mid-South Division will host a mini-meet in Huntsville, AL.

This is a FREE event, open to NMRA members and soon-to-be NMRA members.

2014 NATION O SCALE CONVENTION

SEPTEMBER 19 & 20, 2014

Indianapolis, Indianapolis

See their [website](#) for details



2014 NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION

July 13 - July 19

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

2015 SER CONVENTION

Will be held in Greenville, SC