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## July 2015

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

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## IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL PICNIC!



## NEWS FOR OUR MEMBERS

### OUR NEXT MEETING

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

#### 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!**

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## REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

Assistant Superintendent Tom McPherson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

We approved the minutes of the previous meeting.

#### Good and Welfare:

We recognized three members having birthdays this month – Charlie, Kern and Troy.

**Old business:** The Town of Black Mountain Hardware Store project continues to develop. We still need a few more building – most to be brick one or two story mercantile for downtown locations. We have a donation of a few railroad cars. Contact [Dave](#) for helping out.

The next outing for the LOST RR is June 20 at the NC Rail Fair at the Metrolina Expo Center, Charlotte. We will set up on June 19. For more information contact [Fred Coleman](#).

The Palmetto Excursion (SER Convention) is June 5 and 6 in Greenville. Hope you are going!

**New business;** We talked about railroad literature. An interesting article in this month's *Trains Magazine* discusses the rail hub of Chicago with over 1300 trains a day! *Model Railroader* has several interesting articles this month. They always take us back to basic (and continuing) topics of interest: this month's is about upgrading turnouts.

**Our next meeting is on July 2, 2015 at 7:00 pm.** Please bring food and drink to share. Guests are welcome. To permit the best planning, please contact [Fred Coleman](#) with your intentions regarding both foods (either appetizers, salads, dessert) and guests.

#### Scenery Clinic highlight:

**Tom McPherson** demonstrated a homemade static grass spreader. (shown to the right.) For more info on how to build one see [this website](#) for the basics. Dave made some modifications. Total cost was under \$10 for all the parts.

**Patrick** brought in his "Twister" used to make trees.

**Clinton Smoke** shared a few pictures taken during his recent trip to California. He visited the big California Railroad Museum in Sacramento and rode the California Zephyr from Sacramento to Reno, Nevada.







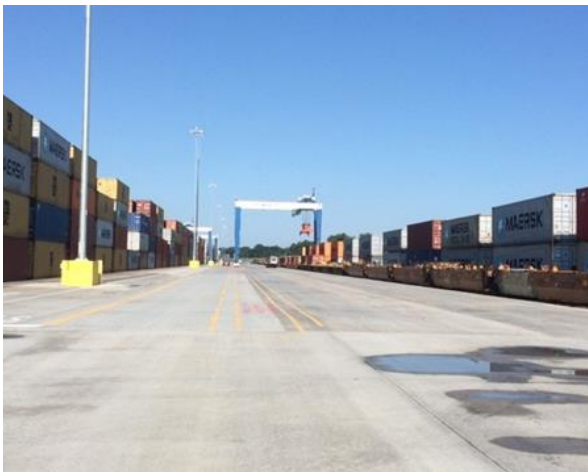
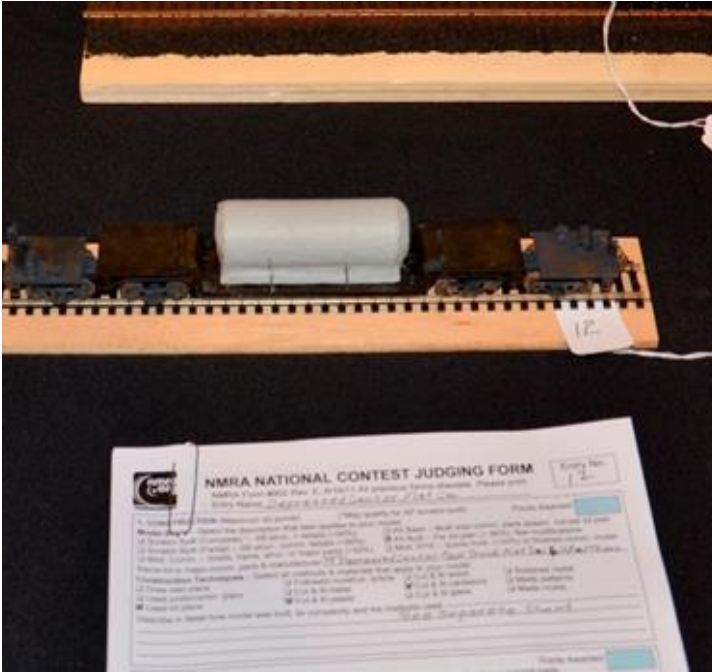
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# A REPORT ON THE PALMETTO EXCURSION

by Clinton Smoke

The Southeastern Region (SER) of the NMRA at the Hilton Hotel in Greenville, SC for the Palmetto Excursion during the first weekend in June. This is the annual meeting and convention of the SER. Over 220 attended. The weather cooperated making for a perfect weekend. Thanks to **Fred Coleman** who chairs SER's Convention Committee and the members of the Piedmont Division for a great convention.

Activities started on Thursday evening with several layouts open for arriving travelers. Clinics ran all day Friday and Saturday, with over 40 offered. There were other activities as well: Several tours visited local industries, the Company Store was open for business, the Contest Room offered a chance to see some beautiful models and photographs, and there were many layouts open as well. Several of the layouts hosted operating sessions. The formal schedule concluded Saturday evening with a nice reception and banquet. Several members offered payout tours on Sunday for folks heading home. It was a busy and enjoyable weekend.

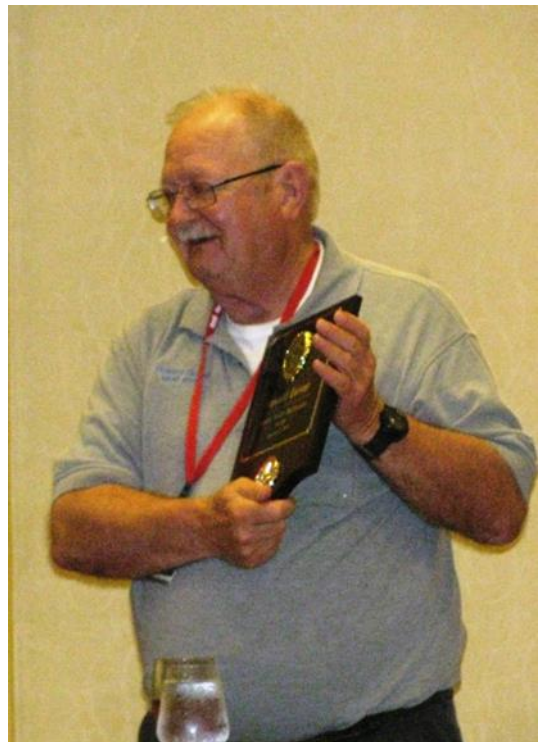
The banquet speaker was the president of the Greenville and Western Railroad. We will have more about him and his railroad next month.

Next year's SER gathering will be '**Rocket City Rails**' in Huntsville, Alabama on June 10 and 11. See [the convention website](#) for more information.

## TWO NEW MASTER MODEL RAILROADERS WERE RECOGNIZED AT THE PALMETTO EXCURSION IN GREENVILLE.



Howard Goodwin MMR# 556



Howard Garner MMR# 550



# CLUB CALENDAR

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

July 1st      **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 2nd    7:00 PM      **Club Meeting**  
*Eliada Admin Building*

July 8th      **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 15th    **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 22rd    **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 29th    **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 5th      **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    7:00 PM      **Club Meeting**  
*Eliada Admin Building*

August 12th    **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 19th    **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 26th    **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 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

September 3rd    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 GARDEN RAILWAY CONVENTION

JULY 5 TO 11

Denver CO

See the [website](#) for more details

### 49TH MODEL TRAIN SHOW

AUGUST 8

Norcross, GA

for more detail see the [website](#).

### LAND O'SKY MEETING

DEERFIELD EPISCOPAL RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

JULY 18 AT 9 AM

### HISTORIC SPENCER SHOPS TRAIN SHOW

AUGUST 22 FROM 9 AM TO 5PM

AUGUST 23 FROM 10 TO 5 PM

NC Transportation Museum, Spencer, NC. See [website](#) for details.

### 2015 NATION O SCALE CONVENTION

SEPTEMBER 18 & 19, 2015

Indianapolis, Indianapolis

See their [website](#) for details



### 2015 NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION

August 23 - August 29, 2015

80th Annual NMRA National Convention, Portland, OR. Check out [the convention's website](#) for details.



### 2016 SOUTHEASTERN REGION CONVENTION

June 10 and June 11, 2016 in the city of Huntsville, Alabama hosted by the Mid South Division