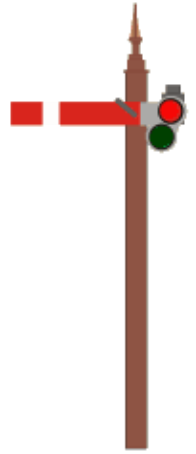


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Our next meeting is on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM.

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

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



**This year's Superintendents Award Assistant Superintendent Tom McPherson admires the award.**



## NEWS FOR OUR MEMBERS

### OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be starting at 7 PM on Thursday August 7<sup>th</sup>

**Clinic:** Not sure what audio visual assets we will have available, so the clinic may be only a discussion.

Synopsis: 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.

**Fred Coleman** reported that the NC Rail Fair at the Charlotte Expo Center went well. It was a good show and we made a good showing.

**Penn Bullock** reported that the *Laurels of Asheville* has a nice article about our relationship with the Eliada Home in the current issue.

**Clinton Smoke** reported on and shared photographs of the recent Streamliners at Spencer.

**Fred Coleman** reported on the joint SER/MCoR convention at Memphis. " Lots of trains; not many people."

We adjourned the meeting to share good food and fellowship.

During the dinner Superintendent **Dave Anderson** presented this year Superintendent's Award to Assistant Superintendent **Tom McPherson** for his work over the last year.

**Our next meeting is on August 7, 2014 at 7:00 pm. It should be in the cafeteria, but it may change due to construction, be check your email for any changes.**

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## 25TH ASHEVILLE TRAIN SHOW

Bring in your ideas for items to be raffled, and how you would procure these items. They can be anything from custom painted rolling stock, engines to structures or other items that may generate raffle ticket sales.



# PICTURES OF ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC





# A BRIEF REPORT ON THE 2014 NMRA CONVENTION

by Clinton Smoke

Your editor had the privilege of attending the NMRA National Convention and Train Show during the week of July 13. The conference was well run and we enjoyed comfortable weather. This year's convention included a nice mix of prototype and model activities, and lots of trains.

A little background: In the 1800s, the western terminus of the Ohio and Erie Canal provided an opportunity for growth of this great city. Immigrants provided the labor force and nature provided the raw materials for what became a vast industrial economy. Railroads and ships provided transportation for people and goods.

The industrial machine was running at full speed in the early 20th century. The Van Sweringen brothers saw opportunity and built the Union Terminal complex with the 52 story Terminal Tower. A three level mall now fills most of what was once a vast railroad station. Nearby is Key Tower, Ohio tallest building at 948 feet.



Much industry remains. However, one does not see that industrial machine downtown. Modern office buildings and a huge convention center that opened just last year dominate Cleveland's downtown. Cleveland is the home of 20 major companies including Sherwin-Williams paint. Two universities and a huge medical community add to the city's intellectual wealth. For a city of 400,000, downtown Cleveland is clean, quiet, and vibrant.

**The Age of Steam Roundhouse**, about 60 miles south, is a real, working facility for the preservation, restoration, repair and maintenance of railroad rolling stock owned by the Jerry and Laura Jacobson Foundation. There are 12 steam and 25 diesel locomotives, 25 passenger cars, a number of freight cars, and several pieces of MOW equipment. The roundhouse is not normally open to the public but was open for the Convention and was the star attraction as far as tours go.

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## THE ASHEVILLE CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (NRHS)

This chapter meets at 6:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Enka-Candler library, Candler, NC. See the chapter [website](#) or contact [katiphelps@charter.net](mailto:katiphelps@charter.net) or 828-670-7709.

The National Railway Historical Society supports train, railway and station preservation projects with hundreds of thousands of dollars awarded in [Heritage Grants](#), as well as education, photographic archives, events, publishing, standards definition and shared resources. For more info on the NRHS visit their [website](#).



# CLUB CALENDAR

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

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*

September 10th **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 17th **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 24th **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

October 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

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

October 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

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:

### 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

### AUTUMN RAILS 2014

**OCTOBER 11 & 12, 2014**

**WNC AG CENTER EXPO BUILDING, FLETCHER, NC**



### 2015 NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION

**August 23 - August 29, 2015**

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



### 2015 SER CONVENTION

**June 5 & 6, 2015**

Palmetto Excursion, Greenville, SC, check out the [website](#) for more details