

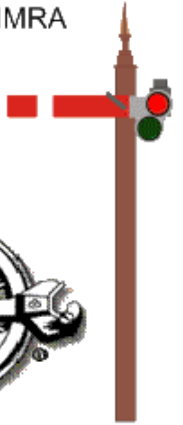
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Our next meeting is on October 1st at 7 PM.

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

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



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NEWS FOR OUR MEMBERS

OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be starting at **7 PM** on **Thursday October 1st**.

Clinic: DVD — Adding Sound to your Model Railroad Scenes. What sounds have done to realism to locomotives , various sound modules can bring realism to other parts of the layout.

Health & Welfare: Bill Siebert is getting physical rehab twice a day now. Playing kickball (for balance), hiking through and over an obstacle course of canes laying on the floor and performing other supervised feats of exercise.

Unsupervised exercise is scooting around in a wheel chair using his own legs. When his strength and balance are deemed sufficient, then he will be permitted to use a walker unsupervised. And the physical therapist is beginning to think he might be able to graduate and go home within the next two to three weeks if he continues progressing this well. Wouldn't that be grand?!?!?

And, to everyone's delight, he celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday WooHoo!!!

Thank you all for the continuing support and prayers. They're very much appreciated!

Update provided by his son Joe on 9/17.

The house shown on [page 1](#), located in historic Abingdon, Va., is a former N&W section foreman's home, and presently is a bed-and breakfast. It is now on the market. The restored Abingdon Depot

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE DIVISION MEETING, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

Ken Granzin, Company Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Jim Fuqua gave the treasurer's report. He mentioned that fees (formerly incorrectly called dues) are now due. The amount has not changed, so please give Jim \$12 for the year, either in person or via USPS.

Jack Mershon passed around a get-well card for Bill Siebert so members could sign. John Williams gave a status report on Bill's condition.

Fred Coleman related the success of our move out of the space in the barn we have occupied for 4 ½ years.

We moved from upstairs to downstairs in the barn for N-scale equipment and supplies and moved HO modules, equipment, and supplies to a storage building nearby. He asked for help after the meeting to move some last items from the upper floor.

Fred already has some vendors interested in our annual show, which will be held at the WNC Fairgrounds 5, 6 March. Flyers will be distributed at the Mountain State Fair beginning 10 September. Also, the HO modules will be shown in Hendersonville 3 October for Farm-City Day and in Black

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Mountain 17 October for *Autumn by the Rails*.

Dan Lang reported on the Apple Valley Club's plans for public visiting during the Hendersonville Apple Festival to be held over the Labor Day weekend. An NS locomotive will be present at the depot. On 13 August the club shared operating time with members of our club, who behaved well enough that a second invitation is extended for 16 September. Those participating are requested to take a radio device and controller if they have one. They should be there no later than 9:15 a.m. for a meeting.

Frank Pearsall spoke about a proposed division meet, with 9-10 April a possible date. He reminded members about the Narrow Track conclave scheduled for October in Brevard. Our own **Gordon Fewster** will present two clinics and there will be many other clinics.

Joe Norris reported that the *Railroad Model Craftsman* magazine is close to folding.

On Tuesday, 8 September, club members will set up a traveling O-scale layout at the WNC Ag Center. They will be given free passes.

The clinic for the evening was not held because of a computer failure.

Fred brought up the possibility of acquiring a deed at Eliada for land to hold a building for our HO modules and equipment. We would build the structure, but we need a grant to fund such an enterprise. If you have any relevant ideas, contact Fred.

Joe Norris displayed his scratch-built representation of a Campbell Scale Models engine house from the 1960s.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 .

MODEL JOE NORRIS BROUGHT TO OUR LAST MEETING





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Can anybody but **Joe Norris** identify what this is in this close up?



FEES, FEES, FEES

TIME TO FOR OUR ANNUAL FEES FOR THE LAND O SKY, DIVISION 15

Again after much discussion, the fees shall remain at \$12.00 and are due September 1, 2009. Collection of fees has begun, please remit your fee to our paymaster.

Please be sure to pick up your new membership card when paying your annual fees

WNC FAIR 2009 REPORT

Thanks to all the volunteers who manned the NC Dept Ag G-scale layout. We donated over 156 man hours of work, and were rewarded with a Blue Ribbon for Best in Show for our category. (We have no idea what category it was in.) It was a good opportunity to talk about our division, model railroading, and our upcoming show in March. The volunteers gave out about 700 brochures for our train show.

Fred says "Thanks to all who helped out at the fair!"



EVENTS FOR MODELERS:

DAY OUT WITH THOMAS™

[Oct. 2-4 at the NC Transportation Museum](#), featuring Bob the Builder™ in a live Can-Do Crew stage show, begins each day at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 6 p.m. – even on Sunday.

Day Out With Thomas™ offers an opportunity for children and their grownups to take a 25-minute ride with Thomas the Tank Engine™ and pose for a picture with Sir Topham Hatt™, the Superintendent of the Railroad. Every event includes Thomas & Friends™ storytelling, a viewing station for Thomas & Friends videos, temporary tattoos, and an Imagination Station.

A special guest will also pay a visit to the Day Out With Thomas event, as everyone's favorite builder, Bob the Builder™, stops by to help his friend. In a 20-minute performance, Bob the Builder will ask for the help of aspiring Can-Do Crew members in building a great project. Bob the Builder shows will take place four times per day at 10 a.m., Noon, 2 and 4 p.m. About 30 minutes after each show, Bob will be available for pictures.

The activities on site at Day Out With Thomas™ are for you and your children to enjoy for several hours or more. Your ticket defines a specific Thomas train ride time; however, Bob the Builder stage shows will take place at 10 a.m., Noon, 2, and 4 p.m. and do not have assigned seating, so you may enjoy one or more performances if you choose. Please plan your day accordingly so that you arrive at least one hour before your scheduled train departure, and also allow enough time to attend one of the Bob the Builder shows.

RAILROAD PHOTO EXHIBIT AT THE PRESBYTERIAN HERITAGE CENTER, MONTREAT

The **Presbyterian Heritage Center at Montreat** has an exhibit displaying rare photos from the *Dickey and Campbell Railroad*, later the *Perley & Crockett* (and still later the *Mt. Mitchell Railroad*) which ran from Black Mountain through Montreat to Mt. Mitchell.

This is a unique and valuable collection from which I have drawn source material for several of my models. The exhibit runs through October 31st for times please or directions check their [website](#).

LOST RR SHOWINGS

Our modular layout will be at (if you can help contact [Fred Coleman](#)):

[Farm City Days](#), October 3rd, 10 AM—4PM, (weather permitting), Jackson Park, Hendersonville, NC

[Fall! By the Tracks](#), October 17, 10 AM—4PM, The Old Depot, Black Mountain, NC

RAIL OPS 2009

Carolina Southern Division, MER, NMRA hosting Rail Ops 2009 on October 9th thru 11th. For more details [\(click here\)](#).



EVENTS FOR MODELERS: (CONT.)

NARROW TRAK 09 CONVENTION

Friday, October 9, 2009 2 PM to 9:30 PM

Saturday, October 10, 2009, 8:30 AM to 9:30 PM

At the Transylvania County Recreation Center, 1078 Ecusta Road
(behind Pisgah Forest Elementary School), Brevard, NC 28712-7581

Frank Pearsall will host the *Narrow Trak 09 Convention* on 9 and 10 October. *Narrow Trak 09* is the annual gathering of hard-core narrow gauge and logging model railroaders for two days of friendship and knowledge building. The modeling and prototype seminars will provide information you can use. They are scheduled so that you can attend all the seminars with plenty of time between each one.

Some of our seminar presenters will include **Gordon Fewster** on the Cass Scenic Railroad; *Johnny Greybeal* on the ET&WNC; *Noll Horan* on sawdust scenery; *Jerry Ledfordon* N.C. logging; *Mac McDonald* on Eastern N.C. Logging & Lumbering; *Mark Nickelson* on 1/48 scale airplanes; **Joe Norris** on incline plains and *Tom Yorke* on Painting, Staining and Weathering.

The Saturday night bureaucracy announcements and awards ceremony is less than 10 minutes long! Then, the final highlight of every Narrow Trak convention is the Saturday night bluegrass music by *Roy Chapman and his "True Bluegrass band."* If you're never heard bluegrass, you'll love this original American music. Roy and his group play in the finest *Bill Monroe* tradition.

Modules and Contest: We welcome narrow gauge completed dioramas and modules. The popular-vote model contest consists of five categories: motive power, rolling stock, structure, diorama and the coveted Beloved Founder Award.

For more details ([click here](#)).

AUTUMN RAILS 09

The *French Broad e'N'pire NTRAK Club* will have an open house and train show on October 10th at the *Whitmire Activity Center*, Lily Pond Lane, Hendersonville, NC. Admission is \$5.00, FREE for scouts in uniform or kids under 13, which features our operating NTRAK layout, model train and railroadiana dealers, and door prizes. For more information go to Autumn Rails [webpage](#), or please contact [Chuck Place](#).

LAYING RAILS IN BRISTOL.

The **Norfolk & Western and Southern Railway Historical Societies** are sponsoring a joint gathering in Bristol, Va. on October 16 and 17. Go to the *Laying Rail in Bristol* [website](#) for more information.

7TH ANNUAL PIEDMONT PILGRIMAGE

Piedmont Division of SER hosts their 7th Annual [Piedmont Pilgrimage](#) a tour of Atlanta's Great Model Railroads, starting October 24th ending 28 November 2009. For a complete schedule check out [their website](#).
