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

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A FEW OF THE VINTAGE STEAM ENGINES AT THE NATIONAL RAILWAY MUSEUM IN YORK, ENGLAND. MORE DETAILS ON [PAGE 4](#)



NEWS FOR OUR MEMBERS

OUR NEXT MEETING

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

Clinic: Special, to be announced

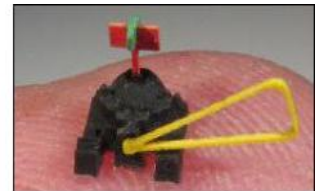
Synopsis: Come and see what it will be. Bring your latest project (finished or not) for showing your fellow modelers. **See you there!**

REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

Superintendent **Dave Anderson** called the meeting to order at 7:00 on Thursday, September 5, 2013

New Products:

N scale ground throws from NZL are an interesting new product (www.nztproducts.com), these ground throws come as unassembled kits. Each kit includes enough parts to make a pair of ground throws. The two castings in the older style kit have the lever facing alternate directions, so as to reduce the "clone" effect where multiple throws are in close proximity. For the newer style kit, the backsaver lever can be attached facing in either direction



Rite Way Clamping System (www.roco.com) from their website: Your "Third Hand" for gluing together your projects. The ultimate tool for building laser structures, scratch built projects & more. Great for working with balsa wood, styrene, plastic & most other materials. Look at Model Railroad Hobbyist – page 70 has 'Yes it is a model' examples of some fine modeling. It is a good source of inspiration.



No new welfare item within the last month, **Boyce** and **Mike** will have a birthdays later this month. Tell us of any changes.!

Tami Ruckman, *Eliada Home Director of Development*, gave a short discussion about funding sources for our building project.

SER Mini meet will be in Choctaw, MS on September 21st, Land O'Sky Division meeting on October 19th at the Enka/Candler Library, and the SER convention in Memphis website is now able to do registration

No update on the NC Arboretum project or the polo shirts.

Annual dues may be remitted at our break, exact change gladly appreciated. The inflation adjustment price is \$12 for the year.

Our train show will be held on February 28th and March 1st, 2014.

The LOST RR will be at Farm City Days on October 5th, weather permitting, please look at your calendars. We are waiting for answer from the NC AG Department if they are doing a train display this year. **Fred** believes that we are going to be at Autumn Rails the French Broad E'N'pire show on the 12th and the 13th.

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Update on the polo shirts was discussed. It was decided that a forest green shirt with the possibility of a two color logo (yellow with the engine outlined in grey). A discussion of the hat s came to no clear answers, other than the main hat should be a tan/khaki color.

After the break, **Dave** gave a report of his trips to the B&O Museum in Baltimore and the Guinness brewery tour. The Guinness brewery had it own narrow gauge railroad all around the factory area. It moved grains, barrels and product around the brewery. The B&O Museum has a wide variety of equipment on display, and worth the visit while in Baltimore, or Elliot City where there is associated museum.

Our next meeting is on October 3rd at 7:00 pm.

AREA GROUPS OR CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

The Apple Valley Model Railroad Club's HO club layout is in the Hendersonville, NC depot. It is open every Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. See their [website](#) for details.

The French Broad E'N'pire, a N scale club is based in Hendersonville, NC. See their [website](#) or contact Chuck Place at hmp3@blueridge.net.

The Smoky Mountain Model Railroaders meet in Clyde, NC at 7:00 pm Tuesdays, off Exit 107 near the hospital. The have two 3 rail O gauge modular layouts. For more information, contact Sam Hopkins at 828-773-0550 (cell) or csamh@att.net.

Piedmont Garden Railway Society. the NC/SC area. We are interested in the hobby of garden railroading and having open houses. Contact Email their newsletter [editor](#) for details

For those who are also rail fans, the **Asheville NRHS** Meets 6:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Enka-Candler library, Candler, NC. See their [website](#) or contact katiphelps@charter.net or 828-670-7709.

The **Hub City Railroad Museum**, a project of the **Greenville Chapter NRHS**, is located at 298 Magnolia St. in downtown Spartanburg, SC. Summer hours are 8 am until 2 pm, winter hours 10 am until 3 pm every Saturday, Wednesdays 10 am until 2 pm all year. See their [website](#) for details

REPORT OF THE QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

Your Board of Directors met on September 10.

The financial results of our fiscal year were discussed. We were profitable in FY 2012 and the budget for the coming year, including a variety of fund-raising options. (We will take any idea, remember you must be able to implement your plan to raise funds.) They also discussed the building planned on the Eliada Campus.

All officers signed the conflict of interest form required by the IRS as part of our obligations as a non-profit organization.

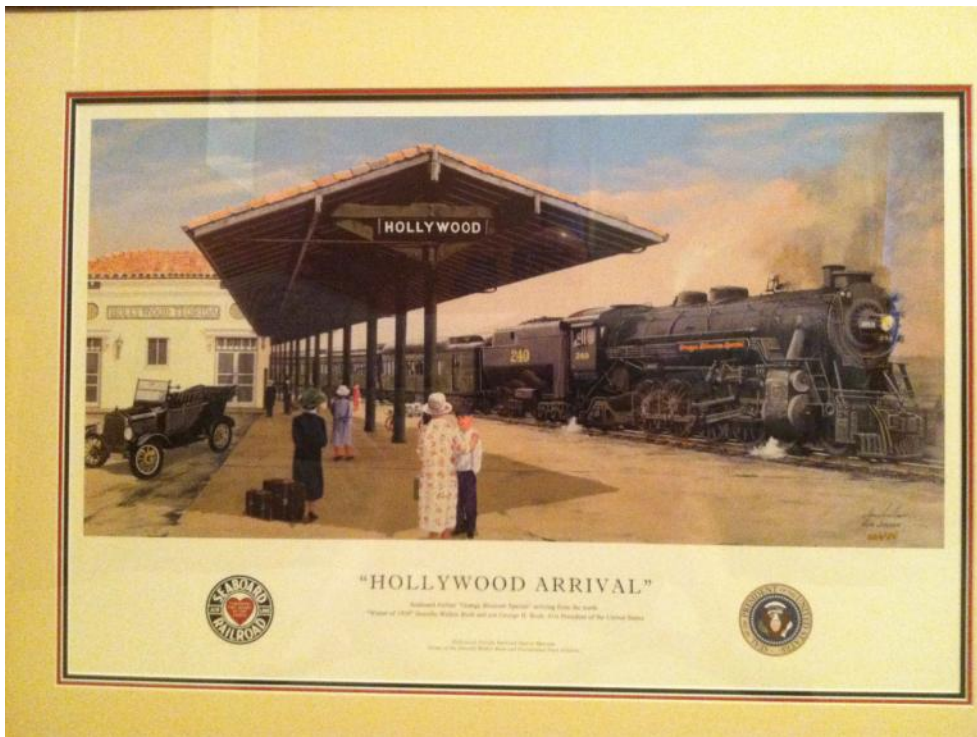
The hat choice was discussed, and decided that a khaki/forest green hat should be our choice. Khaki for the main part of the cap, and forest green accent or bill color. Dave will look into whether any of the choices fit that criteria.



Some of Jack Mershon's building on display at our last meeting



OUR RAFFLE PRIZE FOR THIS YEAR'S TRAIN SHOW





NATIONAL RAILWAY MUSEUM

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The National Railway Museum (NRM) of the U.K., located in York, England, has a collection of over 100 locomotives and nearly 200 other items of rolling stock, virtually all of which either ran on the railways of Great Britain or were built there. Also on the 20-acre site are many hundreds of thousands of other items and records of social, technical, artistic and historical interest, exhibited mostly in three large halls of a former motive power depot next to the East Coast Main Line, near York railway station.

It is the largest museum of its type in Britain (the largest in the world in terms of floor area of exhibition buildings is La Cité du Train in the French town of Mulhouse, although this attracts far fewer visitors than the NRM). It also has more visitors than any other British museum outside London, attracting nearly a million visitors a year. The NRM was established on its present site, the former York North locomotive depot, in 1975, when it took over the former British Railways collection.



A panorama of locomotives arranged around the turntable in the Great Hall

The museum exchanges rail vehicles from time to time with other organizations and examples of new-build stock from the current industry sometimes visit the museum for short periods. Other physically large exhibits are the Stockton and Darlington Railway Gaunless Bridge and several stationary winding engines used on railway inclines. The many other two and three-dimensional elements of the collection include signaling equipment, road vehicles, ship models, posters, drawings and other artwork, tickets, nameplates, staff uniforms, clocks, watches, furniture and equipment from railway companies' hotels, refreshment rooms and offices (including company seals) and a wide range of models, some of which are operated on the museum's O scale model railway (originated in 1982).

More to follow.



DUES REMINDER

Our club dues for the inflation adjusted price of \$12. Please bring your dues to the meeting or mail a check to Dave. Thanks!



CLUB CALENDAR

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

| | | | |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | 6:00—6:45 PM |
| | | | 7:00—7:45 PM |
| October 2nd | Eliada Hobos | November 6th | Eliada Hobos |
| | <i>Downstairs in the Barn</i> | | <i>Downstairs in the Barn</i> |
| | 2:30 –3:15 PM | | 2:30 –3:15 PM |
| | 3:30—4:15 PM | | 3:30—4:15 PM |
| | 4:15—5:00 PM | | 4:15—5:00 PM |
| | 6:00—6:45 PM | | 6:00—6:45 PM |
| | 7:00—7:45 PM | | 7:00—7:45 PM |
| October 3rd | 7:00 PM Club Meeting | November 7th | 7:00 PM Club Meeting |
| | <i>Eliada Admin Building</i> | | <i>Eliada Admin Building</i> |
| October 5th | 8:00 AM LOST RR | November 13th | Eliada Hobos |
| | <i>Farm City Days, Jackson Park, Hendersonville</i> | | <i>Downstairs in the Barn</i> |
| October 9th | Eliada Hobos | | 2:30 –3:15 PM |
| | <i>Downstairs in the Barn</i> | | 3:30—4:15 PM |
| | 2:30 –3:15 PM | | 4:15—5:00 PM |
| | 3:30—4:15 PM | | 6:00—6:45 PM |
| | 4:15—5:00 PM | | 7:00—7:45 PM |
| | 6:00—6:45 PM | November 20th | Eliada Hobos |
| | 7:00—7:45 PM | | <i>Downstairs in the Barn</i> |
| October 16th | Eliada Hobos | | 2:30 –3:15 PM |
| | <i>Downstairs in the Barn</i> | | 3:30—4:15 PM |
| | 2:30 –3:15 PM | | 4:15—5:00 PM |
| | 3:30—4:15 PM | | 6:00—6:45 PM |
| | 4:15—5:00 PM | | 7:00—7:45 PM |
| | 6:00—6:45 PM | November 27th | Eliada Hobos |
| | 7:00—7:45 PM | | <i>Downstairs in the Barn</i> |
| October 19th | 9:30 AM Land O'Sky Division | | 2:30 –3:15 PM |
| | Meeting, Enka Library | | 3:30—4:15 PM |
| October 23th | Eliada Hobos | | 4:15—5:00 PM |
| | <i>Downstairs in the Barn</i> | | 6:00—6:45 PM |
| | 2:30 –3:15 PM | | 7:00—7:45 PM |
| | 3:30—4:15 PM | December 4th | Eliada Hobos |
| | 4:15—5:00 PM | | <i>Downstairs in the Barn</i> |
| | 6:00—6:45 PM | | 2:30 –3:15 PM |
| | 7:00—7:45 PM | | 3:30—4:15 PM |
| October 30th | Eliada Hobos | | 4:15—5:00 PM |
| | <i>Downstairs in the Barn</i> | | 6:00—6:45 PM |
| | 2:30 –3:15 PM | | 7:00—7:45 PM |
| | 3:30—4:15 PM | | |
| | 4:15—5:00 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:

AUTUMN RAILS

OCTOBER 12 & 13, 2013

Saturday from 10 AM to 5 PM, Sunday from Noon to 4 PM. See the [French Broad e'N'pire website](#) for more information.

NC TRANSPIRATION MUSEUM FOUNDATION & THE WATAUGA VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2013

The Blue Ridge Special, Spencer, NC to Asheville, NC & Return

LAND O'SKY DIVISION MEETING

OCTOBER 19

9:30 AM at the Enka-Candler Library (1404 Sandhill Rd., Candler)

THE 11TH PIEDMONT PILGRIMAGE

Piedmont Division's Layout tours in northern Georgia, visit the [website](#) for details.

SALUDA RAILS

OCTOBER 25 THROUGH 27, 2013

A fun operations weekend with ten layouts, from eastern Tennessee through western North Carolina to northwestern South Carolina, lined up for operating sessions.

Visit the [website](#) for more details



2014 Memphis Convention - Rails Across the River

Fri, 06/13/2014 (All day) - Sun, 06/15/2014 (All day)

The Memphis Railroad and Trolley Museum and the Bluff City Division of the NMRA are proud to host the 2014 Joint Convention of the Southeastern and Mid Continent Regions of the NMRA.



2014 NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION

July 13 - July 19

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