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

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

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**THE REAL NS #3215 (EMD SD40-2) ON DISPLAY
AT THE 2014 NMRA CONVENTION.**

**IT LOOKS CLEAN ENOUGH TO BE A MODEL.
NOW YOU CAN GET THE MODEL FROM ATHEARN;
IT LOOKS GOOD ENOUGH TO BE REAL.**



NEWS FOR OUR MEMBERS

OUR NEXT MEETING

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

Clinic: Summer Convention review and any train related activates done this summer.

Synopsis: 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.

First order of business was to accept the minutes as stated in the September Semaphore, **Fred Coleman** motion, **Penn Bullock** seconded, membership approved.

Fred reported that the town of Old Fort will have is annual Rail Road Day on September 20. The [SER mini meet](#) is September 27 in Huntsville, AL right next to the Army rocket museum.

LOST RR: It will be at *Farm City day* Jackson Park, Hendersonville on October 4th, set up is at 8:30 AM. Also, it will also be at *Autumn Rails* on October 11 & 12. Set up is on Friday, October 10 starting at 9:30 am, Saturday from 9 AM to 5 PM and Sunday from 11 AM to 5 PM (pack up will start at 4 PM). Contact him if you can help out any of these days.

Dave brought up the following things coming up, which are: Peachtree Pilgrimage in October and November see the Piedmont's division website for details; Atlanta Prototype Meet on September 19 & 20

Town Hardware update: Since the motion passed that we pursue this endeavor we need a project manager. Thankfully Aaron said he would take that up. We need a working group to help him out. What you like most in our hobby, please devote some of your talents to this project. All of us should be doing something from research to making trees. Please tell Aaron what you would like to do.

We noted **Mike Smith's** birthday. Congratulations, **Mike!** No other items were noted from the members.

A sign up sheet for the raffle items was passed around. (*Thanks to all who signed up at the meeting. Dave*) We are looking for items in any scale, any type (engines, rolling stock, structures, kit or finished product, etc.). Our goal is to have at least 25 items for the raffle (to celebrate our 25th train show). We need a few more items to make 25 items, if you forgot sign up please sign up at the next meeting or contact Dave by email for what your item might be.

Dan Knechtel, D.D.S., P.A. of Blue Ridge Pediatric Dentistry, Asheville is looking to put a G scale loop in the waiting room from his ceiling. If anyone is interested please contact him (if you were not at the meeting contact Dave for more info.)

Rick Pyretiz, *Paymaster*, reminded that it is time to remit this year's dues. Correct change is greatly appreciated, the dues are still \$12. Rick needs to check your NMRA number and expiration date for

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REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING (CONT.)

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our 100% club paperwork which will be due in November to the NMRA. *(If your membership due in November please have some confirmation available by our November meeting. Dave)*

In the magazine review, it was noted that White River Productions has purchased Model Railroad Craftsman and Railfan & Railroad magazines. Which hopefully will be producing them soon. No other items were brought up for the members.

Our next meeting is on October 4, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

25TH ASHEVILLE TRAIN SHOW

Bring in your ideas for items to be raffled, or the items. They can be anything from custom painted rolling stock, engines to structures or other items that may generate raffle ticket sales. If you want to thin your herd of rolling stock or other kits this is an opportunity for you. We are looking at having 25 items available for the raffle.



CLUB DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE

Our club dues for the inflation adjusted price of \$12 and are now payable to our Paymaster. Please bring your dues to the meeting or mail a check to Rick, correct change is appreciated. **Thanks!**

TOWN HARDWARE PROJECT

Need a researcher, scenery people, structure builders, track workers, electronic person.

ELIADA CORN MAZE TRAIN

Need help to change the Biltmore Square train to a gas power engine and some type of passenger cars.

See our superintendent to volunteer



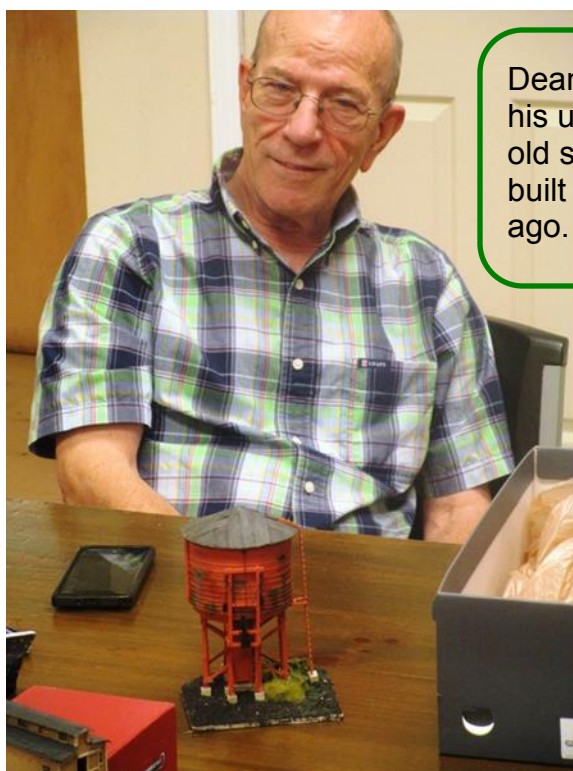
MEMBER MODELING PROJECT



Patrick discussing two logging structures he made. This dining building is equipped with interior lights.



Kevin explaining how he weathered this auto rack with powders and decals.



Dean discussed his updates to an old structure he built a few years ago.

Great job by all, and thanks for bringing in your items!



Aaron discussed his two buildings and three engine shells that he had recently completed



CLUB CALENDAR

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

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

October 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

October 22nd **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 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

November 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

November 6th 7:00 PM **Club Meeting**
Eliada Admin Building

November 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

November 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

November 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

December 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

December 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.



BLUE RIDGE SOUTHERN

THERE IS A NEW RAILROAD IN TOWN



There is a new railroad in town. The Blue Ridge Southern Railroad (BLU) operates 91.8 miles of track that consists of three branch lines that feed into Norfolk Southern's terminal in Asheville. The lines are the T-Line, which runs Murphy Junction to Dillsboro (which looks like the old Murphy Branch); the W-Line, which runs Biltmore to Hendersonville; and the TR-Line which branches off the W-Line south of Asheville and runs west towards Pisgah Forest which is presently not in operation according to the website. They have trackage rights from the Murphy Junction through the Asheville Yard to Biltmore on the Norfolk Southern track.

The BLU gets its name from the Blue Ridge Mountains which overlook this scenic North Carolina Railroad. The tracks were part of the Southern Railway until the 1982 merger of Norfolk and Western and Southern companies formed the Norfolk Southern Corporation. The BLU is Watco's first property located in the state of North Carolina. The offices are in Arden.



Watco Companies, L.L.C., (Watco) is a Pittsburg, Kan., based transportation company providing transportation, mechanical, and transload/intermodal solutions for Customers throughout the nation. Watco is the owner of Watco Transportation Services, L.L.C., (WTS), one of the largest short line railroad holding companies in the U.S. with 30 short line railroads operating on more than 4,600 miles of track, as well as 27 industrial contract switching locations. Watco's Mechanical Services division operates 15 railcar repair shops, 4 locomotive shops and 19 mobile mechanical shops. The Terminal and Port Services division currently manages 20 Transload facilities, 10 warehouses and 2 port locations. More information about Watco and its subsidiaries can be found at [their website](#).



EVENTS FOR MODELERS:

LAND O'SKY DIVISION MEETING

OCTOBER 18, 2014

Meeting will be at the Deerfield Retirement Community, 1617 Hendersonville Road, starting at 9:00 am.

AUTUMN RAILS 2014

OCTOBER 11 & 12, 2014

WNC AG Center Expo Building, Fletcher, NC

Saturday from 10 AM until 5 PM and Sunday from Noon until 4 PM

Admission \$6, Kids under 12 and Scouts in uniform are free. Contact [Chuck Place](#) for info.

FARM CITY DAY

OCTOBER 4, 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Jackson Park, Hendersonville, NC

Presented by Henderson County Parks & Recreation Department (828) 697-4884 for more info

PIEDMONT PILGRIMAGE

WEEKEND IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

See the [website](#) for layouts that are on display during the weekends.



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