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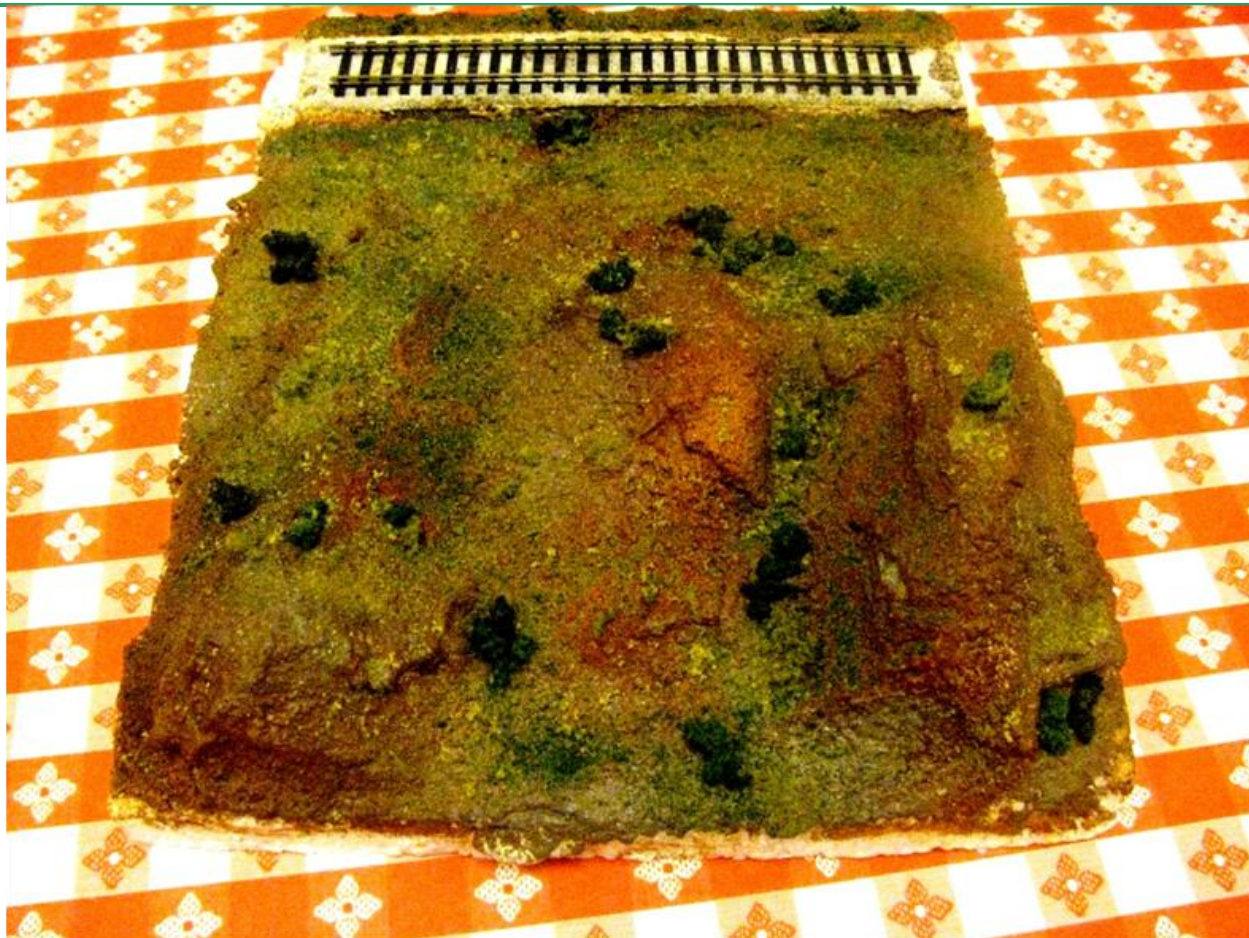
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Our next meeting is on November 4th at 7 PM.

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 IS NOT A SLICE OF SICILIAN PIZZA, IT'S THE RESULTS OF ONE EFFORT AT MAKING SCENERY.



NEWS FOR OUR MEMBERS

OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be starting at 7 PM on Thursday November 4th.

Clinic: Work shop on weathering of the ties and track will be taught WITHOUT an air brush, by **Bill Seibert**

Synopsis: The 9 1/2 x12 inch modules previously worked on, the next phase is weathering of the ties and track, with the necessary supplies. **Bill Siebert** will be doing the teaching. **See you there!**



WE ARE STARTING OUR 40TH YEAR AS A MODEL RAILROAD CLUB.

We would like to share some of your experiences of our history in these pages over the coming year. If you can contribute something, please contact the editor.

We are starting a new year and dues are due. If you have paid, thanks. If you haven't paid, please bring your money to the next meeting. If you are not coming to the next meeting, please mail your check to the paymaster at . Dues are \$12 per year. Checks may be made payable to WNCMR, Inc. Send to 205 Sunset Ridge, Clyde, NC 28721.

BY LAWS REVISION

During the summer we have been working on new bylaws. We will have more information on these in the next *Semaphore* to facilitate discussion and approval at the November 4 meeting. We are obliged to give two months notice such action; here it is: We will vote on new bylaws at the November 4th meeting.

Go to our [special website page](#) to view before the meeting

REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

Superintendent **Fred Coleman** called the October 7 meeting to order and made a few announcements

The Mountain State Fair was in September. Model railroading had a presence, and a few flyers for our next Train Show were distributed. Farm City Days is this weekend. Other upcoming events are:

October 8 and 9, Narrow Trak 10. Contact Frank Pearsall at plans@citcom.net for more info.

October 9, Train Show - Autumn Rails 2010 at the Whitmire Activity Center 301 Lily Pond Road, Hendersonville, from 10 until 4. sponsored by the French Broad e'N'pire. Ntrak Club. Contact Chick Place at hmp3@blueridge.net. for more info.

October 9, Southern Railway Historical Association Gathering at Stearns, Kentucky October 9th, 2010, 9 AM to 4 PM Go to SRHA.net for more info.

October 16, Fall by the Tracks at the **Black Mountain Depot** We will participate with a 12' x 16' foot module setup. Helpers needed.

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October 16, Division 15 meeting Contact Frank Pearsall at plans@citcom.net .com for more info.

October 24, NMRA HQ in Chattanooga will have a train-trip called the Missionary Ridge trip. The Tennessee Valley Railroad is a great place to visit.

Great Smoky Mountain Railroad fall excursions. With 53 miles of track, 2 tunnels and 25 bridges, the Great Smoky Mountains Railroad offers a variety of excursions that explore the amazing landscape of Western North Carolina. With the romance and mystique of an era gone by, guests on-board the Great Smoky Mountains Railroad will enjoy scenic train journeys across fertile valleys and through river gorges in a spectacular region, especially in the fall. Go to GSMR.com for more info.

October 30 - Roanoke, Va. and Oct. 31 – Asheville, Autumn Train Excursions, The N.C. Transportation Museum Foundation and the Watauga Valley Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society will host two day trip excursions to Roanoke, Va. and Asheville, N.C. this fall. These excursions, now in their fourth year, allow travelers to see beautiful fall foliage, experience a great destination and enjoy the romance of riding the rails. The "Virginia Autumn Special" travels to Roanoke Saturday, Oct. 30; the "Blue Ridge Special" will travel to Asheville. Sunday, Oct. 31. During Sunday's trip, the "Blue Ridge Special" will travel through the western Piedmont into the foothills and on to the Blue Ridge Mountains. Departing Spencer at 7 a.m., the train will roll through the cities of Statesville, Hickory, Morganton, Marion, Black Mountain and Swannanoa. The train will climb the famed "loops" of the Blue Ridge Mountains and pass through several tunnels before arriving in Asheville at noon. Passengers will have nearly three hours for an outing at Biltmore Village. Departing Asheville at 3 p.m., the "Blue Ridge Special" will return to Spencer at 8 p.m. Tickets are available online at www.nctrans.org or by calling 704-636-2889 ext. 237.

Our Train Show March 4th and 5th of 2011. Mike Smith is working on publicity. Fred needs volunteers to help with other tasks. We have flyers to handout. Let's all help make this a great event.

After a short break, John Williams gave a hands on clinic on scenery. Everyone was provided with a module built by Bill Seibert. Here are a few pictures of our clinic.



There is much to do. Is your club – are you participating?

Our next meeting is November 4.



Special License Plate for Model Railroaders.

Mark Blaustein contacted us and is a member of the North Raleigh Model RR Club (NTrak) and the Carolina Piedmont Division 13 of NMRA. He writes:

I'm writing today to determine if there is any interest in having a special NC license plate promoting model railroading (similar to plates for Square Dancing or Purple Heart recipients). The requirements for presenting this bill are fairly simple: having 300 or more individuals who would order the plate; and that the representative organizations (ie, the NC train clubs) be not-for-profit.

From what I have been able to determine from NCDOT, the annual cost for the standard plate would be \$10 plus the regular license fee. If a personalized plate is desired, add another \$30 to the price. At this point, our next opportunity to get this in front of the state legislature would be the start of the next session in January 2011. This gives us some time to see how many folks would be interested in the plate, and then come up with a design.

If interested, contact the [editor](#) who will forward your replies to Mark Blaustein.

ENJOYING THE TRAINS AT FARM CITY DAYS

A perfect day brought out a huge crowd, Many stopped by to see our trains.



Operating at the Black Mountain Depot for Fall by the Tracks, October 16





FALL BY THE TRACKS AT BLACK MOUNTAIN (CONT.)



Fred & helper unloading the trailer.

Pictures by Mike Smith

Here we see the whole picture: A bit of work, and a lot of fun.

EVENTS FOR MODELERS:

SOUTHERN CHRISTMAS SHOW

November 11 thru 21, 2010

Metrolina Expo Trade Center, Charlotte, NC

featuring the Metrolina "French Broad & Catawba Railroad"

See [their website](#) for details.

WADE'S TRAINS OPEN HOUSE

November 14, 10 AM to 4PM

Brookford Community Center, 1800 S Center Street, Hickory, NC

See [the website](#) for details.



PIEDMONT PILGRIMAGE

NOVEMBER 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 26, 27

Various layout tours throughout the Piedmont Division. See [website](#) for latest details



2011 SER CONVENTION

May 20-22, 2011 in Macon, Georgia. Hosted by the Empire Division



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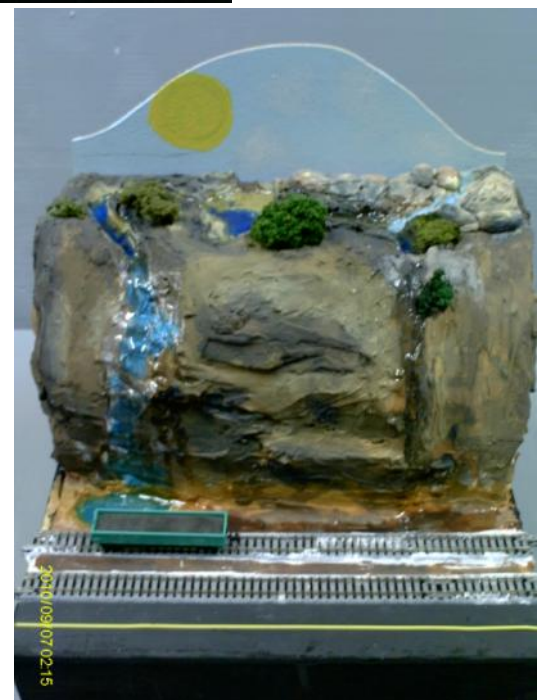
A sample of recently

finished modules



Come on out and help on Wednesday for a 45 minute session or all four from 2:30 to 7:45 PM.

Contact **Penn** or **Dave** for more information on joining up. We do some scratch building, water, foliage that are easy for the kids to learn. We are open to new ideas for other helpers, come join and experiment or improve your skills.





ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our December meeting contact [Fred](#) or [Dave](#) with the number of your party and what appetizer, side dish, dessert, or drink you will bringing.



Stop procrastinating - get involved!