

DIVISION 15 NEWSLETTER

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A publication of information

Upcoming Events

Palmetto Division Meet
Greer, S.C.

Saturday, March 26, 2011
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9th Annual Railroad Expo
Hickory, N.C. Metro Center
Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m.

www.tarheelpress.com/trainshow

Division 15 Mini-Convention
Hampton Inn, Hendersonville, N.C.
Saturday, April 16, 2011
plans@citcom.net

French Broad E" N" Pire Train Show
Hendersonville, N.C.
April 30, 2011
www.fbenttrak.com

SER Annual Convention
Macon, Georgia
May 21, 22, 2011
www.tface.org

NMRA National Convention
Sacramento, Calif.
Sunday, July 3-Sat. July 9, 2011
www.X2011West.org

Division 15 Meeting
Location TBA
Saturday, July 16, 2011
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Nat'l Narrow Gauge Convention
Hickory, N.C.
Wednesday, Sept. 7-10, 2011
www.tarheelpress.com/ngc

Division 15 Mini-Convention
Location TBA
Saturday, October 15, 2011
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November 2011
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SER 2012 Annual Convention
Gatlinburg, Tenn.

NMRA National Convention
Grand Rapids, Mich.
Sunday, July 29-August 4, 2012

Our January Meeting

Division 15 held its first quarterly meeting of 2011 on Saturday, January 15th at the Fletcher Branch Library. In a few short hours, we got a lot of good things accomplished.

The first order of business was to elect two officers, assistant superintendent and clerk. Like many other divisions, these are staggered terms so that everyone does not come into or go out of office at the same time. As there was no one else else running for office (and in accordance with the division bylaws), the division clerk cast one vote for:

Ken O'Brien, assistant superintendent for 2011-2012.

Gordon Fewster, clerk for 2011-2012.

We'll be appointing a nominating chairman at our July 2011 quarterly meeting to solicit candidates for superintendent and paymaster to be presented to you at the October 2011 quarterly meeting. Elections will be held in January 2012. If you're interested, please let us know.

We finished up the meeting with an excellent clinic presentation by Ken O'Brien on "Wood Laser Kits 101." Ken passed along a lot of useful tips on modeling with wood in both rolling stock and structures.

April 16th is the big day!

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 9:15 a.m. at the Hampton Inn, 155 Sugarloaf Rd. (off Route 64 West) in Hendersonville.

This meeting will be our biannual mini-convention and will run until 12:30 p.m. Dan Lang's Boston & Maine HO scale layout will be available for tour after 1:30 p.m. This mini-convention is open to anyone, NMRA member or not. The cost of admission will be \$5.00. Our clinic lineup:

9:30 to 10:15, Chuck Place and Dan Lang on improving the functionality of N and HO scale turnouts.

10:30 to 11:15, Clint Smoke on the Abingdon Branch, from prototype to layout.

11:30 to 12:15, Gordon Fewster presents a primer on railroad signaling.

A map and directions to Dan's layout will be provided at the conclusion of the clinics. We look forward to seeing you there.