



The CRM&HA Newsletter

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**HOPE YOU HAD A MERRY
CHRISTMAS!**

From the Directors and Officers of CRM&HA

Here we are at the beginning of a new year--our **sixth** as an organization! We have a lot to look forward to in 1997. The train show we are planning for March 15th is our first major undertaking. Lots of help will be needed and the layouts will have to be spruced up, added to, and put in top notch working order. Then there are those who will be on the home layout tour who will have to do the same thing there.

We need **everyone** to volunteer to minimize the work load. It is general knowledge that shows of this type are the most successful in attracting new members--let's do our best to make it a super event. Volunteer, or say yes if you get called upon to help. It will be most appreciated.

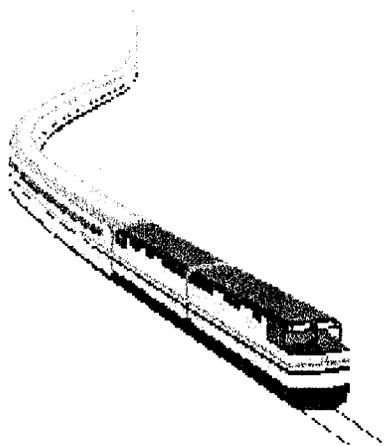
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We're well on our way to rebuilding and unifying our Association with talks of new goals and challenges for the future. Please join with us in growing CRM&HA and making it even more visible within the Upstate.

AND . . . please mark your 1997 calendars **NOW** for the highlight event of this year--the **MARCH 15, 1997 TRAIN SHOW and NMRA Divisional Meeting**. And **PLAN** to be a part of this first ever such event for our group.

THANKS !!!

Bob Hanson, President



* * * **REMINDER** * * *

Enclosed with the Christmas Party mailing in December was a Membership & Dues Form. This is just a reminder that "Dues are now Due" and if you haven't already done so, please take a few moments out to fill out the form and send along your dues for 1997.

HO DIVISION NEWS

Thank you all who helped make this last year a white smoke success. It was encouraging to see the club as a whole support our Division activities and exhibitions. Let's do it again next year!

Reports are in that Dennis Moriarty has been busy sculpting lush mountains with waterfalls for "drop-in" scenery. It is also reported that Dennis is creating a significant challenge for the Town of Ehmannton to be developed next module down. Something to look forward to--thanks, fellas!

Probably our biggest challenge for HO Division this coming year will be to secure a permanent place to assemble and operate the layout. The Schoolhouse remains inadequate for lack of power, reliable lighting, climate control, and weather tightness. Ed Painter has been seeking a better place for us that is convenient for us HO folks, so let us all keep looking. but, of course, "you get what you pay for."

Full steam ahead for our March NMRA Meeting and Train Show! Stay tuned also for details on this, as well as opportunities to assist Land O'Sky Division at their event on Memorial Day weekend.

Rob Seel

N-SCALE NEWS

Bill Hughes is our new N-Division Superintendent. I have been in this position since the club was formed and have enjoyed the camaraderie of my fellow N-scalers. I am pleased that Bill is taking over this position--he is an avid N-scaler. Bill has a lot of good ideas and I'm sure he will inspire us to greater efforts and greater enjoyment of our N-scale hobby. Thanks Bill for agreeing to head up this division for the next couple of years.

Chuck Laman

FACILITY NEWS

The Seneca facility in downtown Seneca is no longer available to us. The locks have been changed and we are effectively locked out. This came about largely due to lack of interest on our part.

NOVEMBER CLINIC

Dennis Moriarty gave a good clinic on current sensing control of trains in November. He had set up a demonstration layout with two reversing loops and a short section of track in between the two. On this he ran three engines which cycled through starts and stops

automatically using his current sensing detectors, which opened and closed relays, sending power to different sections of track. Thank you Dennis for this interesting and informative clinic.

CASCADE WESTERN OPEN HOUSE



We hope many of you took advantage of Howard and Lorraine Garner's Open House Invitation on December 7. Howard's Cascade Western RR was the center of attention (especially for us model railroaders). Howard's "home brews" were available for tasting also.

Upstairs folks were enjoying a wonderful assortment of Christmas cookies and chat with Lorraine. Thanks once again to the Garners for opening up their home during this holiday season--it was a most enjoyable time--Trains, Music, Good Food and Conversation!

CHRISTMAS PARTY REPORT & ELECTION RESULTS

Just over 50 percent of the membership attended our Christmas Party, so we were able to pass the proposed and needed By-law changes. Our thanks to Curt Ehmann and his committee for bull dogging this effort. Curt was reelected as Treasurer, and John Cadmus was elected to take over as Secretary, replacing Ralph Milz. I think all will agree that Ralph did an excellent job in this position--many thanks Ralph. The N-Scale Division members unanimously elected Bill Hughes as their new Division Superintendent, replacing Chuck Laman who has served in this position from the beginning. Congratulations new Board members!

Plenty of delicious food, good conversation, with everyone winning a door prize or two (thanks to the generosity of the members) made the party a success and a good time was had by all who attended!

LOST & FOUND

Two items were left behind after last month's Christmas Party:

- 1995 Model Railroad Planning Book
- 40' Box Car Kit

Above items can be claimed by calling:
Bob Hanson at 885-0136

T I M E T A B L E

3rd Thursday of each month, Central Railway Model & Historical Assn. Meeting.
Held in the basement of the First Citizens Bank, Central, SC at 7:30 PM.
For info. call Bob Hanson at (864) 885-0136.

January 11, 12, Norcross, GA \$5
Greenberg's Train, Dollhouse and Toy Show
North Atlanta Trade Center, 1700 Jeurgens Court, Norcross, GA
Saturday 11 AM - 5 PM. Sunday 11 AM - 4 PM

January 18 - 19 Savannah, GA \$3
Coastal Rail Buffs Model Railroad and Train Show
National Guard Armory, 1248 Eisenhower Dr.
9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

January 25 - 26 Johnson City, TN \$5
Tri-City Train and Hobby Show
Appalachian Fairgrounds, I-181
Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM. Sunday 10 AM - 5 PM

March 15 Central, SC
4th NMRA Palmetto Division Meeting. Our turn to host the Division meeting. Location--United Assembly of God Church, Highway 123 between Seneca and Clemson. We plan to make this a full-scale show with layouts, dealers, etc.

May 23 - 25 Asheville, NC
Southeastern Regional Convention
Radisson Hotel & Civic Center. Full complement of clinics, contests, layout tours, train show, etc.

July 28 - August 2 Madison, WI
1997 NMRA Convention
Info: Ross E. Pollock, Registrar, 3539 Mill Creek Rd., Mineral Point, WI 53565
(888) 525-3528 (Toll Free)

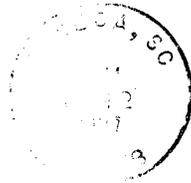
July 20 - 26 1998 Kansas City, MO
1998 NMRA Convention
Info: Peter Ellis, Registrar, 14960 W. 87th St., Parkway #154, Lenexa, KS 66219

July 17 -24, 1999 Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN
1999 NMRA Convention
Info: Pat Walker, 1116 Randolph Avenue, #16, St. Paul, MN 55105

- Beginning our 6th year as an organization!
- New slate of Officers elected at our December meeting!
- Train Show and NTRA Divisional Meeting
March 15, 1997!

*** * Current Club Highlights * ***

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