

The

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Post

Official Newsletter of the

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“All Aboard”

Hello again, and welcome to Fall. It won't be long before the trees change color and the leaves fall. Fun with raking begins soon, and of course, we all are looking forward to that. However, it also means our 40th annual Fall Train Show is not far away. Now that is something we all are looking forward to.

Speaking of the show, Bob is doing a magnificent job on his first solo effort at managing the show. We are sold out for vendors, have a National vendor coming (Scale Trains) for the first time, and have a great assortment of layouts coming a well. We are working new areas for publicity, and are even trying out an on-line ticket sales plan. This has every earmark of being our greatest effort. Well Done !!

Our younger members are responsible for this year's raffle layout. You can see their landed layout beginning to take shape in the Shop. It will be set up in the Shop so they can continue their work without interruption of take down. So, please be careful of their work and give them space, encouragement, and assistance as needed.



We also have an Open House coming up soon, so please clean up and be prepared to spend some time with visitors. We usually gain a few new members from each Open House, so please help us make a good first impression.

And if that's not enough, we have a trip planned, and a visit from the NMRA/MER/CPD13 convention. A busy time – so buckle up. Fall is on the way.

Time to go – Train's here!

John Spach, President

HO Layout Progress

By Ken Howard

Considerable work has been going into the improvements on the HO layout. The photos follow will give you some idea of the work that has been accomplished as well as the work that remains.



The yard to the left hand side at the base of Main 4 extension is now fully operational. Note the improved road and the beginnings of scenery.



Module 4 is currently a plywood prairie but plans are complete and construction will begin shortly. Mains 3 and 4 will be connected to the interior yard.



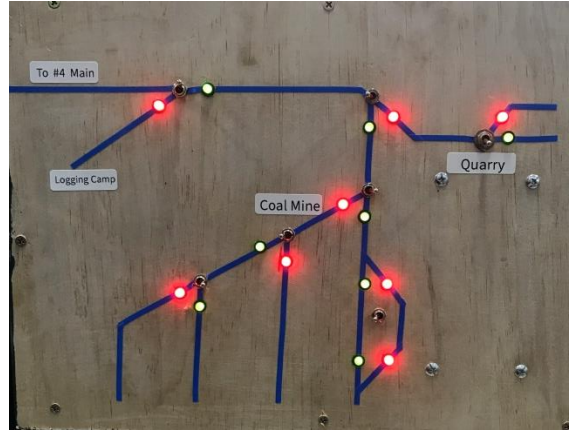
Milo Poulin has been laying track to the new quarry and is now installing a power plant and sidings inside Main 2 Extension that will become a destination for the coal mined on Main 4 Extension.



The coal operation on Main 4 Extension is taking shape. All track is down and operational, and switch machines (operated from a new panel on the end of the layout) are also operational.



Peter Donofrio has been working on the lumber camp on Main 4 Extension. The sidings are now powered and switch throws have been installed.



Thanks to Bob Witwer for fun filled hours installing switch machines and constructing the new panel to control them.

October 5th Open House

Members are reminded that we have an upcoming event for the general public. Lots of help is needed for this event to make sure our guests are welcome and enjoy a good show. Please volunteer to help at the Membership Meeting on September 19th. We need people publicize the event, to clean up the Clubhouse (both inside and outside), to operate trains on all the layouts, to greet guests, to supply refreshments, and to handle all the other little details (parking, e.g.) that need to be attended to before the event. This will also give us a jump start on preparing for the October 18th showing for the NMRA convention.

Real Railroads

Ken Howard contributed the photos below from his July/August road trip through Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, and Iowa.



Knoxville & Holston River Railroad No. 8200 in Knoxville, TN. This is a National Railway Equipment rebuild of a GE 4L U-boat. Gulf & Ohio Railways is the holding company for K&HR and Three Rivers Rambler.



Three Rivers Rambler No. 150, the "John Henry" on static display in Knoxville, TN. The 25-ton GE was originally built in 1943 for Bethlehem Steel Company.



Illinois Central non-cupola transfer caboose No. 8045 on static display along the floodwall in Paducah, KY. Originally built in 1951 as No. 8112



Modern short line railroading must be a going concern based on the new headquarters of the Paducah & Louisville Railway, Inc. in Paducah, KY.



Former Pennsylvania EMD E8 built in 1951 and restored at the St. Louis Iron Mountain & Southern Railroad in Jackson, MO.



Volunteers removing Fourth of July decorations from 1941 ex US Navy GE 44-tonner 513 at Iron Mountain Railway in Jackson, MO.



Restoration project 2-4-2 "Columbian" built by H. K. Porter, Inc. as a tank engine in 1946 at St. Louis Iron Mountain & Southern Railroad in Jackson, MO.



Southern bay window caboose X404 on display at Jackson, MO.



KCS southbound Canadian grain train making time behind EMD SD70ACe no. 4186 on the west shore of the Mississippi River through Bettendorf, IA



One helper, KCS de Mexico No. 4079, EMD SD70ACe, on the back end of the same train.



Northern Pacific dome car in the consist for French Lick Scenic Railway tourist train in French Lick, IN



Former Angelina & Neches River Railroad 1912 Baldwin 2-6-0 Mogul on static display at French Lick Station, IN.



French Lick Scenic Railway EMD GP 9 No. 465 heads the train. Box car houses a generator unit for the passenger cars.



Former Mobile & Gulf Railroad 1925 Baldwin 2-6-0 Mogul is awaiting attention in the weeds near the French Lick, IN station.

Tom Magnini contributed the following photos of CSX maintenance of way equipment. The pictures were taken at South Salem and Apex Peakway, Apex, NC on Sunday, August 4, 2024.



Colin Martinko submitted the following photographs and article about CSX heritage unit 1900:





On Thursday, September 12th, CSX's new Seaboard Air Line Heritage Unit led train L620 from Hamlet up to Raleigh on the former SAL mainline. I got out of class at about noon and drove straight down to Moncure hoping to shoot the train crossing the Haw River Bridge which still has 'Seaboard' across the side. When I got there, L620 had just finished swapping crews with southbound counterpart L619 and got on the move a few minutes later. After that, I chased the train up to Apex, where I ran into friend and fellow Club member Thomas Charnley. From there, it was on to Boylan Junction for one last shot. Had a blast catching this unit, especially on the former Seaboard!

Editor's Note: This is the 18th Heritage locomotive in the series.

Neat Links

Bernie Dawson provided the following link to historical photos of the electrified Piedmont & Northern Railroad. Who knew there was ever catenary railroading in North Carolina?

<https://images.app.goo.gl/MxXGe1UwdUJ5pC9QA>

Tom Magnani also passed along the word that **ShapeWays** has returned to operation as Manuevo. Details are available at the following link.

sales@manuevo.com

Courtesy of the Editor's cousin, **Bill Campbell**, here's a link to the Arcade & Attica Railroads return to steam in August 2024.

[\(20+\) Video | Facebook](#)

Charles Tubman sent this link that recaps the 2024 CSRRC Field Trip to Bryson City & Andrews, NC to ride the Great Smoky Mountain Railroad and the Andrews Valley Rail Bikes. The video of the entire weekend's events by CSRRC's VP & Chief Videographer, Jack Hutchinson is listed below:

<https://youtu.be/-VCB-e-94ZQ?si=g0rV78wkk-Di0vuD>

New Webmaster

At long last the Club has a new Webmaster. Brian Heaton has volunteered (railroaded?) for the position. His contact information is bheaton1@gmail.com or 765-427-6541. Thanks, Brian!!

Upcoming Events

September 23, 2024: CSRRC will resume monthly membership meetings this month on Monday for dinner at the Southbound Sandwich Shop and a look at America's grandest -and most famous train station - New York City's Grand Central Terminal.

September 28-29, 2024: *Trains* Magazine staff members will lead a railfan weekend photo charter event in Rutland, VT to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Green Mountain Railroad (Bellows Falls Line). Tickets are \$375 per person (limited to 125 people). Included are round-trip rail fare, scenic photo stops, and box lunches. Travel to Rutland, overnight lodging, and meals are not included. [Tickets are available here, via Eventbrite.](#)

October 4-6, 2024: 49th Annual Railroad Days Festival, Downtown Selma General Store, 126 Raiford Street, Selma, NC.

October 5-6, 2024: TCA Southeastern Division Train Show, Selma Civic Center, 300 N. Webb Street, Selma, NC.

October 5, 2024: NRV OPEN HOUSE.

November 9-10, 2024: 40th NRV Fall Show

November 23-24, 2024: "Trainfest" at the Baird Center, Milwaukee, WI. Largest operating model railroad show in America.

Upcoming Club Meetings and Activities

September General Membership Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday September 19th at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. Wayne Aiken will present a program on Using the NRV Library. Attendance via Zoom is optional.

October 5, 2024: NRV OPEN HOUSE will be held from 10 am to 4 pm at the Clubhouse. Please come and meet our visitors and run the layouts.

October Board of Governors Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 7th at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. Attendance via Zoom is optional.

October 18, 2024: NRV OPEN HOUSE for NMRA/MER Convention will be held from 10 am to 2 pm at the Clubhouse. Please come and meet our visitors and run the layouts.

October HO Committee Meeting: The committee will meet on October 20th at 1 pm in the Clubhouse.

Breakfast Social: Join us for the breakfast social every Wednesday, 9:00 am at Barry's Café, Raleigh, NC.

Notes from the Editor and Webmaster

Please send photos of Club activities to tomgar@mindspring.com or nrvwebmaster@gmail.com, so we can maintain and update our website. Also, don't forget to send your material, especially videos, to Ted Kunstling at tkunstling@aol.com so that he can keep our Facebook site current.

Please send articles, photos of real trains and Club activities, book reviews, product reviews, photographs of your home layouts, and interesting links to Ken Howard, Whistle Post Editor, at klhowardjr@aol.com.

Minutes of Membership, Board, HO, and N Committee's Meetings

Minutes of Board of Governors, Membership, and HO and N Committee meetings are available on the Club website. The link below takes you directly to the Minutes page:

<https://nrclub.net/meeting-minutes/>

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