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The National Model Railroad Convention
July 11-18, 2010



Southeastern Region Convention

Have you registered for the convention, "*The Birmingham Special?*" At www.ser-nmra.org/2010_SER_Conv.htm you will find the program schedules and the registration form.

The convention will be held from May 21 to 23 at the Bessemer Convention Center, 1130 9th Avenue SW, Bessemer AL (www.birminghamal.org/pam-fac-bcc.html).

More than 20 clinics are scheduled for Friday and Saturday. A few of the clinicians are Cliff Powers, Dan Carmody from Australia, Paul Scoles and Tony Koester. Non-rail clinics will also be held both days also. Home layout tours are available all three days.



Choo Choo Layout

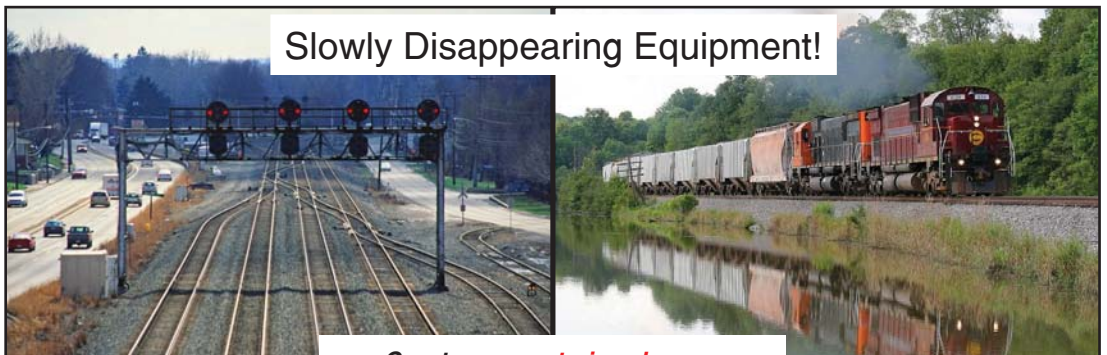
Have you been to the Choo Choo lately? If not, you need to schedule a visit to see the scenic changes made to the layout during the past several months.

Tuesday's has become the work day for the club. Several of the club's members have spent many hours adding new scenes, buildings and other scenic touches to the layout.

New motive power has been bought. More interactive projects are planned.

Come on by. Interested in improving your model railroad skills? Then this is a great place and time to do so. Learn from other club members the "How To's."

Slowly Disappearing Equipment!



Courtesy www.trainorders.com



Banquet - 2010



March 20 saw several of the club's members get together for the Annual Banquet at the Choo Choo.

A video "Rails to Steel City" was shown. This video covered rail action around the Pittsburgh, PA vicinity in the 90's.

Proir to the video, newly elected President Karl Shaffer made "Bent Spike" awards to Payton Hayes and Larry Jones for their devoted efforts to keep the Choo Choo layout on target and running smoothly.

Hal Crossland received an award for his various services over many years to the club.

Headquarters Division Restart

The Headquarters Division of the NMRA is again attempting to get organized, this time with the help of Mike Braunstein.

A meeting was help on March 6 in Dayton, TN mostly made up of Chattanooga area NMRA members. Discussions revolved around previous division related events, events which can be accomplished this year, how often to meet as well as other topics.

The group will meet quarterly with the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 10, 7 PM EDT (6 PM CDT) at the Cookie Jar, 1887 Kelly Cross Rd, Dunlap, TN. Here are directions from Chattanooga.

1. Take route 27 north to SR 111 to Dunlap
2. Follow Hwy 111 into Sequatchie County
3. Take the East Valley Road Exit (just before the base of the mountain)
4. Turn right onto East Valley Road and travel 1 mile
5. Turn left on to Kelly Cross Road and follow for .9 of a mile
- 6 Turn right the Johnson Family Farm sign

Even if you are not an NMRA member, we encourage you to attend. It may convince you to become a member and support the organization. We all do not agree with some of the doings of the NMRA but you cannot make changes if you are not a member. Let's agree on one thing, they have done a lot for our hobby. Without the standards we have, we would not have much of what we enjoy.



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Club Activities for May and June

There are fun activities planned for the next two months.

Jim Bailiff has a great family picnic planned for **May 15**. We will meet at the TVRM's East Chattanooga station at 11:00 and ride the rails leaving at 11:25 AM sharp to the TVRR off Jersey Pike for a picnic on the grounds.

At 1:15, or if we're running late at 2:25, we'll take the train back to the East Chattanooga yard for a tour through the back shops then pick up our cars for home.

Drinks, ice, meat (deli tray and bread), condiments and paper goods will be provided.

Members need to bring a veggie/salad or desert.

The fee for the ride and tour is \$10 for adult, \$5 for children. These are **SPECIAL RATES** just for the club and **we must have a minimum of twenty (20)** to get this deep a discount!

Reservations need to be in by May 7.

Please call Jim Bailiff (423-821-2461)

or e-mail Jim at jbailiff@peoplepc.com by that deadline.

On **Saturday, June 19**, 11 to 5 pm EDT (10 to 4 CDT), we will travel to Eagle Point Railroad, in Dunlap, TN. Each member is allowed a guest. You must also sign a waiver. Click here to download and complete the form. Be sure to bring it with you and give it to Karl. Directions are available for downloading by clicking here.



The club will supply food but please bring a veggie, salad or desert.

For those without computers, forms will be available at the EPRR and here are the directions.

The drive from Chattanooga takes approximately 1½ hours so start early. From Chattanooga, take Route 27 North to Route 111 North to Route 127 South. From Route 111, go approximately .71 miles on Route 127 South to a right turn onto Fredonia (Mountain) road (just past the rescue squad on the right). Follow Fredonia (Mountain) road approximately 5.2 miles past a cemetery on the right and turn left onto John H. Lewis road (there is a sign with a fire truck on the right). If you pass a fire house on the right, you missed the turn!

Follow John H. Lewis to the "Y" and bear right (follow the road with the (dull) yellow line), continue following road with yellow line until you see the gravel parking lot and railroad on your left. From Fredonia Mountain road, this is approximately 5.5 miles. The yellow line ends before reaching the EPRR and the road goes into a steep downgrade near the end, so be careful. Park in the gravel lot.

Bring drinking water, Family Radio System transceivers (if you have them), bug spray and weather-appropriate old clothing. The steam engines throw some soot, so if you ride behind one of them, you may get a little sooty. Control your young children and please do not walk on track or track turnouts.

Meat, bread, drinks, plates and eating utensils will be provided by the club, but bring a dish to share like salad or dessert.

NOTIFY KARL IF YOU ARE GOING. Contact him at (423) 344-7505 or by e-mail at shafferkr@aol.com.

Share your knowledge with our members. We do clinics. What is your specialty?
Have a layout? Then, show it off! Contact Jim Bailiff at 423-821-2461 or jbailiff@peoplepc.com.