

Mid-South Division
Southeastern Region
National Model Railroad Association
General Meeting Minute
April 04 , 2015

1. Meeting called to order at 09:30 am by William (Sandy) Warrington, Supt. Total of 13 members present including 5 of 6 members of the board were also present.
2. Sandy welcomed a new member from our September rail pass give away Rhett Graves who models in S scale.
3. Palmetto Excursion in June 05(all day) and June 06(all day), 2015. There are 28 layouts and 34 clinics with room for 2 more. We are trying for a banner and brochures for our Convention plus Sandy is going to try to get a table at the Palmetto Convention to advertise our Convention. Dieter suggested we might try and host a hospitality room at the convention with food and drink. Sandy says we may be able to piggyback it on the hospitality room that is going to be at Palmetto.
4. Shirts were discussed and Sandy has an order in place already and Frank George is to send out the style color and info sheets in a separate emailing to all members. Sandy said he would again take shirt orders at this meeting.
5. Convention update : We will have convention shirts for sale, although we will have to find someone in our area to do them. Sandy had asked Sally Bando if she could do them for us and she said that she could not because it would be a conflict of interest for her to do them. We now have 14 months to go for the convention, Sandy said that in 2 months he will have to stand in front of the Palmetto crowd and give them 15-20 minutes about what our convention will be about. The Division is considering the JC's Center for the Train Show because it has 12,000 square feet and it has a catering type setup for the kitchen which means we could possibly have catered food brought in for the Train Show attendees to purchase. Sandy said a catering truck would be ideal but something better might be using someone he knows who is the owner of the Chuck Wagon and he has excellent barbeque, Dieter suggested maybe we could talk to Gibson's in Decatur also. For advertising Tom Albro thinks that all the local and even some of the out of state tourism centers will give us free advertising including public service announcements by tv and radio stations. We should have a press release for the convention and train show ready to go before long. Sandy said that Palmetto is using PayPal for registrations, so we will have to have a bank account for ours, so that we can accept payments over the internet for our convention. Spirit Coach has made a bid for the four prototype tours for 4 buses at 56 passengers each for all Prototype tours, Sandy thinks we may need to look at smaller buses. Steel City says they will help us any way they can with our Convention but Sandy says we need to do all we can by ourselves before asking for outside help. Coosa Valley Railroad Club will be able to come and help us. We still need to decide on a speaker for the banquet the President of Digitrax will try to come if we get on her calendar for that month, the lady from the Intermodal center also made mention that she could be available also, we could ask David Breland if he will come and talk about the Decatur Depot registration. Jim Birch said he will be happy for us to use the JC's center for the train show and is ready to start helping us in our advertising efforts.

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Sandy said the arrangement for the Train Show will be layouts in the center and vendors on the outside.

6. Sandy asked for us to help with the following we need clinics, show and tells, videos and or demonstrations for our division meetings and to contact him off the Mid-South website if you want to do something, if we need more time Sandy can ask for more, we presently have 1.5 hours we can use.
7. Around the room: All Electronics it is an electronic parts firm located in Van Nuys, California, they have anything you might need in the way of an LED, wiring , surplus rack panels, wal-warts, just everything you could think of to use for your layouts. This place is extremely reasonable in pricing. We discussed doing lunch or just getting together at least once a month, once a week, to eat and or rail fan, maybe on a Saturday or just through the week at lunch or breakfast, Frank George is to send an email out to see who may be interested in participating and places they like to go .
8. Our next meeting is to be May 2, 2015 at 9:30am at the Bailey Cove Library.
9. Meeting Adjourned



Respectfully Submitted: Frank George Secretary of the Mid-South Division