

Mid-South Division
Southeastern Region
National Model Railroad Association
General Meeting Minute
May 02 , 2015

1. Meeting called to order at 09:30 am by William (Sandy) Warrington, Supt. a total of six members present including 2 members of the board of Directors.
2. Sandy gave opening remarks and greetings to all members who attended today.
3. Sandy stated that someone in the SER was giving NMRA 1 year memberships away to all active duty Armed Forces service personnel and that the member doing so wished to remain anonymous. There was a general discussion by members present to where all military bases were in the south eastern region and what states and areas of states were in said area. Sandy said he had paperwork that had to be filled out and witnessed for this action to be completed. This is a very generous and open offer that is a, well deserved dividend for our military people!!
4. The Palmetto Excursion layout tours there will be quite a few and tours to Republic Locomotive Works will include everyone who takes this tour will get to run a mid-cab diesel locomotive. Dave is giving his clinic and Sandy is working on a clinic that is about car loading on a model railroad and this concerns when a car is needed for parts or materials and finally to picking up the finished product. Sandy said he will try and show it to us soon!
5. Division Shirts : Sally was out of town and was gone to a funeral last week and part of this week and she is due back this week and she should have them to Sandy for us to be able to pick them up next meeting. Sandy says there is plenty of color and they should look good to everyone! Jim Sims asked about the shirt payment, and if it was too late to order one? Sandy said it was not too late and that he would collect the funds for the shirt payment as soon as they arrived and were picked up by the person that ordered it!
6. 13 months to go to our own convention our own convention logo Ken is working with the vendor to get the logo right for the screen printing or on the shirt material itself, The Alabama Hitching Post is doing our convention T-Shirts . In the next month working on getting the bank account and Ken is having some problems with web related activity and is working with the right people to solve this plus he is working on the Convention website and getting these things worked out. Contacting PayPal for payment setup and the Hotel to set reservations. Sandy says that he is working on the presentation for Palmetto banquet and he says we cannot roll on publicly with anything till Palmetto is over with. The tour to Sheffield may not occur and it may be cost prohibitive due to bus fare. Layouts for the convention Sandy is looking and contacting people in Birmingham and Mobile and Nashville. Jim thinks we could get 75-80 tables at our convention plus Digitrax and may get NCE also. Sandy said he researched a recruiting poster and found that the poster was more than expected. Sandy said that the SER will pay for the expense of building the poster display, Sandy said the picture of the one John Steel built for the display of the poster is made out of pvc and is free standing and could be built to be taken apart and carried like a suit case, so if anyone wants to contact John to build this, he is the Steel City Superintendent and you should contact Sandy and let him know if you want to do this project.

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7. A Clinic was presented by Sandy Warrington and he brought in a Coal Mine Head and Boiler House model for a show and tell on how it has weathered and aged built and painted.
8. Around the room topics: there was a discussion on adding weight to model railroad freight cars, Andy Smith asked about what was generally used to add weight to model railcars and the discussion ranged from using fishing weights flattened out to using birdshot cast into epoxy and even using copper pennies for cost effectiveness when adding weight.
9. Our next meeting is to be June 13th, 2015 at 9:30am at the Bailey Cove Library due to the Greenville Convention being on the 6th of June . The question was asked about our meal meetings, that meetings on a weekday and blowing in and out quickly would be ideal for those who want to go eat and talk.
10. Meeting Adjourned



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