

**Mid -South Division**  
**Southeastern Region**  
**National Model Railroad Association**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
July 11th, 2015

1. Meeting called to order by Sandy Warrington at 9:30 am on July 11, 2015. Eight members were present.
2. Sandy discussed the Palmetto Express for those who did not attend. He expects to receive a lessons learned report from the Region in the next few weeks.
3. There are 11 months to go before the 2016 Convention and more convention items will be discussed at the monthly Division meetings. If necessary additional meetings will be scheduled for convention business.
4. Sandy Warrington took 12 of the gray convention T-shirts to Greenville and sold 11 of them. The twelfth was sold at the this meeting. More will be ordered later. A question was raised about having a different colored shirt for the convention staff and volunteers. A burgundy color was suggested, but not finalized.
5. Transportation for the prototype tours was discussed. There is a bid from Spirit Coach that is expensive. Bill Eberle found a school bus company that with a much cheaper rate. The SER has no problem with using school busses, as long as adults of all sizes can fit into the seats. A fifth tour was discussed for two layouts inside secure areas, the Redstone Arsenal club and a gated community. School busses would work for these two locations and could be run twice if necessary.
6. The convention booklet (description and schedule of events) was discussed. The booklet from Greenville was displayed and accepted as a guide for our convention. Ken Mattern requested information to begin building the booklet, which will be provided by Sandy Warrington.
7. There is one operating session scheduled for the convention - Jim Norris' layout in Decatur on Thursday. Bill Eberle will look for other layouts available for an operating session.
8. A schedule of events was discussed. One can be developed now, but will likely change before the convention. Sandy Warrington does have a tentative schedule developed now.
9. A request was made for a tour of the Marriott convention facilities. Sandy Warrington will look into the tour after a monthly meeting.
10. One very successful event at Greenville was a raffle. One individual wrote a form letter to numerous manufacturers requesting donations which were raffled off. Other than the letters to the manufacturers, this is low labor. We are looking for someone to head this effort. Contact Sandy Warrington if you are interested.
11. There will be a SER mini-meet in Crossville, TN on November 6 and 7, 2015. Go to [www.crossvillemodelrrclub.org](http://www.crossvillemodelrrclub.org) for the mini-meet link, registration, and information.
12. Dave Carlton requested that we post a clinic schedule at each clinic room and that we have a volunteer in each clinic room to ensure the equipment works, introduce the clinician, and handle any problems. Both ideas were accepted. If you want to be a volunteer at the clinics, contact Sandy Warrington or Dave Carlton.

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13. Jane Ann Carlton has volunteered to be the Chairperson for the Non-Rail (ladies) activities and was at the meeting. She will have the support of several other wives around the SER.
14. Sandy Warrington has the Division Shirts that were ordered. Please attend the next meeting or contact Sandy to make arrangements to get your shirt.
15. Doug Egan requested a copy of the Division Logo to make a change to the design by adding NMRA. Ken Mattern will send a file to Doug.
16. The next meeting is August 8, 2015 at 9:30 am in the Bailey Cove Library.

Respectfully submitted by Frank George