

PIEDMONT DIVISION TIMETABLE

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Features



October's Live Auction and November's Piedmont Pilgrimage Highlight a Busy Fall Season for the Division. See **A Blast from the Horn** for More Information.

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Live Auction

October 16, 6:00 pm

The Elk's Lodge

\$5.00 Entry Fee at the Door

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DIVISION ACTIVITIES

Howard Goodwin—Director of Operations

TUE, Oct 12, 7:00-9:30 pm, PIEDMONT DIVISION MEETING

Clinic - Bill Parks, Passenger Cars of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad. A subject near and dear to the heart of Bill, he will explain the correct consisting of the railroads passenger service and explain his non-biased endearment of his favorite railroad.

Theme of The Month - Passenger Cars, All types.

Show And Tell - Books, magazines, anything of interest to the group

No Home Layout Tour for October
In order to get tuned up for the Piedmont Pilgrimage

SAT, Oct 16, 6:30 pm, LIVE AUCTION

Elks Lodge, 1775 Montreal Road, Tucker, GA

See *A Blast from the Horn* for more information

TUE, Nov 9, 7:00-9:30 pm, PIEDMONT DIVISION MEETING

Clinic - Scott Perry, Train tools. Something most of us NEVER have enough of is train tools. Scott will walk us through some of the most needed and basic tools for work on your models and rail road and how to avoid being bitten by the Big Cost Bug!

Theme of The Month - Contest Models, Bring em' in and get em' judged

Show And Tell - Books, magazines, anything of interest to the group

Division AP Model Contest
Election of Officers and Board Members

2004 Piedmont Pilgrimage

The Mother of all Layout Tours!

See *A Blast from the Horn* for more information

TUE, Dec 14, 7:00-9:30 pm, PIEDMONT DIVISION MEETING

Clinic - Dick Rex, DCC Decoder Pro. Having trouble trying to program your decoders/ Then YOU need to see this clinic. Dick will show you how to actually find some enjoyment in programming your decoders.

Theme of The Month - Prototype Memorabilia. NO, You cannot bring that 12 inch to the foot scale SD-40-2 but if you have other things you can fit in your car, bring them and show them off.

Show And Tell - Books, magazines, anything of interest to the group

SUN, Dec 19, 1 to 4pm

Home Layout Open House

Mike Devaney's N Scale Layout. Not quite ready for the Piedmont Pilgrimage, the layout is ready for the Holiday Season.

Mike Devaney, 117 Sunningdale Dr., Winder, GA 30680, (770) 978-8176

GOOD & WELFARE

John Stevens, Chairman

Since the last Timetable, I have written 19 letters. There were eight letters for Milestone Birthdays, two letters for family member deaths, and one letter for a member who had surgery. These are the normal areas that I write letters for.

I wrote a number of letters covering areas that I usually don't have to write letters for. I wrote a letter of thanks to a junior modeler who attended the convention. I also wrote a letter to a member who received an award at the convention for service to the Region.

I wrote three letters based on the results of the recent elections. Two were letters of congratulations to members who were recently elected to the Board of Directors. One was a letter of thanks to a member who is no longer on the Board.

I had to write two letters during this period involving an area that I am really excited about. It involved certificates from national for years of membership. I received a package containing thirty certificates for the Region. Two of the certificates were for two of our members who have been NMRA members for over 25 years. Within the Region, I could not find an address for four members. If anyone knows an address for William A. Horn, Bob Sons, Manon Thompson, or James Snow, please contact me.

I really didn't know what I was getting myself into when I accepted this position. I didn't know too many people outside of this division. I had never been to a Region Board of Director meeting, or attended a Region Convention. I discussed the job with the previous chairman, John Blanchard. He told me how many letters he had written, and how much time it was taking up, and I thought "I can handle that". He also said he had tried to figure a way to write more letters about good things rather than about member illness and deaths. That little seed grew into the Milestone Birthday Program. If you look back at my committee reports, you will also notice that I have gotten more comfortable writing them. I have greatly enjoyed doing this job. I have made a few mistakes along the way, but I recovered nicely. This job has also earned me points toward two MMR certificates. I have already earned the Association Volunteer Certificate. I will soon have enough points for the Model Railroad Author Certificate.

Bob Beaty, the Region President, told me at the convention that he was going to work on finding a replacement for me so I could focus on being the Region Secretary. He was successful in his quest, and my replacement will be announced at the Fall BOD meeting. I still hold the position of Division Good and Welfare Chairman. If you are interested in the job, please contact me.

As always, write if you have any Good and Welfare concerns.

Respectfully,

John Stevens

Good and Welfare Letters

June 2005

George Bloodworth	Mother passing
Bob McIntyre	Mother passing
Lenny Polinsky	Vern Yarbrough
Josh Saxton	Thanks for coming
Lenny Polinsky	Outgoing Director
Randall Watson	Re-elected Treasurer
Scott Perry	Incoming Director
Paul Voelker	Incoming Director
Patrick Malone	Milestone Birthday
Charles Millar	25 Year Certificate
Arthur Nelson	25 Year Certificate

July 2005

Joe Nichols, Sr	Milestone Birthday
Lee Schramm	Milestone Birthday
Paul Lefstead	Milestone Birthday
Fred Lindquist	Milestone Birthday
James Cowan	Milestone Birthday

August 2005

Lenny Polinsky	Surgery
William Rinck	Milestone Birthday
Jared Harper	Milestone Birthday

You're Invited!

By Del Kittendorf

We have all been invited to visit the **Charleston Model Railway Association** the next time we visit that fair South Carolina city. The invitation was issued to all of us by Mr. James Bryan, their Vice President, during his visit to the **Southeastern Railway Museum** on July 29.

Mr. Bryan and a fellow club member visited while their wives, along with 10,000 other women, were at a convention at the Georgia World Congress Center for the sellers of decorative party candles. In fact he was telling us that there is a new candle for this year that features a model railroad in the window of a holiday decorated home. We passed on several names of fellow modelers that they might be able to visit in the area while they were here.

The Charleston Model Railway Association is located at 4820 Jenkins Street, North Charleston, SC, just a couple of short blocks from the CSX rails, in an old fire station. They are open to the public every Tuesday evening from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. The club hosted a special open house on August 14th. *Another is planned for October.* For more info: 1-843-572-2564, or email: nscaler@comcast.net.

The club features layouts in N, HO, O, and S scales. Part of their O-Scale display is part of a layout with 72-inch radius curves to handle larger O-scale scale locomotives.

Piedmont Division Elections Tuesday November 9

The 2004 Piedmont Division Elections will be held Tuesday November 9, 2004 during the Division meeting. The following is a list of open positions and candidates at the time of printing.

Director of Administration: Joe Gelmini
Director of Personnel: Chris White
Director At Large (4 Available):

- Paul Voelker
- Ed Laity
- Scott Perry
- Scott Chatfield

All positions are for a two-year term. Nominations are still open, so if you are interested in running, contact Charlie Crawford at (770) 565-1845.





From the Super's Office

By Division Superintendent Bob McIntyre

In previous columns I have written briefly about NMRA Conventions both Regional and National. This year as you know the National Convention

was held in Seattle, Washington. It was a great event and well attended. I would like to share my thoughts and experiences about the Convention. In the future you may want to attend one.

My wife and I have a group of friends living in Bozeman, Montana. It was a natural fit to combine a trip to the area along with Seattle. We flew out to Bozeman the weekend prior to the Convention. The weather was beautiful. I have never been to Colorado but it would be hard to imagine a more beautiful western state than Montana! We visited friends, went to a real rodeo, and spent a day successfully fly fishing.

On the way to Three Forks, which is where Lewis and Clark discovered the confluence of the Gallatin, Madison, and Jefferson Rivers, which form the headwaters of the Missouri River, we did some rail fanning. The Montana Rail Link line now runs along old Milwaukee Road tracks. There was an old abandoned water tower that I took photos of. The town of Three Forks has preserved a Milwaukee Road bay window caboose and a nice depot! I took photos of each of them.

On the way to the Rodeo in Livingston we saw a nice rail depot full of motive power. They store many engines there to provide helper service over the pass. Our friend was going to take us to the Livingston station where in the basement there is a nice display layout but due to time constraints we did not make it. We are putting it the schedule for next year.

After a very bumpy ride via Horizon Airways turboprop to Butte, Montana we had a very smooth flight into Seattle. What was very surprising was the nice sunny weather that greeted us early in the week. From the air you could see the topography below change from

high desert to the mountains and then to the forests of the Pacific Northwest. There is a large amount of clear cutting going on and it was easy to see the results from the air. Later in the week I learned it is more efficient and the trees grow back better with this method rather than with the selective cutting process.

My wife and I started slow with Convention Activities. After arriving and checking into the hotel we headed to the waterfront, which is what Seattle, is known for. I have to admit at Elliot's at Pier 66 I had the best salmon (cedar planked) I have ever tasted. The atmosphere was also hard to beat. After that we watched the fireworks in the harbor. The view we had was not as good as the attendees who took the harbor dinner cruise. They said the display was one of the best they ever saw.

I got up early the next morning and attended a number of clinics. At a National Convention the clinics run all week. There is something for everyone. They run the gamut from model building, prototype construction, DCC forums, scenery clinics, and discussions by world leaders in the hobby. You will come away with many great ideas.

In addition, to the clinics layout tours run all through the Convention week. I only signed up for one and the time slot I picked did not have many layouts that initially caught my interest. However, one has to keep an open mind and "go with the flow". The tour I went on was named "Gig Harbor". It featured one G scale, two O Scale layouts, and one Sn3. As you know I model HO! It was great fun. I made a number of new friends on the tour and saw some very nice layouts. It was actually cool viewing the O scale trains. The outdoor layout was one of the best I have seen and the Sn3 was world class. It gave me scenery ideas for the SV&S. The tour is also a reminder that we are an association of many interests and personalities. I believe that is what makes it a fun hobby.

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The Membership Train

Chris White, Director of Personnel

In the latest issue of *SCALE Rails* (September 2004), the "Membership Thermometer" indicates that the NMRA membership remains slightly below 20,000 members. Now that the "Long Term Plan" has been approved by the general membership I would anticipate new initiatives from the NMRA Board of Directors to encourage membership growth within the Association. I understand that the circulation of the more popular model-railroading magazine is more than 200,000. It would therefore appear that there is considerable membership potential available; the problem is how to attract and retain new members.

The membership growth for the Piedmont Division continues at a much slower rate than last year. We have only signed up 9 new members to the NMRA and the SER. The 28th Atlanta Model Train and Railroadiana Show was held in Norcross at the North Atlanta Trade Center in August. The show was very well attended and we had an excellent group of experienced volunteers. Although we had a number of very close "bites" we were only able to sign up one NMRA renewal and one new SER member. We did try to encourage as many as possible to attend our next Piedmont Meeting. We will have to wait and see.

My wife and I attended the NMRA Annual Convention in Seattle this July. We decided to take our time and drive to Seattle and back. Al-

though we had a great time visiting friends and family, as well as enjoying many of the

magnificent scenic and historic places in the Western States, we also really appreciated the significant impact of railroads in the Western States. With the increase in trade with China and other Asian countries, Seattle has become a major container port. The majority of these containers are shipped by rail throughout the United States. As you travel on any major highways in States like Colorado, Utah, Oregon, Montana, and Washington you immediately become aware of the railroad tracks paralleling these highways and the very significant quantity of rail traffic on these tracks. It is a Rail-Fanner's dream. It became readily apparent to me that the railroads in the Western States are really thriving, and providing tremendous incentive to both young and old to model these modern proto-types. We observed trains in Glenwood Canyon, Colorado, Price Canyon in Utah, the Columbia River Gorge in Oregon, and near the coalmines in Gillette, Wyoming. What unbelievable choices for proto-types in the West. If you are planning a model-railroad and have not made a decision on a proto-type location, I suggest you take a drive through our western majestic mountain states.

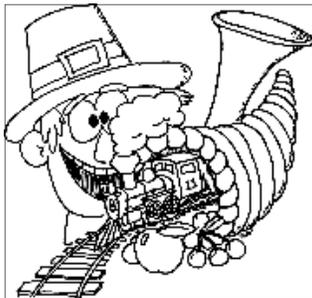


A Blast From the Horn

Howard Goodwin, Director of Operations

Here we go into the last quarter of what only can be described as a whirlwind year and it seems like I just got done doing another article for the upcoming Timetable. They just seem to keep on going and going and going. Sound familiar? It has been a very busy year for the Director of Operations, with so many irons in the fire. But it is a good busy as the results are to the benefit and betterment of you the membership of the Division.

As everyone is no doubt aware, the **Second Annual Piedmont Pilgrimage** is just around the corner, bigger and better than last year. Many more of you have come forward to open your layouts to the many visitors we anticipate having from all over the Southeast in celebration of Model Railroad Month this November. For that I wish to thank all of those who are participating in this years Pilgrimage. Be sure to honor them with your visit and don't forget to sign those guest books.



This year we are adding another activity to participate in and that is the **Live Auction** to be held in October on the 16th. Be sure to get all that stuff together that has been collecting dust on your shelves that you know you will never use and bring it to the auction and turn it into greenbacks you can use to purchase that new Broadway Limited locomotive you've been drooling over for some time now.

Plans are proceeding for the **Southeast Region Convention** to be hosted by our own Piedmont Division in 2007. While it seems like it's far away, it really isn't. The location for the convention has been selected and will be held in Cartersville. Plans are shaping up for a first rate convention that will be easily affordable and more than tempting to attend, featuring all Nationally known clinicians. Make plans to attend.

I would like to extend my warmest wishes for a happy Holiday season to all of you who are reading this and hope that you have enjoyed the programs we have had the pleasure of presenting. With your help, we will have an even better program next year. I am hoping that more of you will come forward and host an open house, or agree to do a clinic, so when I pass the volunteer list around over the next couple of months, be sure to add your name to the list. Remember that old saying: Many hands make light the work. Happy Holidays and Happy Railroading.



For more information about the
Live Auction, visit

<http://users.adelphia.net/~scottgperry/auction.htm>

Coming Soon!

**Piedmont Pilgrimage Brochure in the Mail
and on the Division web site**

www.piedmont-div.org



ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM MODEL CONTEST

The semi-annual **Achievement Program Model Contest** will be held at the November 2004 division meeting. Contest categories are:

- Steam Locomotives
- Diesel Locomotives
- Passenger Cars
- Freight Cars
- Cabooses
- Non-Revenue
- Structures On-Line and Off-Line
- Traction



All judging will be done according to the current Achievement Program Guidelines.

All modelers must complete a Contest Entry Form and a Judges' Score Sheet. These forms are available via the NMRA AP web page, the division AP chair, Joe Nichols, Sr., or any AP Committee member. Good Luck to all entries. See you at the contest in November.

DIVISION PHOTO CONTEST



Don't forget your favorite shots of Model and Prototype Railroad-ing. The Division is also hosting a **Photo Contest**. Categories are:

- Model-Black & White Print
- Model-Color Print
- Model-Slides
- Prototype-Black & White Print
- Prototype-Color Print
- Prototype-Slides
- Display Only

All entrants must complete a photo contest entry form. The entry form and contest rules are available on the NMRA web page. See Paul Voelker for more information.

Membership Information

If you would like to become a member of the Piedmont Division please join us at our next meeting or contact:

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Chris can also be reached at 770-594-2618 or via email at gww22@aol.com.

A membership application is available on our web site:

www.piedmont-div.org/memberap.htm

See you at the next meeting!

Happy 40th Scott Perry!



Scott Perry and friends celebrated his 40th birthday with a ride on the Blue Ridge Scenic Railway, July 31, 2004. Ron Gough was on hand to capture the scene for posterity.

Front Row (L to R): Charles Taylor, Richard Taylor, Bill Smith, I.D. Jackson. Second Row (L to R): Carol Reineke, Andrea Fenermann, Mary Jackson, Denette Perry, Marie Perry, John & Gerry Travis. Third Row: (L to R): Doug Reineke, Scott Holcombe, Linda Holcombe, Bill Fisher, Scott "now 40 but looking older" Perry.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2005 TRAIN SHOW



The 2005 Piedmont Division Train Show will be held at the Cobb Civic Center in Marietta, Georgia on Saturday, March 12 and Sunday, March 13, 2005. This is a great opportunity to help our division put on another successful show and gain additional points towards your Association Volunteer certificate. Plus, all volunteers receive FREE entry to the show!

Volunteers are needed for all four shifts:

Saturday - 10:00am until 1:30pm and 1:30pm to 5:00pm.

Sunday - 10:00am until 1:00pm and 1:00pm until closing at 4:00pm.

Sign up sheets will be available at the monthly division meetings beginning with the October 2004 meeting through the February 2005 meeting. If you are unable to sign up during one of the monthly meetings but still want to volunteer, you may contact Joe Gelmini at 770-460-8873, or by email at papagel1@aol.com.

From the Super's Office

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On Wednesday Connie and I went on the all day Mt. Rainier Scenic Railway. It is hard not to get excited watching a Shay, Climax, and a large Docksider pulling us through the forests near Mr. Rainier. The trip featured a large trestle and a run by that was fun to photograph. The manager said this was the largest excursion they had ever had on the railway. An added bonus was being on the train with fellow Piedmont members.

The next excursion was the Spirit of Washington Dinner Train. This is a big tourist attraction in the metro Seattle area. Vintage F units pull the train. We rode in modified corrugated passenger cars. The hosts shuffled the passenger list and we met a nice couple from the Baltimore area. Again, we made some new friends. The highlight of the trip (other than the train ride) is the stop and the Columbia winery for tour and wine tasting.

I need to mention that all during the tours there was the silent auction, contest room (where Paul Voelker works so many hours), continuing clinics, door prize drawings, and the company store.

As many of you know I have made friends in the hobby in the Philadelphia Area. They were the ones who introduced me to the November layout tour program in that area. This is what Howard Goodwin and his staff have modeled the Piedmont Pilgrimage. We got together for a great dinner near the convention Hotel and got caught up on what they had been doing over the past year. The Restaurant we ate at was named 13 Coins. Unlike our local Waffle House that stays open 24 hours, 13 Coins is a gourmet restaurant that stays open 24/7. It was a local landmark and the food was great.

One cannot visit Seattle and not take in local attractions. By the end of the week we backed off trains and headed out to sightsee. One of the most fun and unexpected treasures in the Seattle area is the Chittenden Locks. The locks feature a super cool fish ladder where you can view the salmon making their runs from the ocean to Lake Washington. The day we were there the king salmon were running and the fish ladder was jammed with very large fish. You walk below the lock and see the fish in an aquarium like setting. You can view the locks operating and there is a series of detailed signs showing how the lock process works. The locks also feature a beautiful garden that specializes in local plants.

Seattle features a world-class aviation museum. There are excellent and detailed exhibits of World War I & II fighter planes. Short movies are shown to bring everyone up to speed on how the air wars were fought in the different theaters. Outside on exhibit is a Concord SST jet and the 707 Air Force One. Connie and I went inside and it brought back a lot of history of the early to mid 1960's. One can only imagine what the new Air Force I is like inside.

A trip to the area is also not complete without a visit to the world famous Pike Market. It is on the waterfront. It features local merchants hawking (I do mean hawking) beautiful local fish, fruits, and vegetables. One cannot help but admire the gorgeous flowers that are reasonably priced and everywhere. We came close to purchasing a case of salmon and sending it home but decided against it at the last minute.

At every National Convention there is featured the National Train Show. It is open to Conventioneers Friday morning and lasts through the weekend. What makes the show so interesting are the booths of the manufacturers. You get the opportunity to see what is upcoming in the hobby. You also can discuss the new products with the company representatives. There are how-to demonstrations and many items you just can't seem to find anywhere else. You really need a day and a half to fully go through everything.

The evening was capped off with a wonderful dinner with fellow Piedmont members in the harbor. We watched the City of Seattle come to life as the sun went down. The restaurant was on the water and the food was very good.

I could not attend the Annual Banquet because we needed to get

back to Atlanta. This is another event that one can share in the administration of the National Organization. I have attended one in the past and enjoyed the evening. Again, it is a great time to meet old friends and make new ones. Awards are given out and the speakers provide insight into the NMRA.

I hope this article that details experiences at the National Convention will perk your interest in attending the next one. Now you might say Cincinnati is not the most exotic of locations and why would I want to go there? Well, one of the most fun Conventions Connie and I attended was in St. Louis. I am just getting you thinking!

Happy modeling!

Bob McIntyre
Superintendent

e-timetable

The Piedmont Division is pleased to announce that the Timetable is coming to the web in early 2005.

The e-Timetable will include everything that is available in the printed version, plus:

- Additional Content. Do you have an article of interest? Are you looking for AP Author Points?
- More photos.
- Color.
- Automatic notification when new issues are published.

A discussion of two basic issues led to the decision to create the e-Timetable:

- How can we increase the delivery of news and activities to members, potential members, Friends of the Division?
- How can we reduce printing and mailing costs? Timetable costs are the largest ongoing expense for the Division.

Because no printing or mailing costs are involved, an electronic version of the Timetable can be published and distributed at a much lower cost than the printed newsletter.

Published in pdf format. It may be read online or printed using Adobe Reader software. Adobe reader is available as a free download.

Over the next year, the printed version of the Timetable will phased out for non-members. The expanded e-Timetable will take its place. The printed Timetable will still be distributed to members and be available in hobby shops and the Division membership booth at train shows.

Look for more information and a launch date in the next Timetable!



Don't miss the next edition of the
SouthErneR

The official quarterly publication of the
SER/NMRA.

Another great reason to join the Piedmont Division!

Question & Answer Forum

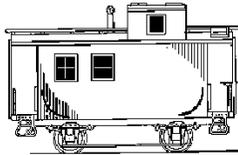
Are you having a model railroading problem? Bring your questions to the monthly meeting. One of our many knowledgeable members may have just the right answer or idea that you are looking for!

And you don't have to be a member to participate in the forum – it is open to members and visitors alike.

Moving?

Remember to notify the editor if you move and don't want to miss an issue.

Rick Coble: rvcoble@yahoo.com



The **National Model Railroad Association** is the largest organization devoted to the development, promotion, and enjoyment of the hobby of model railroading. The NMRA was founded in 1935 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in order to provide a service to the hobby of model railroading!

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Monthly Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at:

**THE ELKS LODGE
1775 MONTREAL ROAD
TUCKER, GA**

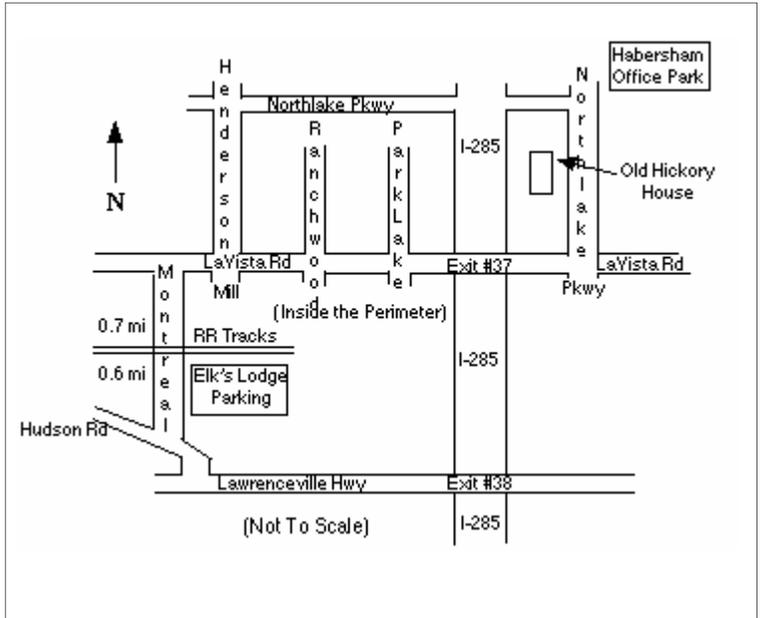
The Division's Board of Directors meeting will continue to be held at 6:00 pm at the Hickory House Restaurant on Northlake Parkway and all members are invited to attend as visitors.

DIRECTIONS

From the North: Take I-285 South to the LaVista Rd. exit: #37. Turn right or inside the Perimeter. Go to the 4th traffic light - Montreal Rd. Turn left on Montreal Rd. and go .7 mile, cross the (YES) railroad tracks. The Elks Lodge is the first building on the left after the tracks.

From the South: Take I-285 North to the Lawrenceville Hwy. exit (#38). Turn left or inside the Perimeter and go to the first light (not counting the ones at the I-285 interchange) - Montreal Rd. Turn right on Montreal Rd. and go .6 mile. The Elks Lodge is on the right just before the railroad tracks. (Careful; as you go along Montreal Rd. it turns to the right and going straight ahead will put you on Hudson Rd.)

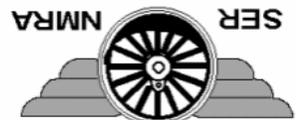
**PARK IN THE MAIN PARKING LOT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE BUILDING
ENTER THE DOOR ON THE SOUTH SIDE WITH "PIEDMONT DIVISION" SIGN IN PLACE OVER BINGO SIGN
DO NOT USE FRONT DOOR, IT IS LOCKED.**



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