

**Mountain Empire Model Railroaders Club &  
George L Carter Chapter of NRHS Newsletter**

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**Club News!!**

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**2021 Tweetsie Time Celebration**

The 2021 Inaugural Tweetsie Time Celebration will be held at the George L. Carter Railroad Museum on the campus of East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN, and will showcase both on-site and guided events. This will take place on the June 4-5 weekend originally slated for the BIG Train Show. There will be 4 activities each day. Premium registration is \$85.00, limited to 60 people, and will include a thumb drive archive of data and photographs as event syllabus, signed copy of Rail Mail book, Friday lunch and pre-dinner, Saturday lunch, and access to all activities, including a full-route operation opportunity of an HOn3 train on the museum's world-class exhibit layout and participation in the operating session finale. To register use this url:

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W86GM2S>**.

# The View from the Engineer's Side of the Cab & The Drawbar



We are well into the warmer weather of spring with heavy new foliage on the trees, blooming azalea and rhododendron shrubs, and summer migrant birds arriving from the south. Life is in renewal all around us here in East Tennessee. With the covid pandemic beginning to be controlled with more and more of us getting vaccines into our arms, life is slowly starting to become a little more like the normal one we had more than a year ago before all of this masking and locking down of events in our daily lives began. We will now began to relax more in our

daily activities and that includes what we can do at the Carter Railroad Museum and in our club meetings. This is going to be a much nicer year for all of us than 2020 was. Clear the tracks and show the green signals, we are back on our way!

**Sick Bay:** We want to extend get-well wishes to several of our members who we know have had some medical problems themselves, or in their families, this past month. We wish a full and speedy recovery to the *Mike Buster family*, *Gregg Mundkowsly*, and *Ruth Berry*. We look forward to having you fully recovered and back with us. We always enjoy your company!

**Covid-19 Guidelines:** The CDC's latest guidelines for Covid-19 safety are being adopted by ETSU, and therefore, they will be followed by us as we meet and work on the university campus. Those among us who are fully vaccinated will not be asked to wear masks outside the buildings or in the museum. However, if you feel more comfortable continuing to wear your mask indoors, please don't hesitate to do so. You have that option. **For any of our members who are not fully vaccinated, you will have to continue to wear your masks indoors in the museum and in any other university building you may enter, until such time as you have been vaccinated.** We will not challenge our public guests as they enter the museum if they are not wearing a mask as we have not authority to do so to ask if they have been vaccinated or not. This entire initiative rests on the "honor system" with the understanding that if you are not wearing a mask you are making a public statement that you do not need to protect others from the virus because you have been vaccinated. We will continue to take everyone's temperatures, members and guests alike, as they enter the museum and ask anyone who is running a fever to come back some other day.

**Future Club Meetings:** Beginning with the June club business meetings, G.L. Carter Chapter on Monday, June 14, and Mountain Empire Model Railroaders on Tuesday, June 15, we will conduct "hybrid" meetings at the formerly regularly scheduled time of 6:30 PM. I will schedule the former meeting room in Brown Hall, 223, for these meetings in person as we did in the past. However, we will also live-stream the meetings via zoom as we have been doing for the past several months, for any members who wish to attend these meetings electronically. Reminders of meeting times, places and agendas, will be distributed via email to all members prior to this meeting and for those that follow. It was the unanimous consensus of those members attending the May joint club zoom business meeting that they would like for us to resume in-person meetings in June with the added feature of the zoom component being available. If some of you would like to resume the pre-meeting dining at Portobellos Restaurant we can resume that social event as well.

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**Coming Events:** The **May 29 Heritage Day** event will feature modern diesel locomotives of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Because of the nature of our 4 model railroad layouts this event will have to take place on the MEMRR HO-Scale and the museum's N-Scale layouts. The press releases are already out announcing the event and the public that will attend on that Saturday will be expecting to see big, modern diesel locomotives pulling lots of freight and passenger cars around these layouts. Please don't disappoint them. I know many of you have big, shiny locomotives that represent the best in modern diesel power and we need to see these, including Amtrak, on these layouts. The N-Scale layout is somewhat limited to 2-axle trucks on their locomotives because of the tight turn radius on some of the curves, but we can still do our part there with smaller, modern locomotives. Let's make this a fun event for everyone.

**Tweetsie Time Celebration** is the header for a new event scheduled for a 3-day period on June 4, 5 & 6. This is to make up a little for the fact that we cannot host our Annual Big Train Show this year during this time period that would normally be scheduled for this exciting train show that continues to grow in size and popularity. As you are aware, COVID-19 cancelled our scheduled 2020 train show, and the massive remodeling of the ETSU Mini-Dome this summer, the venue we use for the show, has cancelled the 2021 scheduled event. We have perhaps the largest ET&WNC RR model layout in the world in our Carter RR Museum. It has been receiving national and international publicity for more than 7 years is a very important narrow gauge model railroad magazine. The museum also has affiliated with us the ET&WNC RR Historical Society with members nationwide. They, too, have had to cancel their annual convention that for the past 5 years has been held in Johnson City. So, we are going to put on a celebration for us, for them, and the many folks who follow the "Tweetsie" on line via blogs, Facebook and other social media. This will be a limited-attendance event with a maximum of 60 participants. All will have to register and pay a registration fee of \$85 to attend all of the venues and activities. Here is a brief preview of the planned activities: **Friday**—Several operating sessions on the "Tweetsie" layout, 3 PowerPoint seminar presentations on the history of railroad narrow-gauge, the geology of our region and its ties to Tweetsie, and historical structures and the construction of the Tweetsie layout. There will be a luncheon at the former ET&WNC depot and an evening walk on the Tweetsie Trail. **Saturday**—More operating sessions on the Tweetsie layout, numerous modeling sessions covering making miniature trees, photographing models, layout tours, modeling structures, modeling rock forms, etc., and a luncheon at the former ET&WNC depot. **Sunday morning**—Rail excursion and hike on the old Tweetsie roadbed into the Doe River Gorge. We plan to have the Carter Railroad Museum open both Friday and for its regular hours on Saturday. We will need some volunteers for museum operations on both days (Please and Thank You). **Check for all the details on this event by going to [memrr.org](http://memrr.org), click on "Heritage Days" and then on "Current Events"**. In addition to the itinerary for all 3 days you can find a link to a registration for all of it in a Survey Monkey if you want to attend all the sessions.

**Special Invitation to members:** The Sunday morning rail excursion into the Doe River Gorge can accommodate approximately 20 more folks than we will have at the above Tweetsie Time Celebration. Therefore, I can offer you a ride with the rest of the group on this trip through tunnels 2 & 3 and to Pardee Point, then by foot up to the deck truss bridge just in front of tunnel #4. If you would like to join the group for this part of the event only, make a reservation with me, or our treasurer, **Gary Emmert**, with a payment of \$20 and we will welcome you on board. If you have never been over this part of the historic ET&WNC RR roadbed you will see just how beautiful it is with the Doe River rushing below cliffs that rise more than 1,000 feet above us as we roam the tracks through the gorge. Plan to join us!

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## Museum News:

**Possible Relocation of the Museum—** As you may have heard by now, the proposed building to replace the Campus Center Building we are now located in on the ETSU campus has been approved by Tennessee Governor Bill Lee. Actual construction of a new building and the tearing down of the present structure will not happen for at least 18 months, giving us that much time to find a new location for the museum and move. Renovation of Lamb Hall, just to the left of our front door, has begun with moving vans being loaded with the contents of the building. That parking lot we, and others, use becoming a staging area for construction materials. I have toured moving process will be followed by approximately 2 years of renovations to the building with the one building near the intersection of State of Franklin Road and Lincoln St. near the railroad yards with several members of the Johnson City Commission as a possible relocation site, but I found the negatives to outweigh the positives. I am also looking for possible space on the ETSU campus, but so far, finding none that will suit our needs. We had terrific newspaper coverage in *The Johnson City Press* with front page coverage in color on Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> expressing our growing pains and the need to relocate the museum because of the potential loss of our present space on the university campus. That article was the stimulus for inquiries from Elizabethton, Erwin, Kingsport, and Johnson City inviting me to discuss possible moves to each of these cities as homes for our railroad museum. I am continuing to have discussions with university administrators and city administrators about where we might be in the future. There are really positive vibes in the air that we are valued and wanted by so many, and I will make the best decision I can for us and for the museum once concrete offers are on the table. I have had meetings with the director of the TN Small Business Association, and the ETSU chairman of Business and Marketing, to get more information on business plans and points to consider. One recommendation that I am acting on is the formation of a Board of Directors for the Carter RR Museum. I have asked two of our members, **Roger Teinert** and **Geoff Stunkard**, to serve and they have accepted. I have also asked two ETSU administrators, **David Golden** and **Vice-President Jeremy Ross**, to serve and VP Ross has accepted (and I think Mr. Golden will too), additionally I have asked two members of the Johnson City Commission to be on the board, former mayor **Jenny Brock**, and Assistant City Manager, **Charles Stahl**, and believe they will do so. I had a meeting with VP Ross today (May 19) and have a joint meeting with two ETSU VPs and two City Commissioners scheduled on Friday, May 21. I shall continue to keep you informed of any progress I make with regards to moving our museum into larger and better quarters as these events occur.

**MEMRR HO Layout:** A lot of work is culminating in great looking progress on both corners of the club layout that face the entrance door to the Alsop Gallery. **John Carter**, **Rick Mulholland**, and others have their new twin-peaked mountain in place and continue to work on the scenery on the club corner that will have an active logging operation and sawmill facilities on it when completed. This should be a wonderful first impression module for future guests coming into this gallery door.

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**N-Scale Layout: Mike Tarter, Roger Miller, Jim Varney** and others have been busy upgrading the old scenery on this museum layout. Old, faded lichen "foliage" is being replaced with bright new trees made by our tree-man, **Ken Harmon**, and new rock faces are beginning to appear. Talk is that new trolleys will soon be operating in parts of the city as well.

**ET&WNC "Tweetsie" Layout: Mike Buster, Gregg Mundkowsky, David Doughty** and others have added more scenery, including a lot of new static grass, to the coal chut section of the layout and it is really looking good. **Ben Merritt** (laser knife cutting out building parts), **Bill Smith** (converting building drawings to CAD files), and me (**Fred Alsop**; creating the building drawings to scale and then constructing and painting them) have all been working as a team to create the buildings that made up the Johnson City engine facilities and car construction and repair shops, car storage sheds, oil and sand house, and other buildings; 5 in all, that will soon complete the needed structures for that part of the layout.

**Thanks Everyone for All You Do for you club(s) and for the George L. Carter Railroad Museum!!!** Your passion for your hobby, your expertise, skills, and willingness to lend a hand make it all work for all of us. There is always a lot going on in our clubs and at the museum and we have continued to do our best even during a year that we would all like to forget. Some of us caught the virus and let it run its course and beat it. Others were much more fortunate and avoided it, or were asymptomatic, and now feel much safer with vaccine shots in our arms. Many folks come to see our work and watch our trains run on beautiful layouts. Children continue to come to our playroom and some of these Little Engineers are regulars, week after week. You continue to support your club(s) and the railroad museum, and we will continue to push forward together. The best is still to come. Hear the sound of the whistle of the train in the night and dream of all the destinations yet to come.

***Fred J. Alsop III***

Director, George L. Carter Railroad Museum, ETSU

President, Mountain Empire Model Railroaders

President, George L. Carter Chapter NRHS

## Club News

### **Tweetsie Layout Update – Elk Park:** Article and Photographs by Logan Heaton

With Johnson City starting to wrap up with the final buildings the crew is also preparing work for our next section of the layout which will be the town of Elk Park. Already designs of the town has been set out along with cardboard mock-ups that are marked with each building for the town. Many of the buildings have also been drawn up and prepared for cutting at the laser knife while Johnson City is being finished up. One of the buildings have actually been completed and put in place already which is the Elk Park train station set up beside the track. As progress continues we will keep you all up to date as this area is being developed but already it is starting to look very promising. Stay tuned for more updates!!



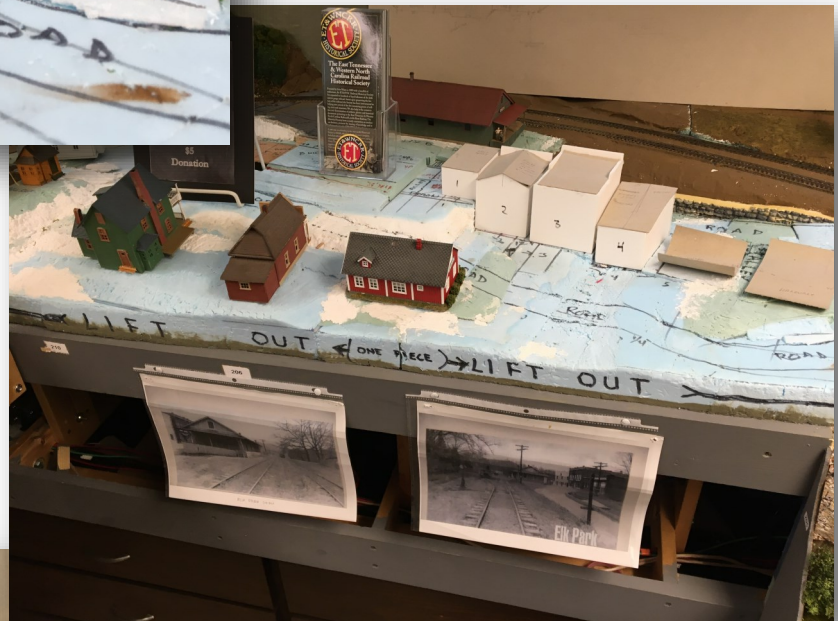
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### Tweetsie Layout Update – Elk Park: Article and Photographs by Logan Heaton

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## Club News

### **MEMRR Layout Update – Mountain Area:** Article and Photographs by Logan Heaton

Work continues on the mountain area over the northeast tunnel with peaks now being painted with primer getting ready for scenery. Some of the scenery has already been started with dirt and some light dusting of grass being spread over the area. A backdrop has also been made for this project which will sit behind the mountains once the scenery work is completed. Stay tuned for more updates!!



### New Members for 2021!

During 2020 we were fortunate to have people from all over our area join the club. In 2021 we will provide monthly updates and stories on new members as they occur.

No new members this month!

We would love to know more about you!

If you would like to share your story with fellow club members in a future newsletter, please send via email to our editor at [cathysmithmemrr@yahoo.com](mailto:cathysmithmemrr@yahoo.com).





## Club News

### MEMRR Layout Update– JC Main HO: Article and photographs by Logan Heaton

Great progress has been made on the Johnson City section of our main HO layout with the overpass and the ramp connecting the road to the overpass has also been finished and set in place. Some final adjustments will need to be made such as guardrails going up to the bridge and some other final adjustments which will be able to show soon in future updates. On the other side of Johnson City progress is being made on the downtown area with the start of old road being put into place using the same process as the road behind the station. Outlines for the buildings have also been put in place to give an idea what the building layout will be like once the road is done. Stay tuned for more updates!





## Club News

### MEMRR Layout Update—Little Cheyenne: Article and photographs by Logan Heaton

Heading back to Little Cheyenne we follow up on the progress on the hill being nicknamed the island where we can see a lot of the rock work now has a bit of color following along the side and up to the peak. After being sealed and little dark wash to add some shadows some of the area is being tested with grass and foliage before working on the final touches. Stay tuned for more soon!!





## Club News

### MEMRR Layout Update-Bridge Incline: Article and photographs by Logan Heaton

Following up on the work on the bridge the incline leading up to it has been finished with the guard-rails now put in to protect vehicles from falling off the drop. The next steps in time will be to do a bit of weathering to dirty it up a bit along with street markings such as the divider lines and to mark off the shoulder. Stay tuned for more updates!

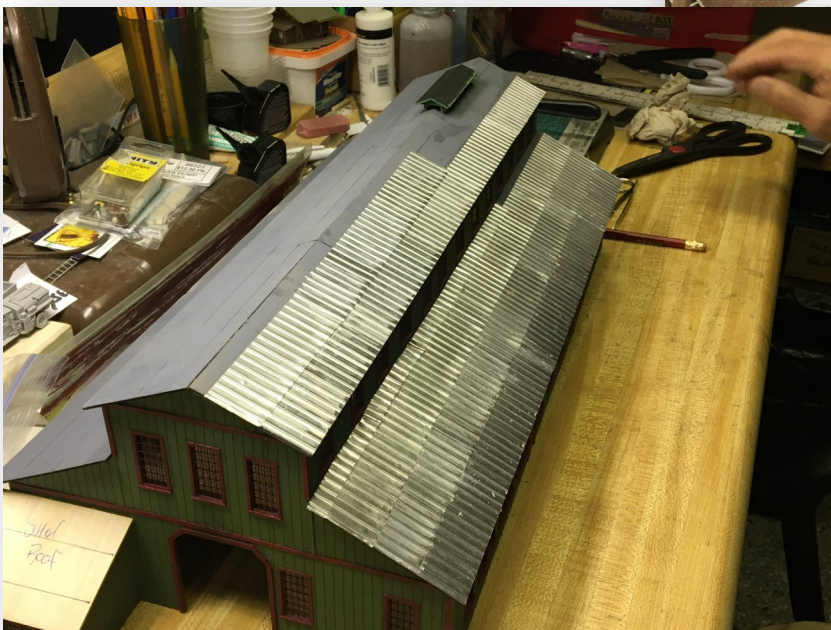
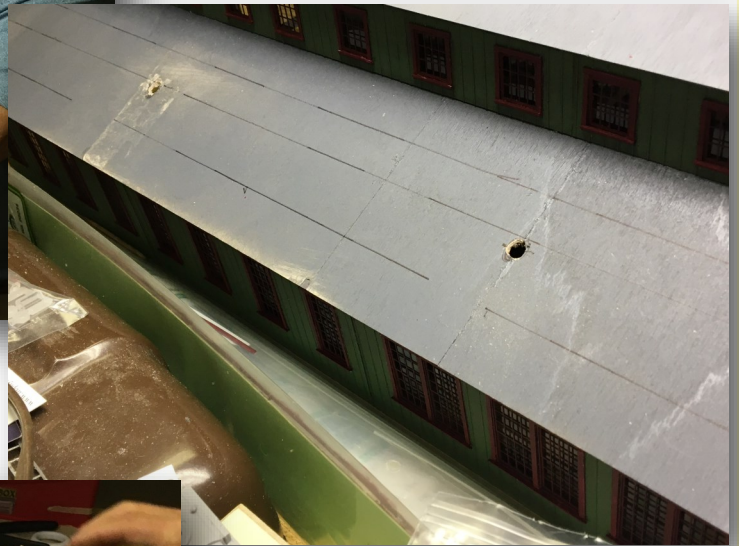
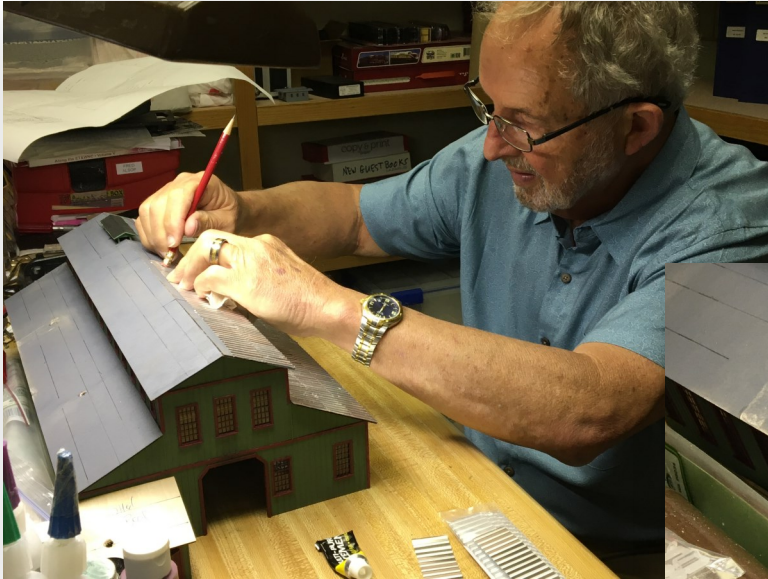




## Club News

### Tweetsie Layout Update—J C Engine House: Article and photographs by Logan Heaton

Heading back over to Johnson City progress continues on the engine house. The roof has now been secured with the vent over the entrance and now work continues finishing the roof work drilling out the holes for the chimneys and now the metal roofing being put over the wood of the roof. Once this is done the next step will be installing the chimneys then installing the doors on the stalls and final weathering as it is getting that much closer to completion. Stay tuned for more updates !!





## Club News

### Tweetsie Layout Update - Exhibit Hall Area: Article and photographs by Logan Heaton

Moving from the MEMRR Johnson City to the Tweetsie Exhibit Hall where the HO version of the mainline going out of Johnson City has made a lot of progress with of course a lot of grass and additional scenery but also some new additions bringing the area together. One example of this is over at the roundhouse where additional sheds have been put in for maintaining the locomotives along with tanks going up for water and fuel along with a small workman's hut. The town is also making progress with some of the trackside buildings put in place while work is also being done to prepare for the inn to be put in soon. Stay tuned for more updates!!



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### Tweetsie Layout Update - Exhibit Hall Area: Article and photographs by Logan Heaton

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## Club News

### Tweetsie Layout Update-J C Engine House: Article and photographs by Logan Heaton

Some great headway has been made on the engine house for Johnson City. Over the last work session the final pieces of metal roofing was put on followed by a couple holes being drilled out for the chimneys. From there Dr. Alsop spent the day weathering the room and the building taking off that shine giving a worn look to the roof with added soot from the stacks and steam engines. The final pieces for the chimneys and stall doors are also finished and once the roof is done those final pieces will be installed which will then complete the building. Stay tuned for more updates coming soon!!





## Club News

### Diesel Daze Heritage Day:

Article and photographs by Logan Heaton

Diesel Daze brought us a lot of amazing first generation diesels from early switchers to streamlined passenger trains to heavy freight haulers and everything in between from various railroads across the country. It was great seeing all these locomotives in action and we hope you all enjoyed them as well. We also had many chances to catch these engines in action as we bring you all today a few snapshots of these trains in action. Enjoy!!



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## Heritage Days!

### Diesel Daze !: Article and photographs by Logan Heaton

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# Heritage Days!

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# **The 2020 Hon3 Annual and 2021 All Aboard Calendars are Available Now!**

Our new beautiful *All Aboard 2021* calendars remain available. Get yours soon so that your discounted price gets its full benefit of all 12 months of events and reminders. Remember too, that we have a limited supply of the recent *2020 Hon3 Annual* published by White River Productions. This issue bears a color-illustrated 8-page feature of our ET&WNC RR layout. This marks the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year our Tweetsie layout has been featured in this collector's magazine; an outstanding accomplishment and a tribute to the quality of work to be found throughout our railroad museum. Be sure to get your souvenir copy while we still have some in stock. A few editions for the previous year's *Hon3 Annual* remain available at our sales table.



# Meeting Minutes

## MEMRR & George L. Carter Chapter of NRHS Monthly Business Meeting Minutes- 4/20/21

Note: Meeting was conducted via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by President Fred Alsop.

Members Present (on call): There were 13 members on the zoom meeting".

President Fred Alsop informed the group that Ruth Berry is having surgery and the Robert Sullivan is getting a Get Well Card for the club to sign. After initial remarks, Fred called for Officer Reports.

**V.P. report:** John Carter reported there was good progress made on the clubs corner module. Members have covered the foam mountain with plaster cloth with painting the mountain being the next project.

**Secretary's report:** Mike Tarter was not able to attend the Zoom meeting, no secretary's report was presented.

### **Treasurers' reports:**

MEMMR -Gary Emmert presented the current state of the club's finances.

NRHS -John Dodge -there is no change since last month - this group also has a sound financial position. John also noted that the HRHS is still trying to recover the excursion deposit from the bankrupted company .

**RR Museum Librarian:** Wallace Sheely reported that all the books in the museum and at Valley-brook have been compiled into a single spreadsheet. The ETSU library has been contacted for suggestion on how best to index the 2000 volumes.

**Newsletter editor:** Cathy Smith thanked members for the pictures and club articles provided for the signal bridge. The March edition of the Signal Bridge and Coal Road is soon to be in circulation. Fred reminds us that articles and photos from members are always welcomed and that the newsletter is also for the Carter Chapter of NRHS members.

### **Webmaster reports:**

Ben Merritt informed us he continues to check contact info for members, and updating email addresses. He will use the 2021 Membership list for the sending of the newsletters. The ETSU website has been updated.

Bill Smith reports the club website is up to date

Logan Heaton reported on the Facebook site update and on the upcoming Heritage Day "Diesel Dazes"

**Membership report:** Robert Sullivan was not logged into the Zoom meeting.

### **Presidents report:**

Fred reported that the ETSU campus is moving to phase 4 around May 15<sup>th</sup>. The museum will continue to follow all State Covid guidance. Ben Merritt has the reservation form setup for scheduling museum visits. Zoom

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# Meeting Minutes

## MEMRR & George L. Carter Chapter of NRHS Monthly Business Meeting Minutes- 4/20/21

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meetings will continue until around the August meeting. Fred hoped to have the Christmas Party and maybe a Fall Excursion.

Fred reported that he has been actively pursuing a new home for the G. L. Carter RR Museum and MEMRR layouts. Fred toured a possible building in downtown Johnson City and has had meeting with various city officials. Fred commented that a possible best solution is to pour a concrete slab and build a new metal building that is designed for the groups needs.

### **Old Business:**

Fred informed us that ETSU Football games have resumed, with four home games scheduled beginning this Saturday. Games will start at 1PM so parking will be tight. The next home game will be in March. However, the \$10 Million renovation of Lamb Hall will start likely this May, making parking a challenge and thus likely to affect our public attendance. There is some discussion of possible university bus shuttles.

Fred reported that Ben Merritt had mastered the laser knife so the bottle neck for creating new buildings has been broken.

**Coordinators meeting:** no meeting was held in March Fred reminded again that we should let him know of any Club or museum needs .

### **New Business:**

Heritage Day will be March 29, with the theme "Diesel Daze" Come on out and run some early Diesel locomotives.

### **Museum activities:**

HO layout, the corner module construction activity is continuing with great progress being made. On Jonathan Gilliam and Gary Gilliam along with other club members have added rock casting to his module. The lift bridge was noted to be worn out and needs to be updated.

Members are requested to brain storm at Thursday's work night for solutions. The N scale layout, Mike Tarter and Ken the "Tree Man" have added rock casting and trees. Tweetsie layout, the Johnson City engine house is progressing , Elk Park building drawing are being converted to CAD and laser cut.

Geoff Stunkard and Fred discussed what can be held or offered during the canceled 2020 Big Train Show dates. Geoff offered several ideas on offering 1 hour clinics. i.e.: making Trees, Photography, Modeling. Having a narrated history of Eastern Narrow Gauge Railroads one day and modeling narrow the next. Also discussed was a supervised operating session on the Tweetsie.

Logan shared with us, on screen, a video of a short documentary on Union Pacific late steam and early diesel locomotive power.

**Mountain Empire Model  
Railroaders Club**

Location:



George L. Carter Railroad Museum  
East Tennessee State University

**Business Meetings**

Held monthly on the  
3rd Tuesday at 6:30pm.

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**Weekly Work Nights**

Thursdays from 4pm until ?

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## **George L Carter Railroad Museum and MEMMR**

The many colorful multiple railroads of the Midwest are featured at the George L. Carter Railroad Museum, located in the Campus Center Building of East Tennessee State University. The region encompassing Chicago, Detroit, Louisville, Milwaukee and St. Louis was the true epicenter of American commerce between east and west during the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Literally dozens of railroads large and small provided service throughout Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and the upper midwestern states, all service as links to the chain.

Between passenger and freight operations, the railroad were crucially important in the era before widespread air travel and interstate highways. This was especially true during the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> World Wars. Whether it was perishables like produce and livestock or raw commodities such as coal and ore, everything from store goods to Studebakers came from this region. Since so many models of these trains remain popular, icons of streamlining and strength, it is planned to have excellent Midwestern representations in operation by volunteers on the museum's 24x44 foot HO scale layout. The Carter Railroad Museum is open on Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, and includes model railroad layouts, a special child's activity room, and ongoing programs. There is no admission fee but donations are welcome for its upkeep. The museum is also seeking artifacts for display, including the newest addition dedicated to the long-defunct, but well-remembered 'Tweetsie' line, the East

In addition to the displays, there is also a growing research library, and an oral history archive being established as part of the museum's programs. Info can be found online at 'http://etsu.edu/railroad/' or 'http://johnsonsdspot.com/' or 'http://www.stateoffranklin.net/johnsons/glcarter/cartermuseum.html'

Members of the George L. Carter Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society and the Mountain Empire Model Railroaders (MEMRR) club coordinate the exhibits. Visit 'www.memrr.org' to learn more about MEMRR, or visit 'http://glcarternrhs.com/' to learn more about Carter Chapter, which helps demonstrate and maintain the model layouts, museum exhibits and other projects.

Membership opportunities are available to adults, and include special benefits and model railroading enjoyment.

The museum can be identified by a flashing railroad crossing signal at the back entrance to the Campus Center Building. Visitors should enter ETSU's campus from State of Franklin Road (at green light) onto Jack Vest Drive and continue east to North Dossett Drive (then left) to John Roberts Bell Drive at end, then right then left on Ross Drive(176) to end, adjacent to the flashing RR crossing sign.

- *For more information about Heritage Day, contact Fred Alsop at 423-439-6858 or asopf@mail.etsu.edu.*
- *For disability accommodations, call the ETSU Office of Disability Services at 423-439-8346*