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Carolina Southern Division, NMRA

11TH ANNUAL RAILROAD MODELING UNIVERSITY

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Early morning on a rainy Saturday. The men drink coffee and talk about what else needs to be set up. Most of it was done last night.

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Registration table is about set.

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Welcome packs are ready and the crowd pours in like the rain that was falling outside. About 68 people attended.

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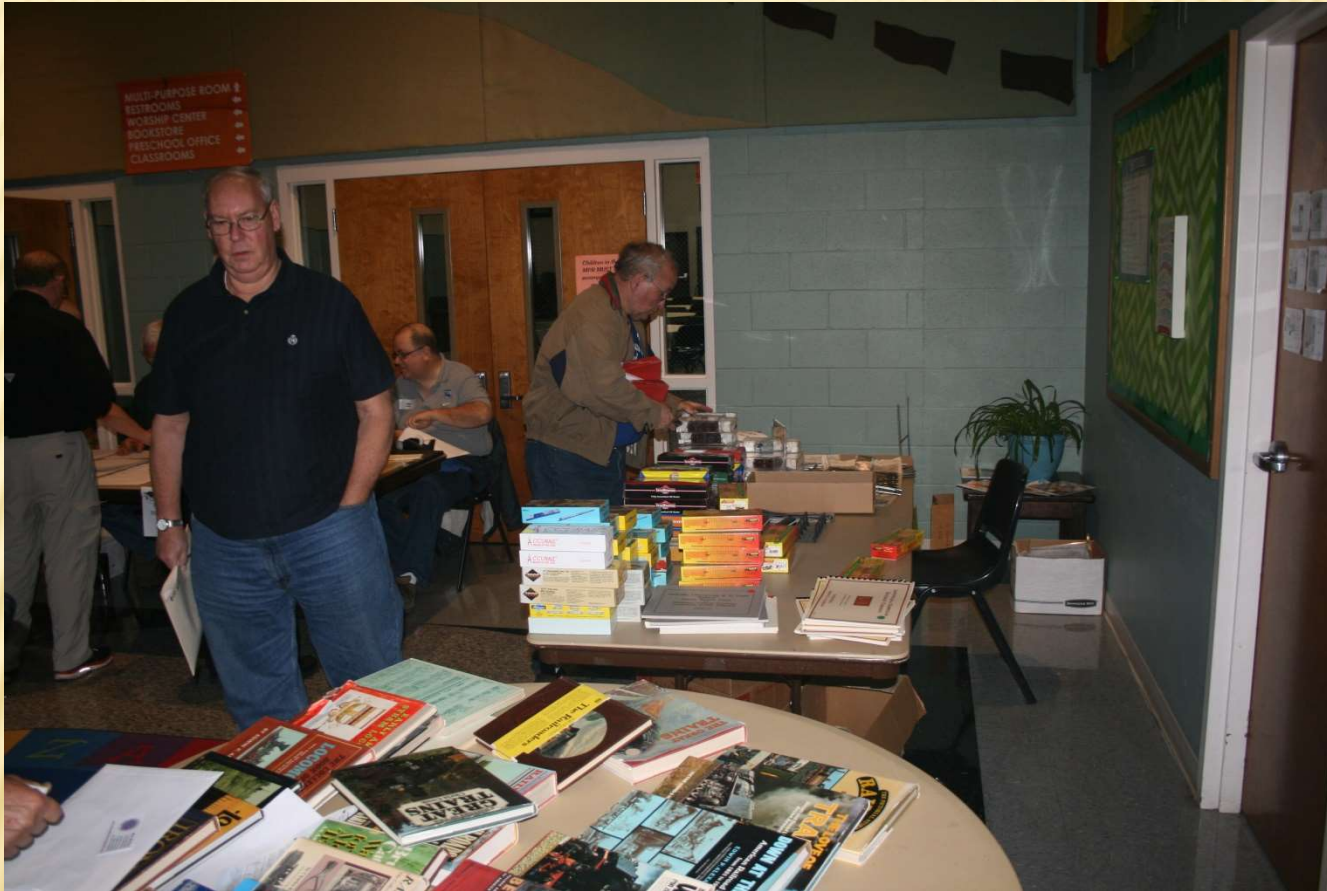
Tim is counting out the cash....one, two, four, ten

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Foggy this morning. Great day for indoor model railroading!

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The white elephant tables have an assortment of hard backed books, curved turnouts and freight cars, all at crazy low prices.

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The main hall is where we will have lunch. Sadly the 3D Printing clinic scheduled for lunch time didn't happen as the presenter had a family emergency.

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The resin casting clinic is ready to start as attendees fall in.

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We're very excited about soldering! I hear this was a popular clinic.

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Dick brought the NMRA's presentation layout which was built by Editor Steven Priest's son. Nice layout!

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The town and details on the track are quite amazing for such a small layout.

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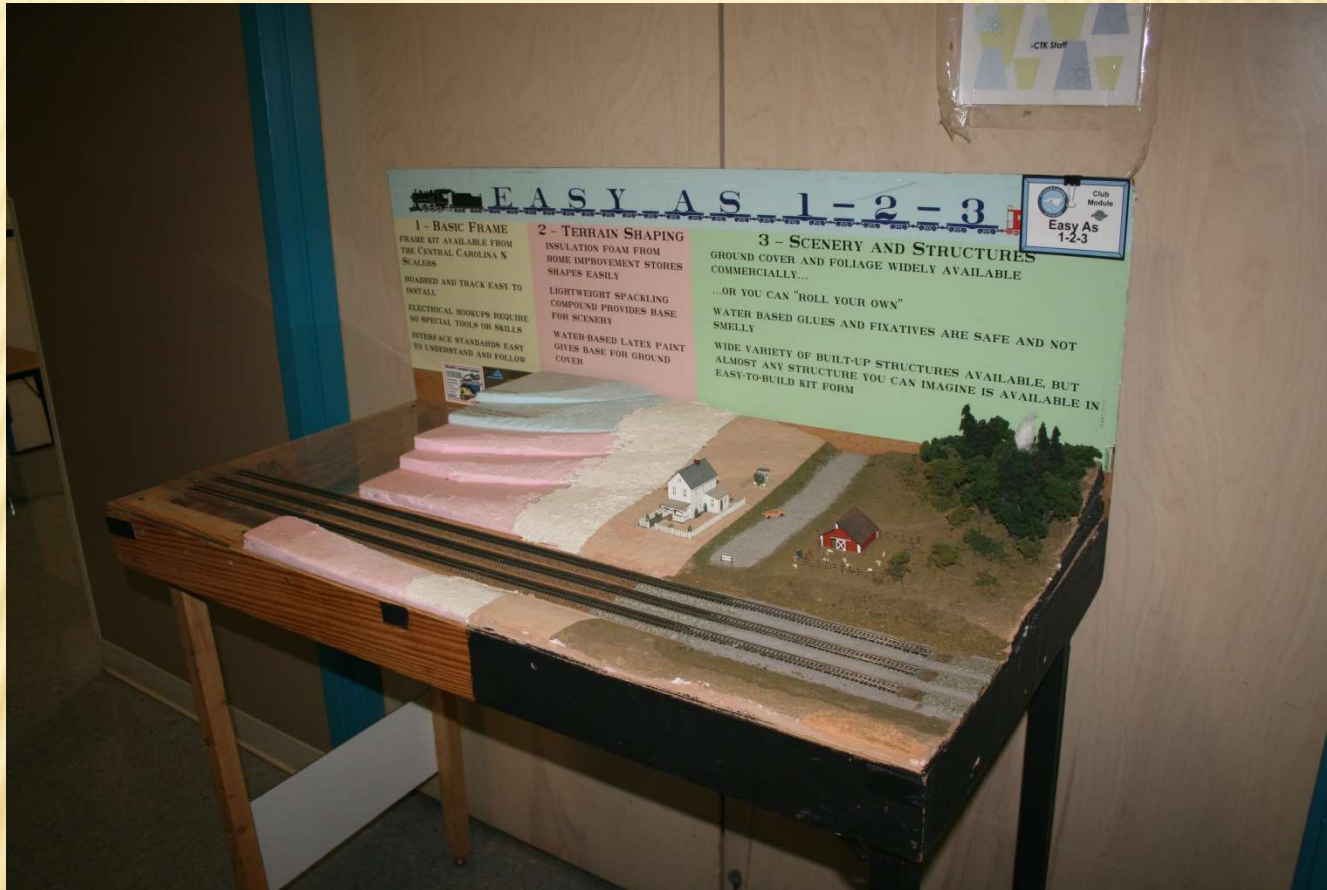
Jon is getting his Powerpoint ready.

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Gil is grabbing some breakfast from Micky D's while getting the clinic ready to go. Fred is hooking up the speakers.

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An N-scale module "how to" display was available.

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This is the eleventh year for this event and being new, I'm amazed at how many people are here and excited about the tons of clinics.

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Many people will be brighter for having attended the LED clinic.

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The discussion were deep and complicated as modelers chatted about various topics initiated by the top notch clinics.

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The halls of the church are crowded with people! Master Model Railroader Fred Miller makes his way to the class he was teaching on micro controllers.

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Many of the clinicians had hands on displays.

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Who would have thought I could have learned so much about the common LED and how to use it on the layout! Oh, and I got some samples!

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There are many talented modelers here in the Carolinas.

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Here we see some one getting one on one instruction on the fine art of soldering.

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Hey wait! She's female! Yes, there were several women in attendance, which is always good. At least it raises the average IQ level....

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There were so many clinics that I was sad I couldn't attend them all.

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Wait! What's going on here?

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Glue! These guys were making a mess and having great fun. Hand's on is always the best way to learn. Don't wear your good shirts next time.

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Every single room (there were about six) were all packed by eager attendees.

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Lunch was included in the price if you wanted it. Lots of people!

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Everyone was talking trains. I was able to meet a lot of new people and make friends.

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The table talk was invigorating. I even got a volunteer to let me use their chop saw for a day!

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Lots of volunteers made the work light. Adrian is making sure the members get fed.

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People were snapping up kits and models. This was part of a large collection from a recently passed member.

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I did get a book. Like I need another book! I should have bought the curved turnouts.

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Meanwhile, vicious pranks were being played such as "hide the tool you just bought!"

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Lionel supported our event with a great talk on just what it takes to produce a model. Wow! We're lucky we every get a new model.

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This is a journeyman hobby, and we learn from each other and those that volunteer to provide clinics.

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Bob's projector, computer and hand outs demonstrate the level of professionalism this event takes on.

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Gil is surveying the layout and its modern electronics system.

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Ty is "cast out" from giving a clinic that was filled with people. Everyone loved the resin casting clinic.

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Luckily, we'll be doing it again next year! Sign up early and thanks for attending!

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