



“The Museum That Moves You”

We are pleased to host a special VIP Tour for participants in the 2022 Mideastern Region, National Model Railroad Association Convention on Thursday, October 20, 2022 starting at 12:30 pm. The tour will start from the Barber Junction Visitor Center adjacent to the public parking lot. This link will take you to a map of the grounds showing the Barber Junction Visitor Center (depot) marked as location “A” on the map at: <http://carolinasouthern.org/2022%20Convention/NCTM%20Tour%20Map-r.jpg> .

We will then begin our walking tour through the Back Shop, where you will see numerous displays of trucks, automobiles, wagons, boats, airplanes, and rail equipment. A highlight of the Back Shop tour includes the current project to reconstruct and restore The Potomac Pacemaker, a signature DC-3 of the Piedmont Airlines fleet. Also in the Back Shop is the HO Scale modular layout from the Metrolina Model Railroaders.

We will then proceed to the Roundhouse Orientation Room, where you will enjoy a short video and history of Spencer Shops. Then we resume our walking tour through the Roundhouse, where you will see displays of historic steam and diesel locomotives, a replica of the Wright Flyer, a tribute to the Buckingham Lining Bar Gang, the restoration bays with current museum projects, MMR Fred Miller’s amazing traction modeling display, restored rail cars including a Railway Post Office Car, an Army Hospital Car, and Loretto - the private car of Charles Schwab, among many more interesting displays.

Then we will proceed to our Flue Shop where you will be able to enjoy our Bumper to Bumper collection of classic automobiles including a 1901 steam powered car.

Next door is Storehouse #3, the oldest remaining structure on our site, where you will be able to enjoy the NTRAK layout of the Central Carolina N Scalers.

At the end of the tour you will be able to visit our Gift Station in the Master Mechanic’s Office building on your way back to your car. We know you will enjoy your visit and look forward to seeing you here.

(Please note that this tour is walking intensive and requires entering and exiting several historic buildings. There are indoor and outdoor portions of the tour, so please come prepared for the weather. The museum is ADA accessible.)