**Apple Valley Model Railroad Club Open House for the Piedmont Garden Railway Society**

**Sunday, May 26, 2019**

**Please RSVP to** [ldweng@att.net](mailto:ldweng@att.net) **by Wednesday, May 22 for a lunch count!!**

The Apple Valley Model Railroad Club is housed in the former Southern Railway Hendersonville, NC Depot. In addition to a large indoor HO layout, that has been featured in Model Railroader Magazine, we have a Large Scale Layout on the former passenger train Arrival – Departure platform. The Depot was built in 1902 and has a long history of welcoming summer tourists to and from the area.

Hendersonville, NC is a great place for a Sunday drive. The downtown is walker friendly and has a great variety of restaurants and shops.

**Layout:**

The layout is a called the Pisgah Valley Central; the PVC Railway (you’ll see why). Despite being at least 2.5 feet above ground we have a variety of garden plants and buildings.

It is a basic 75’ by 10’ loop. There are three yards: One 3 track hidden yard for storage; One 3 track yard front and center; and a 4 track operating yard with carbarn and turntable. There is also an upper section, with multiple switchbacks, connecting our log loadout with the Carr Lumber Company Sawmill and our Rock Quarry with the transfer yard. This is our geared loco territory.

We have track power in three blocks; the upper switching section; the main loop; and the yard.

Bring your track power, battery power or live steam equipment on over. We run Kadee couplers, but we have converter cars for USA, Bachmann, Aristo, and Hook and Horn so we can run whatever you bring.

There are multiple staging areas for display, if you have a model to show off. Our minimum curve diameter is 12 feet, so you might want to leave your 85 foot heavyweights at home. Otherwise we routinely run mainline diesels and K-27’s.

**Facility:**

We are on Maple Street and 7th Avenue in Hendersonville. We have plenty of parking, handicap parking, and a level easy access for bringing in Large Scale equipment. We have a wagon and hand truck for your use. We will have tables for Bring and Brag, and Sell or Swap.

We have a **new 30’ wide motorized awning that covers the middle portion of the railroad** and protects the operators and visitors from the sun.

Inside we have an air conditioned meeting room with restrooms. We will be playing videos – Train Videos of course.

**Hours:**

We will be open for you from 10 am to 3 pm. We will have lunch at 12 noon. Still working on the menu. Drinks and snacks will be there too.

**Directions:**

We are in Hendersonville, NC, off I-26 exits 49A and 49B. Drive west on 4 Seasons Boulevard. Bear right at Binion’s steakhouse onto 7th Avenue. Continue on 7th until you cross the tracks and turn left onto Maple. Parking is on the street and past the depot on the left at the caboose. You’ll see us in the back.

Anyway, we just want to welcome you to our layout. The PGRS has been a great help to us and we want to return the favor. Plus, we want to show off a little.

If you can’t make the open house, please remember we are open to the public every Wednesday from 1pm until 3pm and Saturday from 10am until 2pm. PGRS members are always welcome to bring their own equipment to run on the 4th Saturday of the month.

**Website:**

avmrc.com – It has a map and other photos and information