

Grand Strand Model Railroaders, Inc.

exists to further the hobby of model railroading by providing an environment where members can enjoy construction and operation of model railroad layouts, while displaying their work in a public venue to inform and inspire potential future model railroaders.

Our home road is the Grand Strand Western, a freelance railroad centered in the Carolinas. The GSW provides trackage rights to all US Railroads, so you will see a mixture of equipment in operation. The layouts run both diesel and steam equipment, with facilities for both.

The club was started in 1986 above Ed's Hobby Shop in downtown Myrtle Beach, SC with six members. By 2011 the club had grown to over 50 members, moved into Myrtle Beach Mall in July of that year, and built three new layouts in HO, N, and O Scales. More recently, a Z Scale layout and an overhead G Scale loop have been added.

Annually in late autumn, we set up a 6' by 16' Christmas Layout in the mall corridor in front of the club.

We also have an N-Scale modular layout, built to N-Trak standards, which we take to train shows to join with other clubs in the assembly of large, complex layouts for the entertainment and education of the public.

Each November, we put on a large, off-site train show with guest layouts and vendors.

Membership

Initiation fee is \$20.00. Dues are \$12.00 per month, paid quarterly. Part time memberships are available to those who do not live locally year-round. Lockers, when available, can be rented for an additional cost.

The club provides a name badge for each new member. Iron-on logo patches are available for \$2.00 each to apply to shirts and/or caps to be supplied by the member. Wearing of logo shirts at club public events is encouraged.

Operations

The club is open to the public at Myrtle Beach Mall on the following schedule:

Mondays & Wednesdays 12 to 4PM

Saturdays 10AM to 5PM

Extra days are occasionally scheduled, especially during pre-Christmas season.

Members are needed to be present on a reasonably regular basis during club open hours to operate trains and talk with the public. No one is expected to be there for all the time the club is open but are welcome to do so if desired. Members may also come to the club to run trains, maintain equipment, work on layouts, etc. whenever Myrtle Beach Mall is open.

Work Sessions

Day or evening work sessions may be scheduled from time to time for special activities such as layout maintenance, building new modules, and setting up the Christmas Layout.

Electronics

The club uses the Digitrax Digital Command Control System to operate the HO and N Scale layouts. The O Scale layout runs on standard A/C current. The G and Z Scale layouts are powered using analog DC.

Mentors

Mentors may be assigned to new members to familiarize them with club operating procedures and orient them to the layouts.

Come Join the Fun!



Hobby Skills/Interests

Scale(s): Circle all that apply:

HO N O G Z Other _____

Road Name Modeled:

Primary Interests:

- Scenery
- Electrical
- Structures
- Painting
- Decaling
- Weathering
- Other: _____

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Membership Application

Full Time Year-round residents.

Part Time: Pay dues only for the quarters when you will reside locally.

Year Joined _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Contact Information

Home Phone: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Work Phone _____

Email: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

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