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LOCATION

ETSU Campus, George L. Carter Museum

HOURS

- Business Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Meetings start at 7:00 PM at the ETSU, Brown Hall Science Building, Room 312, Johnson City, TN.
- A social gathering is held prior to the business meeting at RUBY TUESDAYS on State of Franklin across from ETSU starting at 5:45 PM. Visitors and those interested in joining MEMRR are invited to attend.
- Work nights are held weekly on Thursday evenings starting at 5:00 PM and lasting until ???
- Open viewing and operating layout is available every Saturday from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM.
- Operation Sessions are in the planning stages with dates TBA.



“Thank you Penny!”

In the spring of 2005 when the Mountain Empire Modular Railroaders were told they would have to vacate the space they had been occupying in the Carroll Reece Museum on the campus of East Tennessee State University we were not only faced with our disappointment in having to move out of a site that we hoped would be a long-term home for our club and its model railroad layout, but with the harsh reality that we had no other place to go. The president, Fred Alsop, and several of the club members begin to contact people in the region who might assist us in finding a new home for the club. Fred spoke to Dr. Paul Stanton, President of ETSU who decided he would like the club to return to the university campus as soon as he could find suitable space for it that would be dedicated as a site for a memorial railroad museum honoring George L. Carter, President of and CEO of the Clinchfield Railroad. But, that would take more than a year to be accomplished.

In the meanwhile Alan Bridwell, with the city of Johnson City, began to look for space here at the Hands-On Museum or other possible locations in Johnson City. Fred and Hobie were invited by developers of the Bristol Train Station to come visit it as a possible site for our railroad.

Several weeks of investigating and discussions and following possible leads went by with no real solution, and then came a call from Alan Bridwell. He had discussed our plight with Penny McLaughlin, the Director of the Tipton-Haynes State

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