



About the club and its model railroad...

The Piedmont and Western Railroad Club was founded in July 1988 and incorporated as a non-profit organization in November of that year. Construction of the HO-scale layout began in The Old Rock School in January of 1989. Now over 800 square feet in area, the layout has a mainline over four scale miles in length. With its focus on both prototype and model railroading, the Piedmont and Western Railroad Club has something to offer both new and veteran model railroaders as well as people who just love trains.

For more information about the club layout, the railroad display, and links to both model and prototype railroads, visit the club web site at www.pwrr.org



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OLD ROCK SCHOOL



RAILWAY MUSEUM

**Piedmont & Western Railroad
Old Rock School
400 Main Street West • Valdese, NC**

Since the arrival of the first Waldenses on a Richmond and Danville Railroad train in 1893, the railroad has played a pivotal role in the history of Valdese, NC.

In April of 2004, the Town Council of Valdese accepted an offer from the Piedmont and Western Railroad Club to build a permanent display to preserve and present the history of railroad operations in Western North Carolina.

Located on the ground floor of the Old Rock School, the museum features replicas of a small-town depot and part of a Pullman porter's compartment. Artifacts on exhibit include steam locomotive headlights, lanterns and signal lights, a working telegraph, and "speeder" #65, a Fairmont M-19 motor car which saw decades of service on the Clinchfield Railroad. Vintage photographs capture both the people and the equipment which made railroad history.



The Old Rock School Railway Museum
is open to the public during normal ORS hours.