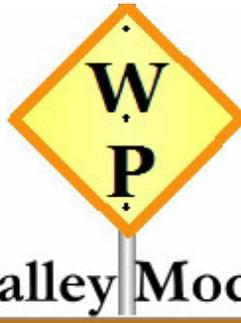


The

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Official Newsletter of the

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

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. This Month's Program

At the next meeting on July 21, Frank Simmons will conduct a training session on DCC (Digital Command Control).

. Under the Crown Sheet

I would like to thank everyone who attended the installation dinner in June and I hope that you had a very good time. The food catered by Southern Delights was excellent and there was no reason for anyone to have left hungry. We finished off the leftovers the following weekend and it was just as good then as it was on Wednesday night.

We are having a small problem with attendance at the clubhouse this summer. The same few people continue to show up and run trains and interact with the visitors. We really need to get more of the membership involved in the operation of the clubhouse. Thus, we will post a schedule on the bulletin board in the back room where members can sign up for shifts on Saturdays and Sundays. If we do not get enough volunteers to cover one of these days, we will have to consider closing for that day.

If we are forced to close on days we advertise that we are open, it will hurt us enormously with the public. Many of our weekend visitors are repeat visitors who bring their children to look at the trains and stay for hours. Please do not force us to close. I do not understand why as members you do not want to take every opportunity to come out to your clubhouse and run trains.

That being said, I will remind you that we are in a new year for us and your dues are now due. You may make arrangements with Steve as to how you want to pay them but they are now due.

We still do not have air conditioning in the store so when you do come out, please dress appropriately but comfortably. Track always needs cleaning as do the wheels of engines and cars. Don't be afraid to help. Just ask for guidance.

Our November show is less than 120 days away, so start making your plans now to attend. If you want to sell some of your trains, see George about getting a table or three. Otherwise, please make yourself available to help dealers and exhibitors set up, maintain and close down. We always need help in some capacity all weekend long.

We had a fire marshal inspection this week and we will be having to make some changes in the store and as to how we do things. Please be patient with us as we implement these changes to make our operation safe.

We would also appreciate everyone taking their trash to a container outside of our store especially if it involves food. Aluminum cans should be emptied, rinsed out and crushed in the special container in the back room. Plastic bottles should be emptied and placed either in the special trash cans in the mall or taken home with you to be placed in your city recycling bins.

This is your train club; the amount of fun you get out of it is directly proportional to the effort you put into it. Come on out and have some fun.

~ J.R. Fisher

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM, 7/5/2010

Board members present: J.R. Fisher, George Lasley, Roland Waggoner, Joe Johnston, Frank Simmons and Steve Wills. Pete Hansma was absent

The treasurer reported that we have money in the treasury. We will have to budget this year because of heavy spending for the current location. However, dues have not been collected for this year yet.

There is no new news for the show. Everything is as expected for this time of the year. 121 tables have been sold or reserved.

Last year many of the cards we printed promoting the show were not returned. This year, instead of printed so many cards long before the show, we can print them as needed. We can use posters instead of cards to post at libraries, in the mall, etc.

J.R will talk to channel 14 to see if we can have an arrangement similar to last year in which we got good coverage at little cost.

The lease expires and August 31. J.R will talk to mall management about a new lease and A/C repair. Our options for the A/C are: replace the unit for \$5500; If the mall will be torn down soon, then move to another store with a working A/C, or borrow an A/C from an unoccupied store. At the moment we and the mall management are trying to decide. George will call another A/C repairman for another opinion on repairing the A/C.

Thomas Train will be on display at the flower and garden show during the fair. We are deciding whether to have another Thomas event before the fair.

Joe moved and Steve seconded a motion to install three ceiling fans. We have the fans already. We will ask Bill Oram to install them. The motion carried.

Dan Egy has donated several HO freight cars to the club.

Pete Slugg has donated two tables and a vacuum clean to the club.

Dues are due now. The dues are \$120 per year, same as last year. Please pay ASAP.

Not enough members are at the clubhouse when it is open. How can we get members interested.

There will be a sign-up sheet for members to come to the club house when it is open on Wednesday evenings and weekends. The sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board. Joe Johnston will maintain it.

After the July meeting Frank Simmons will conduct a training session on DCC.

Roland moved and Steve seconded to adjourn at 8:40.

Lots of Railroad Web Links

Don has sent a link with lots of RR links. Good for those nights when you can't sleep:
[Http://www.trainweb.org/members/directory/index.html](http://www.trainweb.org/members/directory/index.html)

Some Observations on the Raleigh Trolley

As I live near Five Points I have been keeping an eye on the repaving of Glenwood Avenue. To a number of people the discovery of trolley rail in the pavement was a great surprise. The grinding machine lost a few teeth when it hit the rail. In observing the rail as it came out almost all of the myths of the location have been proven wrong. There was no double track on Glenwood. It was a single track line running in the median to Five Points. The current planter median was built over the tracks which were left in place. At Five Points there was a short pass track in front of the Rialto (formerly the New Colony Theater, the Colony was downtown). From there the single track used the current westbound lanes of Glenwood to reach [The Circle](#) which was a turning loop. I suspect that Glenwood was two lanes from Five Points west and occupied the current eastbound lanes. From the circle a single track continued on up to the current Carolina Country Club and swung off to the right following a CP&L pole line, skirted the CCC and ended up at Bloomsbury Park. Bloomsbury Park was an amusement park built by CP&L located near the intersection of Lassiter Mill Road and Scotland Street. If my information is correct the carousel at Pullen Park was first located in Bloomsbury Park. It was also interesting to note that wooden ties were unearthed during the excavation around Five Points.

I have a theory that the Raleigh cars were single ended thus requiring a turning loop instead of switching the trolley pole and motorman from end to end. Hope this is of interest to you.

~George W Lasley

Future Events

The club is open every Wednesday, starting about 7:00 p.m. Also on Saturday at 10 a.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m.

All events at the club site, 1001 Airport Blvd. Suite 120, unless otherwise specified.

For details on how to arrive at the club, check out our website: <http://www.nrvclub.net>

Note from the Editor

Please send articles to me at joe.nrvmrrc@pobox.com. by the Wednesday before the next meeting, so I can do the newsletter on Thursday. Check out our website at: <http://www.nrvclub.net>

Check the website to see when the club will be opened.

Thanks to Don Jennings for the pictures of our current layout.





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NEXT REGULAR MEETING - Wednesday, July 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Dinner meeting.

LOCATION: MORRISVILLE OUTLET MALL, 1001 AIRPORT BLVD. Next to Izod

Monday, July 5, 2010, 7:00 p.m. BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING, at the club at Morrisville Mall.

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