

The

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Post

Official Newsletter of the

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

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. This Month's Program

This month's meeting will be dedicated to planning for our upcoming show on the first weekend of November.

. Under the Crown Sheet

Well, it is finally here. This is our last meeting before the show in November. If you can, go by the Garden Show at the State Fair and help out. This is a great opportunity to talk to visitors and get people to attend our show. A special thanks to Frank for all the work he has put into this effort.

We will need as many of you as possible to work the show. Setup is Friday at 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. We will serve dinner to THOSE WHO WORK. The same on Sunday evening. Please make yourselves available all weekend. Warm bodies may also be necessary Thursday evening as we load up items we take to the show.

We will also need members to man the clubhouse for the usual times during the Fair and we may want to keep the store open during our show.

Please do any job you are assigned. Help vendors and exhibitors unload and set up. And remember, you are all members of our security team. All these things are important, but the most important thing is to have fun and be sure all of our guests have fun.

. READY OR NOT, HERE COMES NUMBER 26

As the 26th annual train show approaches here are some thoughts.

- 1) It looks like we may have a record on tables sold, hopefully all the vendors will show up.
- 2) We will need lots of bodies (along with the minds) to help run things smoothly. On Friday the building will be open at 8 AM. We will need to tweak the table layout and get all the tables assigned to the proper vendors.
- 3) The layouts will arrive shortly after that..

- 4) Our vendors will start to set up around noon, Some will need assistance in getting a vehicle into the building and then unloading. As soon as they are unloaded the vehicles need to exit so others may take their place. Getting out is sometimes harder than getting in.
- 5) There will be signs to put out on the fairgrounds.
- 6) Pizza arrives around 6 PM on Friday. I must stress that pizza is for those who have worked all day, including vendors and layout people. Please do not show up just to eat as this is not a free meal for all.
- 7) Nine PM is pumpkin hour so everyone can get a good nights sleep.
- 8) Seven AM on Saturday morning is start up time. The show opens in 2 hours at 9 AM.
- 9) One of our biggest needs today is for members to man the club tables. Selling this merchandise is a large part of our profit for the weekend. We will have magazines, bulldozer signs, rolling stock, building, books and maybe a surprise. Put your sales skills to work at the club table. If you don't have salesman's skills this is a good time to learn.
- 10) Shortly after 5 PM it is time to say enough for the day. See you at 8 AM sunday morning.
- 11) Sunday is a repeat of Saturday until it is time to tear it all down, pack it up and move it out. Again, pizza about 6:30.

If anyone has a mini van and would be willing to pick someone up at some point during the show and then get them home please contact me at 834-5531 in the evening. It must be a minivan as the person is mobility impaired.

A years worth of work by a few culminates in 3 days of work by many. Come out, work, see the layouts, buy some stuff, visit friends and above all, HAVE FUN!

Thanks for you help,

George Lasley
Show Grand Poohbah

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM.10/4/2010

Board members present: J.R. Fisher, George Lasley, Joe Johnston, Frank Simmons, Steve Wills and Pete Hansma. Roland Waggoner is on medical leave and Tom Magnani is acting Secretary in his place.

Members present were: Scott Hall and Don Jennings.

Steve provided a Treasurer's Report. The Club's funds have increased since last month. We are still owed a refund for our check order. The membership list was reviewed to ascertain who was current. Progress Energy has returned the Club's utility deposit with accrued interest.

George reported that we have sold 196 tables, out of a possible 213. The Department of Transportation will have 2 tables. One for high speed rail, the other for safety education.

The club needs volunteers to staff the front door table and our tables within the building.

Following a discussion of News & Observer advertisement rates it was decided to buy a 3" advertisement for Sunday, Wednesday, Wednesday in mid-town, Friday and Saturday. George will inquire as to the N&O's circulation numbers on their Wednesday "mid-towns" in the area. He will forward his findings to the Board.

Pete demonstrated the short video, on an electronic "picture frame", that he had prepared for the Club's booth at the North Carolina State Fair. There was a discussion of how many of the November flyer cards should be printed for distribution at the State Fair including whether or not we should try to offset the cost by having a commercial partner purchase the back side. Pete is to develop a piece printing cost.

Pete has talked with Parent's Magazine about a piece about the Club. They would like photographs of our club showing children at the layouts.

Pete provided samples of two 8 1/2" x 11" flyers that he had prepared for display in public places, libraries, etc.

Pete will need more library shelves constructed after the show to handle our increasing magazine collection.

Steve announced that Frank Mansfield is selling his DCC equipment at a discount. \$150 -\$160 for the controller, \$130 for a Zephyr unit. If a decision to purchase for the club is to be made, it must be prior to the November show.

Michael DeSplinter's telephone offer of material will require a club receipt to complete the donation.

J.R. reported that Tom's Trains O gauge "Scout" layout had an accident late Sunday, 10/3, and was shut down to preclude further damage. It needs to be cleaned and lubricated on a monthly basis. Frank will contact Tom Staley.

J.R. reported on the IRS's rule changes for 501(c)3's. He thanked Steve for his diligence which has assured that our 501(c)3 status is not in jeopardy. The Board members reviewed and confirmed their hours for 2009.

J.R. stressed that our membership must step forward on the weekends to be at the club so that we may open. Weekend donations are covering our utilities. Closing the club is one of our options if we cannot staff the room with more than 2 people. The Mall is having a series of weekend events through the coming holidays which would be an opportunity for the Club to showcase our smaller layouts. **WE NEED MEMBERS TO BE HERE ON WEEKENDS** On a motion by Tom and seconded by George the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by Tom Magnani

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.

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NEXT REGULAR MEETING - Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Monday, October 4, 2010, 7:00 p.m. BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING, at
the club at Morrisville Mall.**

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