

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 on January 19 will feature a presentation by Tom Staley on "A visit with the Powder River Coal Mining Trains".

. Under the Crown Sheet

The holidays are behind us and hopefully so is the extreme bad weather. I don't believe it is, but I can hope. I hope everyone in the club had a wonderful and safe time and you are now ready to get back to the routines with your club.

We really need for more of the membership to participate in our club activities, which right now means coming to the clubhouse on Saturdays and Sundays and assisting our visitors. It is really easy to get overwhelmed when we are understaffed.

If the Christmas decorations are not down by our next meeting then that has a high priority. They were a lot of fun and our younger visitors enjoyed them immensely.

The PBS telethon is coming up very soon and we need to decide if we are going to participate and the dates if we are. Please show up and let your voice be heard.

Bill Ferguson does a good job of keeping the bathroom and store clean, but we could all help him by taking our trash to the containers in the mall. Please, remember to wash out your aluminum cans before crushing them in the recycle container in the back room.

I am going to be taking a leave of absence for a few months to give extra attention to my mother of 91 years. I anticipate being available at Board meetings and third Wednesday meetings but not on the weekends. Please step up and help out on the weekends.

At this time, I do not feel I should run for President of the club for the next year. Mostly because I seem to have failed to motivate the membership to participate at the clubhouse and with everything else currently going on in my life, I lack the necessary patience to continually implore you

to do your fair share of the work necessary to maintain a functioning clubhouse. Perhaps it is time to develop some new leadership within the club to which you will respond. I certainly hope so.

I am not resigning and I may seek some other position on the Board and in the club; but for now, others need to step forward and get the club behind them to take the organization to the next level. It is your club and your clubhouse; give both the attention they deserve.

Our finances are such that in the next few months the membership needs to consider raising the dues at the start of our next fiscal year which begins June 1. At our current level of dues, we do not cover the rent and utility bills and we deplete our treasury monthly. Other possible remedies are fundraisers and assessments. If you have suggestions, please bring them to our Board meetings and present them. Otherwise, consider what you feel would be a reasonable and affordable increase in our dues. I have suggested a fifty percent increase to the Board which translates into \$15.00 per month for senior members.

You get out of the club what you put into it.

Minutes of the Membership Meeting

J.R. Fisher called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Don Jennings.

Board members present: J.R. Fisher, Joe Johnston, George Lasley, Thomas Magnani, Frank Simmons and Steve Wills.

Members present were: Joe Austin, Robert Harvey, Thomas Harvey, John Held, Don Jennings, Arthur Katz, Cliff Kelly, Fred Krauss, Frank Mansfield, Bill Oram, Rich Trumper and Richard Walz.

The following guest was introduced: Rich Trumper.

The Treasurer reported that the amount of our funds is basically unchanged from last month.

George Lasley reported that we did very well with the show making enough to more than cover our deposit for next year's show. He is trying to get the Fairgrounds to use the Club's official name, as well as to correct the spelling of his name, on its paperwork

Joe Johnston thanked George for his 26th year of managing the show for the Club.

Joe Johnston's motion to close out the proceedings for this year's show was unanimously approved.

George Lasley stated that, based on the ticket records, the money spent on Channel 14 appears to have generated a worthwhile return on our investment.

Steve Wills' motion to open the proceedings for the 2011 Train Show was seconded by Bill Oram and unanimously approved. George Lasley volunteered to run our 27th show.

Joe Johnston's motion to act as the sponsor for Rich Trumper, who has been helping Bernie Dawson with the N Scale layout, was seconded by John Held. Joe's motion to suspend the rules was

unanimously accepted. George Lasley's motion to accept Rich Trumper's application and status as a probationary member was seconded by Steve Wills was unanimously approved.

Steve Wills announced the purchase of Frank Mansfield's DCC set for the N Scale layout. The club will send the older, HO layout, DCC controller out for repair. Bernie Dawson will need to purchase at least one locomotive decoder as well as a reversing loop module. Joe Johnston may be able to lend the club a reversing loop module.

We will need 8 members on Saturday, December 18th, at 5 PM to move the Boy Scout layout.

George Lasley will know by 8 am Saturday if the Club's party and dinner will be cancelled due to inclement weather. If necessary, the attendees will be notified by telephone.

John Held inquired as to the practicality of renting a store in the Mall at which to sell personal items. J. R. said that the insurance, rent, county and state licenses that are required, in addition to the rent, usually make it too costly for small groups.

Joe Johnston notified the meeting that Robert Rasmussen of Cary wishes to sell a G scale locomotive and cars. Joe has his contact information.

Joe recommended the exhibit "Holiday Springs and Sprockets - Art That Moves, by Steve Gerberich" at the North Carolina Museum Of Life And Science.

Tom Magnani is to send Don Jennings the list of members and their contact information.

J. R. asked for the members to make every effort to staff the club on Saturday's as that has been our heaviest traffic day.

Don asked about plans for the HO layout. There will be a separate HO meeting in January. Steve Wills will determine the date.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM on a motion by George Lasley seconded by Bill Oram.

Submitted by Tom Magnani.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors

BoG members present: JR Fisher, George Lasley, Steve Wills, Joe Johnston, Pete Hansma, Frank Simmons.

Members present: Scott Hall, Franco Venturi, Don Jennings

Called to order at 6:55 am

We have money.

Count of return discount coupons from show: most coupons were from Web. Fewer from N&O. A total of 714 were returned.

Several books and videos were presented to the club by Colen Oberchain , 206 N. Dimmock Rd. Washington NC 27889, and Rob Harvey.

Fred Krause donated a refrigerator that we have been using.

Last year on the same day as our show, there was a road race which impeded access to our show on Sunday. We need to raise objections to the city officials to the running of a road race on the day that our November show is held.

A lot of progress has been made on the N-scale layout under Bernie's aegis.

Steve is planning to make two U-shaped end pieces to replace the four corner pieces for the HO layout.

Frank Simmons motioned and Joe seconded that the club buy two HO engines from Frank Mansfield for \$25 each. The motion passed.

Jane Lasley sent a thank you note for using her catering services at the Christmas dinner.

Steve suggested getting track cleaning cars for each of the gauges.

JR mentioned that the board should think about replacing the air-conditioning unit, which has failed since we have been here at the mall and according to our lease, we are responsible for replacing it.

JR mentioned that he will be spending more time at his ailing mother's home in Washington, NC. He also said that he would not run for president in this year's elections.

We received 24 O-scale cars that were stored at Tom Smink's home. We believe that our club purchased them.

Our insurance is due for renewal at the end of February. We need to research which company we should go with.

We are still waiting for Tichy to supply the tank cars that we had requested to use as a fund-raiser.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05

Submitted by Joe Johnston

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.

Membership meeting on Wednesday, January 19.

BoG meeting on February 7.

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

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, January 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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