

The

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**Post**

*Official Newsletter of the*

**Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club**

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### **. This Month's Program**

At this month's meeting, George Lasley will show the joy and wonders of weathering with an air brush. Bring your cars to be weathered; George will bring the air brush and the paint. Any scale.

### **. Under the Crown Sheet**

Spring is upon us and everyone wants to get outside and clean up their yards. Not much hope that we can lure some of you to the indoor activity of coming to the clubhouse on the weekend to run trains and greet visitors. But we hope that you will.

Of course, if you are truly a train buff, then it is time to clean up the outdoor layout and get that garden railway running. Railroading does not have to be seasonal. Still, please come out to the club and help out here on the weekends, especially when the weather is nasty.

Donations continue to pour in and we are running out of space. A terrible problem to have. :) As we go through all of these donations, we will make them available to the membership. The trains that were auctioned last month but did not sell have been donated for the November show along with the proceeds: a gift from Richard Hagan.

Hopefully, all the members have been contacted by one of our at-large board members and been given the opportunity to volunteer to run for a board position. If not, please be sure to be at the meeting on the 20th so that we can get your name on the slate of officers running. Nominations will be closed during this meeting. The election is next month and new officers will be installed in June.

November may seem like a long way off, but it will be here before you know it; so please make your plans early regards working the show or having a booth/table. Approximately half of the tables are spoken for at his writing.

We hope to see you all at the meeting on the 20th, 7 p.m.

J.R Fisher

## **Minutes of the Membership Meeting**

J. R. Fisher called the meeting of March 16, 2011 to order at 7:06 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Members present were: Bernard Dawson, Robert Harvey, Thomas Harvey, John Held, John Herzog, Tyler Herzog, Don Jennings, Clif Kelly, Fred Krauss, Frank Mansfield, Rich Trumper, and Richard Walz.

Probationary member Franco Venturi was present.

Guests, Bill Hanley, Mike Rogers and Doug Tomlinson introduced themselves to the meeting.

Bill Hanley introduced himself to the meeting as a modeler of the B&O and the Western Maryland. He considers himself a fine scale modeler and in knowledgeable with respect to DCC.

Mike Rogers introduced himself to the meeting as a first time guest.

Doug Tomlinson introduced himself to the meeting. He collects HO and had learned of the club through Dan Egy.

J. R. thanked Frank Simmons for installing the shelves for our expanding collection of model railroading materials.

George Lasley reported that have 101 tables reserved for November's show at the fairgrounds.

George read the letter, concerning the conflict between our fair and the “City Votes Marathon” on November 6th, which he prepared to be sent to Raleigh’s Mayor, City Council and Police Department. There was a unanimous approval of the letter.

J. R. thanked the members for supporting the club on the weekends by being here to make visitors welcome and to answer their questions. He noted that this is one reason that our collection of models is continuing to grow.

Members-at-Large, Pete Hansma, Joe Johnston and Frank Simmons will be contacting Senior members concerning the election slate for next year’s Board. Frank’s 3 year term as Member at-Large is up this year. Joe has 1 year and Pete has 2 years remaining in their terms. They are to report back by April’s meeting with the election to be held at May’s meeting. J. R. wants people with the time to serve. The Officers assume their office in June. We may also have an inaugural dinner; as last year.

John Held introduced the “programs” for the membership meetings that he runs for the club. He asked for suggestions from, and participation by, our members.

Dick Waltz was surprised with a Birthday cake.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM on a motion by J.R., seconded by Don Jennings.

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors**

J. R. called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM, 04/04/11

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

Members Bill Furgerson, Scott Hall, John Held and Don Jennings were present. Doug Tomlinson was also present.

Steve Wills provided a Treasurer’s Report. Our position is effectively a bit ahead from a year ago. Pricing was determined for Frank Mansfield’s used HO track; \$1 for brass, \$5 for nickel-silver. We have a donation of brass HO track and Joe Johnston has had several phone calls about N scale equipment. Bernie Dawson will contact the N scale donor(s).

Tom Magnani was provided with an annotated 2010-2011 Club Roster Dues listing dated 03/26/11 to contact those members, by email and post, who either are, or will be, in arrears on their dues.

George Lasley reported on his conversation, in response to the Club's letter concerning the conflict with the coincidentally scheduled foot race on 11/6/11, with a representative of the Raleigh Police. He had suggested an alternate route near the Fairgrounds and was told that a change in the route will require certification by the Boston Marathon organization as this is a qualifying race for that event. He also informed the Police contact that their signage requires considerable improvement over last year's to be clear to those who are not intimately familiar with the local streets round the Fairground. He has not received any response from any of the City Council members; although each member was sent an individual letter.

George Lasley also reported on his brief visit with Roland Waggoner.

Frank Simmons reported that the three (3) "At Large" Board members have received their telephone contact lists. Their report is due on April 20th. He has been auditing the Treasurer's books; considering them from a Statement of Purpose, Statement of Opinion, perspective and has been in contact with Steve.

Joe Johnston announced that he has set up an IR (Infra Red) link in the inside of the HO layout that can be connected to from most of the layout by the Digitrax Controllers. Additionally, he and Don Jennings have been doing repairs and upgrades to the layout's wiring. J. R. thanked both for their work.

John Held reported that George will present a talk on air brushing at our next members meeting.

Frank Simmons completed the additional library shelving.

On a motion by Tom Magnani, and seconded by George Lasley, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

## Future Events

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

Membership meeting on Wednesday, May 20.

BoG meeting on May 2.

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](mailto: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.

Several weeks ago I drove to Charlottesville, VA and took the Cardinal to Chicago. This is a beautiful ride along the New River Gorge and the Ohio River; the return trip has the most daylight. There are also rides in the Fall: check out

<http://www.wvbridgeday.com/new-river-train/>

There is no good ride via train from Raleigh to Chicago without a layover, so this seems to be the best and cheapest option. I have found how to park for free in Charlottesville; ask me about it.

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**NEXT REGULAR MEETING - Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

**Monday, May 2, 2011, 7:00 p.m. BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING, at the club at Morrisville Mall.**

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