

The

**Whistle**



**Post**

*Official Newsletter of the*

**Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club**

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

**JR will show some examples of modules that can be used for future construction of our layouts.**

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

I would like to thank George and Jane Lasley for the wonderful meal that they provided for our installation dinner last month. I believe everyone had seconds! It was so gratifying to see so many families show up on this special occasion. Thanks to everyone who came.

A reminder: since we have begun a new year, dues are due. If you have any questions about how much you owe or how you may pay your dues, please talk with Steve Wills, our treasurer, and he will assist you.

There is movement on all of the layouts now, and it is especially important that those who have expressed interest in designing and building the new HO layout attend the meeting. No lumber will be cut until the plan is complete and approved. Now is the time to share your ideas and suggestions.

I was disappointed that only six club members went to Tichy Trains for the tour. If you have never seen an injection molding operation, you missed your chance to see one of the best in the world. I thank Don Tichy for giving us the opportunity and look forward to seeing him at our November show. A special thanks to those members who stayed at the clubhouse to entertain the visitors.

Speaking of the show, please make every effort to be part of the show as it is the most important event on our calendar. Try to be available to set up, man and tear down Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. This year it will be especially important that you

convince your families and friends to attend. Costs will be up and we need to offset those higher costs with a higher attendance. Do your part, please.

I hope to see everyone on the twentieth.  
JR Fisher

## **Minutes of the Membership Meeting**

J. R. Fisher called the meeting of June 18, 2011 to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by George Lasley.

The Secretary called the roll.

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

Members present were: Joe Austin, Bernard Dawson, Erik Dyke, Bill Ferguson, Scott Hall, Robert Harvey, Thomas Harvey, John Held, Don Jennings, George Lasley, Bill Oram, Doug Tomlinson, Franco Venturi, Roland Waggoner and Richard Walz.

Guests were Denis McCulloch and Anthony Monforti who was accompanied by Richard, his father.

Steve Wills reported that our treasury is basically unchanged from last month and somewhat ahead of last year. He thanked George Lasley for his audit of one of his books.

J. R. asked for the members to confirm their attendance at the Installation Dinner with George. The cost to members and their guests will be \$10/person with the dinner beginning at 6:00 PM.

J. R. reminded the membership that the annual dues are due. The dues are \$120/year for Senior Members, \$60/year for Sustaining Members and \$24/year for Junior members.

George Lasley reported we have reservations for 110 tables for November's show at the Fairgrounds and that things are proceeding satisfactorily.

J. R. reported that the Board has been busy working to resolve the conflict with the City of Oaks Marathon that is in conflict with our Fairgrounds show on Sunday, November 6th. George provided the details. On June 7th the Raleigh City Council had vote scheduled a vote to approve the proposed route and grant a permit to the City

of Oaks Marathon on their Consensus Agenda. Normally, unless a council member objects, this leads to an approval. Present for the club were J. R., George Lasley and Will Allen. The vote was deferred and sent back to the Council's Law and Public Safety Committee. The Club owes Will Allen our thanks for his efforts on our behalf.

The City Council is Raleigh's governing body, consisting of eight members who are elected for two-year terms. Three of the members, including the mayor, Mayor Charles Meeker, Mary-Ann Baldwin and Russ Stephenson, are elected at large, while the other members, Thomas Crowder, Nancy McFarlane, Bonner Gaylord, John Odom and Eugene Weeks, are elected from five districts.

On June 14th the Law and Public Safety Committee, composed of Mary-Ann Baldwin, John Odom, Eugene Weeks, which meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, met to discuss, among other topics, the conflicts with the proposed City of Oaks Marathon. Present for the club were George Lasley, Clif Kelly, Joe Johnston, Tom Magnani and his wife and, Frank Simmons. Representing the Fairgrounds were: Claudine Davis, Facilities Director NC State Fairgrounds, Flea Market Operator, Marshall Stewart, vendors Sharon Curtain and Cheryl White and, Abdul Sadat for the Muslim community who have a religious observance with approximately 9,000 people expected for a 9 am observance. The Raleigh City of Oaks Marathon was represented by Ron Wahula, Race Director. After some discussion the matter was deferred for the committee's next meeting with an understanding that "... in the future they will be glad to look at changing this." At the urging of Councilwoman Mary-Ann Baldwin the parties agreed to meet to reach a compromise before the next Committee meeting.

Scott Hall reminded the attendees that there will be a Maker Fair this coming Saturday, June 18th, at the Fairgrounds' Governor Kerr Scott building from 9 am – 5 pm.

Steve announced that there will be a meeting to plan the HO layout on June 26th.

J. R. announced that the Board's next meeting will be on July 5th rather than on the previously announced July 4th.

John Held reminded the attendees that George will be demonstrating the art and technique of air brushing following the meeting.

The July 9th tour of the Tichy facilities, described in this month's Whistle Post, will leave the Mall parking lot at 10:30 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM on a motion by J. R., seconded by George Lasley.

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

J. R. called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM July 5, 2011 and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: J.R. Fisher, Clif Kelly, Tom Magnani, Frank Simmons and Steve Wills.

Members present were: Bernard Dawson, Dan Egy and George Lasley.

Steve Wills reported that he had not received June's statement due to the Holiday's disruption of the mail and, that he anticipated that our balance was essentially unchanged from last month. He thanked those members who have helped with auditing the Club's "books". He has four (4) "books" remaining to be audited.

Steve requested that Dan Egy look at 2 of our HO locomotives, the Hudson and the Y6b, with the goal of adding DCC decoders. After some discussion it was decided not to repair the Pennsylvania K4. J. R.'s motion to keep only the two and to sell the remaining 6 was seconded by Tom Magnani and unanimously approved. Steve will affix a price tag to each.

Bernie Dawson is in the process of contacting Jerry Davis to arrange for his assistance with the editing of a Club video for our show. Bernie also discussed setting up an NRV Booth at the Fairgrounds at the Flea Market, before the State Fair, to advertise our show as well as at the TCA, Toy Train Sale and Swap Meet, on August 14th. J. R. would like to sell some of our surplus at their show but we need to sort it first to support the new HO layout and then pack the remaining for sale. He will raise the staffing issue at Membership meeting on July 20th.

George Lasley reported that we have sold 124 tables for the show.

He reported that he and J. R. met in the office of Joel Keith the N.C. State Fair Division's Public Safety & Security Chief with representatives of the Flea Market vendors, the Muslim worship group, the Fairgrounds staff and the Marathon to reach the best agreement possible. With the conflict with that Saturday's NC State vs. North Carolina football game (Its time is still listed as TBD.) and the Marathon on Sunday he is concerned that we will just break even. We need to remain actively involved with the City Council to preclude a repeat of this year's conflict with the Marathon.

J. R. raised the issue of clubhouse coverage during the summer. He is asking the Board members to accept Club coverage for specific weekends. To date, only Tom and Frank have signed up to cover a single weekend. He will raise the coverage issue with the Membership at the July 20th meeting.

He reminded the meeting that we will be touring the Tichy factory this coming Saturday. He asked that the Board remind the membership of the meeting. Clubhouse coverage will be by Bernie Dawson, Don Jennings and Doug Tomlinson.

Steve reported that the first HO layout meeting was well attended and that preliminary planning is proceeding as a number of individual tasks.

J. R. raised the question of our advertising budget for the show. He believes that we should trim it in light of the anticipated decrease in revenues. He is looking to hold spending below \$3,000 although cutting it too much will be disastrous.

On a motion by Tom Magnani, seconded by Clif Kelly, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 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, July 20.

BoG meeting on August 1

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.

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

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

**Monday, August 1, 2011, 7:00 p.m. BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING, at the club at Morrisville Mall.**

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