

The

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Post

Official Newsletter of the

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

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. This Month's Program

The September meeting will feature a talk on the history of the Neuse River Valley Railroad, by the authors of the most carefully documented history of that railroad, which runs from Moorhead City, North Carolina to Matoaka, West Virginia, just north of Bluefield.

. Under the Crown Sheet

Summer is finally over and we are getting into the time of year everyone starts thinking about trains. Well, I do. Besides, there are only about 50 more days before we have our annual train show at the state fairgrounds.

I am delighted to report that almost all of the dealer tables have been sold which is way ahead of previous years. We may even end up with a waiting list. So, if you were thinking of getting a table and selling some of your prize possessions, you had better see George next Wednesday night at our regular meeting and get your tables before they are all gone.

That being said, if you are not going to be selling your own trains at the November show, please plan on helping the club run the show, selling our trains at the club table, or volunteering to come to the clubhouse and manning it. There is going to be the N. C. Comi-Con at our mall that weekend and last year proved to be financially rewarding regards donations that weekend. So, we would like to have the clubhouse open and trains running. Those manning the clubhouse can direct visitors to our show at the fairgrounds as well.

If you have not paid your dues by the first of September, you are in arrears and no longer a member in good standing. This means that you are not permitted to vote on any motions made in the club until you have paid your dues. Please see Steve if

you are unsure if you have or have not paid your dues and if not, arrange to do so before next month.

As always, we encourage our members to come to the clubhouse on the weekends to run their/our trains as well as interact with our visitors. Maybe you would enjoy perusing our excellent library or just chatting with other members and guests. But whatever entertains you, come use your clubhouse. Nobody else has one here.

I hope to see all of you on the 21st and the weekend as well.

JR Fisher

Minutes of the Membership Meeting

J. R. Fisher called the meeting of August 17, 2011 to order at 7:04 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Joe Austin.

The Secretary called the roll.

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

Members present were: Joe Austin, Bernard Dawson, Bill Ferguson, Scott Hall, Bill Hanley, Robert Harvey, Thomas Harvey, John Held, Don Jennings, Arthur Katz, George Lasley, John Suhr, Franco Ventruì, Roland Waggoner and Richard Walz.

Probationary members present were: A.J. Green, Wlad Perdomo and Doug Tomlinson.

Pre-probationary members present were: Charlie Vestal and John Vestal.

Kim Parker introduced himself.

J. R. Fisher announced that A.J. Green and Wlad Perdomo have both been quite involved with club activities, especially HO. Joe Johnston agreed to be the sponsor for both. J. R.'s motion to accept them as Probationary Members was unanimously approved.

J. R.'s motion to elevate Bill Hanley to Senior Member, with Tom Magnani as his sponsor, was seconded by Tom Magnani and unanimously approved.

George Lasley reported we have reservations for 149 tables, without Kim Parker's included, for November's show at the Fairgrounds and that things are proceeding as expected. Several vendors have called to request more tables. He will begin making calls to the remaining vendors within a few weeks. He has set aside 5 tables for the Club's use. J. R. reminded the members that they should contact George ASAP if they want to rent a table(s).

There will be a Narrow Gauge Convention on September 7- 10, 2011 in Hickory, NC.

The Carolina Piedmont Division 13 of the NMRA Mid-Eastern Region will be having its convention at the Cary Embassy Suites from October 27 – 30, 2011.

Bernie Dawson reported on his project to develop a Club video loop to run during the show. He reported that Doug Tomlinson had made several videos of the club's layouts.

J. R. reported for Steve Wills that our treasury is basically unchanged from last month.

J. R. commented that we had an excellent weekend and that we still need more members to help out on weekends. We will need everyone to be available on November 4th to assist with the Show's set-up, beginning at 8 am. We will also need help Sunday afternoon, for dismantling at 5 P.M.

Joe Johnston reminded all present that the next Board of Governors meeting will be on the first Tuesday, September 6th at 7 P.M., instead of Monday, the 5th. He will send out an email notice to the membership.

J.R. reminded the HO Layout planners that they need to go through the Club's stock of structures. If in Club stock, they should tag it with their name and the layout section on which it will be used. If not in the stock, to use the Walther's catalog to obtain footprint information and; to remember to make provision for sidewalks, parking lots and roads. Also, to remember to jointly plan on paving type(s) and common services.

John Held requested that the Club reprint the "History of the NRV" and distribute it to the members. George Lasley will follow-up if Tom Magnani is unable to scan it. The "History of the NRV" will be next month's program.

Roland Waggoner brought in a DVD of Jerry Davis' 2 Rail O gauge layout set in 1954 California.

The program immediately following this meeting will be by Kim Parker and Frank Simmons about clearing and setting CV's for Digitrax DCC systems.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM on a motion by Bill Hanley, seconded by George Lasley.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors

J. R. called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM, September 6, 2011

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

Members present were: Bernard Dawson, Don Jennings, George Lasley and Doug Tomlinson.

Probationary member present was A. J. Green.

Steve Wills reported that, as of the end of August, our balance was essentially unchanged from last month and is somewhat ahead of last year at this time. Also, that we need to send letters to our members to remind them that their dues are overdue. He gave Tom Magnani the latest, 08/21/2011, "Club Roster Dues" to use to develop the list of recipients.

Steve asked for a volunteer from the general membership to review his accounting books. Doug Tomlinson accepted for one book.

George Lasley reported that we have commitments for 174 tables with another 16 being processed. Pete Hansma had delivered flyers and posters to the Club house on Friday.

J. R. has decided that the News & Observer's advertisement will be 3 inches for 3 days (advertisements for the show on Sunday, Oct. 30th, Friday, Nov. 4th and Saturday, Nov. 5th). He will email the Board following his expected meeting with Time Warner Cable on Sept. 9th.

J. R. showed the meeting the flyer he found for Comicon to be held at the Mall on Nov. 5th and 6th. There was a discussion about the desirability, although difficult, of having the club open while we are staffing the show that weekend. He has had discussions with Don Tichey about having club HO tank cars to sell at this year's show.

Bernie Dawson asked that someone contact John Ragan concerning Mr. Ragan's interest in a table at the show.

J. R. reminded the membership to contact George Lasley ASAP if they wish to rent a table.

There will be a Narrow Gauge gathering in Boone beginning on Thursday, Sept. 8 – 12 with Jerry Davis' open house on Saturday, Sept. 11th.

Tom Magnani asked if there would be an interest in the Club purchasing, for \$200, the upcoming Kalmbach DVD of 75 years, 1934 - 2009 of Model Railroader to supplement our existing library. It would reduce the wear and tear on the paper magazines. He was asked to email the Board the details of the offering.

Doug Tomlinson reported on the HO Layout effort. He has a soft copy from Scott Hall. He has found that CadRail, suggested by Scott, is easier to use than the Atlas program. To date he has submissions by Scott and Roland. J. R. reminded the meeting that the work cannot begin until plans for all of the modules have been submitted and reviewed. The next HO meeting will be Sunday, Sept. 18th.

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, September 21.

BoG meeting on October 3.

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, September 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Monday, October 3, 2011, 7:00 p.m. BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING, at the club at Morrisville Mall.

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