

The

Whistle



Post

Official Newsletter of the

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

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This Month's Program

Doug Thomlinson will present ideas for planning the HO layout for 2012. Also don't forget the Holiday dinner on Saturday, January 14 at 6 pm at the clubhouse. Cost to members will be \$10 per person. You are welcome to bring your family members or significant other. Please let George know at glasley@bellsouth.net as Jane and he will be providing the meal.

Under the Crown Sheet

Most of you have gotten the email notice that one of our members passed last Tuesday. Ray Mumford has been a friend of mine for more than forty years and is going to be missed beyond words. Ray was one of the original group that hung out at the Hobby Shop in Cameron Village on Monday and Friday nights. He drew up the plans for the first modules that we built and made the original template for the ends that are still in use today by the Sipping and Switching Society and NRV.

He was one of the founding fathers of this club and it was due to his efforts that we were able to acquire our 501(c)3 status from the I.R.S. Ray was a superb modeler and has garnished many awards with his models.

Recently, Ray has been coming back to the club meetings and visiting on weekends to talk trains as well as run some of his B&O equipment. He was always a source of information on a wide range of topics, and if he did not know the answer to your question, he would find it and call you and tell you, day or night.

I will cherish the hundreds of fond memories we created together over the last forty-three years. There aren't many men like Ray Mumford. The world is poorer for his loss.

As I am writing this on Thursday night, December 15th, the phone rang and it was Patricia Maxwell calling to tell me that our longtime friend and club member, Robert Maxwell, had just passed this afternoon.

For those of you that don't know the Maxwells, they have been members of our organization for many years, sticking with us through both the good and bad times.

Both Bob and Trish have been on our Board of Governors and so instrumental in many of our projects. Bob had a particularly wicked sense of humor and was not above using it at the expense of one of his friends. Of course, that always resulted in a return volley which he always took in stride.

While both Trish and Bob have had health issues over the last five or so years, it did not stop them from coming to our meetings or work sessions at the old location even if it meant Bob had to lie down and take a nap.

Bob was the kind of guy you wish you had twenty of. He was one of the most patient people I have ever known. He thought before he spoke and that meant he never said the wrong thing. Bob was one of the people I always sought for counsel before starting a project or responding to a non-constructive action by others. Another strong voice is stilled.

I had the usual things to talk about tonight, but the loss of two special friends and members so close together leaves me in need of some peace. It puts the importance of things in their proper perspective. Our club, above all things, is a family; and we have just lost two important members of that family.

Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers over the coming days and if you can attend their services, try to do so. We will notify the membership as we are given the dates, times, and places.

JR Fisher

Minutes of the Membership Meeting

J.R. called the meeting of November 16, 2011 to order at 7:07 PM and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Magnani called the roll.

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

Members present were: Joe Austin, Bernard Dawson, Erik Dyke, Bill Hanley, Robert Harvey, Thomas Harvey, Don Jennings, Fred Krauss, George Lasley, John Suhr, Doug Tomlinson, Roland Waggoner, and Richard Walz.

Probationary member A.J. Green was present.

Guest present was Mark Hockenyos.

Steve Wills reported that our accounts are somewhat ahead of a year ago at this time.

J. R. asked that any late dues payers contact Steve.

George Lasley reported on the show. The club made approximately 2/3 of the amount that it made in 2010. A considerable portion of that was from a substantial increase in sales at the Club's table. Three (3) of the dealers failed to show. We sold a number of the Club's Silver Anniversary tank cars. Paid attendance was down approximately 25%, which he attributed to Saturday's ball game and Sunday's Marathon. The Marathon had Hillsborough Street closed from 7:00 am to 1:30 pm, which was contrary to promises made during various Raleigh City Government meetings to reopen it by 10:00 am. George thanked all of the members for their help with the show and noted that they finished with all their work at 9:05 pm Sunday evening.

J. R. introduced the email correspondence that George had received from a dissatisfied older couple. He read from the original email, George's response and, their response to George.

J. R. thanked George and the membership for their work before, during and after the show.

Joe Johnson's motion to thank George Lasley and Pete Hansma was unanimously approved.

J. R. noted that it would have been quite useful if we could have had enough people to staff the club house that weekend, even though we had to staff the show, as there were at least 1,000 people attending the weekend Comicon event at the Mall. He had been here and observed that the Food Court was full.

J. R. reported that he has been in communication with Bob Maxwell, former officer and member. Bob is planning to be at the TCA sale on Saturday, December 3rd.

The Holiday dinner is planned for Saturday, January 14th, at 6:00 pm. On a hand count the date was approved. Steve Wills' motion to charge members and their family members \$10/person was seconded by Don Jennings and unanimously approved.

Don Jennings reported that his switching module took first place at the recent CPD 13 regional convention.

J. R. would like to have a Friday program, led by Bill Hanley, in which the members would build their own NRV club tank cars.

J. R. would like to see the buildings in the planned HO layout meet the currently accepted standards for interiors, lighting, etc.

Fred Krauss reported that he has received an email indicating that MTH is dropping its RailKing line of 1/32 scale models for G1, 45mm gauge track.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM on a motion by George Lasley, seconded by Fred Krauss.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors

J. R. called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. December 5, 2011

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

Members present were: Scott Hall and Doug Tomlinson.

Guest present was Donna Hansma.

Steve Wills reported that, as of the end of October, our balance was approximately \$3,000 ahead of last year at this time. J.R. stated that he would like the club to compensate each of the 5 layouts at the show (Sipping & Switching, NTrack, N Gauge in the Lobby, Garden and S Gauge) \$150 each.

Steve stated that he would like to make a donation to one or more charities totaling approximately 10% of our net over last year. There followed a general discussion as to which charities with some of the suggestions being: Wake Interfaith Hospitality where the club held its meetings prior to acquiring space in the previous location; North Carolina Operation Lifesaver, The North Carolina branch of a nationwide, non-profit public information program dedicated to reducing collisions, injuries and

fatalities at highway-rail crossings and on railroad rights of way; and, various homeless assistance, rescue organizations and food banks. J. R. asked members to submit suggestions with justifications.

Pete Hansma distributed a summary of the coupons that were collected during the show. J. R. requested the Board to review Pete's summary so that we can complete preliminary planning for next year's show; to be done at a special Board meeting.

Pete noted that we averaged between 1,000 and 1,500 "hits" on our web site in the months before the show. He also recommended that club members who wish to rent tables be encouraged to do so early so that George can group them to enable us to cover each other's tables and the Club's tables. This would result in a more efficient use of our limited membership.

George would like to create a "pass through" aisle at the show, linking "Steam Place" to "Diesel Street" near "Durham Southern Avenue".

J.R. and George have drafted a letter to the Raleigh City Council and its Law and Public Safety Committee concerning the City of Oaks Marathon not adhering to the commitment to have Hillsborough Street open by 10:00 am on the Sunday of the show.

J.R. reported that we had to close early on Saturday, December 4th, because there were no members available to staff the Clubhouse. He reiterated that our lack of general support hurt us financially on the Show weekend as we could not open the Clubhouse during Comicon which had 2,600 attendees and filled the Mall's parking lots.

J. R. asked the Board to commit to Clubhouse coverage for the upcoming weekend and assigned Clif Kelly the task of organizing weekend coverage.

Scott Hall described a club, which he had recently visited, at which several of its members had ongoing enthusiastic presentations of their skills and work. Steve suggested that we might consider a special, pre-advertised, Open House weekend to expand the public's knowledge of the Club and to attract new members.

There was a lengthy discussion of the Club's unique position at the Mall and our unknown and uncertain future at this location. J. R. asked the Board to carefully consider our situation and to return with suggestions for the long and short term.

J. R. reported that he had taken delivery of 48 more Silver Anniversary tank cars from the Tichey Train Group.

On a motion by J.R., seconded by Steve Wills, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 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, December 21.

BoG meeting on January 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. 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.

Neuse River Valley's Winning Layout Module by Don Jennings

During August and September 2011, I was working on a HO Scale module to be included in the Neuse River Valley model railroad club's new layout. Also about that time period there was an NMRA Mid East Region Convention at the Embassy Suites in Cary on October 28 through October 30, 2011. The module was complete as it could be for the NRV club project. It is mounted on a two foot wide by eight foot long board and has twelve building industries for switching. When incorporated in a larger layout it will give an operator many tasks for the moving and spotting of rolling stock to the proper location. Even as a stand-only module it is fun to switch the cars around to where they should end up.

I decided to take the module to the NMRA MER Convention. There I entered the module to be judged in the model contest room along with the other entries. I also entered a model railroad layout logo sign of my ATLANTIC & WESTERN RAILROAD in a separate category called the Arts & Crafts section of the judging. This sign / logo with its large letters for the A&W RR in yellow and black paint is

used to identify the model layout with its name and a sample of one of the A & W RR boxcars. I was curious as to the potential judging value of both of these entries.

At the MER AWARDS Banquet on Saturday October 29th, I was surprised to hear that the HO Scale Module and the A&W RR Logo sign were each awarded first place in their categories.

I am sure that many other Neuse River Valley Club members will also have winning modules when they bring them forth to be included in the new NRV RR layout.
Don Jennings



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NEXT REGULAR MEETING - Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Monday, January 2, 2012, 7:00 p.m. BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING, at the club at Morrisville Mall.

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