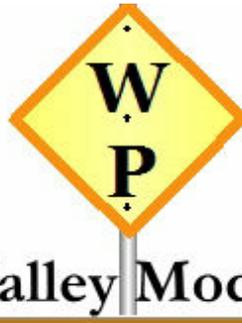


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Official Newsletter of the

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

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This Month's Program

January's presentation will be on DCC and its WiFi applications will be done by Doug Tomlinson and AJ Green. They will also demonstrate how to read the DCC chips in locomotives.

Under the Crown Sheet

We are starting the New Year off right by having our holiday celebration this month, on Saturday evening, January 14th at 6 p.m. at our clubhouse at the mall. We hope everyone gave George Lasley a reservation and will be present this Saturday for a fine dinner.

Last month was so sad as we lost two of our members. A solemn reminder to treasure our friends and enjoy every moment we have with them.

We still do not have any further information on our tenure at the mall other than that we have a sixty day notice when the time comes. This means we must be constantly looking to reduce our assets while we look for possible locations for us to move to when we eventually have to leave the mall.

Please inform a Board member if you hear of a good possible new home.

In the meantime, we have several projects planned for the new year and we hope that we will have good participation in the coming months.

Over the holidays, we had less than necessary coverage of the clubhouse by the membership. It is probably fortunate that the attendance by the public was also lower. With less traffic there is greater opportunity to get work done in the clubhouse as well as actually playing with our trains.

Minutes of the Membership Meeting

J.R. called the meeting of December 21, 2011 to order at 7:06 PM and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Magnani called the roll.

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

Members present were: Joe Austin, Bernard Dawson, Erik Dyke, Bill Ferguson, A.J. Green, Robert Harvey, Thomas Harvey, John Held, Don Jennings, Arthur Katz, Fred Krauss, George Lasley, John Suhr and Doug Tomlinson.

Steve Wills reported that our accounts are approximately \$1,800 ahead of a year ago at this time including the approximately \$3,000 we cleared from the show.

J.R., continuing the discussion that had begun at the Board's December 5th meeting, suggested that we make several donations, totaling \$300, to one or more charities. Erik Dyke asked that one of them be to "InterAct" a Wake County charity that provides support for abused women. George Lasley's motion to provide donations to Helping Hands Missions of Raleigh, InterAct and to Operation Lifesaver was seconded by J.R. and unanimously approved.

George Lasley read the letter that he drafted to be sent to the Law and Public Safety Committee members; Mary-Ann Baldwin, Chair, John Odom and Randy Stagner, concerning the extended closure of the roads around the Fair Grounds by the City of Oaks Marathon.

John Held's motion to close the books on the 2011 Show was seconded by Fred Krauss and unanimously approved.

J. R. has the contract for the 2012 Show. Set up will be on Friday, Nov. 2nd with the show running on Saturday, Nov. 3rd and Sunday, Nov. 4th. J.R.'s suggestion that George Lasley be re-elected as the Show Master for the 2012 Show was unanimously approved. George's motion to open the 2012 Show's books was seconded by Fred Krauss and approved unanimously.

J.R. announced that he has 48 more tank car kits with decals in hand.

J.R. announced that he, as did many others, received a sign-up reminder from WUNC-TV. The person at WUNC-TV with whom he usually speaks will return on January 9th and he will then attempt to obtain a Sunday morning slot for us. He may not have a firm date until mid February.

J.R. reported that Frank Mansfield has a chapter titled "I will never say "My gun is jammed." again." in a book titled "We Remember: Stories by North Carolina Veteran of WWII" edited by C. Russell Reynolds.

J.R. paid tribute to two of our long time members, Robert Maxwell and Ray Mumford, both who died in the past few weeks.

Don Jennings inquired as to holding an official, announced, open house on a Saturday as a way of drawing more interest to the Club. J.R. reminded the meeting that many of the Mall's stores will be closed by the new year and that we need to be flexible to accommodate the unknown changes.

A discussion of coverage for Saturday, December 24th was held and it was decided that Bernie Dawson and Steve Wills would cover the club.

The Holiday dinner is planned for Saturday, January 14th, at 6:00 pm. Payment will be made that evening with attendance commitments to be made to George by email.

Steve will be removing the Holiday decorations on Sunday, January 15th and will need assistance in addition to the Club's usual coverage.

Tonight's, and January's, presentation will be on DCC and its WiFi applications will be done by Doug Tomlinson and AJ Green. They will also demonstrate how to read the DCC chips in locomotives.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 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 6:59 PM, January 2, 2012

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

Members present were: Scott Hall, Don Jennings and George Lasley.

Steve Wills reported that there was no change from his report at the December 21, 2011 Membership meeting. Steve asked that his work email, srwills@levono.com be used instead of his home email, gltterstim@aol.com.

J. R. provided a follow-up on the 2011 Show's conflict with the City of Oaks Marathon and our letter to the Law and Public Safety Committee members. He, and George Lasley, received an email from Chair Mary-Ann Baldwin forwarding an email from Capt. O'Neal of the Raleigh PD describing changes to the Marathon's route that will leave the exits from 440 onto Hillsboro Street open for the entire race. It will still close parts of Duraleigh Road. We will be sending a polite thank you to the Committee for their efforts on our behalf.

Our Holiday Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 6:00 PM. Members are to email, not phone, George with their reservations. Joe Johnston is to send an email reminder to the membership.

On a motion by Tom Magnani, seconded by Clif Kelly, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 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, January 18.

BoG meeting on February 6.

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.

Frances Katz's Art Show

Frances Katz (Arthur's wife) will be showing a collection of her paintings of the past two years at the Horace Williams House in Chapel Hill in February

The title of her show is
“Recollections: Trees, Sea, and Me “

The show will open on Sunday February 5 at 2 pm and will continue to February 28.
Hours will be 10 am to 4 pm on Monday through Friday and 2 pm to 4 pm on Sundays

The Horace Williams House is located at 610 East Rosemary St. , Chapel Hill , NC

Frances’ works are multi-media based on acrylic paints on canvas with fabric, wire, string, beach sand, shells, yucca leaves and modeling paste to produce images that come alive.

Stuff for Sale

I was at Tom's Train Station last week to see if they were interested in a train (J1e Hudson Steam Locomotive) that I found at my house and they gave me your information and said someone in your club might be interested. My boyfriend's dad had a huge train collection for many years. He sold a majority of his trains before he passed away last year. But while in the process of going through his things we discovered a train that was purchased and never opened, much less taken out of the wooden chest it was sold in. I have attached a link of the train we have (of course I have no affiliation with the website, but I don't want to take the train out of its chest to take photos because it's very heavy and has never been removed from its chest). I was hoping that one of your members might be interested in purchasing it from me. I also have a few other items that were not purchased when he sold the bulk of his trains. I have many (many, many) yards of track (I'm not sure what size but not G Scale like the Hudson though, I'm not sure what size). I have a stool that says MTH Electric Trains, (Joe will send photo on request) . I also have a few trains with various liquors in them. I would really love to sell all of the trains and tracks etc. to finish settling my boyfriend's dad's estate.

http://www.outdoorrailways.com/suppliers/USA_J1e_Hudson.html

If you have any other questions, or have any people you think would be interested in seeing any of the items I have please feel free to email me back. You can call me as well but I'm in college and I work in the evenings so I'm usually easier to reach by email. My number is 919.753.3354. Thanks so much for your time!
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NEXT REGULAR MEETING - Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Monday, Febuary 6, 2012, 7:00 p.m. BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING, at the club at Morrisville Mall.

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