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Under the Crown Sheet

We are counting down! Less than two months before we close the doors for the last time on our current location. While we still have not found a new home, a lot of good things are happening as we go through the motions of closing. We are still getting new people who are interested in joining our club as we begin a new chapter in our history.

Many of the excesses of material, magazines, fixtures and trains are finding new homes and adding money to our treasury. In this vein, we hope to have more equipment to auction off at the next meeting on the eighteenth. Come support your club and buy some of our extras.

Speaking of which, Tom Staley has indicated that he would like to sell the Thomas layout in the window. If you are interested in it, please contact Tom directly or come to Wednesday night's meeting and talk to him there.

I would very much like for the "O" and "HO" layouts to remain up and running through the general meeting in May. They both can be easily disassembled and readied for packaging/storage in one day.

The BOG is considering hiring a truck and movers to move everything at the time we close. If you have other ideas, please advance them to a BOG member with reasons and details.

At the next meeting, Joe will present a slate of nominees to the membership and the floor will be open to nominations from members present. When nominations are closed, if there are multiple persons running for any positions, ballots will be printed and mailed to all eligible members to be completed and returned by the May general meeting.

One of the next orders of business will be where and when we will hold our meetings starting in June. That would include our "Installation of Officers" dinner that month as well.

I have been informed that if we do not have a new home by June, there is a location available to us for our meetings and programs. It will be especially important that we have good programs during a period of "no-home", if that is the case. If you wish to do a program or have a good idea for one, please see John Held and discuss it with him.

Speaking again of selling off equipment, if any members are interested in the large screen television we have been using, please see me before the end of the month.

When we get ready for the big push next month, the Board will send out a request for help. Please respond. Meanwhile, please offer your assistance to the team leaders.

In the meantime, come out and play trains! I hope to see you on the eighteenth!

J. R. Fisher

Minutes of the Membership Meeting

J.R. called the meeting of March 21, 2012 to order at 7:04 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by John Held.

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, Bill Bailey, Bernard Dawson, Erik Dyke, Bill Ferguson, A.J. Green, Robert Harvey, Thomas Harvey, John Held, Don Jennings, George Lasley, John Ragan, Tom Staley, John Suhr, Doug Tomlinson, Roland Waggoner and Richard Walz.

Probationary members present were Martin and Edward Blackburn.

Guests present were: Jim and Seth Harris and former member, Johnny James.

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

J.R. asked that anyone still in arrears with their dues for the year to see Steve after the meeting.

J.R. reported that there is no new news concerning our search for a new location.

J. R. explained the rules for the auction that will follow the meeting. The bidding must begin with the sticker price. If that price is not bid, then the item will be sold at the November show.

J. R. announced that A.J. Green is to be considered for Senior Membership. A.J. and his sponsor, Joe Johnston, excused themselves while the members strongly recommended A.J. based upon his work on the DCC systems with Doug Tomlinson as well as the production of the Club's video. Tom Magnani's motion to elevate A.J. to Senior Member was seconded by Roland Waggoner and approved unanimously.

J.R. introduced John Ragan's application to be reinstated as a Senior Member. Frank Simmons' motion to reinstate John to Senior Member, seconded by George Lasley, was unanimously approved.

The Club's date for our "annual" WUNC-TV phonathon is this coming Sunday, March 25th, beginning at approximately 7:30 am. Our session will be over at 11:30 am. Club members are requested to sign up with Tom Magnani in person or at tommag1@aol.com. Club members are requested to wear a Club shirt, apron or coveralls. Please do not wear plaids or stripes. As of the meeting, 15 people had signed up.

Our fiscal year runs from June 1st to May 31st. Joe Johnston announced that he has decided not to run for reelection. He recommended Doug Tomlinson as his replacement. George Lasley reminded the members that if you can't serve, which includes being at least 10 of the Board Meetings, you should not run for an

office. The At Large Board members will solicit the membership for Board candidates.

J.R. read from the Great Scale Model Train Show and Railroad Marketplace announcement. It will be April 14-15, 2012 at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, MD. The hours are: Saturday 9 am - 4 pm with admission \$9, under 15 free, Family \$18. Saturday's tickets are good for Sunday. Sunday hours are 10 am - 4 pm with admission \$8, under 15 free, Family only \$15

George Lasley reported that we have commitments for, or have rented, 153 of the 210 tables for our annual show in November. Any club members who want a table(s), at a rate of \$44/table, should contact him so that he can group all of our tables in one block to enhance our mutual coverage.

Our next Board meeting is April 2nd. The next Membership meeting is April 18th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm on a motion by Frank Simmons, seconded by Richard Walz.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors

J. R. called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Members present were: Bill Ferguson, A.J. Green, Scott Hall and Doug Tomlinson.

J.R. announced that Joe Johnston will be assuming the leadership of the Membership Committee. Tom Magnani is to send him the latest membership roster.

Steve Wills reported that there is no new bank statement and that our funds were somewhat less than last month but ahead of last year at this time.

J.R. reported that we have yet to receive a notice to leave the mall. He expects to receive the notice by mid April. Due to the extremely low membership turnout on weekends we will be closing the club to the public. There were only 3 members here this past Sunday.

A discussion ensued as to changing the telephone to either MagicJack, GoogleVoice or to a similar Voice Over Internet Protocol, VOIP, system. Preferably one that has its own internet box and does not require connection to a computer. The requirement is

that we retain the present Club telephone number. Scott Hall is to investigate and report back to J.R.

Steve Wills' son is maintaining a toy site's blog and is looking for a short review, written from a "toy" slant, of a new train model with photographs to put on the site. Presently the site has 40,000 – 50,000 people/month from North Carolina viewing the site. The blog would credit the writer and, the Club.

J. R. has sold the display case. He is considering selling the TV as it can be replaced with a 32" LCD type for several hundred dollars that would be easier to handle and take up far less space.

Scott Hall stated that Maker Faire will be having a show at the NC State Fairgrounds' Scott Building on June 16th. The admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for ages 6-18. Ages 5 and under are free. Their web site is www.makerfairenc.com. There was a general discussion as to whether or not we wanted to purchase a table. One of the main considerations is that we are unable to adequately staff our own clubhouse.

On a motion by Tom Magnani, seconded by Doug Tomlinson, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 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, April 18.

BoG meeting on May 7.

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

There are some interesting websites devoted to railroading and model railroading. Here's one that I found that shows how to save some money on your projects.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=endscreen&NR=1&v=SWnJ4bYGB3U>

Another website that has a lot of great train pictures is:

<http://www.trainorders.com/>

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.

A Little Southern Railroad that Grew Up: The History of the Neuse River Valley Railroad

Chapter 4: The First Time Table

As mentioned in the previous chapter, the first NRV timetable was issued and went into effect at 12:01 AM on January 1, 1889.

The average speed for passenger trains was 20 m.p.h. The made for about an 8.5 to 9 hour journey from end to end. Freight trains did not fare as well, taking approximately 16 hours from end to end.

A number of passing sidings were installed to accommodate the various meets and passes as required by the timetable. They are shown on the timetable.

Additional freights were run as second sections of established trains or as extra trains not shown on the timetable.

Editor's note: Exhaustive research of company archives has brought to light a little known fact. Time-table Number 1, effective on January 1, 1889, was superseded by Timetable Number 2, effective at 12:01 AM on January 2, 1889. The Board of Directors decided late on January 1 that more efficient operations could be implemented by removing from the timetable the daily schedule head-on collision of Trains 2 and 3 between Selma and Pine Level. The timetable shown on the following pages was reproduced from the only known remaining copy of Time-table Number 1.

Also noted in reports of the first day of operation: the agent at Pine Level *did* call his brother.

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NEXT REGULAR MEETING - Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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