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### **Under the Crown Sheet**

We are once again at the end of our year with all the activity that implies. You should have received your ballot in the mail if you are eligible to vote. Please follow the instructions on the bottom part of the ballot sheet to be sure your vote counts.

The race is between Frank Simmons and John Ragan for the "At Large" seat on the Board and is a three-year term. Both men are experienced prior board members and will represent you well in the coming years.

Please mail in your ballot in the prescribed manner so that it reaches us by Wednesday, May 16th. Or you may bring your ballot to the meeting that night. If you mail it in and change your mind as to whom you voted for, you will be given a chance at the meeting to redeem your ballot in its unopened envelope and change it. It is imperative that you be on time if you bring your ballot to the meeting. Late votes, either by mail or handed in, will not be counted.

It was decided at the Board meeting that the installation dinner would be held at the clubhouse at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of June. Southern Delights will be catering the meal similar to last year and members and their guests will pay a \$10.00 fee for each participant. We will need a head count, so we will tell you at this month's meeting how we will handle that.

As previously announced, the scheduled purchase of the mall and our eviction fell through. But, negotiations continue and we anticipate that this month or sometime soon the mall will be sold and we will have to move.

Our plans remain the same. We will stay open to the public for open house on Saturdays and Sundays and we will continue to pack as well as make necessary improvements to the existing layouts. Your continued support is very necessary during this time.

If any member has ANY of our magazines, tapes, discs, or books, it is imperative that you return them immediately. We need to complete our inventory of the library which is CLOSED!!

Last weekend we had a great turnout by our members at the clubhouse and a healthy attendance by the public as well. Please keep this up.

We continue to seek a new location and appreciate all the suggestions offered by various members. Nothing yet has been suitable or affordable, but we continue to hunt.

We still have a clubhouse and operating layouts. Please come out and enjoy them. See you on the 16th.

J. R. Fisher

## **Minutes of the Membership Meeting**

J.R. called the meeting of April 18, 2012 to order at 7:03 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Erik Dyke.

Tom Magnani called the roll.

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

Members present were: Joe Austin, Bill Bailey, Erik Dyke, Michael Giles, A.J. Green, Robert Harvey, Thomas Harvey, John Held, Don Jennings, Arthur Katz, Fred Krauss, George Lasley, Dennis McCulloch, John Ragan, John Suhr, Roland Waggoner and Richard Walz.

Probationary members present were Anthony and Richard Monforti.

Guest present was Donna Hansma.

Steve Wills was unable to attend and there was not a Treasurer's Report.

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

George Lasley reported that we have commitments for 156 of the 210+ tables for the November show at the Fair Grounds. He will be sending letters to all the present and previous vendors. 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.

J.R. reported that our fund raising effort at WUNC-TV on March 25<sup>th</sup> went well. Although we did not get an interview either our logo or our WUNC-TV boxcar were on view whenever the show was doing a fund raising segment that morning.

J.R. reported that Doug Tomlinson has offered to run for one of the Vice President positions. Both John Ragan and Frank Simmons will be running for the Member at Large position. Joe Johnston has chosen not to run for his old position as a Member at Large. George Lasley's motion to close the nominations was seconded by Roland Waggoner and unanimously approved.

The Ballots will be mailed out with an enclosed return envelope.

Members are to:

- mark their ballots,
- insert them in the return envelope,
- seal the return envelope and,
- sign the return envelope across the place where its back flap rests on the back of the envelope.
- Mail in the return envelope or bring it to the May Membership Meeting on May 16, 2012.

The Club's console TV and Thomas layout are for sale. Please contact J.R. if interested.

Bernie Dawson and Joe Austin are working on electrical and mechanical issues with the N Gauge layout.

George reported that Tom's Trains is selling oddball Kadee couplers for \$1/set at their counter.

Joe Johnston reported having located a building, near Peace College, in which we can rent space to hold our regular meetings once we leave the mall. J.R. reported that there is no new news concerning our search for a new location.

We will be having an O Gauge auction at the end of this meeting.

At our next Membership meeting we will decide upon a location for our annual New Officers celebration or whether we would want to make it a picnic at Pullen Park.

Our next Board meeting is May 7<sup>th</sup>. The next Membership meeting is May 16<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM on a motion by Roland Waggoner, seconded by Michael Giles and unanimously approved.

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

J. R. called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM on May 7, 2012

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

Members present were: A.J. Green, Scott Hall, Don Jennings, George Lasley and Doug Tomlinson.

Guest present was Donna Hansma.

Steve Wills reported that he has to complete his work on this month's financials but that it is his judgment that our funds were somewhat less than last month but ahead of last year at this time. His check to the insurance company had not been received nor cashed. He is issuing another check. Our January donation of \$100 to "Helping Hand" has not been checked and they will be contacted to determine if it was ever received.

J. R. asked Tom Magnani to mail ballots, with a stamped, self addressed, return envelope, to all Senior Members in good standing in Tuesday's mail.

J.R. reported that the mall is still in the process of being sold. Although we have yet to receive a notice to leave the mall he expects to receive the 60 day notice by the end of May.

The N Gauge layout work is under way and Bernie Dawson and Joe Austin have asked that consideration be given to raising the surface of the layout to that of the HO Layout.

In response to Frank Simmons request for status reports from the Chairs of the various gauges Doug Tomlinson reported that he and A.J. had inventoried and photographed all of the HO structures and equipment with a good portion of it already packed. Clif Kelly reported that a good part of the O Gauge equipment has had a preliminary inventory that needs to be updated for what has been sold. Frank noted that we need a “volunteer” to manage the non-layout materials.

J.R. and Pete noted that our library is losing books. Joe Johnston was asked to place a note in the upcoming Whistle post asking members to return club materials at the May 16<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting.

J. R. would like to sell the TV. Tom Staley will pick up the Thomas Layout if it is not first sold.

George Lasley reported that we have sold 2 more tables for our November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> show at the Fairgrounds.

The Club’s post election dinner meeting will be on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. After some discussion it was decided that George Lasley will provide a chicken based dinner at \$10/person for all attending.

Joe Johnston reported that this Saturday there will be a national train day at the Cary Station beginning at 10 am. They will be giving away whistles to the first 200 people and hats to everyone as well as a drawing for 4 to any location that Amtrak serves on the East Coast.

The link is:

<http://carycitizen.com/2012/05/07/national-train-day-coming-to-cary-on-saturday-may-12/>

Scott Hall reported that the Club has a table at Maker Faire at the NC State Fairgrounds’ Kerr Scott Building on June 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 5 pm. He will have our club display as well as a game in which the user has to classify rolling stock. He is looking for help with the table. 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](http://www.makerfairenc.com).

On a motion by Clif Kelly, seconded by Joe Johnston, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 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, May 16.

BoG meeting on June 4.

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**

Bill Bailey sent the following link: Pretty good video of a few Lionel / MTH & American Flyer Train Accessories:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RtUMh4ec7bQ&feature=related>

I (Bill) have some of these on my layout & they are fun.

Some of us have been having fun with a program called [ATCS Monitor](#); as I'm putting this newsletter together, I'm "watching" train 91, the Silver Star, travel on the screen from Selma to Cary, in real time. AJ and Doug have also been playing with it. There is an introduction at <http://www.railroadforums.com/forum/showthread.php?t=31019>

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.

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

### Chapter 5: Early Motive Power and Rolling Stock

The earliest locomotives on the NRV were said to have been of the Grasshopper design, as had been used on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The use of this style, no doubt, came about due to Mr. M. Ray's connections and travels in B&O territory. The exact numbers and dimensions have not survived for history to ponder.

With the expansion in 1885, the NRV found itself in need of much larger and more reliable power. Extensive investigations were begun, and a set of locomotive specifications was drawn up.

It was decided to purchase power from two locomotive builders. A total of ten 4-4-0 type locomotive were ordered. One half of the order came from the Baldwin locomotive Works, and the other half came from the Richmond Locomotive Works. These were typical motive power of the period. All burned wood and were equipped with oil headlights; all had eight-wheel tenders. Link and pin couplers were also supplied, but only the tender wheels had brakes.

Rolling stock was built in the NRV Raleigh Shops. Forty flat cars, each thirty feet long, were constructed. About one half of these were equipped with sideboards and used as gondolas. Twenty-five thirty-foot boxcars were also built, along with 6 cabooses. All of these cars were made of wood, with all iron parts cast by the Cambria Iron Works in Apex, North Carolina.

The passenger cars were purchases from Jackson and Sharpe. A total of 5 baggage cars and 18 coaches were delivered to the NRV from 1885 to 1888. These cars allowed full passenger schedules to be met. These cars were wooden in construction and were equipped with coal stoves and oil lamps.

This early rolling stock was added to in the nest few years. Knuckle couplers and Westinghouse air brakes arrived on the scene within a couple of years.

NRV Whistle Post  
The Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club, Inc.  
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**NEXT REGULAR MEETING - Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**

**LOCATION: Morrisville Outlet Mall, 1001 AIRPORT BLVD. Next to Izod**

**Monday, June 4, 2012, 7:00 p.m. BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING, at the club at Morrisville Mall.**

### **BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

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