

The

Whistle



Post

Official Newsletter of the

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

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Under the Crown Sheet

Here is hoping that everyone is ready for summer and the start of a new year for our club. We still have not been given a sixty-day notice, so we feel we now have until the end of August before we may have to move.

This is a good thing as we still have a lot of packing to do and it is giving us time to work on all of the layouts. Good progress is being made on the N-scale layout as rewiring is taking place on the first module. The HO and O layouts should start their work sometime next month.

The recent donations to the club have been nothing short of overwhelming! Many thanks to Donna and Pete for processing almost 3000 magazines, many of which we did not have. Great efforts were turned in by Doug and A. J. to inventory and test the various scale equipment that was part of the donations. Now, we have to find a place to put it all.

If you have not contacted George about our dinner on the 20th, please do so by the 17th and absolutely no later than the 18th so he can have an accurate head count. Each attending member and guest will owe \$10.00 per meal. We would like to have as many of you as can come present to start off our new year with a joyful celebration.

As everyone knows, the mall has not been sold, as yet. But it is very possible that portions of the mall may be rented prior to any sale. There are many possibilities, so we need to continue to look for a new home while also continuing to be good hosts to the public. It is imperative that we keep the doors open on weekends and keep our house clean and in good order.

We are exploring possibilities of new quarters and will share our findings at appropriate times. Do not get overly worked up over every rumor or possibility. These things will take time and a lot of work before anything becomes a reality. And we have many tasks before us that will occupy our time while still at the mall.

The letters and invoices have gone out to dealers and vendors for our November show. We are only four months from the big event and it will be here before you know it.

I know it is the summer and everyone has other things going on. But we still need full participation by the membership when you are in town. I, too, have a lot to deal with this month as well as the rest of the summer. But I will make every effort to be there on the weekends. Let's start the new year off right!

Minutes of the Membership Meeting

J.R. called the meeting of May 16, 2012 to order at 7:03 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Bill Hanley.

Tom Magnani called the roll.

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

Members present were: Joe Austin, Bill Bailey, Bernie Dawson, Erik Dyke, Bill Ferguson, A.J. Green, Bill Hanley, Robert Harvey, Thomas Harvey, Don Jennings, Frank Mansfield, John Suhr, Doug Tomlinson, Franco Ventrui, Roland Waggoner and Richard Walz.

Guests present were Donna Hansma, Martin and Calvin Kuttner and, Jane Pahner.

Martin and Calvin Kuttner are interested in HO and have been consistently visiting the club on weekends. Martin Kuttner asked to begin the Club's membership process.

Ms. Pahner's interest is in G Scale.

Steve Wills reported that our funds are somewhat ahead of last year. He also reported that he has sold several more tables to our members.

J.R. reported that the Club has been offered a rather large donation of magazines, books and trains from the estate of a recently deceased model railroader in our area. He has also been contacted by a lady in the Charlotte area with a train collection for which Pete Hansma will provide follow-up.

J.R. reported that we have yet to receive a 60 day notice. Therefore, our earliest evacuation date is now July 31st.

J.R. asked that anyone who has any club items, books, videos, tools, etc. to please return them as soon as possible as we are trying to complete our inventory and box them in preparation for storage.

The lending library is closed.

Items may be viewed only at the club.

Frank Simmons reported that the Layout/Scale Inventory process is proceeding. He needs someone to take charge of the inventory of the remaining Club property. This would be anything other than the layouts, rolling stock and library. Erik Dyke will be lead with support from Bill Furgeson, Marvin Kuttner and Roland Waggoner.

John Suhr reported on the "Down East" rail day that was held in Cary on May 12th. This coming Saturday, May 19th, there will be a similar event at Spencer. Don Jennings said that there were approximately 3,000 people at the Cary event.

Bill Ferguson reported that Brandon Simons is resigning and moving to Charleston.

The Club's June Membership Meeting, to be held on June 20th, will be combined with a dinner, catered by Southern Delights Bakery, to celebrate the inauguration of our new officers. The dinner will begin at 7:00 pm and will cost \$10/person. Reservations are to be made directly with George Lasley at: glasley@bellsouth.net. A commitment requires payment whether or not you actually attend.

Don Jennings asked that the Club's newsletter have the date located at the top of the newsletter.

Joe Johnston, reporting the vote tally, stated that our officer slate for the coming year is:

President, J.R. Fisher; Vice President, Doug Tomlinson; Secretary, Tom Magnani; Treasurer, Steve Wills; At Large, Frank Simmons.

J. R. thanked John Ragan for running for the At Large position.

Our next Board meeting is June 4th. The next Membership Meeting and dinner is June 20th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM on a motion by Bill Hanley, seconded by Joe Johnston, and unanimously approved.

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, Peter Hansma, Joe Johnston, Clif Kelly, Tom Magnani, Frank Simmons, Doug Tomlinson and Steve Wills.

Members present were: Bill Ferguson, John Held and John Ragan.

Guest present was Donna Hansma.

Steve Wills reported that our funds were somewhat less than last month but ahead of last year at this time due to June's rent being in this year's figures. After some discussion it was decided not to pay the \$120 for another 5 years to retain the web name nrvmrrc.org as it has not been used by the club since its inception. Joe Johnston's motion to drop the site was seconded by Doug Tomlinson and unanimously approved.

He asked that the inventories for the O and G Scales be completed and sent to him as soon as possible. Tom is to revise the O Scale inventory to reflect the recent sale and send to Clif Kelly and Steve.

Our January donation of \$100 to "Helping Hand" has not been received or cashed and he will reissue it.

George Lasley has sent letters to the vendors who have reservations in place for the November Fair. He has also sent reminder letters to the remaining vendors.

J.R. asked that all members who wish to attend the Club's June, post election, dinner send their reservations, for \$10/person, to George at glasley@bellsouth.net.

J.R. reminded all present that the dues for 2012 – 2013 are due this month. Checks should be made payable to NRV and given to Steve.

J.R. reported that we have received 2 van loads of magazines and books; 2834 train magazines, including many "fallen Flag" magazines, and 28 books. That donation also included a large quantity of model railroad equipment in multiple scales. We have also received 3 more donations.

J.R. thanked the Peter and Donna Hansma for retrieving the donation from Charlotte.

There is no more Mall Security. Members are urged to use only the front door and to keep the back doors closed and locked.

As of this meeting we have yet to receive a notice to leave and J.R. expects us to be here through August.

J.R. will be appointing people to committees to keep the preparation process flowing.

J.R. described a passing conversation between a volunteer fireman and John Ragan that was relayed to him by John and Doug Tomlinson concerning the possible availability of an unused Fire Station at the SW corner of 54 and Aviation Parkway. J.R. phoned the Morrisville Town Manager, introduced himself, and arranged for the club to be considered as a possible user by the Town's committee that is handling the reuse of the building. The building has a 3 bay fire truck portion that appears to be uncooled, has overhead gas heaters, a separate, smaller bay and, an office area that appears to be climate controlled. It is assumed that it may also have full bath and living facilities. J.R. hopes to meet with the Town Manager soon.

John Held inquired as to whether there would be "hand outs" for the Club's table at Maker Faire which will be at the NC State Fairgrounds' Kerr Scott Building on June 16th from 10 am – 5 pm. Steve wills will coordinate with Scott Hall. 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.

After some discussion it was decided, on a motion by Joe Johnston, seconded by Steve Wills, to keep the price for admission to our November show at last year's rate.

On a motion by Tom Magnani, seconded by Steve Wills, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 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> . Below is a screen shot of the H-line.

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 MEETING (DINNER MEETING)- Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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