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Under the Crown Sheet

What an exciting fall this has been!

We had a great show at the fairgrounds in which we sold a lot of the donations we had acquired over the year. In fact, our revenue from the sale at our tables exceeded the gate receipts.

All reports from dealers were favorable and this was the first year we had a waiting list for vendor tables. This is a good thing to have.

The number of attendees was virtually the same as last year so we need to find a way to get more people to the show.

How about the Garner Christmas tree lighting and parade? That was really neat. Thanks to all the members who contributed to this event that made it so special. A special "Thank You and Well Done" to Doug Tomlinson, who took a week off from work to make the HO layout happen. Very impressive effort, Doug.

Now we need to look for other events to use our new display for the promotion of our club. If you have ideas, take them to a Board member.

Thanks to George and Jane for providing us another fine meal for our holiday dinner. The company was as good as the meal.

UNC-TV's Festival is coming again in February and March. I will find out when they are doing a train-related Sunday and sign us up. It would be nice to have twenty of us so as to get air time.

We are still at the clubhouse at Morrisville and visitors still come to see us. Please come help on the weekends.

We have not been given a departure date as of this writing, so we are continuing to operate as usual. We still need to pack the library and other goodies we intend to keep.

See you on the 19th. ~J.R Fisher

Minutes of the Membership Meeting

J.R. Fisher called the meeting of November 14, 2012 to order at 7:05 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Erik Dyke.

Tom Magnani called the roll.

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

Members present were: Joe Austin, Erik Dyke, Bill Ferguson, A.J. Green, Bill Hanley, John Held, Fred Krauss, George Lasley, John Ragan, Henry Shirley, John Suhr and Roland Waggoner.

Frank Simmons thanked Tom Magnani for publishing the Whistle Post while Joe Johnston is recuperating.

Steve Wills reported that our funds are comparable to last year with allowance for the gift from the estate of Ray Mumford. Those funds have been segregated from our other funds.

Erik Dyke volunteered to review Steve's last financial record book.

George Lasley thanked all those members who participated at the show. Our net attendance was comparable to last year's; down only by 24. Sunday had more people than Saturday as contrasted with last year's figures. He reported that 5 of the vendors were 'no shows'; one of which he considered may have been affected by Hurricane Sandy. The club's table had substantial sales including some of our brass model stock. We also disposed of all of our excess magazines.

Doug Tomlinson described the planned trip to Garner tomorrow, November 15th, to look at the storefront that the town has asked us to use to set up our layouts. Clif Kelly had done an earlier trip to look at it from the outside and reported that it

appeared to be usable. At present the town has asked us to set up to run on Friday, November 30th from 6 – 8 p.m. If it appears to be workable we will ask if they want us to continue through Saturday. We will also ask about similar properties in the area.

Steve Wills' motion to allow for expending no more than \$200 for the Garner effort was seconded by George Lasley and approved unanimously.

Mr. Magnani was requested to list the membership properly on the last page of the Whistle Post.

J.R. took the opportunity to thank everyone who worked at the Train show, especially those who handled selling the Club's materials. We still have both O and HO car models for sale as well as some of the Bulldozer signs. Bill Hanley's super detailed tank car was successfully raffled.

Steve Wills is planning to be at the Club house the Friday following Thanksgiving after 10 AM to set up our holiday decorations. Any, and all, help would be appreciated.

The attendees were requested, following the meeting, to sign up with George for the Annual Holiday meal which will be on Sunday, December 2nd at 2 PM. The cost is \$10/person. Southern Delights will be providing Chicken Almandine over Rice, Salad, Rolls, Sweet and Un-sweet tea and a variety of Desserts.

Tom Magnani is to Email a reminder to the club membership regarding the meal.

A.J. Green thanked all those who had attended and participated in the discussion of the planning for the new HO layout.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM on a motion by Fred Krauss and seconded by Doug Tomlinson.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors

J. R. Fisher called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM, December 3, 2012. He thanked everyone who helped with our display in Garner; both at Garner and at the Club House at the Mall.

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

The member present was Don Jennings.

Steve Wills reported that our end of October finances were comparable to the end of October last year with allowance made for the gift from Ray Mumford's estate.

As Pete Hansma was not in attendance, a review of the Show's coupons will be deferred until our next Board meeting.

Doug Tomlinson reported on the Garner display. We were heavily attended on both Friday evening and Saturday. We had set up the rebuilt HO layout on one side of the storefront and a combination of George Lasley's Standard Gauge and Tom Magnani's O Gauge on the other side. Various craft individuals and establishments filled the rest of the store.

One change that we should make for next year is to place each layout against its side wall so as to open up the entry space around the street door as people tended to immediately stop to look at the layouts and block the entrance.

A discussion ensued about the restored HO layout and ways to improve its operation; particularly the rather well used turnouts. After a discussion as to the pro's and con's of using various manufacturer's turnouts it was decided to replace them in kind with Atlas turnouts so as to minimize relaying the track.

A discussion followed about other venues, such as senior centers and nursing homes. Any member who knows of an opportunity should ask a Board member, and receive Board approval, before committing to any participation by the club. Our minimum space requirement, for the HO layout, is 12' x 10'.

JR reminded the Board that we need to get back on track. We need to:

- complete the work on the N Layout and restore it to operation,
- re-inventory our materials as we sold a lot at the Show,
- proceed with packing the library,
- dispose of the Thomas layout and materials,
- complete planning of the HO layout and begin its construction,
- continue with the redesign of our web,
- evaluate our advertising plans for next year's show.

The next Membership Meeting will be on Wednesday, December 19th.

The next Board Meeting will be on Monday, January 7th.

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

After closing time please use the Club's phone number, 919-460-3003, to gain admittance through the rear door.

On a motion by Tom Magnani, seconded by Clif Kelly, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Neat Website from Bill Bailey

http://ageofsteamroundhouse.com/Album_53.html

Future Events

The club is open every Wednesday, starting about 7:00 pm. Also on Saturdays at 10 am. and Sundays at 1 pm.

Membership meeting on Wednesday, December 19th.

BoG meeting on January 7th.

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/Webmaster

Please send me recent photos of our club activities, so we can update our website.

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 and call 919-460-3003 to be sure that the doors are open.

Thanks for the good wishes and prayers and train magazines during my recent fall and consequent hip replacement. I'm doing well, though I have restrictions on the weight I can put on the operated leg, and on how I must position my leg in relation to my body.

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NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

LOCATION: Morrisville Outlet Mall, 1001 Airport Blvd.

Monday, January 7, 2013, 7:00 pm. Board of Governors meeting, at the club at Morrisville Mall.

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