

The

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Post

Official Newsletter of the

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

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Next Meeting's Program

Don Jennings is planning a presentation, pictures and videos (on our big screen TV) of the Delmarva Model Railroad Club. The Club occupies 6000 square feet of space. The club has, and operates, on multiple layouts in: Z Scale, N Scale, THOMAS THE TRAIN in HO Scale, HO Scale, O Scale and, Lionel three rail.

Under the Crown Sheet

This month we celebrate 29 years as a corporation and for that reason we will have cake and ice cream at the February 20th meeting. Come join us and help us celebrate this milestone.

Please come out to our clubhouse on the weekends. We do not have enough members in attendance to cover everything. Last weekend we lost an N gauge engine because there were not enough members to watch everyone.

We did have a few members show up for the 2nd Wednesday of the month open house. We will need to keep the numbers up in order to justify the effort.

Please plan to attend the UNC-TV's Festival on Saturday, March 23rd, from 10:30 am until 3:30 pm We need our 20 people to be able to get air time.

We need to continue inventorying and packing at the clubhouse. One day the call will come and we will not be ready to move in an orderly manner.

See you on the 20th! ~JR Fisher

Minutes of the Membership Meeting

J.R. Fisher called the Membership meeting of January 16, 2013 to order at 7:02 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Donna Hansma.

Tom Magnani called the roll.

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

Members present were: Joe Austin, Erik Dyke, Bill Ferguson, John Held, Don Jennings, Joe Johnston, Fred Krauss, Calvin Kuttner, Martin Kuttner, George Lasley and Richard Walz.

Pre-probationary member Luis Dominguez was present for his third membership meeting.

Donna Hansma was present as a guest. Steve Wills reported that our funds, as of the end of November, are comparable to last year with allowance for the gift from the estate of Ray Mumford. Erik Dyke has returned the 'Book' that he had reviewed. Joe Austin has another of the 'Books' for review.

J.R. reminded the membership that we have passed the half-year mark and that dues for the second half of the year are now due. If anyone is unsure of their dues status they are to confer with Steve Wills.

J.R. reminded all, especially the Board, that we need to improve our coordination so as to assure that someone will be inside the clubhouse before 6 PM as the Mall appears to close a bit prior to 6 PM.

Steve Wills reminded the various Committee heads that, to meet IRS requirements, we need to inventory our collection.

Doug Tomlinson, Steve Wills, Don Jennings and Clif Kelly will be updating the donated 'Garner' layout with Doug as the lead.

J.R. stated that his other goals are to: complete the N Gauge layout's rewiring and return it to service, add electrical busses to the O Gauge layout to support 2 and 3 rail operation and, put an expanded Lego layout on a reworked 4' x 8' module from the old O Gauge layout.

J.R. opened a discussion about keeping the club open on every Wednesday evening as we have been unable to sustain a reliable Wednesday operation. After much discussion, J.R.'s motion, seconded by Bill Ferguson and amended by Don Jennings, to staff the club on the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday evenings, beginning at 5:45 pm, was unanimously approved. Tom Magnani is to prepare and distribute an alphabetically ordered list of key holders.

Steve Will's motion to close the books on the 2012 show was seconded by Fred Krauss and unanimously approved.

John Held's motion to open the books on the 2013 show was seconded by Fred Krauss and unanimously approved.

George Lasley graciously agreed to accept the position as head of the 2013 show.

In response to a question J.R. stated that, at this time, he expects that we will be supporting WUNC-TV on Saturday, March 23rd, from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. Frank Simmons suggested asking all of our new members, and any adult family members, to join us so that we can muster the 20 volunteers in order to gain 2 commercial spots. In response to Don Jennings's question about setting up some sort of display or layout, as in years past, J.R. explained that the station's physical arrangement and camera angles precludes almost any sort of a physical display.

As this was Luis Dominguez's third meeting, with Tom Magnani as his sponsor, J.R. proposed that the membership consider him for Probationary Membership status. Following Mr. Dominguez's description of his model railroading interests a vote was taken and Luis was unanimously accepted as a Probationary Member.

Our next Board meeting will be on Monday, February 4, 2013.

Our next Membership meeting will be on Wednesday, February 20, 2013.

The Great Scale Model Train Show will be at the Maryland state fair grounds in Timonium Maryland on February 2nd and 3rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm on a motion by George Lasley and seconded by Fred Krauss.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors

J. R. Fisher called the meeting to order at 6:54 pm., February 4, 2013.

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

The members present were Bill Ferguson, AJ Green, Don Jennings and George Lasley.

Michael McCarthy was present as a guest and for his third Board meeting.

Steve Wills reported that the latest financials were for the end of December, 2012. Our finances were comparable to the end of December, 2011, with allowance made for the gift from Ray Mumford's estate, the substantial fall off in guest contributions and, the sale of the Club's surplus materials at the show. Our guest contributions for 2011 amounted to almost \$2,000 vs. almost \$0 for the past few months. Although at some point this will impact our dues, he recommended not raising them at this time.

J.R. reminded the meeting that Saturday, February 2nd, was the 29th anniversary of the Club's founding. Frank Simmons' motion for the Club to provide a sheet cake and ice cream for our next membership meeting, Wednesday, February 20th, with Bill Ferguson as the celebration's organizer was seconded by Doug Tomlinson and unanimously approved.

J.R. reported that there was no one at the club this past Saturday. On Sunday there were several members as well as guests who had been drawn to the mall by the consignment sale that was being set up. He asked that the Key holders commit to staffing the clubhouse on Saturdays for the next 2 weekends during the consignment sale. Tom Magnani will be at the clubhouse on Saturday, February 9th, from 10 am to 1 pm.

AJ Green presented the latest iteration of the new HO layout. After much discussion and a rethinking of the Sipping & Switching design standard, he had decided to abandon that standard for the following reasons:

- The offset nature of the tracks, rather than being centered on the surface constrained most of the sidings and industries to one side of the surface,

- He found that trying to set up a 3 rail line system overly complicated obtaining a decent operating layout,
- As the layout would not actually be broken apart to run with Sipping & Switching's show layout it made more sense to design it to work best for us in the clubhouse.

All the new modules would be constructed at the clubhouse to ensure interoperability. Members then would have the option of populating the individual sections at home or at the clubhouse.

Don Jennings informed the meeting of the following model railroad events:

March 2 – 3, 2013, 16th Annual Carolina Coastal Railroaders Model Train Show. (<http://carolinacoastalrailroaders.org>) To be held at the Sudan Temple, 403 E. Front Street, New Bern, North Carolina 28560.
Hours: Saturday: 10:00am – 5:00pm, Sunday: 10:00am – 4:00pm.
Admission: \$6.00 with Children under 12 with Adult: Free

March 23, 2013, 5th Annual Carolina Model Railroaders Train Show and Swap Meet. (<http://www.carolinamodelrr.org>) "The Best Little Train Show in Greensboro". To be held at the Greensboro Depot (Amtrak Depot), 300 East Washington Street, Greensboro, North Carolina, 27401.
Hours: 10:00am – 3:00pm
Admission: \$5.00 with Children under 12 with Adult: Free.

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Don Jennings is planning a post meeting presentation on the the Delmarva Model Railroad Club. He will coordinate the presentation with John Held.

The Next Board Meeting will be on Monday, March 4th.

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

A doorbell button has been installed on the left side of the outside rear doors. It rings inside the clubhouse.

The Club's telephone number is [919-460-3003](tel:919-460-3003).

On a motion by Tom Magnani, seconded by Steve Wills, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

List of Keyholders and their phone numbers

Joe Austin	919-363-9005 (H)
J.R. Fisher	919-782-3677 (H)
Pete Hansma	919-217-0407 (H)
Joe Johnston	919-876-4645 (H)
Clif Kelly	919-614-8891 (H)
George Lasley	Home # not useful for club opening times
Tom Magnani	914-815-2708 (M), 919-650-2206 (H)
John Ragan	919-304-5474 (H)
Frank Simmons	919-676-2081 (H)
Doug Tomlinson	208-651-5149 (H)
Steve Wills	919-845-4968 (H), 919-257-4815 (W)

A Report on the Delmarva Model RR Club by Don Jennings

This different layout operating club has been around for 27 years. The name of the club is the DELMARVA MODEL RAILROAD CLUB and is located in DelMar, Delaware. I say different layout operating club because there are not many model railroad clubs that can boast having every size and gauge of model train layouts up and running permanently all year long. Also there are so many different layouts to operate on. This is truly an operator's heaven. Now if you go looking for the Delmarva Club on a map, it is the last town in the State of Delaware. When I say the last town in Delaware, I mean just that. The town is on the state line. The town buildings on the north side of the street are in Delaware The town street has a double yellow line down the middle of the roadway and the buildings on the south side of the street are in the state of Maryland.

On Saturday January 19, 2013, I drove to attend a NMRA MER Board of Director's meeting in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. The following morning I traveled to the Delmarva MRR Club. I was invited to see (and operate) on this club's layout by a friend Jeff Shockley. There were about six members present that gave me a warm welcome to see their club in operation. I was given a tour of their 6,200 square foot layout room which is located on the second floor of a church building. The club is complete and has every model railroad size and gauge there is. This includes;

A small "Z" gauge layout

A portable "N" scale layout

A “G” gauge train riding on track near the ceiling of one of the train rooms.

There is an “027” Lionel gauge and “O” scale layout sharing a large table in the middle of the room.

An “S” gauge or American Flier layout is located in this same room as the “027” & “O” scale layouts. Most, if not all of these, are at a height for small children to see and enjoy. A Thomas the Train layout is also set up to view.

The Lionel O-Scale 3-rail layout goes through a room wall into the main train room. There is plenty there to see and to bring back memories of your childhood trains. They have in this main train room a huge “N” scale layout you would die for to have.

This is shared with an “HO” Scale layout that needs about 20 people to really justify operating it.

A large MRR Library room and a break room being upgraded and modeled to look like a dining car. This will have tables and chairs for coffee and snacks. It doubles for business meeting room for the club members.

A couple of the layouts have some work to be done on it but every one of the layouts is operational. The club uses a car card and way bill operations system and is powered by Digitrax. I was in awe to see such model railroading by one club. I spent three plus hours observing and photographing the layouts. I believe I saw most of the entire club and all of its layouts through the viewfinder of my camera. WOW! The DelMarVa club finished a two weekend open house on January 5th & 6th and January 12th & 13th. The weekend before I arrived there. I was told that some 3900 people attended this yearly open house event. The club is open for membership to help operate and enjoy all the model railroading they have to offer.



Lionel 3-rail Staging Area



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“S” Gauge or American Flyer



A Thomas the Train Layout



Front side of Lionel “027” with
“0” scale & “G” gauge on upper level.



Back side of same layouts



Garden Railway train is the near ceiling.
train room.



The O Scale 3-rail layout is in big

The “N” Scale layout is behind the yellow
sign.

The “HO” Scale layout is to the right of the
picture on the entire half of the room.

The “N” Scale layout and the “HO” Scale layout were all filmed as videos on my camera.

They are not transferable to here. But, hopefully this will give you an idea of the greatness of the Delmarva Model RR Club and all it has to offer visitors and members alike. The club works on the layouts usually on Fridays (Friday nights). The third Sunday of the month is operating day for the club and with its members.

If you want to see this club in person, the dates for the 2013-2014 Open House season are November 30-December 1, and December 7-8, 2013 and January 4-5 and 11-12, 2014.

Future Events

The club is open on Saturdays at 10 am. and Sundays at 1 pm.

Membership meeting on Wednesday, February 20th at 7 pm.

BoG meeting on March 4th.

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.

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Cool Links to RR related stuff

There is a great YouTube video on the construction of the high speed line between the Channel tunnel and St Pancras Station in London.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1hRMuueeJa0>

Also if you have Netflix streaming there is a series on Extreme Engineering which includes a lot of railroad construction.. I like to watch it on the TV using a Wii. You can also order the discs

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NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, February 20th, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

LOCATION: Morrisville Outlet Mall, 1001 Airport Blvd.

Monday, March 4, 2013, 7:00 pm. Board of Governors meeting, at the club at Morrisville Mall.

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