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Upcoming Program

On Wednesday, March 18th, Joe Johnston will demonstrate his T-TRAK HO layout.

Mebane Train Club Show (O-Scale)

Annual Train Show and Sale, Saturday, March 14, 10 am - 3 pm

Join them for the 3rd annual Train Show and Sale! Fifty vendors will be on site in the old rec building to show you a full range of train supplies and items. Admission is \$5 (children under 12 are free if accompanied by a paid adult). Also, visit the adjoining train exhibit for a chance to see an exciting display with eight operating trains.

Located in the buildings adjacent to the Mebane Historical Museum [209 W. Jackson Street](#). For more info, call [919-563-6171](#) or [336-260-4270](#). NRV members John Ragan and Bill Bailey participate in this club.

Under the Crown Sheet

First and foremost: I sincerely and deeply apologize to all the members and their families who showed up at 6:30 a.m. on March 8th, at the UNC-TV studio! I wrote down the wrong time and that is what I passed on to the membership. It is totally my error.

On the other hand: for the first time in several years, we had enough people present (22) to qualify for the live spot (2) later that morning! George Lasley was kind enough to do both interviews and felt very good about getting our message out about the club, the club house and the November show. I suggest that the next president make the same mistake.

It was really nice to see some faces we have not seen for some time as well as some we have not seen at all. The new members are beginning to make a difference. And the older ones are taking the challenge. Good for the club.

Please keep Frank and Clif and all of our members with situations in your thoughts and prayers in the coming days and weeks. They need the support of their extended family.

At the next general meeting on the 18th, the at-large members of the Board will be charged with polling the membership to find qualified persons to run for the open positions on the Board. The president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and one at-large seat are open. Please consider running for office if you have the time to devote to our organization.

Again, thank you to all of you who showed up Sunday morning and made this event such a success! ~JR Fisher

Minutes of the Membership Meeting.

That meeting got snowed out.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors

Call to order 7:02 PM JR Fisher

Joe Austin was appointed to take minutes

Board Members Present: Joe Austin, Bill Ferguson, J.R. Fisher, John Ragan, and Steve Wills.

Members present were: A B Boone, Scott Gagnon, Pete Hansma, John Held, George Lasley, Jim Songer, Roland Waggoner

Treasurer's report: given by Steve Wills.

Show reports:

New Bern Show. There were lots of 4x8 layouts; a nice Garden Layout.

NRV show

- George suggested layouts accepted for the NRV show should “inspire and challenge”, not be just a “4x8 plywood plain.”
- The vendor letter is ready for printing and will soon be on the show website: nrvshow.org. (The club also has a separate Facebook site: “Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club, Inc.” [punctuation required])
- Pete showed a sample name badge. We discussed whether laminated badges would be needed, or just a pin/clip sleeve to insert a paper badge. Pete will get costs of various options.

Layouts:

- HO: Steve Wills:
 - additional sidings are being added
 - a curved set-up track is being considered for the N end
 - Don Jennings was paid for the operations materials he created; a minimum of four persons will be required to hold a full operations session.
- N: Jim Songer:
 - AB is scenicking the trolley track;
 - John James (new member) is also helping with the layout
- N Thomas: Joe Austin:
 - Layout has run 4 trains at once;
 - Scenery contour is being re-designed to improve visibility of the trains.
- G layout:
 - Two tracks are now fully powered;
 - The inner track allows remote operation, using the Train Engineer supplied by Joe Austin
 - Ladder: Joe Austin found a commercial ladder/platform for \$800; AB found one in the Northern Tool catalog for \$370. Another option is a “step-stool” type ladder with grab-bar for about \$170. Joe Austin will continue to investigate.

Next year's Officers: JR announced the schedule for elections of officers:

April member meeting: nominating committee will announce slate

May meeting: election

June meeting: installation

Board members Bill, Joe Austin, and Frank constitute the nominating committee; they will contact each Senior Member in Good Standing for nominations.

Inventory: JR announced that it is time for inventory, to be completed by the end of May. Inventoried items should be classified as KEEP or SELL, with a value.

UNC-TV: Volunteers needed; if we get 20, we get an on-air interview.

Spouses, children (16+) and friends count.

[Note 3/10: we did have 20 present; George Lasley gave the interview.]

RR programs air 9am March 8. The NRV assigned time is 7-11:30 am Daylight Savings Time (This will be the first day of EDT.) Members should arrive by 6:30 am. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Wrightsville Beach Model

The latest issue of the Wrightsville Beach tourist magazine had an article on a 12-ft model that was made of the area circa 1910,, including the trolley car that ran the length of the beach island. The scale of the model is based on the scale of the trolley: N-scale. It is located in the history museum at [301 W. Salisbury St](#) in Wrightsville Beach . You can see the article [here](#). There are more pictures on their [Facebook page](#).



Future Events

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

Membership meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 7 pm.

BoG meeting, April 6, 2015 at 7 pm.

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/WebmasterI

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.

Pete Hansma has set up a club Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Neuse-River-Valley-Model-Railroad-Club-Inc/620489421310389?fref=ts>

An Article on DCC from Fred Krauss

[Here](#) is a copy of some DCC info I came across that I thought was pretty interesting. A lot of it is about sound decoders, but there is some info that applies to all decoders. One good idea in this article is to make up a card for each decoder installed.

I'd also add the decoder manufacturer, model number, consist info (if any) and date installed to the card for future reference. The reason for this is that the factory reset is different for different manufacturers and if you have to reprogram the decoder at some later point in time, you don't have to take the engine apart to see what type of decoder is installed. I keep my DCC information in a spreadsheet, which would be another way to store the information, rather than on cards. Your choice.

Have fun decoding this! Click [here](#).

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NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 7:00 pm.
LOCATION: Morrisville Outlet Mall, 1001 Airport Blvd.
Board of Governors meeting: April 6, 2015 at 7: 00 pm

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