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Under the Crown Sheet

The time has finally come for me to say goodbye. I know that for some of you the emphasis is on the word "finally". For the rest, who knows. It has been a long and interesting journey that I am glad I made. Sometimes it was torture and other times it was delightful.

Thinking back to the earliest of days at the Cameron Village Hobby Shop, I really did not know where the group would wind up. Even then, we talked of having a clubhouse and semi-permanent layouts and kitchen facilities and library. We still are not there, and it may never happen in this area. But, we have come a long way and made a lot of friends over the years. We have lost a lot of good friends as well that many of you never knew, so there is no point in listing them all.

Maybe that is a project for the club. A memorial plaque of all of our departed friends who have reached their final destination. I think there was some money donated for such a thing after Ray Mumford's departure. Anyway, look back through the minutes and check on that.

I am delighted with all the progress that has been made on every layout in my absence. Nature abhors a vacuum and maybe that is what really needed to happen in the club. We have some new people and some good people and they are stepping up. It will be interesting to see what the clubhouse looks like in the fall.

I understand that we have candidates for all of the offices and Board of Governor positions and all are running unopposed. So we don't have to have ballots and all that stuff. I wish all of the Board a healthy and active year. I think we have some good people and I hope that they will take the club in the right direction and it will grow and prosper. But that won't happen unless you participate. You are going to get out of the club just what you put into it.

As I write this, I realize that over the years I have probably written only sixteen or so original articles. The rest were just recycling old ones, restating what should be obvious to all. Makes me wonder if anybody ever read any of them, ever.

I suppose I could go on and on thanking some people and complaining about others, but I don't see the point at this time. You know who you are. I have missed being out at the clubhouse every weekend and planning and building and enjoying the company of a fine group of people. I am sure I will miss it even more in the coming months but it just isn't practical to do it. I will drop in occasionally and I do expect to be at the November show! I am so happy that we have grown into that facility!

But at the same time, it will require much more work by the membership to make it successful. I am sure that this first year will be a learning experience but it will be fun. Sorry George, I won't wait until the last vendor leaves to go home this time!

The club is going to be what you make it! I cannot say that too many times. No one of us can make it by ourselves. If my presidency was a good and successful one, then it is because of the people around me. I hope it was. Thanks to all of you. I am sure our tracks will cross in the future.

JR Fisher

Minutes of the Membership Meeting.

John Ragan called the Membership Meeting of April 15, 2015 to order at 7:02 pm.

John Held led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Magnani called the roll.

Board members present: Joe Austin, Bill Ferguson, Tom Magnani, John Ragan, Frank Simmons and Steve Wills.

Members present were: Doug Alumbaugh, Arthur (AB) Boone, John Held, Joe Johnston, Cliff Kelly, John Kuchnia, George Lasley, Devon Mosley, Fati Mosley, Jim Songer and Roland Waggoner.

Tom Magnani stated that he had found an error in the minutes of the March Membership meeting. He had neglected to record John Ragan's reopening the Membership Meeting to make a motion to move Doug Alumbaugh's Probationary Member status to that of Senior Member which he seconded and was approved unanimously.

John Ragan announced that AB's post meeting presentation will cover various aspects of modeling scenery.

Steve Wills reported that the club is, as of the end of February, basically where it was financially last year at that time with allowance for our prepayment of next year's show in the new building and an increased advertising budget for the 2014 show.

George Lasley reported that approximately 263 of a total of 300 tables have been assigned. There will be a new narrow gauge G scale layout in the lobby. Steve commented that there had been an early burst of vendor checks.

Jim Songer reported that the N gauge layout group has achieved a solution for the module facing the Mall window. He anticipates the completion of the middle sections scenery by the end of May. They will also begin working on scenery for the Mall window section.

Joe Austin reported that construction of the N gauge "Thomas" layout is ongoing. He has been able to operate a train on it.

Roland Waggoner reported that there is no change in the O-gauge layout's status since the last meeting.

John Ragan reported that the Board has approved the sum of \$2,000 to replace the existing HO layout with new, sectional, modules. The modules will be constructed for the club by Bill Swint and will have extended banquet legs. They are working on finalizing a 3 loop track plan that will permit simultaneous looping and operating sessions. They will salvage the present layout's DCC, buildings and new track.

Steve Wills thanked Doug Alumbaugh for restoring the current layout to the best condition it has been in quite a few years as well as for his creative new track, sidings and industry.

John Ragan reported that the G Scale layout is working. He is looking for a volunteer to upgrade the Club's rolling stock by converting to Kadee couplers and replacing the plastic wheels with steel wheels.

Steve Wills reported that the "Lego" layout is working well and continues to interest young people.

Bill Ferguson reported that he and Joe Austin have a preliminary roster to fill the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and one At Large position. His motion to open the process by asking the Senior Members present if anyone, who is current in their dues, wished to volunteer for one of these positions. No one volunteered.

The proposed slate is:

President	John Ragan
Vice President	Frank Simmons
Secretary	Tom Magnani

Treasurer

Steve Wills

At Large position

Arthur (AB) Boone

George Lasley's motion to close the nominations was seconded by Roland Waggoner. Clif Kelly's motion to accept the proposed slate of officers was seconded by Steve Wills.

Roland Waggoner asked that everyone remember to set the turnouts on the HO layout to the mainline before leaving or shutting it down. The DCC shutdown should be done by the instructions, not just by pulling a plug or throwing a breaker. This is so that when re-energized the locomotives on it do not begin moving without supervision.

George Lasley reported that Todd's Trains is open only on Saturday.

Bill Ferguson reported that the ladder for the G scale layout has been ordered.

John Kuchnia reported that he has completed the scenery inventory for the HO and N Scales.

Joe Johnston reported that the quad outlet, 2 duplex receptacles, in the main room that powers telephone handset are separately powered from different circuit breakers. The phone's duplex receptacle is on the circuit that powers the phone base and is to be left on. The other outlet is to be shutoff and all plugs, usually the O gauge's layout transformers, must be removed prior to closing the clubhouse for the day.

Steve Wills stated that all plugs, other than the telephone, must be removed from the outlets when the clubhouse is closed for the day.

John Ragan pointed out 2 water leaks on the ceiling. One adjacent to the TV the other in over the work bench.

John Ragan advised that this weekend, and every 3rd weekend, will be Streamliner weekend. He wants the membership to suggest ideas for themes for the other weekends. He also asked that the membership come forward with ideas and suggestions for meetings and club events.

The 'members only' swap meet will be Saturday, April 18th, from 10am to 4 pm.

He has one empty seat available for the trip to the TCS show in Greenville, SC on April 25th. Please contact him if you wish to join him.

Future Board meetings will be on Monday, May 4, 2015 and on Monday, June 1, 2015.

Future Membership meetings will be on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 and on Wednesday, June 17, 2015.

Tom Magnani 's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by George Lasley at 7:45 pm.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors.

Call to order 7:00 PM May 4, 2015 by JR Fisher

Joe Austin was appointed to take minutes

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

Members present were: A.B. Boone, Scott Gagnon,

Pete Hansma, John Held, Joe Johnston, George Lasley, Devon Mosely, Jim Songer, Roland Waggoner

Guests: Fati Mosley (Devon's Dad).

Treasurer's report: given by Steve Wills.

Show report: George Lasley:

Show date: Nov 6-8.. 267 of 300 tables have been assigned. There are a couple new vendors and a couple returning after absence last year. We seem to have run out of the handout cards for the show.

Inventory: Steve Wills

Layout inventories are due end of May. Items planning to be sold should not be included in the inventory.

Clubhouse:

RE: ads on TV advertising the coming of Chinatown:

we have received no notice; we have a verbal month-to-month lease.

JR requested that the library be covered to make the clubhouse appear neater to prospective members, not so much "ready to move".

There are many visitors during Wed AM "work session".

Layouts:

G: Joe Austin: The cleaning car needs cleaning: use 409 and a toothbrush Joe A responsible. A rolling stairway has been purchased and is now in use. Bill F will purchase the platform ladder that was also approved. We still have the track and trains for the original G Thomas; we agreed to restore this layout.

O: Roland Waggoner: 3 tracks are running 3-rail

HO: John Ragan: new straight modules: 8 modules, 8' x 30" have been constructed and are ready for painting. A "paint party" for the new HO modules is scheduled for this Wed at 9 AM, Bill Swint's home (not a member). Layout design is nearly complete; it is based on Raleigh and Goldsboro with 3-track mainline

N: Jim Songer: Two main lines and one passing siding are running; two passing tracks need power. More RH turnouts are needed for the third module (approved)

LEGO: Steve Wills: Two new buildings are coming. LEGO has a Ferris wheel coming out soon (a prof. at NCSU has written a book on the history of the Ferris wheel)

N Thomas: Joe Austin: Scenery is under construction with help from Steve W. Viaduct is under construction

Officer Installation dinner: Will be held Sat June 20 1pm at the clubhouse; cost to be paid from the club treasury. Guests are welcome; RSVP by the previous meeting June 17. We will grill hot dogs and hamburgers outside if mall allows; otherwise pizza

Maker Faire: Joe Austin: Raleigh Maker Faire has a new sponsor; specific plans have not been announced

Open house: tabled

Name tags: were distributed to new members

Show invitation: TCA has invited the club to build a layout per Lionel specs for the Lionel show in Greenville. Little interest was expressed by O-gauge, but we agreed to have a look at the specs.

Mother's Day: We agreed the clubhouse will be closed next Sunday, Mother's Day

E L Moore Photo shoot: JR Fisher.: JR announced that a railroading book author is planning a photo-shoot of buildings from renowned modeler E L Moore. The collection would be gathered from a few modelers who have extensive collections of Moore buildings, including J R. J R suggested that we offer to host the photo-shoot. This was approved.

Election of Officers: The secretary and treasurer were asked to draw up a list of member eligible to vote in the upcoming officer election next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm

Minutes submitted by Joe Austin

Future Events.

The club is open on Saturdays at 10 am. and Sundays at 1 pm.
Membership meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 7 pm.
BoG meeting, June 1, 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>

Interesting links

NCDOT has an interactive rail map at:

<http://ncdot.maps.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?layers=50b9f6e65f1b4ce09ef5c84a6f20a291>

There is no shortage of videos made from film on railroading. Here is one on **signals** from the New York Central, around 1948, with lots of steam.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygt3ktpmQyE>

Here's a site I just found:

<http://www.american-rails.com/>

It's got great maps of the railroads, both current and "fallen flags"

A few years ago, at a train show, I saw a layout powered by air, much like air hockey. I got a copy of the manual, which you can view [here](#). I thought it would be an interesting projec.

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NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 7:00 pm.
LOCATION: Morrisville Outlet Mall, 1001 Airport Blvd.
Board of Governors meeting: June 1, 2015 at 7: 00 pm

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