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Under the Crown Sheet

It's already July, and it is hard to believe we are seven months into 2015. Things at the clubhouse are busy. The N scale layout has been moved and raised, and is being re-wired and updated. The track work is just about complete and some serious scenery work has begun.

The LEGO layout has several new attractions. Steve Wills has provided the layout with a motorized Ferris wheel, a French bistro, a new locomotive, well cars, and a bakery with a secret. Thanks go to Bill and Mary Lou Ferguson's grandsons for displaying their LEGO creations on our layout. We appreciate you.

By the end of July, the club will have the four new HO corner modules with the track in the clubhouse. We are making steady progress on the other modules. Track laying has begun with several modules nearing completion.

Preparations for the show continue, please give your support. There are show flyers and business cards available at the club for distribution. We are down to less than four months until the big weekend...it's almost SHOW TIME!

If anyone is interested in ordering club shirts or purchasing hats, this July 15 monthly meeting is the time to get it together. We can order burgundy or green polo shirts with the club logo, or thousand mile denim short or long sleeve button down shirts. We will be using the same vendor as last year. We have the hats at the club (burgundy or green).

Please keep Frank Mansfield in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from surgery. He is recovering in Rex hospital.

~John Ragan

Minutes of the Membership Meeting.

John Ragan called the Membership Meeting of June 17, 2015 to order at 12:00 PM.

Frank Simmons led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Magnani called the roll.

Board members present: Arthur (AB) Boone, Tom Magnani, John Ragan, Frank Simmons and Steve Wills.

Members present were: Erik Dyke, Clif Kelly, Jim Songer and Roland Waggoner.

Guest: Greg Brynildsen.

John Ragan acknowledged that this is Greg Brynildsen's first membership meeting following many weekends of work at the club house. Tom Magnani offered to be his sponsor. Tom Magnani's motion to make him a probationary Member was seconded by Arthur (AB) Boone and approved unanimously.

Tom Magnani described a donation of mainly pre WWII Lionel and Marx O gauge rolling stock, accessories and track. He has asked George Lasley to evaluate them.

Treasurer's report: Deferred to the evening portion of the meeting.

John Ragan explained that the old modules will be made available to club member for the cost of replacing the turnouts at \$25/each. The reason for this is that all of the existing layout's turnouts are needed for the new layout. Any purchased module will need to be removed from the clubhouse within a week of its take down as we lack suitable storage space.

Tom Magnani provided the example of the purchase, by Fred Krauss, of the 'New Berne Dock' module. He, or Erik Dyke, will be storing it for Fred.

John Ragan's motion to suspend the meeting until 7:00 PM was seconded by Tom Magnani and approved unanimously.

The meeting was recessed at 12:20 PM.

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Meeting reconvened at 7:00 pm by President John Ragan.

This portion of the minutes are being recorded by Joe Austin substituting for the Secretary.

Board members present: Joe Austin, Arthur (AB) Boone, Bill Ferguson, John Ragan, Frank Simmons and Steve Wills.

Members present were: David Craft, Erik Dyke, John Held, Clif Kelly, John Kuchnia, Pete Hansma, Scott Gagnon, George Lasley, Frank Mansfield, Jim Songer and Roland Waggoner.

Guests present were: Mike Irwin, John Schneider and John Upham.

Treasurer's Report- Steve Wills.

Dues for 2015-2016 are now due as of June 1, 2015.

Show report: George Lasley:

- we have a new vendor featuring quality O-scale structures,
- Sipping and Switching has been allocated 20k square feet,
- a walk-thru of the Jim Graham building, where the show will be held, was conducted this afternoon at noon.

N-scale: Jim Songer:

- the N-scale layout has been modularized, legs with wheels have been added,
- Greg will supervise wiring.

O-scale: Bill Ferguson:

- a donation of Lionel and Marx equipment was received, that Tom Magnani will inventory and needs to be further examined.

G-gauge: Scott Gagnon

- thanks to Joe Austin and John Ragan for cleaning the track; the trains are now running smoothly
- power wiring us being finalized to make it more accessible.

General: A. Boone:

- before purchasing new equipment or materials for layouts, please check the inventory of materials already on hand;
- when purchasing new materials, keep it together in a box or shelf so others can find and use it as appropriate

HO-scale: Steve Wills

- 8 straight tables are built,

- the track plan is being transferred to table,
- should be ready to install track this weekend or next,
- all turnouts from the existing HO layout will be reused in the new one,
- corners of the existing layout can be re-used,
- members are welcome to the straight modules from the old layout,
- but if you want the track, you must pay for the turnouts @ \$25 each.

Lego- Steve Wills

- added a new LEGO train (Maersk);
- Ferris wheel, French Restaurant, and “cookie caper:” building have been added

NEW BUSINESS

Induction Dinner:

Will be held this Saturday at 1 pm at the clubhouse,
 Pizza, salad, and drinks will be served; cost paid from club treasury,
 Members and guest are welcome;
 let Tom Magnani if you or guest will be attending.

Show Flyers: Pete Hansma, John Ragan

- a large quantity of club flyers are now available,
- show flyers are being printed, but not the cards,
- two styles of club business cards are being printed:
- one with club logo, another with layout photo.

N&W 611 – Pete Hansma

- still at NC Museum of Transportation thru June,
- two more weekends of “throttle time” but this weekend sold out,
- Also coming to Spencer:
 replica of Lincoln Funeral Car,
 possibly also Leviathan 440.

Denton show June 30-July 4, 2015:
 45th Annual Southeast Old Threshers’ Reunion

8 am-9 pm

Denton Farm Park

1072 Cranford Road, Denton

The largest steam, gas and antique farm machinery show in the Southeastern
 US!

Rumored to be on display: steam shovel, steam tractors, and possibly a logging
 engine.

Weaver Models

-O-scale manufacturer Weaver Models has shut down;
get their products from dealer while you still can.

Classic Trains Magazine photo of Raleigh

The current issue of Classic Trains Magazine has a centerfold photo of the Raleigh Yard taken by club member Will Allen.

Issues are still available at Nicks' and perhaps Barnes & Noble.

Other Clubs—George Lasley

Smokey Mountain MRR club in Waynesville has a nice O layout;
open Tuesday evenings

- John R: members are encouraged to send copies of NRV newsletter to RR clubs in other areas.

Photos Wanted

- AB – please gather pictures of your home layout and bring to club for creating a display

Adjourn: 7:50 pm

Program:

No formal program planned

interested members can stay to discuss progress of HO layout.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors.

John Ragan called the Board Meeting of July 6, 2015 to order at 7:00 PM.

Tom Magnani took the minutes and called the roll.

Board Members Present: Joe Austin, Arthur Boone, Bill Ferguson, Tom Magnani, John Ragan, Frank Simmons and Steve Wills.

Members present were: Doug Alumbaugh, Patrick Bradley, Pete Hansma, Clif Kelly, George Lasley, Devon Mosley and Jim Songer.

Guests present were Robert Bradley and Fati Mosley.

Treasurer's report: Presented by Steve Wills.

As of the end of April, 2015, we are comparable to the end of March and, consistent with April of 2014.

Advertising for the November Show

Show report: George Lasley:

Show date: Nov. 6-8, 2015. No change in the number of table assignments. He, John Ragan, Pete Hansma and Jim Songer visited the Graham Building during the recent Auto Show. No surprises, nothing appeared insurmountable. They have a better understanding of the staffing requirements and what sort of additional signage that will be required.

There was a discussion about the effectiveness of the show's advertising last year. George supported continuation with the local, Raleigh – Durham TWC service area. He believes that the funds for the Greensboro area coverage would be more effective if directed eastward, towards the New Berne – Wilmington area. John Ragan was requested to invite a TWC representative to the next Board meeting to discuss their coverage and rates in and around Wilmington.

John Ragan discussed World's Greatest Hobby's use of Facebook extensively in the last 6 weeks before their show. From our club page we can reach out to a target audience. The question is how much are we willing to spend. There is a Facebook program called 'Boost Your Posts' which moves an organization's posts to a higher spot in the Facebook News Feed. He will try to learn more about the program in order to judge its cost effectiveness.

Tom Magnani reported on his development's use of an electronic neighborhood bulletin board, 'Nextdoor', for his Olde Salem community in Cary to post announcements about anything from zoning issues, to pet sitters, to summer camps. It covers quite a few local communities, 37 total neighborhoods, and he thinks that this would be a no cost opportunity to advertise our show and future events. Bob Bradley noted that he has a similar site for his neighborhood in Raleigh and would be able to repeat Tom's posting. George asked Tom to develop a description of the site and then to ask the membership who else has access to similar sites and, would be willing to post on their local sites. Tom was also asked to coordinate it with the Cub's 2 sites.

Arthur Boone and Frank Simmons asked that these advertising/notification venues be tried out as a test in support of the planned open house in September. The N&O's paid advertising will not be used for the Open House due to its cost. If we can be listed on the N&O's community page, at no cost, it should be used.

Clif Kelly asked if we would reconsider the Club joining the Morrisville Chamber of Commerce as a 'not for profit'. Our annual fee would be \$250 and would get us in front of a variety of other organizations. This might include individuals who work with retirement community outings, etc. Clif was asked to bring back details for the Board's consideration.

Frank Simmons reported that the North Carolina Transportation Museum will be having its 'Historic Spencer Shops Train show' on August 22nd and 23rd. He would like the Club's members to volunteer to staff a table. It should be possible for one group to bring out the Club's materials on Saturday and someone from the Sunday group to bring everything back on Sunday. He suggested offering Spencer a reciprocal table at our show.

Spencer's site is: <http://nctrans.org/Events/Historic-Spencer-Shops-Train-Show.aspx>

Frank also asked for a commitment by club membership to support the Museum's 'Day Out With Thomas' on the weekend of Sept. 25th, Friday, and 26th and 27th. He is not seeking assistance with the following weekend, October 2, 3 and 4.

As we have very little surplus materials it was decided not to bring anything to sell at the Spencer events or at the TCA show at the Fairgrounds on August 8th. We will provide fliers for the TCA show.

Shirt orders:

John Ragan has had an inquiry about hats and shirts and asked the Board to consider putting together another order for shirts. He recommended the burgundy or green short sleeve polo's and/or the '1000 mile' wash denim long sleeved shirts. The club should only offer these 2 styles. His motion to use the same vendor as before was seconded by Tom Magnani and unanimously passed.

Steve Wills reported that we still had Club caps and they were available to the membership for \$18/ea.

Lego Store Participation:

Robert Bradley reported that he is pursuing, with John Ragan's approval, the participation of the local Lego Store as a vendor at our show. He will work with George Lasley to provide the store with any requested information. He and Patrick asked for, and received, permission to set up a Lego Layout on as pair of

tables at our November show.

HO Layout Donation:

Clif Kelly presented his proposal to donate a ‘Cornerstone’ Oil Refinery Loading station, 4’ – 5’ in total length, to be located on module #7. He asked to be granted permission to use an off mainline area of that module to construct and install the complete model. Once completed, the module would become the club’s responsibility. Steve Wills’ motion to allow Clif to place the refinery module on a designated location on module #7, within the agreed upon space was seconded by Tom Magnani and unanimously approved.

Key holders

John Ragan asked for a list of key holders. Tom Magnani is to email him a list with their contact information. Steve Wills’ motion to issue a key to Doug Alumbaugh was seconded by Arthur Boone and approved unanimously.

Tom Magnani was asked by John Ragan and George Lasley to take possession of JR Fisher’s key for the Club’s PO Box at the North Hills Post Office adjacent to the Kroger.

Clif Kelly asked Tom to send Joe Johnston his telephone number for inclusion on the Whistle Post’s mailing page.

Devon Mosley asked, school activities permitting, if he and his father could set up a layout at the train show. The Board thanked him and approved his request. The club will provide a power connection.

Steve Wills’ motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM was seconded by Arthur Boone and unanimously adopted.

Future Events.

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

Membership meeting on Wednesday, July 15 2015 at 7:00pm .

BoG meeting, August 3, 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/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.

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

Is this the solution for saving space?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_s1XXeZTC3o

Pictures



Working on the new HO modules at the club.



Working on the new HO modules at Bill Swint's house.



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NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 7:00 pm.
LOCATION: Morrisville Outlet Mall, 1001 Airport Blvd.
Board of Governors meeting: August 3, 2015 at 7: 00 pm

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