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Under the Crown Sheet

To all the NRV club members who were instrumental in moving the clubhouse into our current location THANK YOU!!! Special thanks to Arthur Boone, Doug Alumbaugh, Joe Austin, Bob and Patrick Bradley, Greg Brynildsen, Dan Egy, Bill Ferguson, Scott Gagnon, Pete and Donna Hansma, John Held, Clif Kelly, Tom Magnani, Henry Shirley, Frank Simmons, Jim Songer, Roland Waggoner, Dick Walz and Steve Wills. Your hard work made it possible for the club to move into the temporary space before the deadline.

The club must prepare to transition from the mall temporary space another space or a storage facility before October 1, 2015. The Board is continuing to follow leads for clubhouse space, but we have not yet been successful.

Please help NRV find a new space. Your assistance in finding a meeting room for monthly gatherings and a new clubhouse is needed. We all know the parameters. Do not hesitate to contact the Board or myself if you have a lead or an idea.

Our show, in our new, larger venue, is happening in less than 90 days. Table sales are moving well. Reserve the dates November 6th thru 8th. Our club needs the same enthusiastic participation we had for the move.

The show advertising decisions will be made by the September Board meeting. Come to a meeting! Be involved.

Minutes of the Membership Meeting.

John Ragan called the Membership Meeting of July 15, 2015 to order at 7:02 PM.
George Lasley led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Tom Magnani called the roll.

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

Members present were: David Craft, Scott Gagnon, John Held, Clif Kelly, George Lasley, Henry Shirley, Jim Songer, Roland Waggoner and Richard Walz.

John Ragan noted that we have a 'Get Well' card for the speedy recovery of Frank Mansfield for the membership to sign. Bill Ferguson reported that Frank is doing well and is in the Raleigh Rehab & Healthcare Center on Wade Avenue.

Treasurer's report: Presented by Steve Wills.

The club is, as of the end of May, basically where it normally at this time of year. Our finances are in line with where it should be as compared to last year in March with allowance for our prepayment of next year's show in the new building, an increased advertising budget for the 2014 show and, for the construction of the G and HO layouts.

Show report: Presented by George Lasley.

There is no change in the Show's status since the July Board meeting. Robert Bradley is continuing with his effort to have the local Lego store rent a table at the show. Bob is also working to make our show known to the activities coordinators at local retirement centers.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO WORK ON CLUB ASSIGNMENTS DURING THE SHOW. Set up is on Friday, November 6th with the full show on November 7th and 8th.

We have no club inventory at this time and are not planning to have a club sales table at our show in November.

John Ragan reported that Time Warner Cable will have a representative at our August 3rd Board meeting to discuss their options and service area coverage. This year we are considering swapping the TWC area to the west of the RTP for an area around Wilmington

John Ragan summarized the variety of measures the club has used: News & Observer with the last advertisement on the Saturday of the show, Time Warner Cable, both this area and, last year, additionally towards the west, Local advertising, mostly handled by Pete and Donna Hansma, Flyers and posters in local Hobby stores, libraries and schools.

Tom Magnani repeated for the Membership, from the July Board meeting, 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 the club, the upcoming open house and, our show. He reported that Bob Bradley has a similar site in Raleigh and would be able to repeat his posting. Also, that George had asked him 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.

Layouts:

N: Jim Songer reported that the under plywood wood has been completed and that the track design for the 3rd module is done and the track work on it is underway. He asked for confirmation that we have a reversing module in stock.

T-TRAK Modular: Joe Austin reported that the mountains are under construction and that the layout is close to limited operation.

HO: Steve Wills reported that track work on 4 of the new modules is almost complete. 2 of the 4 end modules are in-house. He is working with Clif Kelly on Clif's oil depot. The next step, independent of the track work, will be the painting of the fascia on both the HO and N layouts. The color will be a dark green.

AB thanked all members who have worked on Wednesdays to move both the layouts towards completion.

O: Bill Ferguson reported that all work on the layout has been halted in anticipation of our relocation.

G: Scott Gagnon reported that the layout is working without problems.

LEGO: Steve Wills asked that anyone who wants to use the layout talk to him about how to turn the various powered items on and off. It is **never** necessary to rearrange operating internals.

The Lego controller settings are:

1. Emerald Night – Green
2. Horizon Express – Orange passenger express
3. Powered Caboose
4. Rides – Ferris Wheel

John Ragan asked that everyone who has access to a Face Book account to 'Like' the club on Face Book.

AB reminded the membership about the need to maintain our housekeeping. John Ragan asked that no food, or food packages or open soda containers be left in the clubhouse; either on tables or in the trash, as the demolition work around us will be stirring up insects and rodents.

New Business:

The club will be arranging a purchase of club shirts. The choices are:

Burgundy or Green short sleeve polo shirts,
'1000 mile' short sleeve and long sleeve denim.

Pricing will be slightly more than the last time.

There is 1 Burgundy polo shirt in size 1X from the last order.

Caps, of both colors are in stock and cost \$20/ea.

Frank Simmons reported that we will not have a table at the TCA show on Saturday.

We will have a table at Spencer for the weekend of August 22nd and 23rd at which to promote our November show. He explained that the Spencer gift shop does not sell models. The gift shop refers people who wish to purchase models to the 'Little Choo Choo Shop', adjacent to the NC Transportation Museum.

Tom Magnani was asked to poll the membership to support the Spencer weekend.

The Lincoln Funeral Train, with the 'Leviathan' locomotive will be at Spencer from August 28th to the 30th. Tickets are available on line at:

<http://www.nctrans.org/Events/2015-Lincoln-Funeral-Train.aspx>

Open House:

John Ragan announced that the tentative date for the open house is September 29th. (Editor's note: the open house has since been canceled due to the move)

Mall Activities:

John Ragan reported that there are roof leaks throughout the mall. He believes that the demolition work in the stores surrounding the clubhouse is to remove mold and rotted ceiling tiles prior to the arrival of the Kids EveryWEAR which will run from September 15th – 22nd. Their setup and teardown are on the days prior to and following the main event.

Tom Magnani cautioned everyone to be careful if they park in the lot in back of the clubhouse due to stray screws nails and other debris.

George Lasley and John Held described George's operation of the 611 locomotive at Spencer.

The next Membership Meeting will be on Wednesday, August 19, 2015, at the usual 7:00 PM.

The next Board Meeting will be on Monday, August 3, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Steve Wills' motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Arthur Boone at 7:59 P

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors.

John Ragan called the Board Meeting of August 3, 2015 to order at 7:00PM. The meeting was held in the temporary clubhouse, #295, in the Mall.

Tom Magnani took the minutes.

It was noted that the roads around the mall were all extremely congested and that the meeting's attendees streamed in as it began.

John Ragan introduced Emily Moore, Small Business Specialist, of Time Warner Cable, TWC. Ms. Moore began by summarizing our 2014 campaign, which had 104, 10 second, spots each in the Raleigh Interconnect and in the Greensboro Interconnect markets. Additionally, as we are a non-profit, TWC added a total of 80 'Bonus' spots to our paid total of 208 spots in both markets. She noted that these "Bonus" spots can be split between the 2 markets. For this we paid \$3120 for the 2 markets plus a production fee of \$220 to update the date and ticket prices from the previous year's spot.

Ms. Moore then presented the possibility of our adding 3 more markets; Wilmington, Moorehead and Jacksonville. These markets are not interconnected and would have to be purchased individually. She noted, as shown on the coverage and demographic sheets she handed out, that Wilmington has the highest per customer income and oldest demographics; followed by Moorehead and Jacksonville.

George Lasley asked for a quote for similar slots in Wilmington and Jacksonville markets. (He believes that Moorehead is too distant from Raleigh to be worth the investment in advertising funds.) Ms. Moore will provide an exact quote but believes that it will be on the order of \$500 for both markets. It would be possible to move slots, both purchased and 'Bonus' between the markets.

Ms. Moore then presented the concept of purchasing a Banner Ad on TWC's 2 web sites, www.twcnews.com and twccentral.com. The twccentral.com site provides national news and local schedules. The Banner Ad can include a link to the Club's web site(s). The Banner Ad purchase would include web site analytics. (It is necessary to be a TWC subscriber to view these sites.) The ads can be made in several formats. Ms. Moore will send the information to John Ragan. There is a \$150 fee to create a banner ad. Devon Mosley offered to try to make an acceptable banner ad for the club and John Ragan will forward TWC's specifications to him.

The TWC Community Calendar is free and ends at the ending day of the show.

George Lasley asked for a quote for:

Raleigh Interconnect and in the Greensboro Interconnect markets,
Wilmington and Jacksonville markets,
Web sites.

John Ragan and the Board thanked Ms. Moore for her presentation.

Tom Magnani called the roll.

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

Members present were: Doug Alumbaugh, Pete Hansma, Joe Johnston, Clif Kelly, George Lasley, Jim Songer, Devon Mosley, and Roland Waggoner.

Our guests were Katy Alumbaugh, Donna Hansma, Fati Mosley and Deb Kintzing.

John Ragan began the regular Board Meeting by describing the lease for the temporary facility. It includes, "Provided Tenant vacates by the termination date (September 30, 2015), rent will be abated for August and September 2015. The vacated premises will be left broom clean, and Tenant will deliver the keys to the premises to the mall office." His legal counsel informed him that the word 'abated' means that, if we meet the terms of the lease agreement, our rent for August and September in #295, will be returned. At this point in time our utilities are not our expense.

Frank Simmons mentioned, and the Board agreed, that we should err on the side of caution about asking for a refund of our 2009 deposit.

John Ragan presented the quote for our move, to a local storage facility, by '2 Men and a Truck'. It will, estimated worst case, be \$1,920 for 4 men for 8 hours at \$240/hour. If less than 8 hours there would be some reduction in cost.

Donna Hansma reported on the results of her attempt to find a climate controlled storage facility for us. The original arrangement to obtain a 10' x 10' climate

controlled storage facility from the Uncle Bob's facility in Cary fell through when it was confirmed that they had erred in believing that they had an available unit. Furthermore, their non controlled unit was on the 3rd floor and not acceptable for us. They expect to have a 10' x 30', ground floor, climate controlled unit for \$195/mo., for which we have a right of first refusal, in mid-August. John Ragan and the Board thanked Donna for her work to find us a storage facility.

After some discussion it was decided that we will do our own moving. George Lasley asked for someone to investigate hiring some laborers on an hourly basis.

There was a general discussion about a future clubhouse. #120 was 3200 sq. ft. We would prefer at least 2,500 but would settle for 2,000. The location should be in a corridor from Cary north along the 540 corridor so as to minimize membership travel; especially in light of the upcoming, multiyear, work on 40. The South Hills mall has already declined.

Pete Hansma distributed a sample of the vendor and layout badges that he was considering. He wanted to make them easy to wear, clearly visible and, difficult to duplicate. It was suggested that using colored card stock with black ink would minimize production cost.

Steve Wills' motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 PM was seconded by Tom Magnani 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, TBD at 7 pm.

All events at the club site, 1001 Airport Blvd. Suite 295., NEW, near the food court.

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>

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NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 7:00 pm.
LOCATION: Morrisville Outlet Mall, 1001 Airport Blvd. Suite 295 NEW, near food court.
Board of Governors meeting: TBD at 7: 00 pm

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