



Big Announcement Concerning New Clubhouse at October Meeting

Currently meeting at Cary Area EMS, [107 Medcon Court, NC.](#)

Park at the Doctor's office next store, or across the street at Terry's Floors

Best to carry a flashlight.

Phone: 984-232-1409 (new)

Under the Crown Sheet by John Ragan

There are only twenty-five days until NRV's largest show EVER! We have reservations on close to three hundred tables now. I encourage every club member to set aside November 6th thru the 8th and volunteer to help your model train club make this our very best show. We guarantee that George and I can find jobs for everyone. While you are there, find time to enjoy an amazing show put together by George and Pete...thanks guys!

The Board continues to search for a new home for the club. We have expanded the search parameters to include most of Wake County, in the hope that something acceptable in the club's price range will be available. We may be asking: How far are you willing to travel to play with trains?

Our last meeting before the show will be held on Wednesday, October 21st. Doug Alumbaugh and the Cary EMS station have graciously allowed us access to their facilities at [107 Medcon Court, Cary NC.](#) It is near the corner of Maynard and Kildaire Farm. Please come ready to discuss the show and your participation in it. You are what makes this club work and what will make this show the best EVER. We look forward to seeing you in Cary and at the show!

~John Ragan

Minutes of the Membership Meeting.

John Ragan called the Membership Meeting of September 16, 2015 to order at 7:10 PM. The meeting, our last at this location, was held in Suite #295 of the Morrisville Outlet Mall.

Roland Waggoner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

John Ragan called the roll.

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

Members present were: Joe Austin, Patrick Bradley, Robert Bradley, Erik Dyke, Pete Hansma, Michael Irwin, George Lasley, Devon Mosley, Henry Shirley, Jim Songer, Roland Waggoner and Richard Walz.

Guests were Robert Bradley and Fati Mosley.

Devon Mosley recorded the minutes.

John Ragan thanked all those who are helping with the move of the club's belongings from the mall to our storage facility.

Treasurer's report: Steve Wills.

The club is basically where it normally at this time of year. Our finances are in line with where it should be as compared to last year with allowance for our prepayment of next year's show in the new building, an increased advertising budget for the 2015 show, the construction of the G and HO layouts and our packing and storage costs.

He reminded the membership that it is necessary to be up to date on one's dues in order to be able to vote.

Show report: George Lasley.

There is no change in the Show's status since September's Board meeting. We have approximately 17 tables remaining.

The Board has decided to use only Time Warner Cable's 10 second spots in both the local and Coast markets. Their web based advertising does not appear to suit our needs.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO WORK ON CLUB ASSIGNMENTS DURING THE SHOW. Set up is on Friday, November 6th, 8:30 AM – 5 PM, with the full show on November 7th, 9 AM – 5 PM, and 8th, 9 AM – closing.

Election:

John Ragan announced that Joe Austin has resigned from the Board and that we have two members, Doug Alumbaugh and John Kuchnia, who have volunteered to fill the remainder, approximately 1 ½ years, of Joe's term. Arthur Boone's motion to open the floor to nominations was seconded and approved. The names of Doug Alumbaugh and John Kuchnia were accepted and the nomination was closed.

Steve Wills read the list of members eligible to vote and ballot slips were handed out and collected. Steve tallied the votes and announced that Doug Alumbaugh has been elected to fill the remainder of Joe Austin's term.

Moving to Storage:

John Ragan thanked everyone who has helped with the move to our Storage facility. AB has provided the guidance and creativity that has enabled the move to go quickly and with no hitches. We need to be out of our current area, with it 'broom clean' by September 30th.

Telephone:

Steve Wills said that his attempts to have the Club's old phone number transferred to magicJack have failed. The club's magicJack number is 919-400-5570. Its major limitation, while we are in storage, is that it requires that its associated laptop be on and connected to a network.

He has purchased a dedicated mobile phone for the club. That number is 984-232-1409 (Editor's Note: 984 is now an area code for the Raleigh area).

Spencer:

John Ragan reported that our presence at Spencer on August 22nd and 23rd was a success and we were able to distribute several hundred fliers and had several inquiries from interested vendors. He thanked those members who were there to support the club's presence.

Cakalacky:

Frank Simmons reported on the discussions with the owners of Cakalacky as to our selling their sauces and related items at the club's show. Cakalacky will provide us with supplies, on consignment and at wholesale prices, which we will sell at retail price with the difference going to the club. The dedicated booth will have a railroad theme. As we will need every available member to work the show some of the wives, and Debbie Kintzing will be staffing the booth.

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Layouts:

There were no layout reports. There was a general discussion of where and how to continue work on the HO modules. Until we get past the show it was decided to halt work so as to direct all of our energies to completing our move and to prepare for the show.

New Business:

John Ragan reported that we are will maintain our meeting schedule of Board Meetings on the First Monday of the month and the Membership Meetings on the third Wednesday of the month until at least the end of the year. We are looking for a central meeting place and all suggestions will be considered.

The next Board Meeting will be on Monday, October 5, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

The next Membership Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, at the usual 7:00 PM.

Arthur Boone's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by John Ragan at 8:00 PM.

Minutes of the Board of Governors Meeting

John Ragan called the Board Meeting of October 5, 2015 to order at 7:02 PM. The meeting was held in the Cary EMS facility at 102 Medcon Court, Cary. He thanked Doug Alumbaugh for arranging for our use of this location for our meetings. Tom Magnani took the minutes and called the roll.

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

Members present were: Donna Hansma, John Held, Joe Johnston, Deborah Kintzing, John Kuchnia, George Lasley, Jim Songer and Roland Waggoner.

Guests were: Denise Boone, Donna Hansma, Margaret Magnani, Donna Ragan and Paulette Simmons.

John Ragan thanked Arthur Boone for his extraordinary help with the move and with the logistics. When he went to complete our leaving the mall the owner's representative presented him with an electrical bill for our 2 months in Suite 295. John traded that for our initial deposit and received a signed receipt in exchange for the deposit.

Treasurer's report: Steve Wills.

As of the end of September 2015 we are comparable to the September 2014.

Show report: George Lasley:

We have sold approximately 280 - 285 tables, pending some final decisions by individual vendors. (This compares with 250 vendor tables at this time last year.) Although 2 vendors have dropped out for personal reasons he has four vendors, new to us, who have expressed an interest in the show.

He rearranged some of the layouts to accommodate their requests for space and access. He has added the Bradley's "Lego" layout, expected to measure 6' x 8', to the overall layout area.

The requirements for, and location of, the Cakalacky table(s) will be discussed after the meeting.

He has a location for the sale of the recent donations of magazines and HO equipment. The Board agreed with George's recommendation that we include Wednesday prior to the show in our N&O advertising budget. It will increase our cost for the N&O advertising from \$624 to \$817. The original approval was for the Prior Sunday, Prior Friday and Saturday.

Tom Magnani was asked to poll the membership as to their availability for Friday from 8 – 8, Saturday from 7 – 5 and Sunday from 8 until we get everyone out.

Steve Wills reported that the club now has 2 telephone numbers. The one with the quickest response time is the Mobile number 984-232-1409. The magicJack number, 919-400-5570, requires that its computer be powered on and, connected to the web.

Until we leave storage it will not be in regular use.

Tom Magnani mentioned that, as we have gone into storage, he had provided Steve Wills with a CD copy of all of his club files. He asked Pete Hansma to provide Steve with an update of his library files.

There was a brief discussion of the club's website and its access paths. The discussion was tabled until after the show.

Cakalacky Table:

Frank Simmons provided a brief synopsis of how we came to our arrangement with the owners of Cakalacky and that Denise Boone, Deborah Kintzing, Margaret Magnani, Donna Ragan and Paulette Simmons will be handling the arrangements and staffing. That table will also display information for the NC Transportation Museum. The significant other of any member is welcome to contact the Board if they wish to help with that project.

The organizational meeting for this project will take place after the Board meeting.

New Clubhouse:

John Ragan provided a summary of the work he has been doing in trying to find a new clubhouse. He has looked at almost 25 different locations; some warranting more than a single viewing. So far none have met all our requirements for cost, access, central location, amenities and, overall safety. He has also considered the possibility that we might have separate clubhouse and meeting locations. After some discussion it was agreed that a location within 45 minutes driving time from the Angus Barn would be acceptable.

New Business:

The board has decided to hold off any change to the Membership Meeting's Day of the Week until after the new year.

Tom Magnani was asked to send the Club's meeting dates for the remainder of 2015 to Doug.

John Ragan will initiate a 'boosted' 'posting' on Facebook 2 weeks prior to the show.

Doug Alumbaugh reported that the shirts will be ready in 2 weeks.

George Lasley's request to order additional show banners was approved.

The Wednesday morning 8:30 AM breakfast meetings at the "Cracker Barrel on Airport Boulevard will continue.

Steve Wills' motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM was seconded by Arthur Boone and unanimously adopted.

Future Events.

The next membership meeting will be Wednesday October 21 at 7 pm at Cary Area EMC at

[107 Medcon Court, Cary NC](#) Use the side door; it's best to carry a flashlight

Note from the Editor/Webmaster

Please send me recent photos of our club activities, so we can put them n the newsletter.

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 984-232-1409 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>

Neat Links

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LoRfa5Cdcas&feature=iv&src_vid=ELNpjGyvpeM&annotation_id=annotation_2226721863

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NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, October 21, 2015, 7:00 pm. at: [107 Medcon Court, Cary NC](#)

Board of Governors meeting: Monday November 2, 7: 00 pm, at the same location.

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