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Post

Official Newsletter of the

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

Now meeting at [1615 Old Louisburg Rd, Raleigh](#)

Phone: is 919-400-5570, New again

Note on dues from Steve Wills

Our dues have increased for this fiscal year. For Senior members, dues are \$195 (\$120 + \$75 increase). For sustaining members, dues are \$97.50 (\$60 + \$37.50 increase).

You may pay your increased dues during any club meeting, or to Steven Wills at the club house, or mails you dues to either the Club's PO box or to my home address - 7716 Cart Track Trail Raleigh NC 27615.

Next fiscal year our dues will be Senior member \$300 and sustaining members \$150.

Under the Crown Sheet by John Ragan

Happy New Year!!! It is a glorious new year, we have a new clubhouse and the storage unit is empty!! Many thanks go to Arthur Boone, Doug Alumbaugh, John Kuchina, Tom Magnani, Bill Ferguson, and Frank Simmons for their tireless efforts during the move.

Many of us took materials home that would not fit into the storage unit. If you took something home from the mall for safekeeping, please bring it back in. We are in the process of reassembly and we need to know what components survived the move.

We have received donations of tools and layout materials from some of our members who downsized their residences. Thanks to Frank Simmons and Jim Songer for their appreciated contributions to NRV.

MaryAn Loss, Scott Gagnon's wife, is heading up the committee to make the visitor areas welcoming. The committee has already purchased chairs and tables for the lobby; they are working on wall decorations and organizing a reading and DVD viewing area. They have also acquired a file credenza for the break room. MaryAn has given us a list of items she needs to complete this project, and it will be in another section of this newsletter.

Please remember our holiday potluck party at MaryAn and Scott's on January 23rd. If you haven't responded to her email please see Tom Magnani, Scott or myself. The party is from 1-4pm; the address is [11808 Pembridge Lane, Raleigh NC](#). Come celebrate the new year and the good times with the members of the club.

Please note that our next meeting is Thursday January 21st at 7pm. Please park as close to the building as possible. The new address is 1615 Old Louisburg Rd, Raleigh NC.

Steve Wills reports that the LEGO layout is now up and running. Steve and Dan Egy are wiring on the HO modules. Framing will begin soon in the O scale room.

I look forward to seeing all of you on Thursday!

Minutes of the Membership Meeting.

John Ragan called the Membership Meeting of December 16, 2015 to order at 7:02 PM.

The meeting was held in the Cary EMS facility at 102 Medcon Court, Cary 27511.

Tom Magnani called the roll.

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

Members present were: Joe Austin, Patrick Bradley, Robert Bradley, Pete Hansma, Joe Johnston, George Lasley, Henry Shirley and Jim Songer.

Our guests were Donna Hansma and Ethan Quiram.

Treasurer's report: Steve Wills.

Steve reminded the membership that, with our signing the lease for the new clubhouse at 1615 Old Louisburg Road in Raleigh, our Senior Member's annual dues will now be \$25/month, \$300/year. For Senior Members who had paid in full earlier this year, they will need to pay an additional \$75 to remain current.

Dues for Sustaining Members are now \$12.50/month, \$150/year. For those Sustaining Members who had paid in full earlier this year, they will need to pay an additional \$37.50 to remain current.

As of the end November, the club is basically where it was at November 2014 with the main difference being that at that time, in 2014, we had yet to complete our payments to the Fairgrounds.

George Lasley announced that the subject of tonight's post meeting quiz will be 'People associated with railroading'.

John Ragan reminded the membership that Bill and Mary Lou Ferguson will be hosting a soup and salad gathering at their home on Sunday, December 20th from 4 – 6 PM.

Show report: George Lasley and John Ragan

We had one dealer who had missed 2 years in a row. It was decided that this should be addressed and resolved by the Board in a private session.

George has several receipts to give to Steve Wills before the show's books can be closed. He considers this to have been a somewhat above average show. One vendor phoned him to say how much he had enjoyed the show. The wide aisles were appreciated although it made the show appear to be lightly attended. George noted that the aisles at the TCA show were much tighter; limiting access when a handicapped person was traversing the aisle. He will be sending a deposit for next year's show to the Fairgrounds fairly soon.

Patrick and Robert Bradley reported on their Lego layout at the TCA.

New Clubhouse: John Ragan

John announced that he had signed the lease for [1615 Old Louisburg Road in Raleigh](#), paid our deposit and our January rent.

Arthur Boone, AB, will be handling the move from the storage locker to the clubhouse. It will begin on the weekend of January 16th, 17th and 18th. The goal is to move the HO and N modules directly into the large room and set them in place rather than leave them on their sides for later work. Please notify him as to your availability by January's Board meeting. The Lego layout is also being considered for this room.

The 2 outside storage lockers are dry and are approximately 10' x 10' with high ceilings. They have some electrical panels in them so we need to avoid obstructing the panels.

Tom Magnani is responsible for planning and installing a raised floor in the former Diesel Generator room. The goal is to have a continuous floor, covering the various concrete pads, to remove tripping hazards. The O Gauge layout will need to be redesigned and rebuilt. Tom reported that the design is a 'work in progress' possibly a shelf style, point to point; perhaps with a reversing loop at one end. Assistance and ideas are welcome.

AB stated that the large front room, that had been the prior tenant's office, will be our 'Combo Room'. He is recommending a concise library, coffee pot, small refrigerator reading table and chairs.

Tom Magnani reminded the membership that we will need to remove all the trash, every day, as there are no waste facilities at our new clubhouse. A particular concern is food and food containers.

John Ragan announced that there will be an open house on Saturday, December 19th, from 10 AM to Noon at the new club house. Its address is:

1615 Old Louisburg Road
Raleigh, NC 27604.

Everyone is welcome.

New Business:

John Ragan introduced Ethan Quiram to the membership. He has attended 2 Board and 1 Membership Meetings and is eligible for Probationary Membership. George Lasley's motion to suspend the membership procedures and to accept Ethan as a Probationary Member was unanimously approved.

Tom Magnani reminded the membership that donations to the club can be itemized on a donor's Federal tax return. He challenged the membership to donate to the club.

John Ragan announced that we will hold the January Board meeting, on January 4th at this location.

The next Board Meeting will be on Monday January 4, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Cary EMS facility at 102 Medcon Court, Cary 27511.

The next Membership Meeting will be on Thursday, January 21, 2016, at 7:00 PM at the new clubhouse at 1615 Old Louisburg Road, Raleigh, NC 27604.

Steve Wills' motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by George Lasley at 8:01 PM.

Minutes of the Board of Governors Meeting

The meeting of was called to order January 4, 2016 at 7:03 PM by John Ragan.

Tom Magnani recorded Minutes and called the Roll.

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

Members present: Pete Hansma, John Held, Clif Kelly, John Kuchnia, George Lasley, Ethan Quiram and Jim Songer.

Guests: Donna Hansma and Ethan Quiram's guest 'Cassy'.

Treasurer report: Steve Wills:

The treasury is almost exactly where it was a year ago except that we have not paid our deposit for next year to the Fairgrounds at this time. Once we do, the difference will reflect the new clubhouse's deposit and 1st month's rent and, the expenditures for the HO layout.

Doug Alumbaugh's motion to close the books for the 2015 Show was seconded by AB and unanimously approved.

Steve Wills' motion to open the book for the 2016 Show was seconded by John Ragan and unanimously approved.

Scott Gagnon:

John Ragan stated that Scott Gagnon's back surgery is now scheduled for Friday, January 8.

Security System:

John Ragan opened a discussion on about the choice of a security system. He presented a recommendation for Sun Belt Security, which is a local company and is familiar with model railroad installations. Their cost, which is typical for the industry for commercial users, would require an installation fee of \$500 and a year's rent in advance of \$600.

Pete Hansma's inquiry as to their response time was answered by George Lasley who, from personal experience, reported that their response time was less than 5 minutes. Pete added that this was within industry norms but paled in comparison to the almost 1 hour he has repeatedly experienced with the Raleigh PD. Several people noted that Raleigh allows only 1 false alarm per year with fines rising substantially for every subsequent false alarm.

George reminded the Board that all we carry at present is liability insurance with no personal property coverage. The Board accepted AB's suggestion that we review this topic in 6 months.

Diesel-Generator Room Rear Door

AB noted that the rear door in the Diesel-Generator Room was in extremely poor condition with outside light visible on all sides of its central louver. Additionally, it is rusted through at the bottom. John said he will ask the landlord, Mr. Fisher, about his replacing it but asked that the Board investigate obtaining our own steel, slab, door if necessary.

Donation

John reported that Askew Taylor Paint, Inc. had donated \$400 as a corporate sponsor.

Clubhouse Status

John Ragan summarized the move from storage. Presently, we have the salvaged lumber from Jim Songer's layout in one of the clubhouse storerooms. It will be used to support a floating floor in the Diesel-Generator Room. That floor will be made of Tongue & Groove ¾" OSB. The room will house a redesigned O Scale layout. Until the floor is completed the O Scale tables, scenery and rolling stock will remain in one of the storerooms. Tom Magnani said that he intends for the new O Scale layout to support both 2 and 3 rail operation.

The G scale materials will also be placed into one of the storerooms until we are ready to hang the G Scale layout.

The Lego, HO and N Scale layouts will go into the largest room with the tables and materials delivered directly into the rooms from storage.

There was also a discussion that resulted in the tentative decision to locate Frank Mansfield's work in a separate enclosure adjacent to the permanently mounted lobby bookcase.

Frank Simmons presented the request of the Decorating Committee; Mary Ann Loss, Mary Lou Ferguson, and Paulette Simmons, for \$250 to furnish and fit out the front of the building. Doug Alumbaugh's motion to approve their request was seconded by Steve Wills and approved unanimously.

There was a quick discussion about when to officially announce our new location on our web site and social media. AB suggested waiting until after our move-in weekend.

Library

John and AB presented their plans for the Library. They intend to place the blue shelving from the former clubhouse into the corner room. The room will be a combined library and break room with predominantly a display of model railroading magazines and videos. The room will facilitate the reading and viewing materials within. There will be a 'dormitory' size refrigerator for cooling drinks. Food storage will not be permitted and any food and containers brought in must be removed by the end of the day.

To facilitate unpacking of the library they will put the cartons of periodical holders in that room, set up several sets of the heavy duty shelving in the middle of the room and attempt to preload the cartons of magazines on these shelves. They asked that the room's cataloging be completed within 30 days of completing the temporary shelving.

Pete Hansma presented his plan for the room. He envisions a library room with a simple reading desk and an array of shelves to maximize accessibility to the

materials. He would also include videos and books. Delicate materials would be separately controlled. He did not present a schedule.

Our Breakfast gatherings will be the next two (2) Thursday mornings at 9 AM at the Airport Boulevard Cracker Barrel.

UNC-TV Winterfest March Fundraising Telethon:

John reported that UNC-TV has yet to firm up their schedule for their telethon but he expects us to be scheduled towards the end of March. Frank asked that, when participating, each member bring a spouse or significant other. He noted that if we have over 20 people we will be given an opportunity to describe our club to the viewers. It would provide an excellent opportunity to advertise the new building.

John reported that the station is looking for new 'On Air' presenters.

Future Meetings:

The January Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21st, at 7 PM at the new clubhouse. Its location is [1615 Old Louisburg Road, Raleigh 27604](http://www.google.com/maps/place/1615+Old+Louisburg+Road,+Raleigh,+NC+27604).

Mary Ann Loss and Scott Gagnon will be holding a potluck event at their house.

Date: 01/23/2016 (Sat.)

Time: 1:00pm - 4:00pm EST

Location: 11808 Pembridge Lane, Raleigh, NC 27613

Please contact Mary Ann or Tom Magnani if you wish to attend.

The February Board Meeting will be held on Monday, February 1st at 7 PM at the new clubhouse.

AB's motion to adjourn was seconded by John Ragan at 8:13 PM.

Note from the Editor/Webmaster

Please send me recent photos of our club activities, so we can put them in 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>

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**NEXT MEETING - Thursday, January 21, 2016, 7:00 pm. At: 1615 Old Louisburg Rd, Raleigh, entrance is on Old Louisburg Rd, not Atlantic Ave
Board of Governors meeting: Monday February 1, 2016, 7:00 pm, at the same location.**

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