



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

Phone: is 919-400-5570

Under the Crown Sheet by John Ragan

NRV has our first Open House in our new clubhouse on Saturday, March 12th, 2016 from 10 am to 4pm. We welcome all members and their guests to come out and see what we have done in the first 2 1/2 months in our new home.

We have layouts for all ages, including Thomas the Tank Engine, two HO layouts, an N scale layout, a LEGO layout, and a temporary O scale layout while the permanent layout is under construction.

Thanks to the hard work of our members and their wives, the clubhouse is in showroom condition. Tom Magnani, John Kuchnia and Arthur Boone constructed the new floor in the O Scale Layout Room. Mary Ann Loss, Shelley Erwin, Mary Lou Ferguson, Donna Ragan and Ron Abraham cut, sewed, pressed, and installed the new skirts for the HO layout.

We thank Eric Dyke for loaning the lamps in the lobby of the clubhouse. Eric, they look great! Thanks also go to J.R. Fisher, who donated the refrigerator in the Crew Lounge. Next time you see these members, please let them know we appreciate their generous donations.

NRV had 29 volunteers at UNC-TV Festival on March 6th. This was a historic turn out for our club. George Lasley was interviewed about the Club while we were on the air. Most of our volunteers are in the photo we posted on the Club's Facebook page.

As a result of inquiries by several members, the program for our March 17 meeting will be given by Rick Snider. Richard J. Snider, Jr. is a North Carolina State Bar Certified Specialist in Estate Planning and Probate Law. He will present the program on estate planning with a hobby, or.... the proper way to bequeath your train collection.

Our oldest club member, Frank Mansfield, is in rehab at Rex Rehabilitation Center. John Held's wife, Pat, is in Hillcrest Rehabilitation Center after a fall at home. Please remember these folks in your prayers.

Minutes of the Membership Meeting.

John Ragan called the Membership Meeting of February 18, 2016 to order at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was held in the Clubhouse at 1615 Old Louisburg Rd., Raleigh, NC.

Tom Magnani called the roll and took the minutes.

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

Members present were: Patrick Bradley, David Craft, Erik Dyke, Dan Edgy, Scott Gagnon, Joe Johnston, Clif Kelly, John Kuchnia, George Lasley and Roland Waggoner.

Our guests were Ron Abraham, Mrs. Bradley, Joe Gibson, Mary Ann Loss, Kim Parker, Scott Rexer and Gene Sing.

John Ragan asked our new guests to introduce themselves.

Scott Rexer has retired as a chef, is in the process of moving and will start an HO layout once he is settled.

Kim Parker introduced himself as both a modeler and as the owner of Train Buddy, a model railroad store located at 1200 Jenkins Rd., Wake Forest, NC 27587.

John Ragan introduced Gene Sing a former member and an amazing modeler who will speak tonight about his project The Piedmont Railroad Museum & Library. Gene presented his vision of a combined RR Museum, Library, and layouts on a site he has incorporated as the Piedmont Railroad Museum & Library. Eventually it will include a railroad park with a 1/8 scale railroad. He envisions was that it will it become the home of the region's RR clubs. Gene passed out a comprehensive brochure describing his vision and asked for the membership to discuss it with other modelers.

Treasurer's report: Steve Wills.

Our Treasury is about where it was a year ago at the end of January allowing for the decrease due to our paying the Fairgrounds our deposit and the monies spent for the new HO and G scale layout in the past year. He estimates our show's net to be close to that of last year's.

Layout Reports

HO-gauge

Steve Wills reported that the HO layout still needs people to handle the landscaping and scenery. To ensure that it is manageable he will ask for commitments to be on clearly defined areas rather than for the entire layout at one commitment. He thanked Dan Edgy for working through the various electrical issues;. Mary Ann Loss, Mary Lou Ferguson and their team have been working to skirt the layout. Joe Johnston has been relocating the DCC panels so that they will clear the installed skirts.

N-gauge

Joe Johnston reported that he is working to get the layout repaired and fully functional.

O-gauge

Tom Magnani reported that the raised floor in the O gauge room is still under construction. He wants to have several people available to help with the steel sheets before he moves them to their final position. His goal is to have the floor completed by the open house. John Kuchnia is working on a layout that will fit in the room yet unimpeded allow access to the rear, fire, door.

G-gauge

Frank Simmons reported that he wants to hang a layout, patterned after the one at Spencer with wood supports, and is trying to find one or more corporate sponsors for it. The metal supported layout will be hung in the HO room.

Old Business

UNC-TV

John Ragan reminded the meeting that the club will be volunteering at UNC-TV on Sunday, March 6th from 7:30 am to 11:30 am. The studio is located at 10 TW Alexander Dr., Research Triangle Park, NC 27709. We will be on air from 8am until 11:00 or 11:30. The train program will be More Trains Around North America and Great Scenic Railroads.

He asked that we wear our club shirts, hats and aprons with no plaids or stripes. If we have more than 20 people show we will get a short on-air spot to present our club to the viewers.

Tom Magnani was asked to remind the membership by email that we will be working the telephone at UNC-TV on Sunday, March 6th, from 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

Potluck Lunch

The rescheduled potluck lunch will be hosted by Scott and Mary Ann on Saturday, February 20th. It will be from 1:00PM - 4:00PM. Their house address is:

11808 Pembridge Lane

Raleigh, NC 27613

Closing Checklist

John Ragan will post the Clubhouse Closing Procedure (Check Off List) by the sign-in book at the front door. We need to always assure that the last person leaving the clubhouse makes sure that it is locked down, trash, especially any food trash, is removed and that the heat turned down to 55 degrees.

John thanked Steve Wills for making the club's new phone number, 919-400-5570, and local Internet, fully operational.

Mary Ann Loss announced that the apron rack is up and the aprons on it have all been washed. Most of the shelves, which are being painted by Bill Ferguson, have been mounted by Frank Simmons in the hall.

Mary Ann requested 2 flag poles and a better base for the US Flag.

John Ragan introduced Ron Abraham as a prospective new member who has met the initial requirements for attending meetings and participation. George Lasley's motion to suspend the usual voting procedures and rules was seconded by Steve Wills and adopted unanimously. Ron Abraham was approved as a probationary member.

Business Cards

The club's new Business Cards have been printed and are available for the membership.

New Business:

Open House

John Ragan reported that the Board would like to have an open house on Saturday, March 12th. He intends to advertise it on FaceBook, our website and at the local hobby shops. He will invite our neighbors, our landlord, our corporate sponsors and, other clubs.

It will be between 10 AM and 4 PM. He will put of a sign-up list with 2 hour duration shifts. Clean-up and preparation will be on the prior Wednesday, March 9th.

He asked that the membership park away from the building. Carpooling would be advantageous.

Insurance

John Ragan and George Lasley presented the membership with the progress that had been made, or not made, on their search for liability and property insurance. Arthur Boone's motion to leave Bagwell & Bagwell for State Farm, for a liability policy with a \$5,000 limit for contents, was seconded by Tom Magnani and passed unanimously. The membership was reminded that there is no coverage for their personal property.

Miscellaneous

Arthur Boone introduced Kim Parker and presented the concept of Kim trading regular demonstrations and instructional sessions for his dues. After a discussion the concept was tabled for a Board discussion at a later time.

Ron Abraham announced that the New Bern Train show will be this coming weekend, February 21st and 22nd. It will be held at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center, 203 South Front Street, New Bern, NC 28560.

Gene Sing announced that he presents clinics on scratch building rolling stock, hand laying track, building switches, making trees, background scenery, etc. once a month at his house.

Bill Ferguson announced that Pat Held had fallen, is out of surgery and, in rehabilitation. The entire meeting wished her a speedy recovery.

The next Board Meeting will be on Monday April 4, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

The next Membership Meeting will be on Thursday, March 17, 2016, at 7:00 PM.

Arthur Boone's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Dan Edgy at 8:10 PM.

Minutes of the Board of Governors Meeting

Note from the Editor

You can now turn on the HO layout using the circuit breaker #8 in Panel A at the far end of the room which will turn on the Zephyr unit, then you press Power button to get power to the track. The ability to use iPhones and iPods and Android devices has not been implemented yet.

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 **919-400-5570** 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>

Note from the Ron Abraham

Ladies and Gentlemen,

First I would like to thank everyone who has given me advice and help in resuming my model railroading hobby. I had a great time at the UNC event yesterday morning.

After discussing with some club members at the clubhouse yesterday afternoon, I have posted advertising for the open house on Craigslist Raleigh

To see one go to <http://raleigh.craigslist.org/tag/5479576123.html>

This one is in the toys & Games classification you can also enter Trains in the search box.

The other is in the events classification look for March 12th events.

I also posted in my apartment community page

Cordially,Ron Abraham

Note from Don Kass, visitor from Michigan

Joe, Steve and AB

I enjoyed my stop at the NRV clubhouse. You fellows have a great venue for a club layout, gathering spot, hobby work area, and business meetings. My children live and work in Raleigh/Durham area. I find myself traveling to visit them a couple times year.

I hope to have time to visit the NRV RR again in early April when I will be returning to Raleigh to help my son with his festival event.

I have attached a copy of my club's current newsletter - The Valley View. Feel free to share with your members. Visit our website at www.gvrr.org and photo gallery for pics of our layout. Direct any questions back to me.

Doug Kass

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PS. I mentioned above my son produces a weekend family festival locally. This is the event's fifth year. Please share his event's website with your members. I hope they will share with friends also. It is a fun thing to do for the whole family. Something different to experience.

www.festivaloflegends.com also checkout on facebook Festival of Legends

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**NEXT MEETING - Thursday, February 18th, 2016 , 7:00 pm. At: [1615 Old Louisburg Rd, Raleigh](#), entrance is on Old Louisburg Rd, not Atlantic Ave
Board of Governors meeting: Monday March 7th , 2016, 7: 00 pm, at the same location.**

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