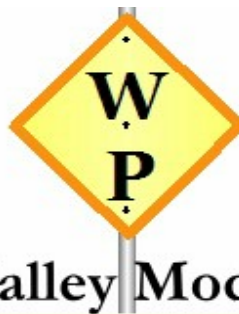


The

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**Post**

*Official Newsletter of the*

**Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club**

**1615 Old Louisburg Rd Raleigh, NC 27604**

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### **Next Meeting's Topic**

The April program will be by John Kuchina: "Poisons in the Hobby....or, What not to drink".

### **Important Notice-Locking Front Door**

If you have trouble locking the clubhouse door from the outside when you are leaving , it may be that the knob on the inside is not in the neutral position. Correct that and you should be able to lock the door from the outside. If there is still a problem you can lock the front door from the inside and exit via the O-Scale room and the door will lock behind you.

### **Minutes of the Membership Meeting**

John Ragan called the Membership Meeting of March 15, 2018 to order at 7:02 PM.at the NRV Clubhouse located at [1615 Old Louisburg Rd., Raleigh, NC.](#)

Michael Johns led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Magnani called the roll and took the minutes.

Board members present: Scott Gagnon, Michael Johns, John Kuchnia, Tom Magnani and John Ragan.

Members present were: Arthur Boone, Patrick Bradley, Matthew Cottrell, Dan Egy, Scott Hall, Joe Johnston, Michael Keelean, Clif Kelly, George Lasley, Ted Leonard, Collin Martinko, Jim Murrell, Ethan Quiram, Henry Shirley and John Spach.

#### Guests

Our guest was Mrs. Bradley.

#### Approval of the Minutes

George Lasley's motion to approve the minutes of the prior 2 meetings, as printed in the March 2018 Whistle Post was seconded by Dan Egy and approved unanimously.

#### Treasurer's Report

John Ragan summarized the Treasurer's Report that was presented at the March 1<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting.

### Show Reports

George Lasley provided an update for our May 5<sup>th</sup> 'Spring into Trains' show. To date he has sold 77 of the maximum of 156 tables. Some of the sales have been to TCA Vendors. While at the recent show in Mebane he took the opportunity to hand out some vendor letters. John Ragan reported that there was quite a bit of enthusiasm among the attendees towards our picking up the TCA show.

Scott Gagnon will be there with 2 layouts. He will ask 'Sipping' & 'Switching' if they want to set up a small layout.

Set-up for the 'Spring into Trains' show will be on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 3 PM to 8 PM. The show is only 1 day, Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9 AM to 5 PM. The membership was asked to distribute fliers

### Announcements and Club Events

There is a show in Greensboro this weekend. The 10th Annual Greatest Little Train Show from 10AM - 3PM. The address is 236 E. Washington St., Greensboro NC.

The senior group, Hayes-Barton seniors, the Grand Age Club, will visit the clubhouse on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Membership support will be required both that day to demonstrate our layouts and on the Wednesday just prior to clean the clubhouse.

There is a train Show in Hickory NC on April 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM - 4 PM. Information about it can be found at: [Tarheelpress.com/Train Show](http://Tarheelpress.com/Train%20Show)

The Lego 'Brick Universe' will be in Raleigh April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at the Raleigh Convention Center. Brick Universe is set up as 2 - Four Hour events each day with tickets for each sold separately.

Our Club's 'Spring into Trains' show is May 5<sup>th</sup> with setup the day before from 3 PM to 8 PM. It will be in the Kerr Scott Building at the NC State Fairgrounds.

George Lasley noted that May 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> will have a gathering of various Historical and Railroad groups at Spencer.

Our 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Show & Sale will be November 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>.

An opening date for the new Amtrak Station in Raleigh is still to be determined.

### Litchford Falls Healthcare Visit

George Lasley described the visit that he and Will Allen made to the Litchford Falls Healthcare & Rehabilitation Facility where they set up a large diameter O Gauge oval in response to a request for a 'Manly Hobby Time' program. They brought a Y3 steam locomotive and an RS Diesel along with several cars. They ran both engines as short trains following each other around the oval over 6 tables. They decided to use 072 tubular tinplate rather than Fastrack in order to accommodate the differences in height between adjacent tables.

The facility's director thanked them saying it was one of the best turnouts for these men and women that he had seen. They plan on returning, with some turnouts and more track, towards the end of the summer or early fall. Arthur Boone suggested taking some photographs the next time.

### Donations

John Ragan summarized the most recent donations.

- The large wood crates are an enormous collection of Marklin 3 rail HO equipment, turnouts, Catenary pieces, structures, bridges, wire, controllers, etc. It is being cataloged by Tom Magnani, John Kuchnia, Michael Keelean and Mike Johns.
- We have a modest HO donation including a table and turnouts from a Garner resident.
- We received an N Scale donation. Some of that is already running on our layout, some is already stored and the rest is on the hallway shelves.

### Elections.

Mike Johns, speaking for his committee of John Kuchnia and Bill Ferguson, provided a summary of where they are in their search for club officers.

The Board Members At-Large under the By-Laws of the Organization have nominated the following Senior Members in good Standing to serve as Officers of the Club.

- President - Clif Kelly
- Vice President - Mike Johns
- Treasurer - Steve Wills
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- Members at Large- Bill Ferguson already elected serving his third year term.
- Member at Large - Ethan Quiram to serve the second and third year term. This position is available due to Mike Johns' Nomination to Vice President
- Member at Large - for this three year term two people have been nominated:
  - o Michael Keelean
  - o John Spach

Nominations are now open. The By-laws require that nomination be members in good standing and that they have been asked before Standing for Election to ensure that if elected they will serve. Nominations will close prior to the Election.

Mike Johns' motion to open the floor to nominations was seconded by George Lasley and approved unanimously.

### Membership Elections

George Lasley's motion to suspend the rules to vote to accept Michael Keelean and Jim Murrell as Senior Members of the Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club was seconded by Arthur Boone and approved unanimously.

**John Ragan reminded the membership that, to assure complete enjoyment by all, the Clubhouse is a politics free zone. Please remember that just because the person with whom you are having a discussion agrees with you, the person who overhears you may be offended.**

#### Evening Programs

Tonight's program will be: Matt Cottrell's slide show/power point "Railroads of the Columbia River Basin".

Next Month's program will be John Kuchina: "Poisons in the Hobby....or, What not to drink".

#### Next Meetings

March's Board meeting will be on Monday, April 2, 2018, at 7:00 PM.

The next Membership Meeting will be on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at 7:00 PM.

Arthur Boone's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Scott Gagnon at 7:42 PM.

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors**

Steve Wills called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.at the clubhouse at 1615 Old Louisburg Rd., Raleigh, North Carolina.

Secretary Tom Magnani recorded the Minutes and called the Roll.

Board members present: Bill Ferguson, Michael Johns, Tom Magnani and Steve Wills.

Members present: Clif Kelly, Michael Keelean and George Lasley.

#### Treasurer's Report

Steve Wills reported that we are, as of the end of March, up from the end of February due to receiving checks for tables at the May 5<sup>th</sup>, 'Spring into Trains' show and Membership dues.

#### Spring into Trains Show

George Lasley provided an update for our May 5th 'Spring into Trains' show which will be held in the Kerr Scott Building at the NC State Fairgrounds. Set-up will be Friday from 3 - 8 PM.

To date he has sold 81, with checks in hand for 80, of the maximum of 156 tables. He has set a more realistic goal of 100 tables. The reduced number of tables will both improve access and the appearance of the show.

At this time he has layout commitments from North Raleigh and, the S Gaugers with 2 layouts. He will contact Sipping & Switching and invite them to present a 'small' layout. Steve Wills will bring the Clubhouse Lego Layout. Mike Johns offered to bring his small HO layout.

George Lasley reported that he will use the Club's Facebook site to advertise the show. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to use the N&O to run a clearly bordered advertisement in the prior: Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>; Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>; Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and; possibly Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. His reason for the special border is to clearly

differentiate it from the format of our November Show. For this show we will be charging \$7 for basic admission with \$1 off with a coupon. He is planning to spend approximately \$800 based on the assumption that the N&O has not raised its rates. The Membership will be asked to distribute the green fliers for the show.

Clif Kelly noted that we need to inventory and price our sale items.

We will need volunteers. Tom Magnani will email the membership following Brick Universe.

#### Marklin Donation

Tom Magnani summarized the large Marklin donation that the club has received saying that he is in the process cataloging it with the assistance of Mike Johns, John Kuchnia and Mike Keelean. He reported that Mike Johns has been in contact with a Marklin Club in Maryland and will send them our inventory once it is completed. John Ragan's EBay store possibility has not worked out. George Lasley suggested that, if we are not able to sell a substantial portion in the near term, we investigate selling it to an auction house. Steve Wills noted that selling it ourselves, in addition to the need for even more volunteers, entails a considerable cost in handling fees and packaging.

#### Hayes-Barton Senior's Visit

Tom Magnani and Steve Wills reported on the visit by The Hayes-Barton Seniors on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. We had an enthusiastic attendance of 20 guests. There was an excellent turnout by the membership and we were able to demonstrate all of our layouts. We had quite a few requests for club information that the visitors wanted for their family members. John Kuchnia ran the O Ga. layout for those, including some of the women, who had had trains as children.

#### Status of the new Raleigh Train Station

George Lasley reported that his telephone calls about the Club's participation in the Raleigh Train Station's opening have not been returned. He asked that Tom Magnani contact Bob Bradley to ask if Bob has heard from Kay Crowder.

#### Upcoming Events

There will be a train show in Hickory, NC, on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, from 9 AM - 4 PM. More information can be found at: [Tarheelpress.com/Trainshow](http://Tarheelpress.com/Trainshow)

Brick Universe will be the Weekend of April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at the Raleigh Convention Center. The Bradley's will be assisting with the setup on Friday and will be there on Sunday. We will need extra coverage on Saturday. Tom Magnani will email a "sign-up" request.

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Raleigh Train Station's opening is April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Our 'Spring into Trains' show is on May 5<sup>th</sup> with setup in the afternoon of the day before.

Our next Open House will be Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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Mike reported that he had read the By-laws and that we are required to provide ‘Prior Notice’, which can be electronic, 7 days prior to the election. Nominations will be closed at the April Membership Meeting. Elections take place at the May Membership Meeting.

## Upcoming Membership Meeting Programs

April 19<sup>th</sup> John Kuchina “Poisons in the hobby or, what not to drink”.

The next Membership Meeting will be on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at 7:00

April’s Board meeting will be on Monday, May 7, 2018, at 7:00 PM.

Tom Magnani’s motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Mike Johns at 7:44 PM.

## **Future Events**

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

Also, we meet for Breakfast on Wednesdays at [Big Ed's North](#) at 9 am, then go to the club.

All events at the club site, 1615 Old Louisburg Rd, Raleigh, NC 27604

For details on how to arrive at the club, check out our website: <http://www.nrvclub.net>

## **Notes from the Webmaster and the Editor**

Please send [Patrick Bradley](#) recent photos of our club activities, so he can update our website.

Please send articles to Joe at [nrvmrrc@gmail.com](mailto:nrvmrrc@gmail.com) by the Thursday 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, if you don't have a key.

### **Neat Links**

Trains in the winter in Switzerland, including rotary snow plow and "hang glider" propelled ice skaters.<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SNGEahJheog>  
[raleigh-union-station-nearly-complete/](#)

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**NEXT MEETING - Thursday, April 19th, 2017 at 7:00 pm.**  
**Board of Governors, May 7th at 7 pm.**  
**LOCATION: 1615 Old Louisburg Rd, Raleigh, NC 2760**

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