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*Official Newsletter of the*

**Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club**

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

The May program will be by George Lasley: Another great slide show.

### **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.

### **Under the Crown Sheet by Clif Kelly**

As we move into the club's New Year we take a minute to pause to look back on all our accomplishments. Great progress was made on all model railroads to include HO and N scales. In addition, O scale took on a new configuration while the Lego layout grew by leaps and bounds. Our layouts were enjoyed by youth thru seniors alike whether we participated in our annual weekend show at the Fairgrounds in November or the one day spring show last month, or our many "Open House" opportunities we made available to the general public.

A new slate of officers have taken office effective June 1<sup>st</sup>. I have been elected President, replacing our outgoing John Ragan. Mike Johns moves into the Vice-President duties, while Tom Magnani and Steve Wills return as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Our three at large board members are Bill Ferguson, Ethan Quiram and Mike Keelean.

We wish to acknowledge the hard work, inspiration and leadership exhibited by our outgoing President, John Ragan, who has faithfully served the past three years. From our previous clubhouse at the Airport Factory Shops in Morrisville to being instrumental in leading the charge to establish our current Raleigh location, John has always been dedicated to the club's mission and in the forefront of all club activities.

Special recognition also goes to Donna, John's wife, for the many generous hours she has given to the club, as well as Mary Lou Ferguson and Mary Ann Loss who contributed their sewing skills to provide table curtains and a decorative touch to the club house, and all our other ladies who have given of their time and energy.

John Kuchnia also departs after three years having served as one of our at large board members, and our vice-president, Scott Gagnon, for one year of service. Many thanks are given to the both of them.

Our next membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm at the clubhouse. Everyone is encouraged to attend to catch up on all the news and happenings. Mike Johns will present an interesting slide show program for everyone's entertainment featuring the northwest live steam, Molalla, OR.

Mark your calendars now for these upcoming events. Our next open house is set for Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 10 to 4 pm. Bake some brownies or cookies or bring some soft drinks as refreshments. Plan to join your fellow railroaders for some good fun and camaraderie.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7 pm at the clubhouse. All are invited to attend.

A family outing is being planned for Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at the New Hope Valley Railroad, Bonsel, off old US 1 (western Wake County). We anticipate selling enough tickets to have a dedicated passenger car for the club's use, so let's fill it up. Vending trucks offering food and ice cream will be available as well. More information will be made available in the upcoming weeks.

A standing invitation is made to all club members for breakfast every Wednesday morning at 9 am at Big Ed's Restaurant, located at Quail Corners Shopping Center (Raleigh) at the intersection of Millbrook and Falls of the Neuse. Following breakfast club members make the short drive to the clubhouse to run trains, work on projects or otherwise socialize for a few hours. All are welcome.

The 34<sup>th</sup> annual club train show is coming up November 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> at the Raleigh Fairgrounds. Mark your calendars for this weekend event. Volunteers are needed for all aspects of the show. Please plan to attend and support your train club.

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## **Minutes of the Membership Meeting**

John Ragan called the Membership Meeting of May 17, 2018 to order at 7:00 PM.

Clif Kelly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Magnani called the roll and took the minutes.

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

Members present were: Ron Abraham, Matthew Cottrell, Dan Egy, Norbert Hubig, Michael Keelean, Clif Kelly, George Lasley, Collin Martinko, Barry McLaughlin, Jim Murrell and Ethan Quiram.

### Guests

Our guest was Shelton Bass. His interest is in 3 rail O Ga. His favorite line is the ACL/Southern.

### Approval of the Minutes

George Lasley's motion to approve the minutes of the prior 2 meetings, as printed in the May 2018 WhistlePost with the corrections noted by Tom Magnani, was seconded by Ron Abraham and approved unanimously.

### Elections

Ballots were handed out to those eligible members who had not voted by mail. John Kuchnia, Matt Cottrell and Jim Murrell counted both the ballots that had been left in signed envelopes and those that were tended at the meeting.

John Kuchnia reported that the following was the result of the voting:

- President - Clif Kelly
- Vice President - Mike Johns
- Treasurer - Steve Wills
- Secretary - Tom Magnani
- Member at Large - Ethen Quiram to serve the second and third year term. This position became available due to Mike Johns' Nomination to Vice President
- Member at Large - Michael Keelean for a three year term.

Member at Large - Bill Ferguson will continue to serve the third year of his term. John Ragan thanked Scott Gagnon and John Kuchnia for their work during their terms on the Board as At-Large Directors.

George Lasley, speaking for the Club, thanked John Ragan for all that was accomplished during his term as President. The move from the Outlet Mall into storage, then the move into this building and the negotiations for our lease and bathroom upgrade; the handling of the estate of one of our members, the institution of a quarterly Open House, and so many more innovations. A solid round of applause was offered in thanks.

### Show Reports

George Lasley provided an update for our May 5<sup>th</sup> 'Spring into Trains' show.

He thanked the Club's members for their enthusiastic support. His preliminary

estimate is that we netted on the order of \$1,000 at the gate although the exact amount will depend upon the final invoices from the Fairgrounds. We had 518 paid tickets; 280 at \$7 and 238 at \$6. We also had a \$20 donation from a couple who arrived after we had stopped selling tickets as it was close to closing time.

The results of our coupons and fliers are:

N&O = 33, 11-Sunday (4/29), 7-Wednesday (5/2), 8-Thursday (5/3), 7-Friday (5/4)

Fliers = 14 - Lego, 59 Green Cards including 6 from Train Buddy

56 Internet fliers plus several people who said they had forgotten them at home or had on phones. We also had printouts from 2 different web sites. He estimates that we had about 1 ½ people per coupon.

The Club's table made about \$1,200. George Lasley stated that, pending the completion of the accounting, he is quite satisfied with the show.

The Board had voted to expand next year's show to 2 days in part because we had quite a few requests for a 2 day show from quite a few of our vendors and partly because it does not require that much more work on the membership's behalf. There was a discussion about the pro and cons of a 1 day versus a 2-day show. George noted that we would charge more for tables for a 2-day show and that we might lose 6 - 8 tables for vendors who could do a 1 day show without incurring an overnight stay. We might also gain some vendors who would come if they could get 2 sale days. Our only other substantial expense is the rent for Sunday. This would be directly covered by the sale of 100 - 110 tables for Sunday. He sold 103 tables for this show.

Jim Murrell asked if consideration would be given selling tables to vendor who might only want to purchase for a single day. The discussion covered whether this would be fair to the customers who are buying a ticket that is good for 2 days and might come back for a specific vendor. There is also the unknown effect upon the other vendors and whether this would encourage them not to take tables for both days.

Tom Magnani's motion to close the May 5, 2018 show was seconded by John Kuchnia and unanimously accepted.

#### Announcements and Club Events

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.

George Lasley reported that an opening dates for the new Amtrak Station in Raleigh are still to be completely determined. The opening for the public is expected some time late this summer.

On Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, the club will have a group outing to the New Hope Valley Railroad. It will coincide with one of their Brew & Chew' events, with ice cream. If we can get 15 attendees we can get our own car. Tickets, without lunch or ice cream, will be about \$12/person.

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

Next year's 'Spring into Trains' show is May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> with setup the day before, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 3 PM to 8 PM. It will be in the Kerr Scott Building at the NC State Fairgrounds.

### Treasurer's Report

Tom Magnani summarized the Treasurer's Report that was presented at the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting less the expenses since then associated with the Brick Universe Event and our Spring into Trains show.

### Donations

Tom Magnani summarized the most recent donations.

- The large wood crates are an enormous collection of Marklin 3 rail HO equipment, several types of their tack and turnouts, Catenary pieces, structures, bridges, wire, controllers, etc. It has been cataloged by Tom Magnani, John Kuchnia, Michael Keelean and Mike Johns. John Ragan's EBay store possibility has not worked out. Mike Johns has sent our inventory to a club in the Maryland area to see if they are interested in it. If that does not work we will investigate selling it to an auction house.

- We have another modest HO donation. The donor will retrieve the plastic boxes that he used to bring it to the clubhouse and is considering donating a set of wall mounted display shelves.

- We received an N Scale donation over a month ago. Some of that is already running on our layout, some is on the hallway shelves. We will sell it at the upcoming shows.

### Front Door

Tom Magnani reported that several people have had some issues trying to lock the front door with a key. He traced the problem to the position of the lock's inside knob after it has been turned from within. If not in the proper position, the key will not turn the bolt.

### Hayes-Barton Grand Age Club Visit

Steve Wills reported that the Hayes-Barton Grand Age Club visit went very well with 20 members of their group in attendance. John Kuchnia reported that many of them had fond memories of Lionel trains from their childhood with several of the women having had their own trains.

### Evening Programs

Tonight's program will be a slide show by George Lasley.

Mike Johns will present June's program about 'The North West Live Steam Railroad'. He needs some assistance in transferring his photographs to an electronic show.

### Next Meetings

June's Board meeting will be on Monday, June 11, 2018, at 7:00 PM.

The next Membership Meeting will be on Thursday, June 21, 2018, at 7:00 PM.

George Lasley's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by John Kuchnia at 7:31 PM.

## **Minutes of Special Membership Meeting**

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Membership of Wednesday, June 13, 2018. The meeting was held at Big Ed's North located at 5009 Falls of Neuse Rd, Raleigh and then at the NRV Clubhouse located at 1615 Old Louisburg Rd., Raleigh, NC.

Michael Johns called the Special Meeting of the Membership of Wednesday, June 13, 2018 to order at 9:35 AM. He stated that the reason for the Special Meeting of the Membership was to be able to begin the membership process for those interested parties who were unable to attend our evening meetings but had been working on the O Gauge layout on Wednesday mornings and wished to join the Club.

Tom Magnani noted the roll and took the minutes.

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

Members present were: David Balkwill, Patrick Bradley, Joe Johnston, George Lasley, and John Ragan.

### Guests

Our guests were Shelton Bass, Robert Bradley and Tom Rohaly.

### Marklin Donation

George Lasley reported that an inventory has been emailed to Charlie Rausch who may have located a buyer. He also reported that another Marklin modeler, after looking over our inventory, said that it was mostly new, old stock.

### Membership

George Lasley's motion to suspend the membership rules and admit Shelton Bass to Probationary Status was seconded by Michael Keelean and unanimously approved.

### Next Meetings

The next Membership Meeting will be on Thursday, June 21, 2018, at 7:00 PM.

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

Michael Johns' motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Steve Wills at 10:25 AM.

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

President Clif Kelly called the meeting of June 11, 2018 to order at 6:55 PM. The meeting date had been changed from the usual day of Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> because too many Board members were going to be unable to attend.

Secretary Tom Magnani recorded the Minutes and called the Roll.

Board members present: Bill Ferguson, Michael Johns, Michael Keelean, Clif Kelly, Tom Magnani, Ethan Quiram and Steve Wills.

Members present: Patrick Bradley, Richard Calfee, Ian Fuller, Joe Johnston and George Lasley.

Guest: Robert Bradley.

### Recognition of Visitors

There were no new visitors at this meeting.

### Recognition of New Board Officers for Club FY 2018-19

President Kelly acknowledged the following people as the New Board Officers for Club FY 2018-19:

President - Clif Kelly

Vice President - Mike Johns

Member at Large - Ethen Quiram to serve the second and third year term. This position became available due to Mike Johns' Nomination to Vice President

Member at Large - Michael Keelean for a three year term.

Treasurer - Steve Wills,

Secretary - Tom Magnani

and

Member at Large - Bill Ferguson (who will continue to serve the third year of his term), are continuing members of the Board.

### Treasurer's Report

Steve Wills reported that our total assets are, as of the end of May, are approximately \$22,270. This is approximately \$3,800 more than what it was at the end of April and almost \$10,800 greater than May of 2017. The ticket and table sales for our May 5<sup>th</sup> Spring into Trains' show netted us \$750 above our costs. Our Club's table netted us \$1,206.

He anticipates that our net assets will exceed \$50,000 triggering a long form tax filing and the need to inventory all of our layouts. He needs for the 3 members Ways and Means Committee to be organized to audit our books. That Committee cannot have any Board members as its members.

George Lasley reported that he has initiated the renewal of our Directors & Officers liability insurance.

George Lasley asked that the Secretary cull our rolls and remove nonmembers from them.

#### Final Thoughts on the May 5<sup>th</sup> Spring into Trains Show

George Lasley reported that he has received confirmation from the Fairgrounds that we have the building for the weekend of May 4 and 5, 2019. He will not have confirmation on the rent and fees until the beginning of 2019 but expects no great change. If we have the same number of tables as this year the higher rent, for both days, should cover the added rent and security for the second day of the show.

As for the upcoming November show, he is in the process of sending out vendor letters for the show. There will be an envelope stuffing 'party' following the meeting.

Clif noted that George had asked for an understudy and that John Ragan had volunteered to be Poo Bah in Training.

#### Open House Set for Saturday, June 23rd

Clif, noting that we are having an Open House on Saturday, June 23rd, from 10 AM to 4 PM, opened a discussion of the planning. We will have Club House clean ups after breakfast on Wednesday, June 20th, and after the Membership Meeting on Thursday, June 21st.

Mike Johns offered to be the coordinator for the Open House. We will need people at the Clubhouse at 9 AM on Saturday for any last minute prep and to put out the signs and banners.

The refreshment committee will be Bill and Mary Lou Ferguson.

#### Club Trip to New Hope Valley

Scott Gagnon will be the Club's coordinator for the group outing to the New Hope Valley Railroad. It will coincide with one of their Brew & Chew' events, with ice cream. Food will be provided by a series of sandwich trucks. Drinks will be from a micro-brewery and some local vineyards. If we can get 15 or more attendees we can get our own car. Tickets, without lunch or ice cream, will be about \$12/person. Tom Magnani is to announce the event by email and initiate a sign-up sheet.

#### Proposed Policy for Use of Club House by non-Members

Joe Johnston asked the Board for permission to explore the issue of allowing the North Raleigh Model Railroad Club (<https://nrmrc.org/>) use our facility for their meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup>, with the possibility of using it in future months on the first

Wednesday. He would be responsible for opening, cleaning, and locking up. Among the things that the North Raleigh Club has done is to set up one of their T-Track layouts at the Durham Ronald McDonald House. (The 'T' in T Track stands for Table top as the modules are designed to use banquet tables.)

There was a general discussion as to the idea of other railroad related groups using our facility on an occasional basis. We've done it in the past with CPD-13 and the Garden Railway club holding meetings here. It was agreed that if a group were to use our facility on a regular, often, basis we would expect some sort of contribution towards our costs.

Mike Johns' motion to approve Joe Johnston's request for the North Raleigh Model Railroad Club use our facility for their meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup> with the possibility of using it in future months on the first Wednesday was seconded by Steve Wills and approved unanimously.

#### Notice for Acceptance of Annual Dues for FY 2018-19

Clif Kelly asked that we keep our dues at their current level, \$300 annually for Senior Members. for the upcoming year. His motion to maintain the current dues structure for FY 2018-19 at the same level as this past year, \$300 annually for Senior Members, was seconded by Mike Johns and approved unanimously.

It was noted that, per the By-Laws, if a member has not made his dues current by the end of a Fiscal Year for that year, that person is no longer a member. For this most recent FY, the payments were due by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Repayment of the owed FY dues brings reinstatement with a request for reinstatement.

This does not apply to one member who had his check misplaced in the Clubhouse.

Mike Keelean asked, per his email to Tom Magnani, that Tom sort through the list of names and sort out who is, and who is not, a member. Tom was also requested to go through the Roll Call list as well.

#### Program Ideas/Presentations Scheduled for Membership Meetings

Clif asked Joe Johnston to make a presentation on T-Track for July's Membership Meeting.

#### Marklin Donation

George Lasley reported that disposal of the Marklin Club donation is not going well. It was agreed that we lower our sights as to what we think we can obtain for it as it is proving to be more difficult to unload than originally anticipated. It was also agreed that trying to sell it by bringing it to the November show would be a waste of time. We need to free up room in our storage areas.

#### Further Topics for Discussion

Tom Magnni reminded those present that the Club does not have liability insurance for lost, damaged or stolen items. Joe Johnston suggested looking for coverage under a member's Homeowner's insurance.

Richard Calfee reported that his PRR Metal sided Proto 2000 RDC Bud Car has vanished. Tom was asked to send out an email to the membership asking if anyone had carefully put it away, seen it or knows where it is.

Mike Johns opened a discussion of our endowment. He remembers 2 individuals had offered to contribute to it. Ideally, he would like to have members include the Club in their wills; either as a percentage or as a fixed amount. He would also like several members to join him on a Committee to approach members on an individual basis. Whereas our Dues are not tax deductible, outright donations are to the extent allowed by law. Clif Kelly said that the Board needs to have a separate discussion about this at another date.

### Upcoming Events

Our next Open House will be Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 10 AM.

The next Membership Meeting will be on Thursday, June 21, 2018, at 7:00 PM.

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

Steve Wills' motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Mike Keelean at 8:20 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

Burma Steam

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ls3nsuMt5Dk>

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**NEXT MEETING - Thursday, June 21st, 2018 at 7:00 pm.  
Board of Governors, July 2nd at 7:00 pm.  
LOCATION: 1615 Old Louisburg Rd, Raleigh, NC 2760**

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