

The

Whistle



Post

Official Newsletter of the

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

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Next Meeting's Topic

The July program will be by Joe Johnston, on T-TRAK

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 approach midsummer it is with great pleasure that I report on recent Club activities and share some near term opportunities that the Club plans to participate in.

The open house conducted on June 23rd proved to be a big success enjoyed by one and all. The Club enjoyed more than forty visitors which has netted some ten new adult and youth applications. Thanks to all who participated by greeting and escorted visitors, taking time to tell others about the Club, showing off the various layouts or providing refreshments of cookies, brownies and beverages.

At long last a buyer for the Märklin donation has been identified which will provide the Club some additional revenue. Thanks to all who have participated to help bring a successful resolution to the project.

Our next family outing is planned for Saturday, July 28th at the New Hope Valley Railroad, Bonsel, off old US 1 (western Wake County). The Club has arranged for a train ride departing at 11 am. We anticipate selling enough tickets to have a dedicated passenger car for the Club's use, so let's fill it up. This is a family oriented event and picnic environment with ice cream provided with the cost of the ticket. In addition, vending trucks offering food, drinks and beer for adults will also be offered. It's not too late to participate. A signup sheet will be available at the Membership meeting on July 19th. More information is available at the New Hope Valley Railroad website at TriangleTrain.com.

In addition, an organizational sheet is provided with this edition of the Whistle Post which provides information on various subcommittees that support the Club's many activities. Based upon your interests each Club member is encouraged to participate in an activity or two to add to the Club's success.

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 Roads. The street address is 5009 Falls of the Neuse Road. 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.

Please keep in mind that the 34th annual club train show is coming up November 2nd-4th 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.

Our next membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 19th at 7 pm at the clubhouse. Everyone is encouraged to attend to catch up on all the news and happenings. An exciting program will be conducted following the meeting.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 6th, at 7 pm at the clubhouse. All are invited to attend.

Until next month happy railroading to all.

Minutes of the Membership Meeting

President Clif Kelly called the Membership meeting of Thursday, June 21, 2018 to order at 7:00 pm.

Mike Johns called the roll.

Board members present: Bill Ferguson, Scott Gagnon, Michael Johns, Mike Keelean and Clif Kelly.

Members present where Patrick Bradley, Bernie Dawson, Joe Johnston, John Kuchnia, George Lasley, Collin Martinko, Henry Shirley, John Spach and Jay Wilson

New Member Shelton Bass

Our guests were Robert Bradley and visitor Jim Frederici.

The new Officers of the club where recognized.

Outgoing Officers and Board members at Large where recognized where the service to the club, President John Ragan, Board Members at Large John Kuchnia and Vice President Scott Gagnon.

The Treasurers Report where approved as reported to the June Board meeting by Steve Wills.

The Dues for membership to the Club are due ;please pay Steve Wills.

George Lasley reported that the May Show, the club netted \$2000 and will plan to make it a two day show in 2019. John Ragan will become a Show Committee Vice Chair to learn the procedure for George Lasley.

We will be having a club outing to the New Hope Valley Railroad Saturday, July 28, 2018. Scott Gagnon is coordinating this trip and need to get a head count from those that plan to attend.

The Board and officers approved a policy to allow use of our club house by non-members when accompanied by a Club Member. The G scale club has meet here in the past and the N scalers with Joe Johnston have asked to use our club house in September. (Editor's note: changed to August 1st) The action was approved by the Officers Meeting.

Members are encouraged to review the committees of the club and find a place to serve. A list of Committees was share with the club with assignments to date.

Mike Johns presented the need for a Club Endowment to strengthen the clubs Long term financial security. Mike Keelean makes a proposal that we that we form a committee to create an endowment and that Mike Johns serve as chairman and call a meeting of interested members. The motion was seconded by John Kuchnia. The Motion carried by unanimous vote of the members.

President Clif Kelly asked for members to volunteer for Membership meeting programs coming up. Tonight's Program with be Mike Johns presenting a program on the Northwest Live Steam Railroad in Molalla, Oregon. Next month's Program will be a presentation on T TRAK layouts by Joe Johnston.

The meeting was adjourned with the Program to commence in 5 minutes.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors

President Clif Kelly called the meeting of July 2, 2018 to order at 6:58 PM.

Secretary Tom Magnani recorded the Minutes and called the Roll.

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

Members present: Scott Gagnon, George Lasley and John Ragan.

Guest: Donald Hunsicker for his third visit.

In response to a question by Tom Magnani about whether or not we would have a breakfast gathering on Wednesday, July 4th, it was announced that we would not a Big Ed's North is closed for the Holiday. He was asked to distribute an email to the membership announcing that there would not be a Wednesday breakfast on the 4th.

Recognition of Visitors

There were no new visitors at this meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Wills reported that our total assets are, as of the end of June, are approximately \$21,600; slightly down from a month ago. He needs for the Club to for a Ways and Means Committee to both oversee the Club's activities and policies and to assist Bernie Dawson in reviewing our Financial books for the past several years. That Committee cannot have any Board members as one of its members. The books need to be reviewed and layouts inventoried as he anticipates that our net assets will exceed \$50,000 this year. Exceeding \$50,000 in assets will trigger a long form tax filing and the need to inventory all of our layouts. He needs for the 3 member Ways and Means Committee to be organized and to audit our books.

Our November 2017 show netted approximately \$4,000 from the gate and \$4,000 - \$6,000 from the Club table. Our May 2018 show netted approximately \$700 from the 1 day gate and \$1,200 from the Club table.

Tom Magnani reported that he and Steve Wills are working to cull our rolls and remove nonmembers from them. In a general discussion of our Membership lists, Tom Magnani was asked to collect the names of attendees at our June 21st and 28th Breakfasts to track new member attendance requirements. He was also asked to forward to Mike Keelean, Chair of the Membership Committee, his latest Membership information. Scott Gagnon asked for a copy.

Update on November Show

George Lasley provided an update on the upcoming November show. He reported that our vendor responses are about where they were last year at this time. He will not have confirmation on the rent and fees until the beginning of 2019 but expects no great change. He reported that John Ragan is in the process of revising and updating the vendor contact list.

There was a discussion of the Membership workload for this fall and John Ragan recommended that the 'September' Open House be moved to Early October. A date of Saturday, October 6th was agreed upon as it is closer to our show. Scott noted that the State Fair will run from October 11th through the 21st and that we will need members to cover handing out flyers at the Garden Club's railway area.

Report on Open House, Saturday, June 23rd

Clif reported that the June 23rd Open House on Saturday was a success with a large turnout both by visitors and by Club members. All layouts were in operation with the O Ga. Layout having its first showing thanks to the work by the O Ga. Crew. Mike Johns thanked the Club members for having the layouts running and fully staffed. Both Mike and Clif specifically thanked the refreshment committee of Bill and Mary Lou Ferguson for everything they provided and presented for the Open House.

Update to Club Trip to New Hope Valley for Saturday, July 28th

Scott Gagnon, who will be the Club's point of contact, reported on the Club's July 28th outing to the New Hope Valley Railroad. Assuming at least 15 Club members and guests we will be in a covered car for a 1 hour outing. It will coincide with one of their Brew & Chew' events, with 2 scoops of ice cream as a part of the cost of the tickets. Food will be provided by a series of sandwich trucks and is not included in the price of the tickets. 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.

Their web site is: triangletrain.com

There is also an extensive G Scale layout.

We will be going; rain or shine.

Ticket prices are as follows:

Adult	\$14
Seniors	\$13
Children	\$12
Under 3	Free

Tom Magnani is to announce the event by email, along with mentioning that we have managed to lose the original, sign-up sheet.

Disposition of the Märklin Donation

George Lasley reported that we have an agreement, quoted on June 22nd with a 90 day time limit, to repack our Märklin donation and ship it. The buyer, Carlie Maddox of Trainz, will send us the necessary postage paid FedEx labels as soon as we are ready. Today, John Ragan and Michael Johns had repacked all but 7 of the wooden crates in boxes that Mike had purchased for the Club.

Steve Wills' motion to accept the offer from Trainz was seconded by Tom Magnani and approved unanimously. Tom Magnani was asked to provide another printout of the inventory. Wednesday, July 11th, after breakfast will be the final packing day.

A pneumatic pump is needed to inflate a tire on our dolly.

Availability of Sub-Committee Assignments

Michael Johns reported that this is a work in progress.

Need for Club Endowment

Michael Johns presented his concept for creating an endowment for the club. Presently we have an endowment of \$5,000 due primarily from a single gift. His goal for this round of fund raising is to bring us to \$15,000. He also wants to introduce the membership to the concept of including the club in their wills. Anything from as simple as the family knowing, and being authorized, to donate model trains to the Club. His eventual, long term the goal, would be for the endowment to generate enough income to cover our rent and operating expenses.

He plans to develop and “Expectancy Book” which would list promised and committed gifts that would be used to record anticipated willed/codiciled donations. A meeting to formalize this effort will be held at Mike Johns’ house (3216 Orchestra Ct., Apex, NC 27539) on July 26th at 7:30 PM. Attendees are: Bill Ferguson, Mike Keelean, Clif Kelly, George Lasley, Tom Magnani and Ethan Quiram.

Discussion for Program Volunteers/Ideas/Presentations for Future Membership Meetings

Joe Johnston will make a presentation on T-Track for July’s Membership Meeting.

George Lasley will provide a slide show for the August Membership meeting.

Scott Gagnon will provide a slide show about the Trans-Canadian Railway for the September Membership meeting.

Clif Kelly will provide a slide show about the Alaska Railway October’s Membership meeting.

New business.

George Lasley reported that Dan Egy had found the HO layout left on for at least the 3rd time. George has developed a timer circuit that he uses in commercial applications and will automatically shut off power to a layout after a preset time. A start button can then be pressed to resume power for another length of time. He estimates that it can be assembled for less than \$200. Tom Magnani’s motion to approve George’s construction of a time for the HO layout was seconded by Mike Johns’ and approved unanimously. Timers for the other layouts will be on an ‘as needed’ basis.

Bill Ferguson volunteered to repair the damaged crossbuck.

John Ragan pointed out that now is the time to begin planning for advertisements for the November show; beginning with Carolina Parent. He will contact WRAL to inquire, in light of the upcoming midterm elections, if they can offer assurance that our advertisements will not be relegated to an off hour. We need to ask John Spach and Jerry Cramfor guidance.

We will send flyers to the Little Choo-Choo model train store in Spencer.

Donald Hunsicker described the model railroad layout that his church for the Christmas Holidays wants to set up at the Triangle Town Mall and auction as a fund raiser.

Upcoming Meetings

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

July’s Board meeting will be on Monday, August 6, 2018, at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment

Mike Johns’ motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Bill Ferguson at 8:55 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 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

British Trams:

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

Has subtitles.

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Board of Governors, August 6th at 7:00 pm.
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