

The

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Official Newsletter of the

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

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Next Meeting's Topic

Ehan Quiram will make a slide presentation on discussion of various steam engines, "It's Not a Big Boy."

Under the Crown Sheet by Clif Kelly

I wish to express my heart felt wishes to the Club Membership for a healthy and prosperous New Year. I hope the Holidays were filled with family, good food and good friends as we saw 2018 fade into the twilight. With its passing we look forward to 2019 and the continued camaraderie we have come to enjoy and as we look forward to working together to resolve the challenges we will certainly face in the months to come.

The Membership Meeting will be conducted this coming Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Club House at 1615 Old Louisburg Road in Raleigh. Everyone is encouraged to attend to catch up on all the news and happenings.

The Subcommittee on "Best Use/Reutilization of Lobby Areas and Other Common Spaces" has reviewed all input received to date and will present its preliminary findings to the Membership on Thursday. A final recommendation will be made to the Board of Directors in February.

The Subcommittee on "Ways and Means" will also present its preliminary findings concerning a review of the dues structure on Thursday. This review of membership dues has been precipitated by an increase in monthly rental fees paid to the Club's Landlord effective this month.

With less than five months remaining in the Club's Fiscal Year, ending on 31 May, it's not too early to begin thinking about Club elections later this spring. George Lasley will cover procedures for canvassing the Membership for interest in one of the Club's elected positions and the election process itself.

Following the general meeting Ethan Quiram will make a slide presentation on discussion of various steam engines, "It's Not a Big Boy."

For your planning calendar of Club activities please keep the following dates in mind:

Plans are being formulated to participate in the LEGOs Show at the Raleigh Convention Center on 9-10 March from 10 to 4:00 pm. If you are interested the Club is looking for volunteers.

The next Open House has been scheduled for Saturday, March 23 from 10 to 4:00 pm. These events have been a big success in the past and we look forward to continuing this activity.

The Spring Show has been set aside for Saturday and Sunday, May 4-5, from 9-5:00 pm, at the Scott Building, State Fair Grounds.

As a remainder a standing invitation is made to the Membership and interested visitors for breakfast every Wednesday morning at 9:00 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.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 4th at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse.

The next Membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 21th at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse.

Minutes of the Membership Meeting

President Clif Kelly call the meeting of December 20, 2018 to order at 7:00 pm.

George Lasley lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike Johns took the Minutes:

Mike Johns recorded the attendance:

Ron Abraham, Richard Calfee, Paul Caparatta, Bernie Dawson, Dan Egy, Scott Gagnon, Michael Johns, Michael Keelean, Clif Kelly, Fred Krause, Ted Kunstling, George Lasley, Collin Martinko, Bryan Parrish, John Ragan, John Spach

Visitor: Wayne Atkin, Preston Cudd, Adin Ledoux and Ted Kunstling

George Lasley's motion to suspend the membership rules and promote Ted Kunstling to Senior Membership status was seconded by Mike Johns and approved unanimously.

The Treasurers report was tabled to the January meeting as Steve Willis was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

George Lasley reported a strong result from our Fall Model Train Show with the expenses are still coming in. We paid \$16,000 to the State Fairgrounds for the building, tables and Security. Advertising issues are being resolved by George Lasley and John Ragan.

George Lasley and John Ragan have begun organizing our Spring Model Train Show.

Mike Keegan reported that 50-60 people attended our November 17, 2018 Open House held at our Club House. We are expecting new Members from our efforts.

Scott Gagnon reported a fine club support for the December 8 'USO Holiday in the Hanger' event.

George Lasley reported that our Sales Table at the Train Collectors of America show help December 1 - 2, 2018, netted close to \$1000 to our Club. Our thanks to our Volunteers who helped.

Clif Kelly reported that a fine Holiday Social was enjoyed at Bill and Mary Lou Ferguson's home.

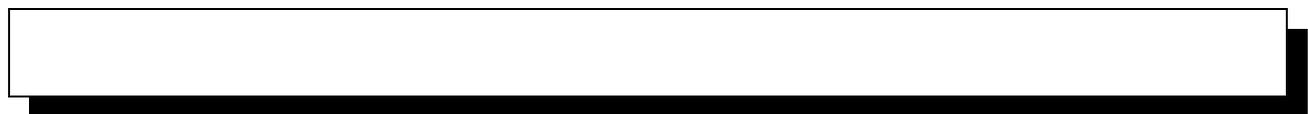
Mike Keegan presented a building Utilization plan. A lively discussion was ensued with several open comments. Mike noted the written and verbal thoughts and will incorporate them into their Committee's recommendation.

- Collin Martinko encouraged more layout construction on the HO layout.
- John Spach plans to create a Club Exchange Board to advertise within the club Trains and Services available.
- George Lasley invited everyone to Nick's Trains Christmas Eve open house.
- George Lasley 'Passed the Hat' for Baptist Men's Hurricane Relief fund.

Motion for adjournment by Mike Johns with a second by George Lasley. The motion carried Unanimously.

Clif Kelly presented a program on Railroads of Alaska with slides Presentation.

"Everyone Should see Alaska at Least once in their Life." It was a fine Presentation



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors

President Clif Kelly called the meeting of January 7, 2019 o order at 6:54 PM.

Secretary Tom Magnani called the Roll and recorded the Minutes

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

Members present: Ron Abraham, Scott Gagnon, John Kuchnia, George Lasley, John Ragan and John Spach.

Recognition of Visitors

Our guest was Mary Lou Ferguson.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Wills reported that he has completed both the November and December Treasurer's reports. At the end of December our Total Assets were \$30,764.61 vs \$41,942.02 at the end of November. This was due to the completion of our payment of bills and the deposits from the show. A year ago our Total Assets were \$26,320.48.

There is approximately \$1,900 remaining from our 'The Lenovo Next Generation Hope Fund of Triangle Community Foundation' grant of \$5,000.

Steve asked for inventories to be made of each layout. Where possible the layout should be described as to the number of modules. Club (only club) Locomotives, Club (only club) rolling stock and Club (only club) buildings should be tallied as to the number of pieces. Pieces that are a member's property are not to be included in the inventory. Pieces that are for sale to either other members or for sale at one of the shows are not to be part of this inventory.

Separately, and first, all Donations are to be inventoried before being reassigned; either for sale or for use on one of the layouts. If to be used for one of the layouts, then those pieces are also to be included, added, to that layout's inventory.

Tom Magnani's motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was seconded by Clif Kelly and approved unanimously.

Final Report on 3 - 4 November Show

George Lasley reported that he has finally been able to settle all of the outstanding invoices related to both the November show and our table at the December TCA show.

The Club cleared \$5,488.71 from both. The N&O issue and the WRAL issue were both settled to the Club's satisfaction. He thanked John Ragan for his support in handling both shows and the members who worked at both as well.

Mike Johns' motion to close the books on the November 2018 show was seconded by Steve Wills and approved unanimously.

Mike Johns' motion to open the books on the May 4 – 5, 2019 show was seconded by Ethan Quiram and approved unanimously.

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Tom Magnani's motion to appoint George Lasley as the Grand Poo-Bah for both 2019 shows was seconded by Ethan Quiram and approved unanimously.

Tom Magnani's motion to appoint John Ragan as an assistant to George Lasley for both 2019 shows was seconded by Ethan Quiram and approved unanimously.

Report on Club Participation in the "USO Holiday in the Hangar"

Scott Gagnon reported that 7 Club Members participated in the USO's Holiday in the Hangar at RDU on December 8th. There were approximately 250 Service family members there. Our layouts, including the extra one that we decided to bring, were well received and may have contributed to increased weekend visitor attendance. The combined Lego and O Ga. In 2 concentric loops worked well, and showed well, together. He received thanks from the Event's organizers and a request that we plan on being there again this December.

Next Open House on March 23, 2019

Clif Kelly set a tentative date for our next Open House of March 23, 2019.

Report on Holiday Gathering with Bill and Mary Lou Ferguson

Clif Kelly reported that the Holiday Soup and Salad gathering with Bill and Mary Lou Ferguson was a great success and enjoyed by all. Mike Johns' motion to fully thank and express the Club's gratitude for their hospitality was seconded by Steve Wills and approved unanimously.

Preliminary Report on "Ways and Means Committee"

George Lasley reported that the Committee had a meeting planned for this coming Sunday, January 13th at his house. Their main task is to review the Club Membership Dues structure for the coming Fiscal Year which begins on June 1st. The invitees so far

are Bernie Dawson and John Ragan. He has been unable to contact Jay Wilson in order to extend an invitation. Steve Wills is their non-member advisor.

The Club calendar for the election of the Club's officers was discussed and is as follows:

- February's Board Meeting begins the process
- February's General/Membership Meeting charges the At-Large Board members with the duty of soliciting the membership for candidates.
- Nominations open by the March General/Membership Meeting
- Nominations close at the April General/Membership Meeting

Preliminary Report on Best Use/Reutilization of Lobby Area and Other Common Spaces

John Ragan discussed the email sent by Fred Krauss concerning the discussion at the December 20, 2018 Membership Meeting. It was agreed that Motions involving Club Policy(ies) and Finances can only be made at Board Meetings.

Mike Keelean reported for the Space Utilization Committee composed of Ron Abraham, George Lasley, himself and John Spach. They have had their first meeting and are developing a set of proposals.

John Spach presented a 5 page, 19 panel summary of their preliminary ideas and answered the Board's questions about the details. The Committee's plan is to complete the Report, secure a Board vote on its specifics and then Project Manage the implementation of the approved plan in an expeditious manner.

New Business

The radial Arm saw has been shipped, per the safety recall, back to 'Sears'.

George Lasley reminded the meeting that the Club's approved offer to match contributions of up to \$500 for the Baptist Men's Hurricane Relief fund is still open.

Next Open House - The date for the next Open House is **March 23, 2019**.

Upcoming Meetings

The next Membership Meeting will be on Thursday, January 17, 2018, at 7:00 PM. The presentation will be "It's Not A Big Boy" by Ethan Quiram.

February's Board meeting will be on Monday, February 4, 2018, at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment

Tom Magnani's motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded by Mike Keelean at 8:25 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.

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**NEXT MEETING - Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm.
Board of Governors, Monday, February 4, 2019 at 7:00 pm.
LOCATION: 1615 Old Louisburg Rd, Raleigh, NC 2760**

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