

The

Whistle



Post

Official Newsletter of the

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

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“All Aboard”

Welcome to one and all!

I hope this finds you healthy, happy, and ready for a new year “riding the rails” at the Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club.

This is my first newsletter message to the Club, so I thought maybe I should tell you a bit about my personal modeling interests. As many of you know, my experiences growing up in New York City and Upstate New York has led to me develop an interest in the New York Central and Pennsylvania Railroads. My home layouts, both HO and N scale, feature rolling stock and power from both lines. I’m always interested in anything pertaining to both lines. My modeling skills are modest at best, but I’m always willing to learn, and I am always anxious to hear new ideas and try new techniques. Technology – as all of us of a certain age know - can be a challenge, but I do master it slowly. Above all, I want to hear from all of you – what your interests are, and what projects you are working on currently, both for the Club, and for your home layouts.

Now, let’s move on to Club business. I will endeavor to not repeat things that are included in meeting minutes, as you can find them published here in the newsletter and on the web site. Please take the time to read the Minutes of the last meeting before you attend the next meeting – it will help to keep you informed of what’s going on at the Club.

A word or two about dues which, by the way, are currently due: the Ways and Means committee has recommended, and the membership has approved, a reduction – YES, I said a reduction! The base dues for Senior Members will be reduced to \$300 per year, and all membership classes will be reduced by the same percentages to a new base. Why and how is this possible you may ask? Well, you all worked hard and produced two very successful shows this past year. The proceeds from those shows will help us maintain the lower dues rate for the coming fiscal year. So, there are two ways to keep dues down in the future. First, we need to keep running successful and profitable shows. Second, we need to build our membership base by attracting

new members and retaining existing members. So, it's up to us to do all we can to keep our dues down.

A question that I keep hearing is "what do you have planned for this year?" Well, it's early in the year, and plans will take time to formulate. What I can share is part of my "Wish List" of projects for us to focus on and plan to work on – in no particular order.

Short term

- Clean up and reorganize the back lockers and finish the shelving units.
- Clean up and organize the shop to the original plans for the area.
- Reinstate all old members that dropped due to the Covid crisis.
- Redo and upgrade the Club flyer.
- Expand the bookshelf capacity in the Library.
- Establish a cleaning and maintenance program for the physical area of the Club.
- Move old files to new file cabinets in the back locker.
- Finish the rebuild and rework of the test rack and build a shelf to keep it on.
- Finish renovations and repairs to the N- gauge traveling layout.
- Clean under all layouts and reorganize materials stored there.

Long term

- Review, clean and repair all sales items and restock the shelves.
- Renovate and repair all Club rolling stock for all layouts.
- Set up exchange road trips with other area clubs.
- Public Relations – Club promotion. Make some noise about us in the community. Get people talking, and get more bodies through the door to experience the Clubhouse.
- Build a new modular HO layout for traveling.
- Build "Shoebox Train Sets" - basic starter sets for encouraging new members – all scales.
- Set up a comprehensive plan to attract more youth and junior members and keep the ones we have.
- Develop an "Evening at the Club" plan that will help grow the membership – can be social or work session.

If you have additional thoughts or projects in mind for us, please let me know so I can add them to the overall list and work them into the Club plans.

Overall, the plan is to work together to make the Club a fun, pleasant, and beautiful place that we can all be proud to be a part of.

OK enough for now - - let's get started –

ALL ABOARD

John Spach, President

Of Special Interest to Junior Members (courtesy of Michael Irwin)

Announcing the Walthers 2021 Model Railroad Scholarship Program

Designed for class of 2021 high school seniors or grads active in model railroading and pursuing a degree in one of the STEAM programs (science, technology, engineering, arts or math)

Application Deadline: July 15, 2021

Wm. K. Walthers, Inc. wants to recognize the future of our hobby; the youth and young adults active in model railroading. Some may have dabbled as part of a Scouting or 4H project, others might have participated in a Youth in Model Railroading® workshop and others may be active members of established clubs. We want to reward their involvement as they move forward in pursuit of their dreams.

Walthers will award two deserving students, each with a \$2,500 scholarship to pursue a STEAM (science, technology, Engineering, Arts or Math) program at a two-year or four-year technical college or university.

Qualified applicants MUST meet the following criteria:

- 2021 high school senior or 2021 high school graduate residing in the United States.
- Have a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Plans to attend a two-year or four-year technical college or university during the 2021-22 school season with an intent to pursue a degree in one of the STEAM programs.
- Demonstrated participation in a model railroad youth activity program such as Youth in Model Railroading®, Scouts MRR program, 4H model railroading, MRR Youth clinics, active participant in building a home layout, or belong to an organized model railroad club.
- Write an essay describing their involvement in model railroading and how they feel it has benefited their education within one or more of the STEAM areas of interest.
- Include one reference that can attest to their involvement in model railroading activities. Walthers will be contacting the reference of selected finalists.

The scholarship recipients will be announced mid-August in a format to be determined.

Wm. K. Walthers does not discriminate based on race, national or ethnic origin, religion, age, sex, marital status, or handicap in administering its policies, activities, and selection related to its scholarship program. Children of an employee of Wm. K. Walthers, Inc. are ineligible.

Apply by July 15, 2021

Questions: Please contact Karen Formico - karenf@walthers.com

Library Update from Tom Garren

The storage space for books and periodicals has been expanded with the addition of three new shelves in the Main Library. Thanks to Mike Keelean for his construction efforts.

The Library now contains 1,490 books and over 7,880 periodicals with more on the way. Subject matter includes real railroad and model railroad materials.

For members who are not familiar with the use of the Library, you may refer to the large green loose leaf notebook, centrally located on the middle shelf as shown on the photo. The notebook contains a hard copy of the titles available for reference or checkout. It also outlines the procedures required for members to find, access and check out materials.



Neat Links

Scott Hall provided the following links:

- 1) "Railroad (and other) Polelines Explained" <https://youtu.be/c0tJ6Ksv2HY>

Editor's note: This video by Mark Clay McGowan runs about 13 minutes and the narration is a bit rambling. If you've ever wondered what all the "telephone" poles along railroad right-of-ways used to do, this video should help to satisfy your curiosity.

- 2) From DJ's Trains: "Turn Your Model Railroad from Good to GREAT (Track Tips)"

<https://youtu.be/U3r6Fw3xBxg>

Editor's note: This link runs about 12 minutes and covers a lot of neat ways to improve the look of your track, and track accessories such as bumpers and grade crossings.

Jerry Davis provided another link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wibkM85fQ0> "Chasing Daylight"

Editor's note: For those of you who might have missed the links in last month's Whistle Post for Jerry's O-scale layout, here's another chance to see Southern Pacific models in action. The video runs a smidge over twelve minutes and is time well spent.

Members' Layouts

Two more member contributions are included this month. Thanks to Lance Otto and Tom Smith for sharing their modelling skills with other Club Members.

Lance Otto Diorama:



Lance submitted this photo of an HO scale diorama that he is building for the Walther's NMRBO. He reports sadly that it won't be a part of any layout in the near future as his space is limited. The diorama is set in the 1970s and the story of this particular picture is that the bench is usually a good ways from the water. But due to the spring rains this mountainous hiking spot has become flooded, forcing hikers to take the more adventurous routes above the stream. But it's not stopping this man from enjoying the spring beauty.

Tom Smith Layout:

Tom Smith lives near Yadkinville and models in N-scale. His layout is modelled after the Nickel Plate Railroad as it crosses Indianan and Ohio.



Broughton



Heading toward Leipsic Junction



Latty Looking East



Water tower at Payne



Mainline to Bellevue

May - Spencer Train Show

Bob Milback attended the Spencer Train Show in May and was kind enough to share some of his photos with us. Bob is a member of NTrak and has been a frequent participant in NRV shows with his club's N-scale display.



NTrak Layout in Building G



Norfolk and Western GP9 No. 620

Program for June 17th Membership Meeting

George Lasley and Tom Garren will continue with new slides and their historic insights on various North Carolina railroads from the 1970s. The presentation will begin immediately following the June Membership Meeting and will be available to those participating by Zoom.

Hey folks, how about some other members putting together a presentation for July?

Real Train Photos

Editor's Note: If you have recent real train photographs that you think would interest the Club members, please submit them. I would like to make this a regular feature of the Whistle Post, but let's set a high bar for quality and interest. I selected this photo because it's a shortline most of us won't get to see and the loco has a neat paint scheme.



Fred Kraus sent in this photo of Lake State Railway locomotive 303 running light to Grayling, Michigan to pick up some wafer board at the plant there.

Railroad Slang Matching Game (courtesy of John Spach)

Test your railroad knowledge with this 10 part challenge match up. Match the term with the appropriate definition. Answers can be found at the end of this edition of the Whistle Post.

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| 1. Ash Cat | a. Brakeman |
| 2. Bull | b. Yardmaster |
| 3. Car Catcher | c. Hobo willing to work |
| 4. Gay Cat | d. Railroad Cop |
| 5. Hasher | e. Car inspector |
| 6. Hotbox Dick | f. Locomotive Fireman |
| 7. Ringmaster | g. Engineer |
| 8. Shiny Pants | h. Railway official |
| 9. Skipper | i. Waitress |
| 10. Tin Hat | j. Railway Clerk |

Minutes of the Membership Meeting of May 20th, 2021

1. Call Meeting to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call – Clif Kelly, Tom Garren, and Tom Magnani (Secretary).

The meeting was called to order by Clif Kelly at 7:00 pm.

Those attending at the Clubhouse were: Wayne Aiken, Richard Calfee, Dan Egy, Tom Garren, Ken Howard, Mike Johns, Mike Keelean, Clif Kelly, George Lasley, Mike Marsh, Richard Nyce, John Spach, and Bob Witwer.

Those attending by Zoom were: Ron Abraham, David Balkwill, Jerry Davis, Scott Hall, Ted Kunstling, Tom Magnani, Mike Manella, and Tom Tiemann.

2. Recognize Visitors and Applications for Prospective Members – Clif Kelly.

This is Richard Nyce's first full Membership Meeting having previously attended many of the Breakfast Meetings. He is also one of the prime workers for our lavatory repairs.

This is David Balkwill's first full Membership Meeting in quite a while as he had previously been a Senior member.

This is Tom Tiemann's first full Membership Meeting having previously attended several of the Breakfast Meetings.

George Lasley's motion to wave the rules and to admit Richard Nyce, David Balkwill, and Tom Tiemann, as a Senior Members was seconded by Tom Garren and approved unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report – Mike Keelean.

Mike Keelean gave the Treasurer's report. Club finances are in decent shape. Our Clubhouse lease has been renewed, with a modest increase, and extended for 4 years. Our dues do not fully cover our expenses and we depend upon our Shows, with the Club's table sales, making up the difference.

The Board authorized a separate checking account to meet eBay's requirement for one to be used exclusively for the Club's eBay, sales and returns and, transactions. eBay automatically deducts state sales tax, and this simplifies our accounting and tax responsibilities.

Our internet and phone provided, AT&T, dramatically increased our monthly bills for six Megabit service, without advance notice. As a result, we will be going to Spectrum, with substantially faster service for only a modest increase in our current costs, on June 2nd. Scott Hall recommended that we ask Spectrum to keep our network name and password.

4. Conduct of Spring Elections and Announcement of New Board of Directors for FY 2022 -- Clif Kelly

Clif appointed non-Board members George Lasley and Ken Howard as vote counters. Following the count, George reported that they had 27 valid ballots and 1 returned with no signature on the envelope.

George reported that the Officers for the year beginning on June 1, 2021 are:

President - John Spach

Vice President - Wayne Aiken

Secretary - Tom Garren

Treasurer - Michael Keelean

At-Large - Richard Calfee

George Lasley's motion to approve the new Board of Directors for FY 2022 was seconded by Tom Garren and approved unanimously.

George pointed out that the Club will be short 2 of our At-Large Directors as Wayne Aiken and Tom Garren, both presently At-Large Directors, will be Vice President and Secretary beginning on June 1st. Tom Garren explained that this is one of the few times that there have been two At-Large positions open at the same time. He and George proposed to have nominations tonight and a vote at June's Membership Meeting on June 17th.

George Lasley's motion to open nominations for the two At-Large Board positions was seconded by John Spach and approved unanimously.

Mike Johns nominated Bob Witwer who agreed to assume the responsibilities if elected. Tom Garren nominated Ken Howard who agreed to assume the responsibilities if elected. Mike Keelean nominated Mike Marsh who agreed to assume the responsibilities if elected.

It was agreed by all involved that the top 2 vote getters would take office and decide who would fill which At-Large seat. (The At-Large positions, of 3 years duration, are timed so that only 1 normally requires filling each year.)

George Lasley's motion to close nominations for the 2 At-Large Board positions was seconded by John Spach and approved unanimously.

5. Final Report on "Spring into Trains Show" (30 April- 2 May) – George Lasley

George thanked everyone who came to help. He reported that the total paid attendance was 860. This was the first time that the dealers did not gripe and experienced good table traffic. The Club table did quite well. The TCA organization was quite pleased as well and we will extend our arrangement with them to our Fall Show. He was able to have every vendor gone and to leave by 8:10 pm Sunday evening.

He will close the books on the Spring Show and open the books on the Fall Show at June's Board meeting.

6. Report from Ways and Means Committee -- George Lasley

George Lasley reported that the Committee has reversed itself from the May Board meeting as to the Club's membership rate structure. They're recommending lowering the Senior Member dues from \$360/yr. to \$300/yr. with all classes of dues similarly reduced. George's motion to approve the reduction of Senior Member dues from \$360/yr. to \$300/yr. with all classes of dues similarly reduced was seconded by John Spach and approved unanimously.

[Rates are: Senior = \$300, Associate = \$180, Junior = \$90, and Youth = \$60.]

7. Reminder of the Spencer Train Show at NC Transportation Museum, 22-23 May – George Lasley

George reported that the Spencer Train Show is this weekend and that there is no planned Club trip on either day. He also reported that the Little Choo-Choo hobby shop is in a state of flux as it is now part of an estate.

The Norfolk and Western steam locomotive, 611, is still there as it's movement to the Strasburg railroad has been delayed by a broken auger in its mechanical stoker. This has disrupted ticket sales at Strasburg until repairs are completed and it can leave Spencer.

8. Appeal for Articles and Pictures of Interest for the Whistle Post – Clif Kelly and Ken Howard

Clif thanked Ken Howard for all his work on the Whistle Post as well as Tom Garren, George Lasley, and Tom Magnani for their editing support. He also thanked everyone who has contributed to, and supported, Ken's upgrade of the Whistle Post.

Ken thanked everyone for their articles, links and photos and said that he has more sections in mind. He would like to have pictures of real railroads. The photographs should be of things that are new or unique; short lines, paint schemes, oddities,

locomotives, rolling stock, places, structures, etc. The contributor should mention what it is, where the photograph was taken, and why it is believed to be significant.

George cautioned that unless they were photographed by the individual submitting them, we could not use them without a full release to avoid copyright issues.

Ted Kunstling will authorize photographs on our Facebook site once the member posts them.

9. Call for New Business – Clif Kelly.

John Spach reported that our Library is out of shelf space for books. Mike Keelean will build several more shelves and the metal credenza and the printer will be moved into the Main room.

Tom Garren reported that the Library's Green 3 Ring binder that contains the Library's Check-out Sheets, Rules for the Library, and sorted Inventory lists is missing. It needs to be returned to the Library ASAP.

Mike Keelean noted that our sales of almost everything seem to go much better when there is a price displayed on each item. If donations are put on a shelf it needs to have a price.

The little Black Box on the Library wall is for purchasers to deposit their payments **with their name, a clear indication of what was purchased and each item's price**. If you buy something and do not have the cash with you, leave a clear IOU **with your name, a clear indication of what was purchased and each item's price**. When you return with the money he will give you the IOU. We pay sales tax on every purchase and need accurate records.

Ted Kunstling reported on Steve Wills' email saying that we have been accepted at the Brick Universe's Fall Show in Raleigh.

Mike Keelean asked Tom Magnani for a copy of the minutes with the new officers so that they could be submitted to our bank.

Mike Hall asked about the status of the portable HO layout planning group as he would like to join. Mike Keelean answered that the portable N scale layout needs to be completed before starting anything else. It would take a Board action to establish the HO committee.

Mike Johns is asking for a volunteer to complete the painting of the Men's room. He had done the shelf and is asking for someone to complete the room.

Mike Keelean thanked Wayne Aiken for caring for the lawn and the front vegetation.

Richard Calfee asked that the other members of the HO Committee, for the main layout, to join with him in committing their plans for the layout in writing so that they could, as a group, sift through them to come up with a long term plan.

Tom Magnani and John Spach thanked Clif Kelly for his service as Club President and for the work he did to extend our lease and to keep the Club in sound condition during the COVID epidemic.

10. Adjournment – Clif Kelly.

George Lasley's motion to adjourn at 7:48 pm was seconded by Tom Magnani and passed unanimously.

Tom Garren and George Lasley will have a slide program following the Membership Meeting

Minutes of the Board of Governors' Meeting of June 7th, 2021

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call of the Board

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President John Spach.

Board Members in attendance were Wayne Aiken, Tom Garren, Mike Keelean and John Spach

2. Recognition of Visitors and Non-board Members in Attendance

Non-Board Members in attendance at the Clubhouse were Dan Egy, Ken Howard, Mike Johns, George Lasley, Mike Marsh and Bob Witwer.

Non-Board Members in attendance by Zoom were Jerry Davis, Ted Kunstling, Tom Magnani and Ron Wertenberg.

Visitors attending the meeting by Zoom were Curtis and Mylen Strong. This is a father son team who are joining the Club. They have already filled out applications and this is their first meeting.

3. Minutes of the Last Board Meeting - read if needed- motion to accept

Mike Keelean made a motion to accept the minutes of the last Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Tom Garren and passed unanimously.

4. Treasurers Report – motion to accept

Mike Keelean presented the Treasurer's Report. This included both the May 2021 and the end of year report.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Tom Garren and seconded by John Spach. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Communications

a. Phone, mail, email

The Club has received a call from a Jim Sedgwick. He wants to set up a layout at a children's hospital and wanted us to run the layout. He was told that we do not have the personnel available to undertake this project.

Wayne Aiken met a former member, Wayne Michael Giles, recently at the Clubhouse. Currently, we are uncertain if he wants to rejoin. Wayne is forwarding the contact information to Richard Calfee for follow up.

6. Committee Reports – as needed

a. Membership

Mike Keelean reported that we have two new members to be voted on at the next Membership meeting.

b. Newsletter

Ken Howard reported that he has sufficient content for the upcoming newsletter but is always looking for material to be included in future issues.

7. Old Business

a. Report on changes to Club Wi-Fi and phone service

Mike Keelean reported that we have changed internet providers. We are now with Spectrum. Several positive comments were received throughout the evening about the improved quality of the video from Zoom for this meeting. The improvement was attributed to the increased speed of our internet service.

A sign with the new internet information has been created and will be hung on the wall in the meeting room.

b. Close the Spring show

Mike Keelean made a motion that we close the books on the 2021 Spring into Trains show. The motion was seconded by Tom Garren and was passed unanimously.

8. New Business

a. Fall Show 2021

A motion was made by Mike Keelean and seconded by John Spach to open the books for the November 2021 show. The motion passed unanimously.

George Lasley reported that the letters will go out to the vendors in late June or early July.

He further reported several more items:

Some tables have already been reserved for this show.

Floor plan will be the same as in years past.

TCA has committed to taking a block of 36 tables for the fall show.

The flyers for the show have already been printed and are available now. If any member is planning a trip to a hobby shop in the region, please take some flyers and ask the shop owner to display them. If you need flyers, please let George know.

The flyer is also available on our website using the Print Coupon button on the November Show page.

Ted Kunstling reported that an individual has contacted us on Facebook and would like to talk with us about exhibiting Z scale at the show. Ted will instruct him to contact George Lasley.

John Spach mentioned the possibility of having special work sessions to fix up some donated equipment to increase its sale value.

b. Youth and Junior Membership Encouragement Plan

We want to bring back the participation of our Youth and Junior members to at least the levels we had pre-pandemic. Several ways to accomplish this were discussed.

Mike Keelean presented a proposal that would select a junior member as the coordinator for the younger members and this lead person would be given a key to increase the access to the Clubhouse for this group.

A long discussion ensued to talk about the pros and cons of this proposal. On the surface the idea was popular. Concern was voiced about potential liability to both the coordinator and the Club if this plan is adopted and a problem occurred.

Another proposal voiced is to schedule special times for Youth and Junior members to both run their trains and learn new modeling skills. This would involve setting aside the time and assuring that some senior members were present to host the activities.

As a starting point, John Spach will contact our recent youth and junior members to get their input and determine if they like the idea and which time will work best for most attendees. Results from this communication are expected by the next Board meeting.

c. Review Proposed Update of Club Brochure

John Spach asked Ken Howard to prepare a new Club brochure for discussion. Ken presented version 1 of the new brochure. Several ideas were offered for improving the document, mostly suggestions for different picture choices, and text for the pictures. Ken plans on having version 2 available for comment at the Membership meeting on June 17.

d. Revised Membership Application and Procedure for Recruitment of Membership

John Spach introduced a revised Membership Application form and a new Request for Information form. The idea is that the RFI form be placed near the guest book and be used for visitors that are interested in learning more about the Club. This form will provide us with their contact information and get them on our newsletter email list for 3 months. If they decide to join the Club, then they will fill out an application.

Both forms were discussed at length.

It was decided to not require a fee when an application is submitted.

e. Revised Committee Assignments for New Fiscal Year

John Spach announced that he is working on changes to the Club org chart and committee assignments for the new fiscal year.

One change is the addition of an Open House subcommittee under the Membership Committee. Mike Johns has agreed to head up the Open House subcommittee.

John also went over the House Committee. It is made up of three subcommittees

The Shop headed up by Wayne Aiken

The Library headed up by Tom Garren

Facilities headed up by Mike Keelean

There was some discussion about the facilities as related to the House Committee.

George Lasley suggested getting trays and a rack in which to store them so that uncompleted projects could be put away and stored until work can continue on them.

Additional changes will be shared in the near future, hopefully by the Membership meeting.

- f. Plan for Special Work Saturday to Get a Jump Start on Storage and Club Cleanup in General

A work session is planned at the Clubhouse for Saturday, June 12 beginning at 10:00 am. The purpose is to clean up and organize one of our two storage rooms. John Spach will cook hot dogs around Noon.

This is part of a bigger plan to improve the Clubhouse to where is a great place to have people visit and join in our activities.

- g. Additional New Business as Needed

A discussion was held about changing the fluorescent lighting to LED lights in the building. We would begin with a trial demonstration in the HO layout room set up by Bob Witwer.

John Spach suggested that we proceed with the demonstration.

Regarding talk in the Club about traveling layouts: George Lasley proposed several "Food for Thought" questions:

Why?

Where (if at our shows who makes up the personnel deficit created)?

Who?

The Club has done this in the past. Examples cited were putting up layouts in storage areas at 2:00 am after shows, etc.

George next asked if it is time to consider a permanent HO layout: one which would have more scenery and the possibility for operations. This has been a longtime goal of the Club: is this the time to do it? Discussion included examples of a permanent layout versus a modular layout. This would include increased topography.

Ken Howard stated that there are lots of good things going on with the HO layout. Ted Kunstling suggested that we pursue plans to make the layout operational and to conduct actual operating sessions. This could foster teamwork.

This is the start of more discussion on this topic.

9. Good and Welfare of the Club

John Spach asked if anyone had anything to add for the good and welfare of the Club. Curtis Strong mentioned some older veterans at the VA nursing home in Fayetteville that would like to visit Bragg again. A suggestion was made about taking the travelling O gauge layout down. This will have to be investigated to determine the feasibility of making this happen.

10. Adjournment

Tom Garren made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Mike Keelean and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Future Events

Mark your calendars! The dates are set for the **37th Train Show and Sale**. It will be held at the Jim Graham Building, North Carolina State Fairgrounds, 4285 Trinity Road, Raleigh, NC 27607 on November 6-7, 2021.

Our next public event will likely be a Fall Open House as a lead-in to the November Train Show and Sale. No date has been set. Stay tuned, though, because Mike Johns has accepted an Open House Subcommittee Chair position tasked with looking at schedules and making recommendations for public events to help showcase the Club.

Notes from the Editor and Webmaster

Please send recent photos of Club activities to Bernie Dawson, at nrvwebmaster@gmail.com, so he can continue adding new materials and updating our website.

Thanks to all who are contributing items for the Whistle Post. I am building files for use in future editions. Your participation is appreciated, and your contributions will appear as space permits. Please send articles, photos of real trains, book reviews, product reviews, photographs of your home layouts, and video links of interest to Ken Howard, Whistle Post Editor, at klhowardjr@aol.com no later than Tuesday, July 6th, nine days prior to the next Membership Meeting of July 15th.

The Clubhouse is open to friends and guests most Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Club has resumed most social activities with no Covid-19 limitations although you may wear a mask if you so desire and hand sanitizers and masks are available at the Clubhouse.

Check out our website at: <http://www.nrvclub.net> to see when the Club will be open and call 919-400-5570 to be sure that the doors are open, if you don't have a key.

Upcoming Meetings

Board of Governors: Monday, July 5th, 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. Attendance via Zoom is optional.

June Membership: Thursday, June 17th, 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. Attendance via Zoom is optional.

Breakfast: Every Wednesday, 9:00 am at Barry's Café, Raleigh, NC.

Answers to Railroad Slang Matching Game: 1f, 2d, 3a, 4c, 5i, 6e, 7b, 8j, 9g, 10h.

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