

The

Whistle



Post

Official Newsletter of the

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

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“All Aboard”

Well, it's that exciting time again, making final plans for the November Show. Everyone, especially the Grand Poohbah George, is scurrying around with last minute details. This looks like a really great Show.

Personally, I'm about to go under the knife again, for my second knee replacement. With a bit of luck, and a lot of help, I hope to make it to the Show, pain pills in hand. Thanks to George, a scooter will be there to help me get around. I may not be much help, but I will do my best where I can. See you all there.

Once again, I have to remind ALL of you to keep the Clubhouse clean. We have had an ant invasion around the recycling bin and have had the bug man in. Also, there are still way too many items left out all over the Clubhouse, especially the layout room and Crew area. Please remember that we don't have a maid, cleaning service, or any means other than ourselves to keep the place clean and picked up. This seems like a really simple request. Keep it clean PLEASE!

There has been major progress in the revitalizing the layout room. We held a work Saturday and were able to accomplish a lot. We moved the lockers to the storage closet, moved the metal cabinet to the men's room and repurposed it to hold paper products and cleaning supplies. We removed the shelves from the men's room and hung them on the wall in the layout room, creating a “members only” storage yard to help get stored rolling stock off the layout, and hung a donated shelving unit for additional Club rolling stock. It is the goal of the HO group to keep their layout free of excessive stored rolling stock, to provide easier operations!

At the last Board meeting, the board unanimously passed a resolution that will make considerable changes to the layout room, will greatly increase the size and capabilities of the HO and N gauge layouts, and will provide a greater experience for the members modeling in these gauges. More on this will be available at the Membership meeting.

OK Trains ready to go - - - -ALL ABOARD

John Spach, President

All Hands on Deck

As you all know, our annual fall Train Show is quickly approaching. We need as many members as possible to help, beginning on Friday morning November 5th between 8:30 - 9 am. There will be many tasks to do including moving tables around, setting up the Club table and helping with the layouts. Remember that the Club table is the source of funds to support our Club layouts as well as helping with the Clubhouse expenses.

The fun continues on Saturday and Sunday: selling tickets and merchandise, and helping with the layouts as well as many other small but important tasks.

As far as I know at this time, we will load the trailer from the Clubhouse on Thursday night November 4th. Details will be sent by email later. In deference to Covid-19 restrictions, masks will be required of all persons while in the building. A face shield is an acceptable substitute.

Thank you in advance for your help in making this another successful show.

George Lasley
Show Grand Poohbah

October 9th Club Workday



Thanks to all those who participated in the Club workday and John Spach's bratwurst luncheon - Ron Abraham, Wayne Aiken, Richard Calfee, Bernie Dawson, Dan Egy, Scott Hall, Ken Howard, Mike Johns, Mike Keelean, Clif Kelly, Dr. Lou Monville, George Sawyer, John Spach, Ken Wesp, Steve Wills, and Bob Witwer.



New shelving for Club passenger trains on the left and privately owned member rolling stock on the right.



Relocated lockers in storeroom.

For those who weren't able to attend, the HO layout room and storeroom next to the shop have a new look. The old lockers are now in the storeroom, the tall storage cabinet is in the men's room, the shelving from the men's room is now on the north wall of the HO layout room, and a new set of shelves, donated by Mike Keelean, has been mounted on the west wall of the HO layout room.

The increased shelving has been designated for Club equipment (yellow) and member's personal equipment (white) and should provide much needed room for members to store their trains and to give the Club sufficient space for all its HO equipment. Watch for changes as these new shelves get put to use.

Badges for New Members

If you haven't picked up your new membership badges, they are available in the Clubhouse. Look for them attached to the door frame into the storeroom adjacent to the shop.

New Policy for Youth Attendance

As outlined last month in John Spach's "**All Aboard,**" the Board of Governors has adopted a policy to protect Youth members, young guests, and the Club. Please read and understand the intent and specific implementation of this new requirement. The specific policy is repeated below for those who might have missed it in the September issue:

"If a minor Youth or Junior member with a parent or guardian requires admission to the building, there must be either two Senior members or one Senior member and one Associate member present while the minor is in the Clubhouse. The only exception to this is if the parent or guardian of the minor is also a Senior or Associate member of the Club."

Congratulations

In September, Randy Foulke was reelected to the position of Director-at-Large of the Mid-Eastern Region (MER) of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). He starts his new term in October and will complete it in October of 2023. He was first elected in September 2019 and assumed the position in October of 2019. The MER includes Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, and the District of Columbia, plus parts of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and North and South Carolina. There are approximately 2,000 members in the MER. Let Randy know if you have any questions about the organizations.

Member Input Still Needed for Club Inventories (Last Chance)

The Club is still working on an inventory of its equipment on each layout for tax purposes. It is important that the Club clarify the ownership of all rolling stock, so that an appropriate inventory can be prepared for future reference and tax filings. It is the policy of the Club that all buildings, track and scenic additions to any layout become the property of the Club.

The Club wishes to resolve any member claims of ownership of rolling stock, engines, structures or scenery.

Thank you all for your assistance. Please respond to a member of the HO Committee (Richard Calfee rhcalfee@yahoo.com or Ken Howard klhowardjr@aol.com) by **October 21st** with any questions, issues, or ownership information.

Railroad Slang Contest (courtesy of John Spach)

Test your train trivia knowledge with this 10 part challenge match up. Match the term with the appropriate definition. Answers can be found on Page 10.

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| 1. Battleship | a. Car inspector |
| 2. Big Hole | b. Board a moving train |
| 3. Car knocker | c. Freight train |
| 4. Crowbar hotel | d. Brakeman |
| 5. Flip | e. Large locomotive |
| 6. Hogger | f. Caboose |
| 7. Nipper | g. Water |
| 8. Rat | h. Jail |
| 9. Shanty | i. Engineer |
| 10. Soup | j. Quick Stop |

Neat Links

Fred Krauss sent the following link and commentary:

Here is a 58 minute long history of railroads in England. It is interesting because it shows how various railroad tracks were built and what the early engines and cars looked like - the real beginnings of the industrial revolution.

This episode is about early passenger cars and the early railroads in England. Lots of steam engines are used for various purposes. Ruth, Tom, and Peter play the parts of early workers and all that was involved in the building and growth of the European railroads. It was a hard life much like in America at a later time. No desk jobs here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PikURl7i7ak>

Tom Garren sent the following link for those of you who missed the CRWT Zoom presentation.

To access the video, click on the link below, scroll down until you find the David Bright presentation Trains up the Turnpike, and click on the video. I found this to be a very interesting presentation because I was unfamiliar with this event.

[raleighcrwt - Monthly Meeting Videos \(raleighcrwt.org\)](http://raleighcrwt.org/Monthly-Meeting-Videos)

The following link came from Ted Kunstling via Tom Garren. Tom suggests that it might present interesting modelling opportunities.

[Video: North Korea Launches Missiles From Trains, Seeking U.S. Attention \(wsj.com\)](https://www.wsj.com/video/North-Korea-launches-missiles-from-trains-seeking-U.S.-attention/65000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000)

Tom Magnani contributed the following link to Sipping & Switching Society of NC Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SandSSofNC/>

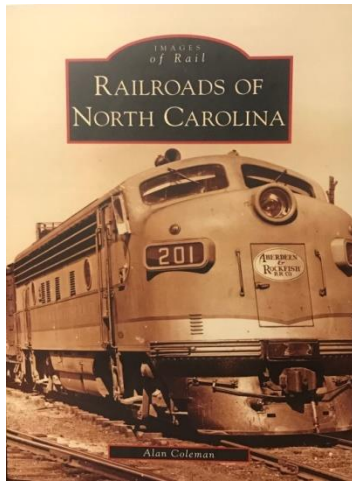
Tom Magnani also forwarded the following link – a great resource for rolling stock plans:

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015006059086&view=1up&seq=9>

Club COVID-19 Mask Policy

In accordance with the City of Raleigh mandate, a mask or face covering is required while you are inside the Clubhouse regardless of your vaccination status. Thank you for your cooperation.

BOOK REVUE: *Images of Rail, Railroads of North Carolina* by Alan Coleman, 2008, 128 pages, Arcadia Publishing, Charleston, South Carolina, ISBN 978-0-7385-5336-8.



This book is a photo essay of the history of North Carolina's railroads from the mid-1800s to the 21st century. Its main focus is historical photographs with appropriate captions for a large number of railroads that have operated as independent entities over the years. A few pages are designated to cover cooperative ventures and holding companies, but the bulk of the content is black and white photos of trains.

Photos from more than 170 North Carolina railroads are presented, so don't expect a lot of coverage for any one railroad or its successors. If you have a favorite railroad and would like to see some historic photos, the book is easy to scan. Photos are presented in alphabetical order by railroad name.

Whether you'll find what you're looking for is hit or miss, but the fun is in scanning through the collection and the variety of animal, steam, electric, and diesel motive power that has seen service over the years.

As a guide to researching historical archives, the Appendix provides a reference to 150 more North Carolina railroads at Piedmont & Western Railroad Club www.pwrr.org. A supplement to the book can be accessed from their home page.

This is a fun book for those with a hankering for North Carolina historical photos.

Ken Howard

Upcoming Open House

Phil Michaud has invited us to see his N- and HO-scale layouts during an open house on **Saturday, October 23rd** from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Masks are highly recommended.

The address is:

2419 Kinglass Drive
Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

Member's Layouts

George Lasley's O-scale Layout:

If you missed George Lasley's open house, here are a couple of shots of what you would have seen. You can see a lot more of George's Virginian and Norfolk and Western layout as a featured article in the October/November issue of O-Scale Railroading. See the article titled "Pandemic Perfectionist" by Will Allen on pages 38-45 of Run 320. You can also visit <https://www.ogaugerr.com/> for more information.



Virginian crossing of the New River.



The yet to be completed lower level of the N&W.

Brick Universe Lego Show

Thanks to Steve Wills and the Club members who loaded out the Lego, hauled to the Convention Center, manned the exhibit, and brought everything back to the Clubhouse.



Future Events

Following the October Membership Meeting, Mike Keelean will give a hands-on review of the power tools available for member use in the Shop at the Clubhouse. The presentation will begin about 10 minutes following meeting adjournment.

The **37th Train Show and Sale** will be held at the Jim Graham Building, North Carolina State Fairgrounds, 4285 Trinity Road, Raleigh, NC 27607 on November 6-7, 2021.

South Carolina Model Railroad Shows

Friday, December 10th 1pm-6pm and Saturday, December 11th 9am-3pm

Rollins Edwards Community Center,

301 N. Hickory Street,

Summerville, SC

Admission \$5: Tables available - see our website

<http://www.southcarolinatradeshow.com>

Real Train Photos

Tom and Daphne Garren have been spending vacation time chasing trains in Pennsylvania. Three of many interesting shots are presented below:



This is ex-Western Maryland Alco S6 #151 at work on the Middletown and Hummelstown Railroad in Middletown, PA.



Norfolk Southern stack train crossing the Susquehanna River on the Rockville Bridge in Marysville, PA. The Rockville Bridge was completed in 1902 by the Pennsylvania Railroad and remains the longest (3,820 feet) stone masonry arch railroad viaduct in the world.



For those who would rather see passenger rail, here's Amtrak crossing the viaduct.

Notes from the Editor and Webmaster

Please send recent photos of Club activities to Bernie Dawson, at nrvwebmaster@gmail.com, so he can maintain and update our website.

Thanks to all who are contributing items for the Whistle Post. 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.

Upcoming Meetings and Activities

October Membership Meeting: Thursday, October 21st, 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. Attendance via Zoom is optional.

Board of Governors Meeting: The November BOG meeting will be held Monday, November 1st, 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. Attendance via Zoom is optional.

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

The Clubhouse is open to friends and guests most Saturdays, and Sundays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you don't have a key, 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.

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

How Did You Do?

Minutes of the Membership and Board Meetings

Because the minutes of these meetings have become very long as the Club recovers from the Covid-19 epidemic, we have decided to cease publication of the minutes in the Whistle Post. Minutes of both Board of Governors and Membership meetings are now available to those who wish to read them on the Club website. The link below takes you directly to the Minutes page:

<https://nrvclub.net/meeting-minutes/>

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