

The

Whistle



Post

Official Newsletter of the

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

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“All Aboard”

Hooray—it’s May. Weather is great, even when it rains. This is how it should be all year.

Top news of this issue – we had a great Show. Attendance was up, the raffle went well, the Club table had a great sales volume, and we had lots of member turnout to work. All in all, a great show for the Club. And to make it better, all the vendors were happy, and we are taking reservations for the fall Show. Nice going guys – a real team effort.

We have an Open House planned for June 4th from 10 am to 4 pm. We need as many members as possible to attend and help greet people and run trains. Our Open Houses are a great time for us to gain new members for the Club. So, please plan on attending, and wear your Club shirts and ID badges. Let’s make this a fun event for all.

Speaking of Club shirts – we are finally going to place or order with the supplier. The final opportunity to sign up for shirts will be at the Membership meeting this Thursday. If you have already signed up at our Wednesday breakfast meetings or on the layout room door, we will use that information for our order. Remember, Thursday night is your last chance to sign up.

Our program for this Thursday will have John Wallis teaching us how to speed match locomotives for a consist. Don’t miss it.

If you haven’t noticed, the HO layout committee is in full gear. They are moving into the active phase of deconstruction/construction. They have an aggressive plan and need as many hands as possible to execute their scheduled work. Please lend them a hand and help them move forward with as little down time as possible.

Also – mark your calendars – we have a planned visitation on Saturday, June 18th at 11 am by the cpd13 group. We anticipate about 10-12 guests. Again, like the Open House, let’s all show up in Club gear and be welcoming to our Guests.

This looks to be a busy, busy month. Thanks in advance for all you will do.

One last thing – if you know anyone interested in trains, bring them to the Club, introduce them to our group - - - let us keep building our membership.

OK Train's leaving the station on track 2 - - - ALL ABOARD

John Spach, President

“Spring into Trains Show”



Overview of the show floor. (Randy Foulke)



The NRV Club sales table. (Ted Kuntsling)



The welcoming committee. (Randy Foulke)



Joe Scales 1 1/2" to a foot diesel loco. (K. Howard)

Once again, my thanks to all who participated in another great spring show. The set up was perhaps the easiest we have ever had. The club table sold well and, best of all, very little had to be returned to the Clubhouse. The four layouts were excellent. Our thanks to North Raleigh N Gaugers, Steve Will's Lego, Atlantic Coast S Gaugers, and the East Carolina club. There was plenty of help, and everyone got to take a break or shop.

As far as I could tell, all the vendors (with one exception) were pleased. I know I saw a lot of merchandise leaving both days. I also saw a lot of old friends whom I haven't seen in a while.

If you missed seeing the 1 1/2" scale loco and cars on Sunday you missed a treat. That is serious model railroading.

Preparations for the November show are now underway. Again, I want to thank all of you for a great effort helping your club.

George Lasley
Show Grand PooBah

O-Gauge Train Raffle



President John Spach selects the winning ticket.



Club Poobah George Lasley congratulates the winners: Kevin Arnette and his son

Thanks to the Club members who helped work on preparation of the layout for the raffle: Tom Garren, Ken Howard, Mike Keelean, Phil Michaud, George Sawyer, John Spach, and Don Weaver. Many thanks to Clif Kelly for yeoman service in manning the layout and selling raffle tickets throughout both days of the show. Thanks, also, to Randy Foulke for the photos and for relieving Clif throughout the show.

The first ticket drawn was called, and the winner was able to pick up his prize at the end of the day. Kevin Arnette and his young son got to take the prize home. We hope they have many hours of fun with their new toys.

April 28th Trailer Load-out



Partially loaded trailer (photo by K. Howard)



Relaxing in the Crew Lounge after the loadout. (photo by R. Foulke)

Thanks to the crew who helped load out the trailer at the Clubhouse to carry show materials, donations for the Club sales table, the raffle layout, signs, sanitary stations, and all the other accoutrements necessary for a successful show. Thursday evening participants included Wayne Aiken, Doug Alumbaugh, Randy Foulke, Daphne and Tom Garren, Ken Howard, Mike Johns, Clif Kelly, George Lasley, Mike Marsh, John Mezera, and Bob Witwer.

Also, kudos to the O-gauge crew headed by Mike Keelean and Don Weaver who loaded out the O-gauge materials to Mike's van on Wednesday. Their efforts made the Thursday evening workload considerably lighter.

Future Events

NRVMRC Open House, June 4th from 10 am to 4 pm

CPD-13 (Carolina Piedmont Division – NMRA MER) is going to do a fan trip on the Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club. This will afford CPD-13 members the opportunity to view one of our area's premier layouts in anticipation of CPD-13 hosting the Piedmont Junction convention in September of 2024.

Saturday June 18, 2022 at 11:00 am to about 2:00 pm
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Library Update

By Tom Garren

The Club library has received several new books in the last few weeks. First, John Spach and Tom Garren donated the two-volume set of hard-back books from the Norfolk Southern Historical Society on the original Norfolk Southern. These books are entitled *The Original Norfolk Southern Railway, 1883-1974* and *Norfolk Southern Color Pictorial 1950s-1970s*. These are must read books for anyone interested the original Norfolk Southern.

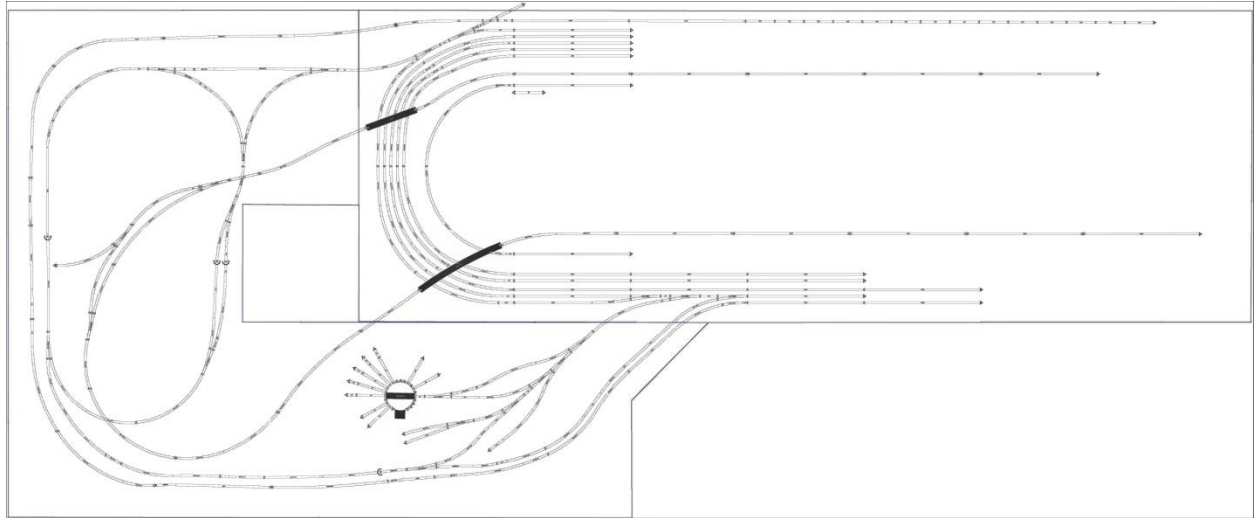
Second, the ACL/SAL Historical Society donated a pair of hard-cover books. They are *Orange Blossom Special*, *Florida's Distinguished Winter Train* and the *Atlanta Birmingham and Coast*.

Finally, there was a donation of several soft-cover books. Most were written by Robert Liljestrand and David Sweetland. Many of these books are on railroads in the North-East. Each book features many high quality black and white photos.

All in all, we now have 1,660 books in the library with a few more waiting to be added to the shelves. We also have over 9,200 magazines. Please stop by the library and look over the books when you have a chance

HO Layout Committee Activities

The HO Layout Committee and other interested Club members met on April 24th and adopted the final mail line configuration of the new addition.



Layout track plan adopted on April 24th

Members in attendance included Wayne Aiken, Richard Calfee, Pete Donofrio, Randy Foulke, Tom Garren, Ken Howard, Mike Keelean, Clif Kelly, Ted Kunstling, and Tom Tiemann.

Work sessions were scheduled for the remainder of the month of May to: 1) remove modules 1 and 10 from the existing layout, and 2) complete transportation of modules from Bob Witwer's shed to the Clubhouse.

The next meeting will be held on May 21st at 1 pm to establish a schedule for construction of bench work, wiring, and track for the extension. The full minutes of HO committee meeting and the summary of comments are available for all to review on the Club website.

Ken Howard

Neat Links

Tom Magnani passed along this link from NASA about soldering. It's an oldie, but for those of us still using lead solder, it could be useful.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RXugDd0xik>

Other Club Activities

A well-attended work session was held Wednesday, May 4th to finish the job of cleaning out the Club storage closets and disposing of unwanted and unneeded items that were cluttering the rooms. The successful cleanout has opened space to store modules for the HO layout expansion and the layouts designated for sale or raffle at future shows. One pickup load went to the dump and a second went to charity.



Storage room for layout construction materials and show sales.

Photo by Ken Howard



The Club storage room for storage of show materials and general use items.

Photo by Ken Howard

HO Layout Committee Work Session of May 15th

Photos by Ken Howard



The layout prepped for removal of modules 1 and 10.



Look at all the room!

As of press time, the modules 1 and 10 had been removed, the layout had been reassembled, and all of the main lines were operational. Members and guests in attendance for the grand dismantling were Wayne Aiken, Brock Bowden, Richard Calfee, Jake Forbes, Ken Howard, Ralph James, Jim Nelson, Tom Tiemann, and Bob Witwer.

Member Layout

Jerry Davis Layout and Operating Session (photos by Randy Foulke)



Double-heading through Bealville.



Jerry Davis moves the Daylight out of Bealville



Jerry Davis's engine terminal



Tom Garren operating a C&O K4 through the Bakersfield yard



Jerry Davis's diesel shop.

Real Train Photos

George Lasley has been vacationing in Pennsylvania and sending photo of trains for inclusion in the Whistle Post. Here is a second round of his photos from the North Shore Railroad in Lewiston, PA.



EMD SW9 no. 443 servicing a small steel mill. George suggests that this could be a possible HO layout industry.



PRR X-29 boxcar.



EMD SW9 no. 443 street running in Lewiston.



Single sheathed boxcar at the Kovolcheck scrapyard.

Upcoming Meetings and Activities

HO Layout Committee Work Sessions: A work session to complete disposition of the HO modules now stored in Clayton will be held after the breakfast meeting on May 18th. Those modules to be used for layout expansion will be brought to the Clubhouse and stored for use as construction proceeds. This will be the last chance for members to acquire unclaimed modules.

May Membership Meeting: The next meeting is on Thursday, May 19th at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. John Wallis will give a presentation on "Locomotive Speed Matching." Attendance via Zoom is optional.

HO Layout Committee Meeting: The next meeting of the HO Layout Committee is scheduled for May 22nd at 1 pm in the Clubhouse. The meeting will review the results of the May 15th and May 18th workdays and schedule the first phases of construction of the layout expansion.

Open House: The Club will welcome guests to an Open House on June 4th from 10 am to 4 pm.

June Board of Governors Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 6th, 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. Attendance via Zoom is optional.

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

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 interesting links to Ken Howard, Whistle Post Editor, at klhowardjr@aol.com.

Minutes of the Membership, Board, and Committee Meetings

Minutes of both Board of Governors and Membership meetings are now available to those who wish to read them on the Club website. Also, minutes from HO Committee meetings are now available, so members can follow the planning and construction of the new HO layout additions. The link below takes you directly to the Minutes page:

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

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