

The

Whistle



Post

Official Newsletter of the

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

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“All Aboard”

Happy June. Welcome to the heat of summer.

Things have been moving fast as well. We have all seen major progress by the HO layout group. Panels have been removed and are up for sale via auction. New panels have been worked on and are cleaned up and ready for the next steps of foaming and leveling. I, for one, am very anxious to see the new panels in place and track work started. Please lend a hand with the work as volunteers are requested. The more hands at work, the faster we will move forward. And it's fun to work together with friends.

Watch for details on our Club outing on July 9th to Tichy Trains. Randy has made arrangements for our tour of the plant, and of course there will be lots of stuff to purchase – at a Club discount. More details to follow.

Many, many thanks to Mike Keelean and his grandson for a great job in cleaning our carpet. The place really looks great. Now, let's all make sure we keep it that way.

Thanks to Covid, we were forced to postpone our open house scheduled for June 4th. Our new date is September 17th from 10 am - 4 pm. Please be prepared to come, dressed in club gear, and work with our social director, Mike Johns, to make our visitors welcome.

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

In Case You Missed It
“Spring into Trains Show”
Layouts and Other Exhibitions



Eastern Carolina Railroaders (Randy Foulke)



Scott Hall's "Learn to Solder" booth (Randy Foulke)



Steve Wills LEGO Layout (Ted Kuntsling)



North Raleigh N Gaugers (Randy Foulke)



Atlantic Coast S Gaugers (Ted Kuntsling)



The Presiding Elders (Randy Foulke)

Future Events

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 - 11:00 am to about 2:00 pm
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BrickUniverse Raleigh LEGO Fan Expo

Saturday, July 9, 2022: 8:00 am-10:30 am + 11:00 am-1:30 pm + 2:00 pm-4:30 pm
Sunday, July 10, 2022: 8:00 am-10:30 am + 11:00 am-1:30 pm + 2:00 pm-4:30 pm

Raleigh Convention Center
500 S. Salisbury St.
Raleigh, NC 27601

Steve Wills has been displaying his Lego layout at this event since 2017 and will have 6 tables this year. He invites Club members to participate and will allow members who work shifts to hand out materials and to display the Club flags.

Setup will be on July 8th - leaving the Clubhouse at about 1 pm. Three or four members are welcome for each shift based on the schedule shown above. Those who work two shifts can get free admission to the show, but will probably have to pay for parking. Take down will be on July 10th at 4:30 pm.

Club members interested in helping Steve should respond at gltterstim@aol.com.

Neat Links

Tom Magnani passed along this link about an armored caboose designed to protect Navy nuclear waste trains. Tom suggests that members might get ideas for new flat car loads or cabooses from this interesting article.

<https://www.thedrive.com/the-war-zone/44062/armored-caboose-designed-to-protect-navy-nuclear-trains-is-about-to-start-its-final-testing>

Tom Magnani also passed along this link from **Fred Krauss** about a motor car excursion on the Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad that took place April 30 and May 1, 2022. The Saturday morning section began in Pittston, Pa, and 50 motorcars traveled through northeast Pennsylvania to Reading (a distance of approximately 100 miles). Sunday was the return trip

from North Reading Station back to Pittston. The video compresses the trip into about 10 minutes.

[Speeder Run on the Reading Blue Mountain and Northern RR \(RBMN\) in 4K](#)

HO Layout Committee Activities

The HO Layout Committee and other interested Club members have met for several work sessions to advance construction of the new addition. Short descriptions of the activities are presented below. The Board of Governors has decided to auction the modules removed from the layout. Members should have received an e-mail from Tom Garren describing the process for posting a bid.

As of this date, all the modules have been stripped to flat surfaces and are ready to begin the assembly process that will allow us to start laying foam, roadbed and track.

Ken Howard

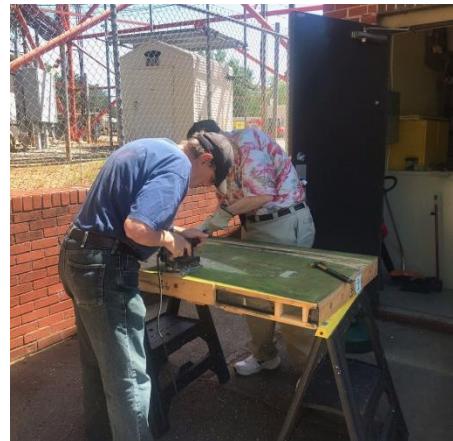
HO Layout Committee Work Session of June 4th

photos by Ken Howard

About half the modules were stripped to flat surfaces and legs were added to modules as needed.



Peter Denofrio and John Spach



Randy Foulke and Tom Garren

HO Layout Committee Work Session of June 11th

Photos by Tom Garren

A work session was held on June 11th at the Clubhouse and the stripping of the surfaces of the remaining modules was completed. Those present were Bob Witwer, Randy Foulke, Clif Kelly, Mike Garver, John Spach, Tom Garren, and Mike Keelean.



John Spach, Randy Foulke, Bob Witwer.



Clif Kelly and Mike Garver.

Real Train Photos

SURPRISING CAR ON THE SILVER STAR

By Randy Foulke

On May 13, 2022, I was stopped at the Academy St. crossing at the Cary Amtrak Station by the northbound Silver Star. The train had 14 cars behind two P42DC locomotives. The lead locomotive was #84, and the trailing locomotive was #123. The train was composed of one business class Amfleet II coach, four regular Amfleet II coaches, and an Amfleet II café-lounge, all in the Phase VI paint scheme. Following was a Viewliner II dining car in the Retro Phase III scheme, four Viewliner II sleeping cars in the Retro Phase III scheme, one Viewliner I sleeping car in the Phase VI scheme, and a Viewliner II baggage car in the Retro Phase III scheme.

What was really exciting was immediately behind the locomotives: a Federal Railroad Administration, Office of Safety, #DOTX221 passenger car, all dressed up in the Pennsylvania Railroad Heritage scheme, complete with the buff stripes and lettering. #DOTX221 appears to have started life as a Pullman or ACF 10-6 sleeper base on the window pattern.



Amtrak Viewliner Dining Car



Amtrak Viewliner Baggage Car



Amtrak Viewliner Sleeping Car



FRA Administration DOTX 221

What a train to catch!

Layouts and Operating Sessions

Ken Reising SP Coastline (photo by Ken Howard)

Ken Reising has a large HO layout with many unique features which he opens to selected people for operating sessions. A number of NRV members have had the pleasure of attending Ken's operating sessions and look forward to further trips to Clayton for additional fun and fellowship.



A westbound unit tank train of crude oil out of King City bound for a refinery at South San Francisco, rounds the curve at Watsonville Junction on Ken Reising's SP Coastline model railroad. The train is powered by the two Kato SD45s equipped with Digitrax decoders.

In Memorium

The Club Membership wishes to offer our deepest condolences to John Kuchnia on the loss of his wife, Loretta, earlier this month. A memorial service was held at the Christ Covenant Church in Raleigh. Mike Keelean attended the service on behalf of the Club.

Upcoming Meetings and Activities

June Membership Meeting: The next meeting is on Thursday, June 16th at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. John Mazera will give a presentation on “Snow Blowers.” Attendance via Zoom is optional.

HO Layout Committee Meeting: The next meeting of the HO Layout Committee is scheduled for June 19th at 1 pm in the Clubhouse. The meeting will discuss construction procedures and work dates for the new addition.

July Board of Governors Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 5th, 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://nrvcclub.net/meeting-minutes/>

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