

The

Whistle



Post

Official Newsletter of the

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

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“All Aboard”

Greetings and Happy Holidays

It's great to see so many members attending meetings and coming to run trains and greet visitors on weekends. We have had a lot of traffic through the Club over the past few weekends and have had a good group of members sharing their time with the visitors. That is a great way for us to increase the size of the Club. And, we have had consistent sales on weekends from our available materials. That helps the treasury as well.

Consistent progress is being made on the HO layout expansion, with great progress on the revised electrical connections and wiring plans. Main line 1 has been debugged and adjusted and works well. Looking forward to seeing the other mains laid out and sidings being planned.

Several of us went to pick up the final installment of the donation from Ken Ross. We received a large number of very vintage locomotives in this batch. They will be tested and reviewed and will require a lot of cleaning and prepping prior to putting them up for sale.

I am planning on having a work session in January (after the Holidays) to refurbish and repair 1) house rolling stock and 2) for-sale inventory rolling stock and some of the engines we just received from Ken Ross. I am in the process of assembling them into kits with all necessary parts to execute the repairs. I will be sending out an email with the date and time and what tools and supplies you will need to bring with you to the session. There is a good possibility that I will be serving brats and chips at lunch break.

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 1 - - - ALL ABOARD

John Spach, President

Final Fall Show Photos

As you are all aware by now the show was highly successful. Here are additional photos by members that arrived too late for inclusion in last month's Whistle Post. Ed Bottum took the set of photos from the second floor of the Graham Building that provides an interesting perspective on the show. Additional Show pictures from Randy Foulke follow Ed's work.





John Wallis setting up North Raleigh N-scale for the show. Photo by Randy Foulke



Ken, Bob, and Charlie discussing locomotives. Photo by Randy Foulke

Neat Links

Jerry Davis provided the following link to a Strasburg Railroad booboo:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vx0E0nR4boQ>

Tom Magnani provided the following links:

Here is a link to a free online, 220 page book full of rolling stock plans. **#167 - 100 years of railroad cars.** - Full View | HathiTrust Digital Library

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015006059086&view=2up&seq=167>

The Foreword mentions several other books for modelers by the same author. Viewable sites follow:

100 years of steam locomotives.

<https://hdl.handle.net/2027/mdp.39015004569532>

Pocket guide to American locomotives

<https://hdl.handle.net/2027/mdp.39015013907004>

From the hills to the Hudson, a history of the Paterson and Hudson River rail road and its associates, the Paterson and Ramapo, and the Union railroads

<https://hdl.handle.net/2027/uc1.b4536228>

Exit, the Sixth Avenue Elevated Line / [by William Fullerton Reeves] Compound locomotives [by Paul T. Warner] Norris Brothers, locomotive builders [by Walter A. Lucas].

<https://hdl.handle.net/2027/mdp.39015023941225>

Brookdale Senior Living Solutions Visit

On November 15th, the Club entertained a group of senior citizens from Brookdale Senior Living Solutions in Chapel Hill. Seven seniors and two staff members received guided tours of the Clubhouse and each of the layouts. Thanks to: Richard Calfee, Randy Foulke, Ken Howard, Mike Johns, Mike Keelean, and John Wallis for helping the senior citizens enjoy their visit. (photos by Ken Howard).



Richard Calfee explaining the HO layout.



A visitor enjoying the O-scale layout.



John Wallis explaining the G-scale layout.



Mike Johns assisting a visitor back to their van.

Other Recent Club Activities

On December 10th, Wayne Aiken, Ken Howard, Mike Keelean, Ted Kunstling, George Lasley, John Spach, and Bob Witwer took the FINAL journey to retrieve the last donation from Ken Ross. The materials that were picked up were primarily HO and O scale engines of unknown conditions. HO engines went to John Spach, and O engines went to Mike Keelean for testing and evaluation. A few loose odds and ends were also transported to the Clubhouse.

Real Train News

Amtrak and NCByTrain Announce a 'Buy One, Get One Free' Ticket Sale

This sale is valid for travel between NC Stations served by the 'Piedmont' and the 'Carolinian' trains for travel between January 1 and March 31, 2023, excluding Jan. 2, Feb. 17 and Feb. 20. These stations include Charlotte, Kannapolis, Salisbury, High Point, Greensboro, Burlington, Durham, Cary, Raleigh, Selma-Smithfield, Wilson, Rocky Mount, and Washington, D.C.

This promotion is valid for one (1) free companion rail fare with the purchase of one (1) rail fare.

These tickets cannot be reserved and paid for on-line but can be obtained through the Amtrak kiosks in any of the above stations. You must request Code V105 when making the reservations and paying for them. You must reserve and pay for these tickets between November 23 and December 23, 2022.

CONDITIONS

Valid for coach seating only.

The free companion and paying adult must travel together on the same itinerary and have tickets issued together.

This is not combinable with any other discount offer.

Seating is limited and may not be available on all trains, at all times.

Fares are subject to availability.

Subject to any restrictions, blackouts and refund rules that apply o the type of travel purchased.

Routes and schedules are subject to change without notice.

Once travel has begun, no changes to the itinerary are permitted.

Does not include other Amtrak trains such as the Silver Star or Crescent.

PINEAPPLE EXPRESS

The following photo and caption came to the Club from Nelson Salez via Tom Magnani.



This is a replica (not unlike Disneyland) at the Dole Plantation on Oahu. The Pineapple Express train was originally built in England by Severn Lamb. It is driven via diesel motor and hydraulic pump, very similar to a bulldozer. The engine (4-4-0 with tender) and four passenger cars are modeled after an 1870 design.

HO Layout Committee Activities in December

The HO Layout Committee met on December 11th at the Clubhouse. The group discussed ideas for construction and scheduling. Our next goals include: 1) the addition of three sidings to allow members to make up trains on the extension without bothering Main Line #1 operations, 2) remodeling of the 22” radius curve leading from the legacy layout into a 30” radius curve to better accommodate long passenger cars, and 3) starting track work connections on the legacy layout to allow extension of Main Line #2 onto the extension.

Work sessions are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, December 17 and 18 at 10 am to complete this phase of the expansion. All are welcome to participate or just come and look at one potential design for Main Line #2 extension with an included loop and wye that have been

laid out with cork roadbed and string. The January meeting will be held on January 15th at 1 pm at the Clubhouse to establish the construction schedule for the next phase of the expansion.

Member Layouts and Operating Sessions

Ted Kunstling reports making progress with a locomotive service/staging yard able to: service and fuel diesels, and to fuel and water steam. The sand tower and diesel fueling facilities are partial Walther's kits. Using Bachmann track in a relatively confined space, he was unable to utilize narrow angle switches to space the tracks close enough together to bridge two tracks with them. Ted elevated surfaces up to the level of EZ track to get service facilities to track level. Track and road ballast, vegetation, road barriers, fences, people, etc. are pending to make the scene more finished.

The coal tower and engine house were purchased from Club donations and rehabilitated, while the remaining structures were made from kits. His photos follow:



John Spach provided the following photos of the November 22nd operating session at Ken Reising's SP layout.



Ken Reising discussing the operation at San Francisco terminal with Ken Howard and Bob Witwer.



The helix connecting the layout levels looking from Gilmore back toward the US Steel plant.

Future Events

South Carolina Trade Shows "Model Train Shows"

December 17, 2022
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Clarion Hotel, 3695 Foothills Way, Fort Mill, SC 29708
(843) 621-5531

Free Admission

TCA Palmetto Chapter Lake City, SC Train Show & Sale

PRESENTED BY: PALMETTO CHAPTER, TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2023 - 9AM to 3PM

RAGSDALE OLD BUILDING, 245 S. CHURCH ST., LAKE CITY, SC

PRESENTED BY: PALMETTO CHAPTER, TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

This is a very nice, remodeled, spacious facility with plenty of room and excellent parking.
Come enjoy a fun day with trains and friends!

Upcoming Meetings and Activities

December Membership Meeting: The next meeting is on Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. George Lasley will present a program titled "When is O-scale not O-scale?" following the meeting. Attendance via Zoom is optional.

January Board of Governors Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 2nd at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. Attendance via Zoom is optional.

HO Committee Work Sessions: Work sessions have been scheduled to complete track work for Main Line #1 extension on December 17th and 18th at 10 am.

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. Photos or videos of the Fall Show are particularly desired.

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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