

The

Whistle



Post

Official Newsletter of the

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

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“All Aboard”

Greetings and Happy Valentine’s Day to one and all.

Spring is almost here, and we have a lot of things in the works for the coming months. We are planning a road trip to Spencer, preparing for the Spring Into Trains show, preparing a work session, continuing work on the HO layout, and plotting lots more.

We have had a lot of new visitors on recent weekends, and several have expressed interest in potential membership. Great news for the Club: we need to keep the pedal to the metal regarding additional members. Members who have been in the Club on weekends have been very gracious to visitors, as we all should be, and you can see how it is appreciated by the visitors.

We have posted signage regarding no food or drinks being allowed in layout rooms. Please follow this regulation and make sure all visitors are aware of it as well. This past weekend we had a visitor with a child spill coffee all over the floor in the HO/N gauge layout room. Fortunately, there was no damage to either layout, but the incident happened, and we need such events to stop. Thanks for your cooperation on this.

Mile Keelean, Ken Howard, and a group of members went to the Thomasville Show this past Saturday, where they set up the travelling layout and a number of tables to sell goods. They had a very successful day with a lot of traffic around the layout and sales in excess of expectations. A big thank you to all who helped and/or attended!

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.

Train’s leaving the station on track 2 - - - ALL ABOARD

John Spach, President

Israeli Railroading

By Larry Pearlman

For our club newsletter, I thought our members might enjoy a few photos from the international railroad scene. I just returned home from Israel which has a modern, efficient railway system and a nearly brand-new terminal station in Jerusalem. These are websites and photos of Israel Railways passenger operations:

<https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjAnXP1> - Israel Railways

There is a railway museum north of Tel Aviv in Haifa. It goes back to the British built steam railways that connected several Middle Eastern countries. It includes equipment captured from Egypt and other interesting 'captures.'

<https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjAnSaz> - Israel Railway Museum



Tel Aviv station. Built by Alstom. EMD diesel engines inside.



Jerusalem Light Rail.



Modern multi-track railway infrastructure – Herzliya Station.



British Narrow Gauge Steam Locomotive at the Israel Railway Museum.

“Trackside Train Show” Day

On Saturday, February 11th NRV members displayed the O-gauge travelling layout and manned four sales tables to support the Club at the Thomasville show. There was lots of interest in the layout and the sales tables. The show more than met our expectations for public interest and sales. Two pictures are displayed below of the main participants.

Many thanks to others who participated during the day including: non-members Joe Scales, Nick Verna. and the folks from Mike’s Trains. Club members who also helped out include Dr. Lou Monville and Tim Covell. You all helped make the trip worthwhile for the Club.



Table sales crew from left to right: Randy Foulke, Tom Garren, Ken Howard, Joe Scales and Bob Witwer. (photo by Doc Lou)



O-gauge travelling layout and sales table with Mike Keelean, Don Weaver and Nick Verna. (photo by Ken Howard)

HO Layout Committee Activities in January/February

Main Line Extension #1 is complete, operational, and in use on a regular basis. Please remember to use the new sidings when you’re making up your trains. The last known issue with the new track was repaired on February 5th with addition of a shim to an area where the roadbed was too thin to keep trains level on a curve. If you find any additional problems, please report them in the Green Book and let Ken Howard or Bob Witwer know about the issue.

Construction continues on Main Line Extension #2 onto the new layout. Main Line #2 includes a wye for turning trains and a complete loop. A portion of Main Line #2 is elevated above grade to provide additional interest to the layout. As of February 5th, the connections from the legacy layout onto the extension have been completed, foam grades have been completed, cork roadbed has been laid, and track is extending onto the extension. The wye and loop will be completed in the near future. Wiring plans for the wye are a work in progress. The photos below show some of the progress for those who haven’t been to the Clubhouse lately.

New Digitrax throttles have been received and are mounted on the HO layout (thanks to Liam Bryant for 3D printing some of the new brackets). A new Zephyr has been installed on the test

track in the shop. Remember to program your DCC chips on the test track ONLY – no programming on the HO layout.



Cork roadbed has been laid for the wye on Main Extension #2. Can track be far behind? (photos by Ken Howard)



Detail of the track connections that take Mains 1 & 2 onto the extension. Running trains through the crossovers should provide some fun challenges.

Member Layouts

Dr. Lou Monville sent the pictures of his Standard Gauge home layout. The layout is six by 17 feet on the floor (standard gauge is BIG!). Lou has been working on the layout since April 2021.



Where did the Lego layout go after it left the N/HO room? **Steve Wills** has provided the following update and photos:

It's now my home layout. I removed my HO layout to make room. The Lego layout has double track main with a small yard in front of the rides. Above is a 3-track HO loop which allows me to run HO scale trains.



Neat Links

Tom Magnani provided the following links:

The Ops SIG has a new YouTube series on model railroad operations. **2022-09-18 Virtual Meetup - Mat Thompson's Oregon Coast Railroad** - runs 56 minutes

https://youtu.be/5fS2v0Utw_I

North Platte Bulletin news article titled **UP rolls out process to eliminate train conductors**

<https://northplattebulletin.com/up-rolls-out-defined-process-to-eliminate-train-conductors/>

Twenty-five minute video titled **How a Diesel-Electric Locomotive Works**

<https://youtu.be/cIQ0yIZgQeE>

Future Events

30th Annual Asheville Train Show

Expo Building, 775 Boylston Highway, Fletcher, NC
Friday, February 24, 2023: Noon to 7:00 PM
Saturday, February 25, 2023: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Admission \$8.00 (11 and up)

The 27th Annual Train Show

New Bern Convention Center
March 4th and 5th
Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
\$8.00 for ages 12 and up - admission is good for both days.
www.carolinacoastalrailroaders.org/trainshow

The Train Group of Mebane 9th Annual Train Show and Sale

209 W. Jackson St., Mebane, NC
Saturday, March 11th 9am - 2pm
Admission \$5.00 – children under 12 free with paid adult
<https://themebanetraindisplay.com>

Carolina Model Railroaders Spring Train Show

Lewis Recreation Center
3110 Forest Lawn Drive, Greensboro, NC
Saturday and Sunday, March 26th and March 27th - 9am - 4pm
<http://carolinamodelrr.org>

Steve Wills wants to remind Club members that **Bick Universe** is coming on June 24 and 25 with set up on the 23rd. Club members who help Steve with the layout get free admission. The show is in the downtown convention center and is a lot of fun. More information coming as we get closer to the dates.

Other Club Doings



If you were among those bothered by the slight lean to the left of the wooden passenger car model displayed in the meeting room, fret no more. Phil Michaud undertook a leveling project and even realigned the pictures on the wall. (photo by Ken Howard)

Upcoming Meetings and Activities

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

February Membership Meeting: The next meeting is on Thursday, February 16th at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. Randy Foulke will present a program titled “Lima-Hamilton Basics” following the meeting. Attendance via Zoom is optional.

February HO Committee Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for February 19th at 1 pm in the Clubhouse.

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. Also, don't forget to send your material to Ted Kunstling at trkunstling@aol.com so that he can keep our Facebook site current

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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