

The

Whistle



Post

Official Newsletter of the

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

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“All Aboard”

Well that certainly was a fantastic show. I hope you all have recovered from your efforts to help make this the most successful show we have ever produced. We had record post-pandemic attendance, record Club table sales, and a tremendous showing of Club member support. I want to thank all of you who gave so willingly of your time to work at the show. Without your help we just could not make this success happen. You are the best.

Breaking News - - We are moving our “Spring Into Trains” show to the Expo building – this can make it possible for us to double the size of our Spring show. Get ready, we are going to need all hands on deck to help make this another monstrous success. Details will follow soon. Rest up now and be ready when the bell rings.

A quick reminder to new members – when they are available, your member badges are magnetically fixed to the door frame around the storage closet beside the Crew Lounge. Remember to pick yours up the next time you are in the Club.

Thanks to Collin Martinko for processing the orders of new shirts and hats. All of the items look great and are an improvement over previous materials. If you are interested in Club apparel, Collin is your contact. He can advise what is available, the cost, and when orders will be processed and delivered.

A couple of weeks ago, while at the Club on the weekend, I overheard two of our younger members (Luke Tomberlin and Alex Dayton) talking about their membership, what they could do, and what they could contribute to the Club. I asked them if they would like a duty assignment and if they could be relied on to complete it. They jumped at the opportunity. I have named them the “Yard Police”. They are responsible for maintaining the storage shelves and the rolling stock stored there. So, if you see them executing their charge, give them a hand and help them keep our rolling stock in order.

We are having a great year – let’s keep it going. See you at the Club - - - All Aboard!

John Spach, President

Initial Show Report

Most of the results for the show are now available, and it is apparent that we were highly successful. A total of 2150 paid admissions were accepted at the door, and Club sales at the table were outstanding. The raffle was also a great success.

Many thanks go to the 43 Club members who contributed their time and effort before, during, and after the show. An additional 21 members participated at the show in support of layouts or other activities. The Club extends its thanks to the members of Sipping and Switching, East Carolina Model Railroaders, Mike Keelan, Atlantic Coast S Gauge, North Raleigh N Scale, N Trak and T Trak, and Durham Area Model Railroaders who exhibited their layouts.

Thanks also go to the many vendors who helped make the show a success by bringing their merchandise to display and sell. We hope they felt the show was a success as well.

Sorry, but only a few of you wound up in the pictures that we have room to print for this initial report. Additional pictures can be submitted to klhowardjr@aol.com for inclusion in the December Whistle Post. The first group of photos is courtesy of **Ted Kunstling**.



Welcome to the Graham Building.



Setting up the Club sales table.



George Lasley at the Presiding Elders Table.



Clif Kelly manning the HO Raffle Layout.



Club sales table featuring HO rolling stock.



Lots of vendors.

Randy Foulke was very active with his camera throughout the show. His photos of Club members are featured below along with a few shots from **Ken Howard** of the closeout.



O-gaugers: Mike Keelean and Ralph James



Cooking the Books: John Spach and Ken Howard



The Gatekeepers: Gordon Lucas, Mike Irwin, George Sawyer and Daphne Garren.



Three of the Presiding Elders: Richard Calfee, Tom Garren and Ted Kunstling



The Money Man: Darrell Dennis



Loading out the truck for the trip back to the Clubhouse on Sunday afternoon. Photo by Ken Howard



The Crew Lounge was filled with boxes after the show. A Board of Governors' meeting was held the following evening after the space was cleared. Photo by Ken Howard.



One measure of our success - all 17 of these containers went to the show full and returned empty. Photo by Ken Howard.

HO Layout Available at the Clubhouse

The Club has acquired an HO layout from a donor last year and has stored it at the Club pending a final decision on its disposition. It has been decided that the 4 x 8 foot HO table will be too difficult to offer as a raffle layout. Therefore, it is being offered for sale to any Club member who might have an interest in owning it. If no Club members have an interest, we will try to sell it as a starter set to any young person just getting into the hobby.

The layout is shown in the photo at right. It is complete with track, bridge, crossovers, mountain, and tunnels on the lower left. That is about the extent of the work that has been completed.

If you are interested in the layout for yourself or know of someone who might have an interest outside the Club, please contact a Board member.

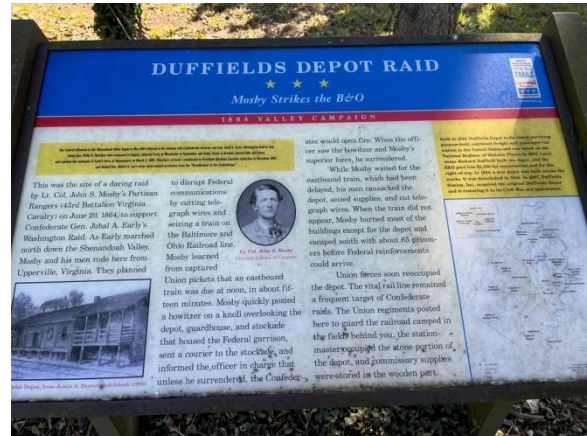


Real Railroads

George Lasley sent in some additional photos from his recent trip. The narrative on the sign should be of interest to Civil War afficianados.



This is the oldest surviving combination passenger/freight station in the US, located at Duffield, WV on the old B&O main (now CSX).



On June 29, 1864, Mosby's Raiders struck the B&O line and Duffield and burned most of the buildings. For some reason, the 1839 depot survived.

Ken Howard also photographed some aging stations on his recent trip to upstate New York. Much of the rail service in the Adirondacks has been abandoned, but some activity remains and some of the older depots have been preserved and still host passenger service.



The Delaware & Hudson station at Westport, NY was completed in 1876. It is being restored and hosts Amtrak service to New York City and Montreal.



The current station in Tupper Lake, NY is now at the terminus of the Adirondack Railroad. It was recently reconstructed based on the original 1895 structure.

Neat Links

Tom Magnani provided the following link from Jack Dziadul about Bill Kachel's layout:

<https://youtu.be/MYIMuvc56jk?si=5yFwZblokQGIFuHs>

Tom Magnani provided another link to "How Sanford Became Brick City" from **Jack Dziadul**.

<https://www.ourstate.com/sanford-north-carolina/>

Upcoming Events

2023 CSRRC Holiday Party!

Monday, Dec. 11 – 6:30 – 9:00 pm

Company Shops Railroad Club Holiday Party will be held at the Beth Schmidt Park Event Center at 2150 Elon Park Drive (off of University Drive) in Elon from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

This year's catered dinner will feature a freshly prepared, full course, classic Holiday meal including entrée, beverages and Christmas-themed goodies! As a special bonus, Dr. Gene Lewis of Greensboro will give a presentation entitled "A Look Back at Early Railroad Logging Operations in the Eastern United States"

This event is open to all Club members and friends. The registration deadline is Friday, December 8th. The charge per adult will be \$20.00, or \$10.00 for children ages 2-12. Please fill out the below form and mail with a check or money order endorsed to:

'Ben Boney – CSRRC Treasurer'
3100 Old Craig Ct.
Mebane, NC 27302

Name

Address

City, State Zip Code

Contact e-mail

Adults at \$20.00

Children at \$10.00

HO Layout Committee Activities in October/November

As you might expect with the Fall Show preparations, activity on layout construction slowed to a crawl. We will kick off a new season of activity with an organizational work day on November 18th to organize all the construction materials that are stored haphazardly under the layout. Once we take stock of what we have and get it into useable storage containers, construction will begin anew on the extension.

Upcoming Club Meetings and Activities

November Membership Meeting: The next meeting is on Thursday, November 16th at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. Randy Foulke will present the program titled “GE U-Boats”. Attendance via Zoom is optional.

November HO Committee Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for November 18th at 10:00 am in the Clubhouse. This will be a work day to bring organization to all the equipment that is currently stored in haphazard fashion under the HO layout.

November Show Committee Meeting: The Show Committee will meet at 7:00 pm on the evening of November 27th to 1) discuss the results of the fall show and 2) begin the planning process for the “Spring into Trains” Show next May.

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

Breakfast Social: Join us for the 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 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.

Please send articles, photos of real trains and Club activities, 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 HO Committee Meetings

Minutes of Board of Governors, Membership, and HO Committee meetings are available on the Club website. The link below takes you directly to the Minutes page:

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

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