

The

**Whistle**



**Post**

*Official Newsletter of the*

**Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club**

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### **“All Aboard”**

Hooray, it's May. Spring has sprung, flowers are in bloom, and it's warm all around. Plus – we have just had our annual “Spring Into Trains” show. And it was a fantastic success. That success is due to all of you. Yes, all of you. You showed up in great numbers and really pitched in packing, carrying, selling, and any other job we needed. The success of the show is thanks to you. SO LET ME SAY IT ONCE AGAIN. THANK YOU!

If you haven't been to the Club recently, you owe it to yourself to stop in and see what has been happening. The O gauge guys have a working carnival, a wind farm, and even a Circus Train. Wow. The S gauge layout has a totally new control system that allows either AC or DC powered operation on any track. Fantastic. The HO guys are in full scale construction mode on features like a coal mine, a logging camp, and a quarry. Not to forget landscaping and track work all over the layout. Not to be forgotten is the N Scale layout which now features an amazing number of lighted structures, a rebuilding of the downtown area, and improved trackage. Wow. You have to see it to believe it.

Just as an early reminder, we are coming up on the end of our fiscal year, which means that starting June 1, dues will be due. Please make sure you use the payment method of your choice. The Base rate for Senior members will remain the same this year at \$300.

One thing we are in need of is an experienced and qualified Webmaster for our Club website. If you have qualifications in this area and would be willing to provide the service to the Club, please contact me, and we can discuss what we need and what you can do.

OK. Time to help unpack from the show. See you around the Club.

**ALL ABOARD !**

**John Spach, President**

## Social Committee Report

Arrangements have been made for NRV to visit the Golden East Railroad Modelers Club on May 18, 2024. Please inform Randy Foulke of your intent to travel to the Golden East Club by end of day on Wednesday, May 15, 2024. Current plans are to carpool from the Clubhouse with vehicles departing at 11:30 am and noon.

If you missed Randy's photos in the April Whistle Post, take a look to see some of what Golden East has to offer.

## Bylaws Committee Activities

The proposed amendments to the Bylaws were presented (first reading) to the members at the April 20<sup>th</sup> general membership meeting for consideration. As required by the Club Constitution, a copy of the amended Bylaws is posted in the Crew Lounge in a blue binder.

Prior to the May general membership meeting, a copy of the revised Bylaws was e-mailed to all members for consideration and comment. A second reading will be conducted at the May general membership meeting. **A secret ballot of all Senior members physically present at the meeting will be held to accept or reject the revised Bylaws.**

The Board of Governors recommends a "yes" vote to adopt the changes as proposed.

## Open House, April 20, 2024



Setting up the HO layout for the Open House: Brylan Teague, Alec Urban, Paul Lebieczinski, and Ron Wertenberg got the trains up and running (photo by Tom Garren).

Thanks to the Club to members who participated in the Open House including Wayne Aiken, Ed Bottum, Alan Bradley, Richard Calfee, Kelly Darden, Bernie Dawson, Dan Egy, Randy Foulke, Tom Garren, Haydon Harrison, Brian Heaton, Ken Howard, Mike Johns, Mike Keelean, Clif Kelly, John Kuchnia, Ted Kunstling, Paul Lebedzinski, Don McPherson, Milo Poulin, George Sawyer, Jim Smith, John Spach, Brylan Teague, Alec Urban, John Wallis, Don Weaver, Ron Wertenberg, Steve Wills, and Bob Witwer.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual “Spring into Trains Show”

We had a very successful show! The decision to move out of the Scott Building and into the Expo Center proved to be a correct choice. Many thanks to all the members who signed up and helped renting and loading the truck, selling tickets, manning the raffle desk, selling Club merchandise, and generally helping out with layouts and vendors. Great Job!

### Loading Out at the Clubhouse



John Mezera gets the first load (photo by Tom Garren).



Adam Servas and Ken Howard (photo by Tom Garren).



Daphne Garren and Bob Witwer (photo by Tom Garren).



Daphne Garren, John Mezera, Alan Servas, Don Weaver, Adam Servas, and Ken Howard (photo by Tom Garren).



Schaefer O'Neill, the truck driver, checking times (photo by Tom Garren).



Mike Keelean, Daphne Garren, John Mezera, Alan Servas, and Clif Kelly (photo by Tom Garren).



Bob Whitwer delivering hand trucks (photo by Tom Garren).



Mike Keelean, Daphne Garren, Paul Lebiedzinski, Erik Dyke, and John Mezera (photo by Ken Howard).



Part of what went to the show for Club sales (photo by Ken Howard).

## Club Benefit Raffle



Mike Johns tending the N-scale raffle layout (photo by Ken Howard).



Raffle winner of the N-scale layout Chris Ogden of Whitsett, NC with Clif Kelly (photo by Tom Garren).

Two decoders donated to the Club by Digitrax were also raffled. The winner of the N-scale decoder donated his winnings back to the Club for use by members.

## The Front Desks



David Balkwill at the ticket counter (photo by John Mezera).



Kathy Floriani, Jean Keelean, and Richard Calfee at the front ticket table (photo by John Mezera).



Tom Garren, Joe Scales, George Lasley, Marilyn and Richard Calfee (photo by Ken Howard)



Tom Garren, Randy Foulke, and George Lasley at the Presiding Elders table (photo by John Mezera).

## The Club Sales Table



John Spach surveys the show from the Club Sales table (photo by Ken Howard).



Greg Rhea, Terry Luft, Mike Marsh, Scott Hall, Joe Scales, and John Kuchnia (photo by Ken Howard).



Alec Urban, Emily, and Jake Forbes (photo by John Mezera).



Scott Hall and Wayne Aiken setting up the back end of the Club table (photo by John Mezera).

## Vendors



Nick's Trains (photo by John Mezera).



Mike's Trains (photo by John Mezera).



Whitney's Model Trains (photo by John Mezera).

## Other Club Layouts



East Carolina Railroaders O-gauge (photo by John Mezera).



Steve Wills LEGO layout (photo by John Mezera).



John Wallis with the North Raleigh Model Railroad Club (photo by John Mezera).

## The Return to the Clubhouse



What came back (photo by Ken Howard).



What came back empty (photo by Ken Howard).



Eric Dyke celebrates the unloading with Paul Lebiezdinski, John Kuchnia, and John Mezera (photo by Ken Howard).

**Thanks to everyone who made the show a success. Sorry that I didn't receive photos of everyone who participated. If you have show pictures that you would like to contribute to the June edition of the Whistle Post, please send e-mail attachments to [klhowardjr@aol.com](mailto:klhowardjr@aol.com) for inclusion in next month's edition.**

## Neat Links

**Tom Magnani** forwarded the following link from **Jack Dziadul**. The link contains the news about the sale of Kalmbach Publishing.

<https://www.trains.com/trn/news-reviews/news-wire/kalmbach-rail-magazines-trains-com-sold-to-firecrown-media/>

**Tom Magnani** also passed along the following link on installing Peco switches:

[PECO DOUBLE SLIPS and POINTS at Chadwick Model Railway | 220.](#)

## Real Railroads

**George Lasley** sent additional photos from his last Pennsylvania trip.



Remains of Pennsylvania Railroad catenary at Enola Yard, PA.



Norfolk Southern 7628 and 9566 hauling double stacks through Lebanon, PA.

**Liam Bryant** submitted the following: On Sunday, April 6th, Adam Servas and I had word that CSX 1897, the specially painted Monon Heritage locomotive, was on standby at Capitol Yard to go on train L619 the next day. Below are photos from the short drive from the Club.



Editor's note: CSX 1897 is an ES44AH. For additional information, here's a link to CSX:

[CSX Unveils Monon Heritage Locomotive - CSX.com](#)

## Upcoming Events

Keep your calendars open for the following events. Club members help will be required for some of these events.

**May 18, 2024:** NRV excursion to visit Golden East Railroad Modelers' Club in Rocky Mount. Contact Randy Foulke if you plan to attend.

**June 28-30, 2024:** Brick Universe, LEGO displays at Raleigh Convention Center.

**August 15-17, 2024:** CSRRC "Field Trip" to Bryson City including ride on the Tuckasegee Express and Andrew Rail Bike Experience as well as other fun activities. For information, questions, or problems, please contact the CSRRC Trip Coordinator, Dutch Tubman, at [cstubman@gmail.com](mailto:cstubman@gmail.com) or by phone at 540-314-6092.

## Election Report

The slate of nominees to fill offices for fiscal 2024-2025 was presented to the general membership meeting of April 18<sup>th</sup>. No nominations were made from the floor, and the following slate of Officers and Board of Governors candidates was unanimously elected:

President – John Spach

Vice President – Ken Howard

Secretary – Tom Garren

Treasurer – Phil Michaud

At Large Board Member – Richard Calfee

At Large Board Member to fill Ken Howard's vacated seat – George Sawyer

Please extend your congratulations and cooperation to the new governing officers!

## Upcoming Club Meetings and Activities

May General Membership Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. Liam Bryant will present a program on 3D Printing. Attendance via Zoom is optional. Senior members should plan on attending in person to vote on the amendments to the Bylaws.



May HO Committee Meeting: The May meeting will be held at the Clubhouse at 1 pm on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

June Board of Governors Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 photos of Club activities to [tomgar@mindspring.com](mailto:tomgar@mindspring.com) or [nrvwebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:nrvwebmaster@gmail.com), so we can maintain and update our website. Also, don't forget to send your material, especially videos, to Ted Kunstling at [trkunstling@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:klhowardjr@aol.com).

## **Minutes of Membership, Board, HO, and N Committee's Meetings**

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

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

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