

The

Whistle



Post

Official Newsletter of the

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

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“All Aboard”

Things are heating up around the Club. Oh my, that was a bad pun. But really, in spite of the big change in weather being on everyone’s mind, we have a lot of things going on at the Club. And it is air conditioned – so we can work in peace and comfort.

All of our layouts are showing mad signs of growth and updating. It’s really hard to keep track of everything that is happening. You really must spend some time at the Club to see it all, or even lend a hand and help do some needed work to speed up the completion of our projects. It will be rewarding for you and very much appreciated by your fellow Club members.

Just in case you haven’t heard, George Lasley, the “Grand Poohbah” of our Show Committee has retired after about 40 years of dedicated service. We all need to say a big THANK YOU to George for all he has done. And, stepping up to fill the role, will be Bob Witwer. So when Bob comes knocking and asking for your help, be ready to step up and pitch in. Our Shows are the life blood of our organization, and we need them to be successful.

Ah yes, it’s June. And do you all remember what happens in June? Yes. Dues are due and payable by the end of the month. If you have not paid as of today, please do by the end of the month.

I want to add another big Thank You to Schaefer O’Neill, who has donated a brand new 55-inch television for the Club main room. And another Thank You to Paul Lebiezinski for “volunteering” to mount it on the wall for us to use during Zoom meetings.

Well. Enough words from me – let’s get this train moving.

ALL ABOARD !

John Spach, President

Annual Membership Dues Reminder by Cliff Kelly

Dues for Fiscal Year 2024-25 are now due and payable before June 30. As of this writing, roughly half the Club has responded. If you have not made your payment, you are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. To maintain a status of “Good Standing,” each member must be current with by June 30, 2024. Members not paid by July 31 will be subjected to being dropped from the Club membership roster.

Dues may be paid by check, cash, or credit card at the Club. Alternatively, dues can be mailed to:

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club
Attention: Membership Chair
PO Box 19573
Raleigh, NC 27619-9573

Thank you for your prompt payments.

Golden East Railroad Modelers Tour, May 18, 2024

Fourteen Club members travelled to Rocky Mount, NC to tour the Golden East Railroad Modelers facilities and layouts. The layouts are located in **The Junction**, an approximately 5,000 square foot facility in the Golden East Mall. Multiple layouts include O-gauge, N-scale, and G-scale trains, but the largest attraction is the HO layout that dominates the displays.

Members in attendance included: Alan Bradley, Richard Calfee, Peter Donofrio, Randy Foulke, Jimmy Hall, Haydon Harrison, Ken Howard, Ralph James, Mike Johns, Don McPherson, John Mezera, Dr. Lou Monville, Greg Rehe, and Jim Smith.



Mall entrance to the layouts (photo by John Mezera).



View from the Mall as Greg Rehe views the O gauge layout (photo by John Mezera).



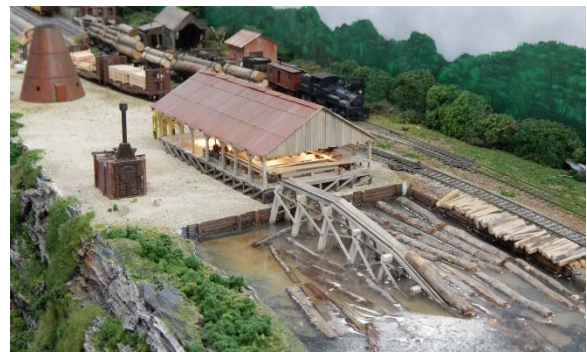
Thomas the Train layout for kiddie operation just inside the door.
(photo by Ken Howard)



The N-scale layout (photo by John Mezera).



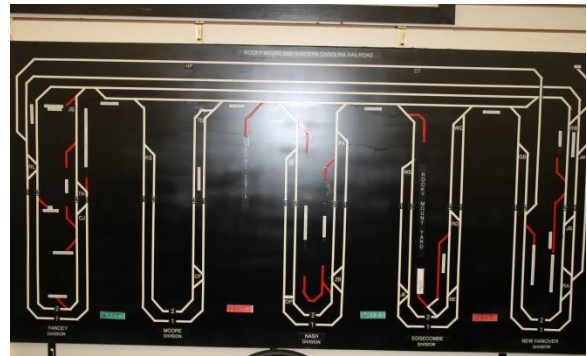
Logging camp ideas for our layout (photo by Ken Howard).



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Ken Howard, Richard Calfee and Don McPherson (photo by John Mezera)



The HO layout plan (photo by John Mezera).



Paul Lebiedzinski and Greg Rehe (photo by John Mezera)



Intricate trestle work is abundant (photo by John Mezera).



Peter Donofrio and Dr. Lou Monville (photo by Ken Howard).



Detail of the roundhouse, turntable and engine facilities (photo by John Mezera).

The Golden East Back Shop



Train make up yard in the back room (photo by Ken Howard).



Snack and drink area, storage, and shop (photo by Ken Howard).



Individual member train storage under reversing loop in the train make up room (photo by Ken Howard).



Make up yard in the back room – reversing loop in foreground – through the wall entry to layout at left (photo by Ken Howard).

Bylaws Committee

A vote on approval of the revised Bylaws was held at the General Membership Meeting on May 16, 2024. The proposed Bylaws were rejected by the senior members. Revisions based on discussions at the meeting will be made and resubmitted for member consideration at a later date.

Model Railroader No-No



George Lasley reminds members not to leave their trains in a hot attic.

HO Layout Activities



Newly installed and painted shelving for Club equipment in HO room. About half the Club locos are on the left hand shelf (photo by Ken Howard).



Member storage shelf space has been enlarged. Club engines that used to be on white shelves have been relocated to the staging track areas (photo by Ken Howard).



Richard Calfee showing off his painting prowess for the additional member storage shelves (photo by Ken Howard).

As shown in the photos above, the new shelving in the HO layout room has been completed, and thanks to Richard Calfee, and repainted. The locomotives have been relocated close to the make-up tracks, so it is no longer necessary to carry them from one end of the layout to the other.

Additional storage space has been made available for members to store personal equipment at the end of the room on the brown shelves. Please be careful not to place Club cars on the member's storage shelves. (Club cars have a 3 digit identification number on the underside.)

The HO Committee held a work session on May 19th to diagnose and repair issues with Club rolling stock. Peter Donofrio, Erik Dyke, Tom Garren, Ken Howard, Ted Kunstling, Don McPherson, John Mezera, Greg Rehe, John Spach, and Bob Witwer participated in the session.

A total of 118 cars were checked for issues including improper coupler heights, low weights, missing parts, and other issues that might affect their smooth operation. A total of 24 cars required attention, and several problems with inventory numbers were also detected and corrected. Thanks to all who participated.

Neat Links

Tom Magnani forwarded the following link about Union Pacific Big Boy from **Fred Krauss**.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GW_CqaBg39c

And a second link from **Tom** and **Fred** about the model train museum in Roscommon, MI:

<https://www.roscommonhistoricalmodeltrainmuseum.com/>

Larry Pearlman passed along the following link to railroad attractions compiled by NMRA. The list only includes free attractions or those that give discounts to NMRA members.

[2024RailAttractionsGuide_5.12.24D.pdf](#)

Jake Forbes and his dad rode the Summerville Steam Special behind both Southern 630 and 4501 on Saturday. On Sunday they toured the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum and Jake got to ride in the cab of Southern 630.

“All in all it was a great weekend with lots of opportunities for pictures. Here’s a link to a Google photo album with my favorites.”

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/KUrK3Z5dZnXdos5c6>

Real Railroads

Here’s a collection of photographs from **Larry Pearlman’s** recent travel. There’s something for almost any railfan’s interest in the selections.



CPKC SD40-3 locomotive 5107 and a stop sign (for vehicles, not trains!) at Pigs Eye locomotive shop in St. Paul, MN.



Amtrak’s Empire Builder departing St. Paul Union Station heading south along the Mississippi to Chicago. It’s being led by a new Siemens ALC-42 Charger.



CPKC heritage EMD SD70 ACE locomotive 7019 at Pigs Eye Yard in St. Paul, MN.



A nod to history. The Twin Cities 400 was a Chicago & Northwestern Railway passenger train between Chicago and Saint Paul, with a final stop in Minneapolis. The train took its name from the schedule of 400 miles between the cities in 400 minutes. This is a mural on the exterior wall of the Twin Cities 400 Tavern in Minneapolis, MN.



Canadian Pacific's Empress Class steam train on the CPKC Final Spike Steam Special. The train traveled from Calgary to Mexico City to celebrate the CP/KCS merger.



Number 2816 is a class H1b Hudson built by Montreal Locomotive Works. Taken in Franklin Park, IL.



Canadian Pacific's F units provide backup power for the CPKC Final Spike Steam Special.



CPKC on Morant's curve by Lake Louise, Alberta. This is the famous curve where CP took publicity photos.

Upcoming Events

Keep your calendars open for the following events. Club members help will needed to help set up the LEGO layout at Brick Universe. Please contact Steve Wills to volunteer at gltterstim@aol.com.

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 or by phone at 540-314-6092.

September 28-29, 2024: *Trains* Magazine staff members will lead a railfan weekend photo charter event in Rutland, VT to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Green Mountain Railroad (Bellows Falls Line). Tickets are \$375 per person (limited to 125 people). Included are round-trip rail fare, scenic photo stops, and box lunches. Travel to Rutland, overnight lodging, and meals are not included. [Tickets are available here, via Eventbrite.](#)

November 23-24, 2024: “Trainfest” at the Baird Center, Milwaukee, WI. Largest operating model railroad show in America.

Upcoming Club Meetings and Activities

June General Membership Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday June 20th at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. Terry Luft will present a program on the Southern Pacific in the San Joaquin Valley. Attendance via Zoom is optional.

July HO Committee Meeting: The July meeting will be held at the Clubhouse at 1 pm on Sunday, July 21st. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

July Board of Governors Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 1st 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 or 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 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 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://nrvcclub.net/meeting-minutes/>

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