

The

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**Post**

*Official Newsletter of the*

**Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club**

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### **“All Aboard”**

Believe it or not, summer is nearly half gone already. Time just seems to fly even faster these days. We have already had our taste of tropical storms and wasn't that a wet experience. Anyway, let's make the best of what we have left of summer and run some trains!

Things at the Club are really moving too. All layouts are seeing work done, upgrading, and performing much needed maintenance. Even the S and G gauge layouts are getting work. Thanks to all who are actively working to improve our layouts. All who run trains appreciate your efforts.

Things are also really kicking into high gear for our Fall show. We have a challenge this year in having to hold the Fall show in the Expo building, but Bob Witwer has taken it in stride and is working with his team to produce a great event. Lots of help is needed, and you will all be asked to lend a hand or two, so that this is a truly great success. More info will follow.

Thanks to everyone for paying your annual dues promptly. It makes it a whole lot easier to keep track of. If per chance, you have missed paying, please do so now.

A special note of thanks to the Program Committee: our monthly general membership meetings are greatly enhanced by the quality of the programs you have arranged, and attendance at the meetings has been up because of it. Please keep them coming.

Time to go. I've got a Big Boy in the engine cradle, and I'm about to perform surgery to bring it back to life. Wish me luck.

Let's go run some trains!! ALL ABOARD !

**John Spach, President**

## Bylaws Committee

Copies of the revised Bylaws have been sent to members via email for their review. The Committee has met and reviewed comments received and will discuss responses to those comments at the August general membership meeting. Following discussion, the required second reading of the changes will be conducted, and the Senior members present at the Clubhouse will vote to approve or reject the proposed amendments.

### September 28<sup>th</sup> Visit to the Carolina Model Railroaders HO and N Scale Layouts in Greensboro, NC by Randy Foulke

The Program Committee has planned a visit to the Carolina Model Railroaders (CMR) layouts in Greensboro on September 28, 2024. CMR operates both HO and N scale layouts in 4,000 square feet inside the Greensboro train station, also known as the J. Douglas Galyon Depot. The station also hosts a small museum run by the Greensboro Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society (NRHS). The station is located at 234 East Washington Street in downtown Greensboro.



CMR was founded in 1973 with the goal of highlighting train operations in North Carolina. The HO layout is operational, scenery partially installed, and still under construction. The HO layout features Greensboro, and also has lines to the Sandhills and also to the mountains of western North Carolina. The N scale layout is a freelanced (no specific scenes) representation of central and western North Carolina.

The original DC layout with HO, N, and HOn3 scale trackage was constructed in 1973 in a former

waiting room at the adjacent ex-Southern Railway train station. When the station was renovated in 2001, CMR moved to a former knitting mill in northeast Greensboro and then to its current location in October 2003. In 2019, the 2003 layouts were dismantled, and construction began on new layouts. CMR members primarily operate Norfolk Southern and Southern trains but are free to run other railroads.





NRHS operates a small railroad museum focusing on the Southern Railway. The museum includes the bell attributed to the 1903 "Wreck of the Old 97" steam engine.

As part of the activities of the day, CMR is also arranging for a tour of the Greensboro train station.

The Program Committee has arranged train transportation from Cary to Greensboro. Participants will depart Cary at 10:12 am on September 28<sup>th</sup> on Train 73, the Piedmont, and arrive in Greensboro at 11:33 am. We will return on Train 74, the Piedmont, at 3:54 pm arriving in Cary at 5:20 pm. For both departures, we need to be at the ticket office 15 minutes prior to departure. The cost of the round-trip ticket will be \$19.80 for all ages, including fare and fees. No other discounts apply. The ticket price is based on a minimum number of 15, and Amtrak has guaranteed NRV space for 25 people. Any number above 25 will be on a space available basis. Reservations for this trip, along with money in the form of cash or check, are due no later than August 17. If no money is paid, then no reservation will be made. Contact Randy Foulke at Wednesday breakfast, the Membership Meeting, or at the Clubhouse on Saturday, August 17.

Drinks and snacks are available on the train. The Program Committee is proposing lunch at Natty Greene's, across the street from the train station and along the train tracks. Cost of sandwiches is between \$13 and \$17, with sides at \$5, and drinks at \$3.50.

## Real Railroads

Once again, a lot of pictures were submitted from members' summer travels. Because of space considerations, some of the photos submitted will be saved for next month's edition of the Whistle Post.

**Ken Howard** took a road trip to Iowa with a number of railfan stops enroute. The focus of this month's photos is Midwestern states static displays.



2-8-2 No. 1518 next to the flood walls in Paducah, KY. Built by Lima in 1923, No. 1518 was the last active Illinois Central steam engine.



GP11 No. 8701 on static display at the museum in Carbondale, Illinois.



Here's a collection of photographs from **Ely Carter-Williamson's** recent travels through Tennessee, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas. Enjoy the variety and quality of his photos



Southern 4501 passes by the small town of Rock Spring, GA with the Summerville Steam Special.



A rare ex-Southern B23-7 switches covered hoppers for Lhoist North America in Crab Orchard, TN.



Southern 3170 preserved at the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum in Chattanooga, TN.





One of CSX's newest SD70MAC rebuilds thunders by Folkston, GA on a crisp summer evening.



A westbound BNSF manifest with a CP unit second out heads out of New Orleans, LA.



A former BN SD40-2 is sandwiched between two BNSF locomotives through Beaumont, TX.



A soon to become rare KCSM Grey Ghost AC44CW passes by Beaumont, TX on a CPKC grain train.

If you enjoyed **Larry Pearlman's** photos in last month Whistle Post, savor a new round. These shots are from Larry's trip to Ontario, Canada during late July 2024.



Canadian Pacific Cadillac Inspection Car at Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario (7/27/24).



LRC Cars and a VIA F40PH at Kingston, ON (7/23/24).





Canadian National Snowplow at Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario (7/27/24).



Streamliners at Belleville, Ontario (7/24/24).



VIA Rail Canada Ocean at Trenton, ON (7/27/24).



CSX at Fayetteville, NC (3/14/24).



VIA Rail Canada Crossing the Moira River at Belleville, ON (7/27/24).

## Neat Links

**Tom Magnani** provided the following link showing beautiful modeling from **Jack Dziadul** of cpd13 in case anyone needs some inspiration.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VjP\\_Ex1BprY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VjP_Ex1BprY)

**Tom Magnani** also passed along the word that **ShapeWays** has ceased operation and filed for bankruptcy. Details are available at the following link.

<https://www.tctmagazine.com/additive-manufacturing-3d-printing-news/latest-additive-manufacturing-3d-printing-news/shapeways-ceases-operations-and-files-for-bankruptcy/#:~:text=Shapeways%20has%20ceased%20operations%20and,the%20United%20States%20Bankruptcy%20Code.>



# Brick Universe

## By Steve Wills

Pictures of LEGO layout at the June 2024 Brick Universe at the Raleigh Convention Center follow. A special thanks to Bill Ferguson and Jimmy Hall who helped on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Club members Gene Sing and Larry Martin, and non-members Preston Cudd and Kathy Young, also helped during the show. My layout won Best Award for the second year in a row. Everyone had a great time and was able to spend time looking around at the other displays. Kids had fun running the LEGO trains. We also encouraged attendees to visit our Club.



## DESMOINTRAK Modular Layout

While in Des Moines, IA for a family visit, **Ken Howard** caught a display by the local N Scale Modular Model Railroad Club at the West Des Moines public library. A number of the modules were pretty impressive and might give the NRV modelers a few ideas for their modules.



A nice display banner for the club.



Overview of the modular display.





Nifty idea to show all the common gauges of model railroads on a module.



Recreation of the Golden Spike Ceremony. A great use of the background.



Nice urban station modeling with good use of background.



Needless to say, this is a larger module than the average. It's about 2 x 4 feet and features 9 stalls plus a 2 stall adjacent engine shop.

## New Doings at the Clubhouse

- 1) A contact list for members of the Board of Governors has been posted on the inside of the front door should you need to report a problem with the Club or layouts on an emergency basis.
- 2) A gentle reminder that revised closing procedures have been posted on the bulletin board adjacent to the front door. Please be sure that you shut down the Club properly when you leave. Thanks.
- 3) The lock on the BoG storage room has been changed and new keys issued to Board members. If you need to get into that storage room, please contact a Board member for access. All Senior members continue to have access to the show and general purpose storeroom using your front door entrance key.

- 4) Installation of additional motion-activated security cameras has been completed. All exit doors and most of the building interior is now covered, and partial exterior coverage is also in place. If you become aware of a problem at the Clubhouse, please alert a member of the Security Committee so that the appropriate surveillance footage can be reviewed
- 5) The search for a member to take over the duties of Webmaster continues. Anyone interested in managing and modernizing the Club website should contact John Spach.

## Upcoming Events

**September 28-29, 2024:** *Trains* Magazine staff members will lead a railfan weekend photo charter event in Rutland, VT to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> 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 9-10, 2024: 40<sup>th</sup> NRV Fall Show

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

## Upcoming Club Meetings and Activities

August General Membership Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. Bernie Dawson will present a program on Peter Witt Trolleys. Attendance via Zoom is optional.

August HO Committee Meeting: The committee will resume its regular meeting schedule on August 18<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm in the Clubhouse.

September Board of Governors Meeting: Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the next meeting will be held on Monday, September 9th 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 [tkunstling@aol.com](mailto:tkunstling@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://nrvcclub.net/meeting-minutes/>

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