



Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

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Greetings Fall 2026 Model Train Show Vendors,

Welcome to the **42nd Annual** Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club's **Fall Train Show** which will be held **November 7-8, 2026**, at the NC State Fairgrounds, in the 100,000 sq. ft. Jim Graham building. We will continue to hold the Fall shows in the Graham building on the 2nd weekend in November for the foreseeable future.

Both the NRV Spring and Fall shows continue to grow. Increasing attendance, and larger numbers of participating vendors over the last 2 years, point to a stronger growth in interest for the model railroading hobby. We are pleased to continue to have both the Spring and Fall shows in the same location and we will have an exciting show this Fall with over 500 vendor tables and 16 operating layouts planned to excite the public audience.

We will continue the **Craftsman's Showcase** activity in which anyone can bring and display their own railroad themed creations. Categories include structures, rolling stock, motive power and dioramas. NMRA Master Modelers will judge the entries and award ribbons. So let your friends and customers know they can bring their models and show off their handiwork.

The **Train Talks** segment of the show has been renamed the **Education Station**. We have revamped and expanded this activity to include more topics with a shorter presentation period and more hands-on demonstrations of skills and crafts.

We encourage all vendors to actively participate in both the **Craftsman's Showcase** and a clinic at the **Education Station**. Bring your particular product or skill that you would like to share. This will not only promote yourself but also help promote the show and encourage interest in the model train hobby.

It has been more than 20 years since NRV has raised the show table rental costs at either the Fall or Spring shows. However, because of a large rent increase from the NC State Fairgrounds last year, we are forced to adjust to this large increase in operating these shows. Because of this increase, we are raising the table cost by \$5.00 per table. We considered an increase in ticket prices, but that could mean fewer visitors and thus fewer customers for the vendors.

We have simplified the groups of tables from three to two, so the cost of renting 1 to 10 tables is \$55.00 per table, and renting 11 or more tables is \$45.00 per table (no more 6-10 group). We hope you understand the reasoning behind the change in light of the current economic conditions and will continue to support the efforts of the NRV club to bring the best possible model train show to the community.



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Please complete and sign the enclosed Vendor Application and return it with your full payment **No later than September 7, 2026, to guarantee the table reservation – no exceptions. If payment is not received, the application will be moved to the wait-list and any preferred location will be removed.** The Terms and Conditions included are a part of the Vendor Application and must be followed.

Pay through your bank with Zelle: send to neuserivervalleymrc@gmail.com

Or Mail Payment to:

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If you pre-registered at the Spring 2026 show and requested specific table numbers or locations, please note we will try to keep the same locations for both the Fall and Spring shows. We will give preference to those attending both shows.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at **NRVShows@gmail.com** or 919.632.0785. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Best regards,

Bob Witwer

NRV Show Committee Chairman