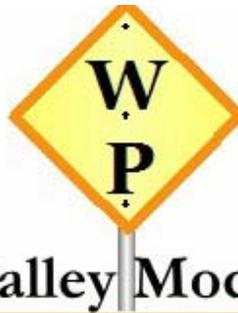


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Official Newsletter of the

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club

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Program for November 19th Membership Meeting

The Program this month will be presented by George Lasley, entitled, "More Photos from the Flash Drive." This presentation will be a second chapter continuation from the September Membership Meeting. All are invited to attend.

A number of containers of personal protective equipment and hand sanitizer are available to members at the Clubhouse. The following items are currently in stock:

Hand sanitizer (gallon)	\$20.00
Hand sanitizer (quart)	\$10.00
Gloves (pack of 200)	\$15.00
Gloves (pack of 120)	\$11.00
Gloves (pack of 100)	\$10.00
Gloves (food service type pack of 500)	\$10.00
Masks (pack of 50)	\$15.00

Stock up on your COVID Supply items while they are available.

Under the Crown Sheet by Clif Kelly November 19th, 2020

The next Membership Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19th at the Clubhouse. Start time is 7:00 pm. Protocols will be in place to conduct temperature checks of Club members prior to the meeting. The wearing of face masks will be mandatory. Social distancing will be practiced and the use of hand sanitizer will be available. If you believe that you may have a fever, have been exposed to someone with the virus or suspected of having the virus, please protect yourself and others you may come in contact with by staying isolated at home.

The 36th Annual November Train Show at the Jim Graham Building, NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, is now history. While the final numbers have not been completely tabulated, the Club earned a small profit from moderate ticket sales and proceeds from the Club Table, offsetting major expenses associated with building rental and advertising. Our Treasurer, Mike Keelean, will be on hand to present the most current info from the show.

This show will be particularly remembered for the friendly attitude of exhibitors, vendors and attendees as well. Everyone was in good spirits and observed protocols associated with guarding against the Covid-19 virus, including a temperature check upon entering the building. To all that participated in this special event, many thanks are extended for the generous use of their time, energy and enthusiasm. Please see the special note of thanks at the end of this introduction from George Lasley, our Exalted Grand Pooh Bah and Show Producer and Director.

A special teleconference zoom video link shown below will allow you to attend the meeting remotely if you do not feel comfortable attending in person. All you need is a lap-top, note-pad or cell phone that receives your email. Please contact Ted Kunstling, 919/787-5282, who has graciously offered to host the video, if you have any questions. Dial in will begin at 6:45 pm. In order to ensure a degree of order and minimize background disturbances, each participant is asked to mute his microphone, found in the lower left portion of the screen.

Ted Kunstling is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Neuse River Valley Model RR Club
Time: Nov 19, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83805491565>

Let me remind everyone again that the Club's new website has been up and running since the first of September. A special recognition goes out to George Lasley, Tom Garren, John Ragan and Bernie Dawson for volunteering their time, hard work, boundless energy and leadership to coordinate and complete this effort with the WRAL Digital Design Team. You can judge the results for yourself by visiting the website at <http://www.nrvclub.net>. Bernie Dawson has been designated as our "Web Master." Any suggestions and comments can be directed to Bernie.

For those with an interest in good food and service we are now meeting in west Raleigh for breakfast every Wednesday at 9:00 am at Barry's Café, located at 2851 Jones Franklin Road in the Swift Creek Shopping Center (intersection of Jones Franklin and Tryon Roads). If you have not yet participated in this event you are encouraged and invited to join us.

Best regards for now and everyone stay well and safe. See you this Thursday.

Show Photographs



NRV Club Table



NRV LEGO Display Layout

Thanks to All Who Helped Make the Fall Show a Success

Now that the 36th annual show is history it is time to say a few words of thanks to all of the members and nonmembers (Daphne and Donna). I shall not name names so I don't forget anyone. To all of you who helped load on Thursday night, THANK YOU. To all who moved tables, unloaded the trailer and helped set up the club table and layouts, THANK YOU. To all of the front end crew on Saturday and Sunday who checked temps, sold tickets, ran the credit card machine and separated money, THANK YOU. To those who manned the club table and layouts and brought much enjoyment to the public and money to the club, THANK YOU. And finally to those who just helped out when ever and where ever, THANK YOU.

This, the 36th show, presented many challenges that we have never had before. I believe we met and overcame all of them. I have never heard as many thank yous and compliments from both dealers and the public as I did this year. And, in the end, we actually turned a small profit. Once again, THANK YOU to all! And now on to May of 2021.....

George Lasley

Articles of Special Interest

To check out new articles, click on the link below and scroll down to the Member Articles section. <https://www.nrvclub.net/newsletter/>

This month we feature one article: **Durham & Southern 364** by Tom Garren.

In case you missed last month's featured articles by Mike Johns and Michael Irwin, they are still available on the Club website.

Minutes of the Membership Meeting of October 15th, 2020

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call – Tom Garren (Acting Secretary).

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM. Mike Keelean led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members in attendance: Wayne Aiken, Bernie Dawson, Tom Garren, Scott Hall, Ken Howard, Mike Johns, Mike Keelean, Clif Kelly, George Lasley, Mike Marsh and John Ragan.

Members attending remotely: Jerry Davis, Bill Ferguson, Ted Kunstling, Tom Magnani, John Spach and Ron Wertenberg.

This was our first-time using Zoom for our meeting for those attending remotely. Thanks to Ted Kunstling for making this available.

2. Recognize Visitors and Applications for Prospective Members

Robert (Bob) Patterson attended as a prospective member. He was a member previously when the Club was located at the mall. He models O gauge.

3. Note on Passing of Paul Caparatta - Clif Kelly

Cliff Kelly and Mike Johns remembered Paul Caparatta as member who liked to join other members at breakfast. He also joined with other members to rehearse an upcoming musical program.

4. Treasurer's Report – Mike Keelean

Mike Keelean presented the Treasurer's Report.

He also provided an update on dues collection. At this time there are only 4 or 5 members with dues that are still outstanding.

5. Update on Fall Show (6-8 November) – George Lasley, John Ragan and Tom Garren

There are only about 10 tables left; we are effectively sold out.

Advertising for the show is underway:

The WRAL spots have been produced and the slots booked. They will begin on Wednesday, November 04.

We will have a half page ad in the N&O on Sunday November 01.

We are also taking a front-page ad in The Carolina Weekly on October 31.

The load out for the show will take place at the clubhouse on Thursday, November 05 at 7:00 PM. Members are needed to help load the trailer. Please attend.

The building will be open at 8:00 AM on Friday morning. Please arrive as soon after that as you can. You should bring a pair of work gloves in case we need to adjust any tables.

The vendors will be allowed to set up from Noon until 8:00 PM on Friday.

The building will be opened at 7:00 AM on Saturday with show hours of 9:00 AM through 5:00 PM.

On Sunday the building will be opened at 8:00 AM and remain opened until everyone is packed up and gone on Sunday evening. The show hours will again be 9:00 AM through 5:00 PM.

At this time there will be no food available at the show. We are exploring some ideas to determine if we have any options, such as canned drinks and nabs.

Security will on duty from 7:00 PM on Friday through 5:00 PM on Sunday.

There will be several COVID measures taken at the show this year. These include:

Temperature checks will be conducted as people come into the building.

There will be a dedicated Entrance and Exit.

There will be floor markings for social distancing and flow control.

Masks or will be worn at all time by club members, vendors and all attendees.

Failure to comply can result on expulsion.

Strollers will be allowed with covers.

Hand sanitizing stations will be available.

There will be a break room available for members and vendors.

Jobs for club members include:

Temperature checks

Ticket sales

Club Table

Club layouts

If you have not already signed up to work, please let us know if you can help.

Remember to wear comfortable shoes.

Several layouts will be at the show including:

North Raleigh N Trak and T Trak

Sipping and Switching
NRV O scale, N scale and Lego layouts.

6. Revisions to Club Duty Assignments and Responsibilities – Mike Johns and Clif Kelly
Mike and Clif went over a new organization chart that shows officers, board and standing committees of the club. This is an ongoing project, but much progress has been made to identify volunteers for the positions listed. If you have any interest in helping on these committees, please let Mike or Clif know.

7. Updates to Whistle Post Newsletter Publication – Clif Kelly.
The October newsletter was a collaborative effort of several members including Clif Kelly, Ken Howard, Tom Magnani and Tom Garren.

A new feature was started this month featuring articles submitted by club members. These articles are stored on our website on the lower portion of the newsletter page. If you haven't done so already, check them out at www.nrvclub.net/newsletter/.

If you would like to submit an article, please send it to Bernie Dawson or Tom Garren.

8. New Business

Mike Keelean gave an update on the building:

The roof will be replaced, but it will be early next year. In the meantime, the roofer will attempt additional temporary fixes to stop the leaks.

AT&T has repaired the phone line and the internet service. We continue to investigate to see if other alternatives would be better.

The no parking signs set up near our parking area were put up in regard to a former tenant of the lot below our site. The signs are not the result of our club activities.

9. Meeting Adjournment

George Lasley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mike Johns and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

10. Presentation of donations and sales to Club Membership by Steve Wills.

The program for this meeting was the presentation of the large HO donation made recently by Steve Wills. Several club members purchased items from the collection. The remainder will be taken to the November show to be sold at the Club Table.

Minutes of the Board of Governors' Meeting of November 2, 2020

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call – Tom Garren.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

In attendance in person: Wayne Aiken, Tom Garren, Ken Howard, Mike Keelean, Clif Kelly, George Lasley, Mike Marsh, John Ragan.

Attending remotely: Bill Ferguson, Mike Irwin, Tom Magnani, Larry Pearlman, John Spach.

2. Treasurer's Report – Mike Keelean.
Mike Keelean gave the treasure's report.
Dues collection is going well and is essentially complete.
Club sales have done well in advance of the November show.
A personnel decision was made by the board.
3. Updates to Whistle Post Newsletter Publication - Clif Kelly
The October newsletter as distributed had some problems.
The correct version is posted on the club website.
The November newsletter will proceed with the new format. It should be published well before the membership meeting.
4. Update on Fall Show (7-8 November) – George Lasley.
We will have enough tables for the show. We may have to be careful with chair distribution.
There will be no food service at the show this year.
The only gates open to the fairgrounds this year are Gate 9 on Trinity Road and Gate 5 on Youth Center Drive.
The Antique Show will also be happening this weekend in the Expo Building.
The load out at the clubhouse will be at 7:00 PM Thursday November 5.
Members should report to the fairgrounds at 8:00 AM on Friday, November 6 for set up.
The show will be from 9:00-5:00 on Saturday and Sunday.
Specific assignments will be made at the show.
5. New Business.
Mike Keelean reported that the new roof is to be installed in the very near future.
Clif Kelly is working with our landlord on a new lease. More details will be available later this week.
The investigation of the clubhouse internet and phone service is on-going. There is nothing further to report at this time.
George Lasley reported that the exterminator has sprayed the clubhouse for pests.
Clif Kelly suggested that we look into obtaining a Zoom account for the club.
6. Adjournment.
Mike Keelean made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Tom Garren and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Neat Links

Tom Magnani sent the following link for those interested in live steam engines:

Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GvIrVg0kBgQ&feature=youtu.be> Enjoy!

From Fred Krauss comes a whale of a train story:

In Fluke Accident, Sculpture of Whale Tails Saves Train From 33-Foot Plunge. Aptly named "Saved by the Whale's Tale," the art installation prevented a potentially deadly accident

in the Netherlands.

Read in Smithsonian Magazine: <https://apple.news/AqHl1g4MYQm-rM7nVAWWStA>

The New Hope Valley Railroad has a partial reopening. Go to <https://www.trianglettrain.com/>

Future Events

The Club is open to friends and guests most Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Club has resumed most social activities with a current limitation of ten persons per room. Protocols calling for social distancing, face masks and use of hand sanitizers continue to be in effect. If you do not have a key to the Club House please call 919-400-5570 to ensure that the Club is open.

The Club anticipates planning for an Open House in Spring 2021, depending upon status of the Corona Virus.

All events and meetings are held at the Club House, 1615 Old Louisburg Road, Raleigh, NC 27604. For directions to the Club, check out our website at <http://www.nrvclub.net>.

Notes from the Editor and Webmaster

Please send Bernie Dawson recent photos of our club activities, by email at nrvwebmaster@gmail.com, so he can update our website.

Please send articles to Ken Howard, Whistle Post Editor, at klhowardjr@aol.com no later than Tuesday, one week prior to the next scheduled Membership Meeting.

Check out our website at: <http://www.nrvclub.net>.

Check the website to see when the club will be opened and call 919-400-5570 to be sure that the doors are open, if you don't have a key.

Upcoming Meetings

Membership: Thursday, November 19th, 7:00 pm inside or, if necessary, outside, at the Clubhouse. Be prepared to bring your own chairs, masks and hand sanitizer if outside.

Board of Governors: Monday, December 7th, 7:00 pm inside or, if necessary, outside, at the Clubhouse. Be prepared to bring your own chairs, masks and hand sanitizer if outside.

Breakfast: every Wednesday at 9:00 am at Barry's Café, located at 2851 Jones Franklin Road in the Swift Creek Shopping Center (intersection of Jones Franklin and Tryon Roads).

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