



North Raleigh Model Railroad Club

Meeting Notes 2007

Introduction

Notes of the monthly meetings of the North Raleigh Model Railroad Club are maintained on the News & Information page for a period of six (6) months, after which they are moved to the News Archive pages. The meeting notes archives are listed by year in calendar order.

This page includes meetings notes from June through December, 2007. Meetings prior to June 2007 are not available in this form. For information on meetings held from the Club's formation in 1974 to June 2007 please contact the Club's Secretary, allowing a minimum of two (2) weeks for response.

Highlights of the Club's June Meeting

Raleigh, June 6, 2007

Twelve members attended the Club's June meeting, hosted by Monty Smith — thanks Monty.

President Royse called the meeting together at 7:30pm. The Treasurer's Report for May was presented and adopted.

A number of train shows were discussed.

- The Spencer Rail Day show is scheduled for June 9–10, with setup on June 8. Participation from NRMRC, Lynchburg and French Broad has been committed. Final arrangements for transportation and setup were discussed.
- There is a strong possibility of a show at South Hills Mall the weekend of August 4 and 5. This would be similar to the February show. Several members have expressed interest. More details via the email list.
- Lynchburg Rail Day is August 11.
- The 2007 MER Fall Convention will be held in Lynchburg VA from October 18 20 21, 2007 at the Kirkley Hotel. Additional information is available on the MER web site.
- We and the other members of the Eastern N Lines clubs have been invited to participate in an NTRAK layout at the Bluefield Rail Days in Bluefield VA the weekend after the NRV show in November.

Projects relating to modules that need to be undertaken in the near future were discussed with emphasis on Raleigh Yard. See the topic "Standards Committee Projects" below for status and the results of the discussions. The club approved the expenditure of approximately \$300 for replacement of the turnouts and crossings on the T-module and crossover module.

New shirts were available for pickup by those who ordered them.

Pete Slugg has agreed to be Chairman of the Education Committee.

The business meeting ended at 8:20pm.

Following the break Dave Koss presented a clinic on operations and the card order system he is using on his ACL Spartanburg Division. Thanks Dave.

Highlights of the Club's July Meeting

Fuquay-Varina, July 11, 2007

Seven members attended the Club's July meeting, hosted by Jim Kalenowski — thanks Jim.

In the absence of President Royse, Vice-President Wallis called the meeting together at 7:35pm. The Treasurer's Report for May was presented and agreed. Since there was not a quorum of members present no votes could be taken; the June Treasurer's Report will be presented for approval at the August meeting.

Treasurer Cariss stated he had received the renewal notice for the Club's liability insurance; the premium is unchanged. Informal approval was given for payment of the premium. Formal approval will come at the August meeting.

A number of train shows were discussed.

- The Spencer Rail Day show was briefly summarized. The Superintendent's Report was posted to the email list following the show.
- The South Hills Mall show will be held the weekend of August 4 and 5. Commitments have been received and the layout design will be sent to members in the next few days. More details via the email list.

Members attending the meeting approved the expenditure necessary to equip the club-owned corners and 8' bridge module with the LocoNet Bus. Formal approval will be sought at the August meeting. The LocoNet Bus will be added to these club modules during setup at South Hills.

- Lynchburg Rail Day is August 11.
- Danville Ole 97 Rail Days will be September 22 and 23, 2007. NRMRC will be show coordinator this year. Communications re this show are being handled by the email list.
- Selma Rail Day is October 6, 2007. Don Cariss is Show Superintendent. We will be located in the same building as last year.
- The 2007 MER Fall Convention will be held in Lynchburg VA from October 18 – 21, 2007 at the Kirkley Hotel. Additional information is available on the MER web site.
- The Neuse River Valley Show will be November 3 – 4, 2007. John Wallis is show superintendent. More information to come.
- We and the other members of the Eastern N Lines clubs have been invited to participate in an NTRAK layout at the Bluefield Rail Days in Bluefield VA the weekend after the NRV show in November.

An update on Raleigh yard indicated that some of the needed turnouts and crossings for the T-Module have been obtained, so work on the project will continue.

Pete Slugg was introduced as Chairman of the Education Committee.

The business meeting ended at 7:55pm.

Following the break Jim Kalenowski presented the 5-Minute Clinic on weathering diesel trucks and underframes. Thanks Jim.

David Derway introduced a new module called "Geezer Gate". This is a 4-foot lift-bridge module to facilitate getting in and out of our NTRAK layouts. Dave explained the design concepts and demonstrated its operation. A full description and pictures can be found on Dave's Member Profile page at <http://www.trainweb.org/nrmrc/profiles/derway.html#gate>. This module will be in the South Hills layout. Thanks, David.

Highlights of the Club's August Meeting

Raleigh, August 1, 2007

Nine members and one guest attended the Club's August meeting, hosted by David McDowell — thanks Dave.

President Royse called the meeting together at 7:30pm. Since there was not a quorum of Club Members present, but there was a quorum of Board Members the meeting was conducted as a Board of Directors meeting. The Treasurer's Reports for June and July were presented and approved, as was the expenditure of funds for the renewal of our liability insurance.

A number of train shows were discussed.

- The South Hills Mall show will be held this weekend. The layout design is finalized and details sent to Members via the email list. Lunch will be provided on Saturday. The LocoNet bus will be added to several modules during setup on Friday.
- Lynchburg Rail Day is August 11.
- Danville Old 97 Rail Days will be September 22 and 23, 2007. NRMRC will be show coordinator this year. Communications re this show are being handled by the email list.
- There is a possibility for a small layout at WakeMed Raleigh Hospital for a children's party on Saturday, September 23, the same days as the Danville show. The club is able to handle both shows on the same day. More information from Bill Royse as it becomes available.
- Selma Rail Day is October 6, 2007. Don Cariss is Show Superintendent. We will be located in the same building as last year.
- The 2007 MER Fall Convention will be held in Lynchburg VA from October 18 – 21, 2007 at the Kirkley Hotel. Additional information is available on the MER web site.
- The Neuse River Valley Show will be November 3 – 4, 2007. John Wallis is show superintendent. More information to come. Our layout is confirmed as the same size as last year.
- We and the other members of the Eastern N Lines clubs have been invited to participate in an NTRAK layout at the Bluefield Rail Days in Bluefield VA the weekend after the NRV show in November.

Education Chairman Pete Slugg stated he planned to send an email to the list asking members to indicate their areas of expertise in the hobby of model railroading, i.e. what you do best. The intent is to schedule 5-Minute Modeling Tips and Programs for future meetings.

The business meeting ended at 8:05pm.

Following the break railroad videos were shown.

Highlights of the Club's September Meeting

Raleigh, September 5, 2007

Thirteen members and one former member attended the Club's September meeting, hosted by David McDowell — thanks Dave.

President Royse called the meeting together at 7:30pm. The Treasurer's Reports for August was presented and approved.

A number of train shows were discussed.

- Danville Old 97 Rail Days will be September 22 and 23, 2007. NRMRC will be show coordinator this year. Communications re this show are being handled by the email list.

- There will be a small layout at WakeMed Raleigh Hospital for a children's party on Saturday, September 23, the same days as the Danville show. The club is able to handle both shows on the same day. More information from Bill Royse as it becomes available.
- Selma Rail Day is October 6, 2007. Don Cariss is Show Superintendent. We will be located in the same building as last year. The Town would like us to be set up for visits by school children on Friday.
- The 2007 MER Fall Convention will be held in Lynchburg VA from October 18 – 21, 2007 at the Kirkley Hotel. Additional information is available on the MER web site.
- The Neuse River Valley Show will be November 3 – 4, 2007. John Wallis is show superintendent. More information to come. Our layout is confirmed as the same size as last year.
- We and the other members of the Eastern N Lines clubs have been invited to participate in an NTRAK layout at the Bluefield Rail Days in Bluefield VA the weekend after the NRV show in November.
- There will be a World's Greatest Hobby on Tour show in Hampton Roads VA on February 16–17, 2008. John Czarny is coordinating the NTRAK layout for the show. He has asked for the support of the Eastern N Lines groups.

A number of Standards Committee projects were discussed.

- Bill Royse reviewed the status of the T-module and Raleigh Yard project. Some additional turnouts are required since donated turnouts were insulfrog rather than electrofrog. A total of 16 Tortoise switch machines will be required; a search is underway for the best price. It was agreed that we would initially use diode matrix control rather than the much higher cost stationary decoder per turnout.
- It was agreed we should replace joiner tracks and joiners as the current joiner tracks are at least 7 years old and are worn and many are damaged. Cost estimates will be obtained for approval by the club.
- The LocoNet bus was added to several modules at the South Hills Mall show.
- Brown Powerpole connectors have been ordered for the Accessory Bus. Information on voltage regulators will be provided to the Club.

Education Chairman Pete Slugg provided suggestions for Education Forum Topics via the email list. These suggestions were reviewed, names associated with the various topics and several Program scheduled for future meetings.

Several other topics, including contact with former members and an N scale Norfolk Southern (old) box car were discussed.

The business meeting ended at 8:30pm.

Following the break railroad videos were shown.

Highlights of the Club's October Meeting

Raleigh, October 3, 2007

Eleven members attended the Club's October meeting, hosted by David McDowell — thanks Dave. Brad Oaks joined the club — welcome Brad.

President Royse called the meeting together at 7:30pm. The Treasurer's Report for September was presented and approved.

A number of train shows were discussed.

- Selma Rail Day is October 6, 2007. Don Cariss is Show Superintendent. We will be located in the same building as last year. The Town would like us to be set up for visits by school children on Friday. More information via the email list.
- The 2007 MER Fall Convention will be held in Lynchburg VA from October 18 – 21, 2007 at the Kirkley Hotel. Additional information is available on the MER web site.
- The Neuse River Valley Show will be November 3 – 4, 2007. John Wallis is show superintendent. More information to come. Our layout is confirmed as the same size as last year.
- Dave Thompson will represent NRMRC in an NTRAK layout at the Bluefield Rail Days in Bluefield WV the weekend after the NRV show in November.
- There will be a World's Greatest Hobby on Tour show in Hampton Roads VA on February 16–17, 2008. John Czarny is coordinating the NTRAK layout for the show. He has asked for the support of the Eastern N Lines groups.
- The New Bern Show is scheduled for February 23 and 24, 2008. John Wallis is NRMRC coordinator.
- Hotel reservations can now be made for the Derby City Express convention in Louisville, KY next June. Contact the hotel directly.

Standards Committee projects were discussed.

- Bill Royle indicated the rebuild of the T-Module would not be complete in time for the NRV show next month. There was discussion of the use of a diode matrix to control the turnouts. Funding was previously approved.
- It was agreed we should replace joiner tracks and joiners as the current joiner tracks are at least 7 years old and are worn and many are damaged. Cost estimates will be obtained for approval by the club.
- A work session will be held prior to setup at NRV to install the LocoNet bus on some modules, plus some other items.
- Brown Powerpole connectors have been ordered for the Accessory Bus. Information on voltage regulators will be provided to the Club.

Education Chairman Pete Slugg make a request for 5-Minute modeling topics. LEDS was volunteered as one topic.

Nominations for Officers positions for 2008 were opened. The following positions are open. People nominated are listed:

Position	Nominated
Vice President	
Secretary	
Treasurer	Don Cariss
Director	Dave Thompson

Additional nominations may be made up until voting takes place at the Annual Meeting in January 2008.

The club agreed to a small 8' x 12' layout at South Hills Mall during the Christmas season from Thanksgiving to New Year's. The layout will be analog, run by timers.

The business meeting ended at 8:20pm.

Following the break Jim Kalenowski presented a program on Resistance Soldering, including examples, with members given the opportunity to try it. Thanks, Jim.

Highlights of the Club's November Meeting

Raleigh, November 7, 2007

Eleven members and one guest attended the Club's November meeting, hosted by Don Cariss — thanks Don.

President Royse called the meeting together at 7:30pm. The Treasurer's Report for October was presented and approved.

A number of train shows were discussed.

- Dave Thompson and Joel McCurry will represent NRMRC in an NTRAK layout at the Bluefield Rail Days in Bluefield WV the weekend of November 10 and 11.
- There will be a World's Greatest Hobby on Tour show in Hampton Roads VA on February 16–17, 2008. John Czarny is coordinating the NTRAK layout for the show. He has asked for the support of the Eastern N Lines groups.
- The New Bern Show is scheduled for February 23 and 24, 2008. John Wallis is NRMRC coordinator. A preliminary look at people and modules was taken.
- Convention and Hotel reservations can now be made for the Derby City Express convention in Louisville, KY next June. Joel McCurry has agreed to be our liaison for modules via Dominic Rago.

Standards Committee projects were discussed.

- Digitrax DS64s have been purchased for the control of the T-module turnouts. Raleigh Yard will be tested in the New Bern layout prior to possibly going to DCE.
- A work session was held prior to setup at NRV to install the LocoNet bus on several modules, plus a couple of other items.

Education Chairman Pete Slugg make a request for 5-Minute modeling topics. Steam Locomotive Tune-up was volunteered as one topic.

Nominations for Officers positions for 2008 were opened. The following positions are open. People nominated are listed:

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Vice President	Bill Royse
Secretary	Joel McCurry
Treasurer	Don Cariss
Director	Dave Thompson

Additional nominations made be made up until voting takes place at the Annual Meeting in January 2008.

The business meeting ended at 8:05pm.

Following the break David Derway and John Wallis presented a program on Decals and Decaling, including examples. Thanks, David and John.

Highlights of the Club's December Meeting

Raleigh, December 5, 2007

Twelve members and one guest attended the Club's December meeting, hosted by Monty Smith — thanks Monty.

President Royse called the meeting together at 7:30pm. The Treasurer's Report for November was presented and approved.

A number of train shows were discussed.

- There will be a World's Greatest Hobby on Tour show in Hampton Roads VA on February 16–17, 2008. John Czarny is coordinating the NTRAK layout for the show. He has asked for the support of the Eastern N Lines groups.
- The New Bern Show is scheduled for February 23 and 24, 2008. John Wallis is NRMRC coordinator. No further action since last meeting.
- Convention and Hotel reservations can now be made for the Derby City Express convention in Louisville, KY next June. Joel McCurry has asked that anyone who did not commit modules at last month's meeting, and who want to take their module to Louisville send him an email.

Standards Committee projects were discussed.

- Bill Royse showed a planned work schedule for updating Raleigh Yard, sending it to all members via the email list. Anyone who can help during any of the times mentioned should contact Bill directly.

Education Chairman Pete Slugg reviewed the planned schedule for 2008 meetings..

Bill Royse mentioned the possibility of obtaining space for club modules at Garner Depot. A meeting will be held at the Depot on Sunday, December 9 at 3:00pm to view the site and discuss arrangements. This may also provide a place to hold our meetings; selection of meeting hosts for 2008 was deferred until the next meeting.

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Position	Nominated
Vice President	Bill Royse
Secretary	Joel McCurry
Treasurer	Don Cariss
Director	Dave Thompson

Additional nominations made be made up until voting takes place at the Annual Meeting in January 2008. The Annual Meeting was confirmed for Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at the Golden Corral on Glenwood Avenue, beginning at 6:30pm. A formal notice will be sent via the email list.

The business meeting ended at 8:05pm.

Following the break John Wallis presented the Annual Prototype Railroad Questionnaire. Pete Slugg was the winner and will select last at the Chinese Gift Exchange at the Annual Meeting.



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