

Hub Division Show by Ed Smith

The weather for the Hub Division Show was perfect. Just cool enough to bring out the crowd for some pre-Christmas train shopping. The parking lot was full to capacity and beyond. The Royal Plaza Trolley provided a short and pleasant ride from the far end of the Best Western Hotel parking lot down to the convention center main entrance. Our layout was a 26 by 18 foot rectangle. Ernie Poole provided 28 feet of the modules necessary to complete the layout. As usual, the setup yard was a very popular place for visitors to watch trains.

When Ernie and I went over to the other modular layouts to "check out the competition", we noticed a set of very interesting large radius "end-loops" on an HO layout. One end was still under construction and was being developed into a rather nice seaport scene complete with drawbridge and tug boat. We both felt that this end-loop idea, with the large radius, could be easily adapted for NTrak and still allow the running of long trains.

Greenberg Show

Our next show is the Fall Greenberg Show at the Shriner's Auditorium off I-93 in Wilmington, MA. Robert and Billy Collins are our coordinators for this show. (See the enclosed flier) They can be reached at (617) 933-5790. We have approximately a 40' by 20' space for our layout. Please call them if you plan to bring modules. Early setup is available on Friday evening from 4 to 6 PM. Regular setup begins Saturday morning at AM. This is a great two day show with both doll and train dealers. I believe that we have a table again this fall to sell off your surplus trains, magazines, etc. Be prepared to fill out seller sheets before placing your items on the table. And

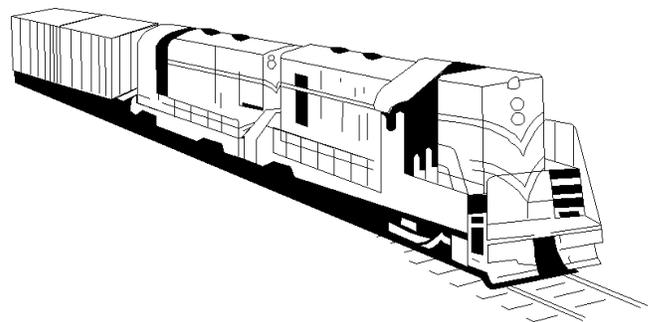
remember that 10% of the sale price goes to Northeast NTrak.

N-Scale Operating Sessions

We are trying to setup up some operating sessions at home layouts of Northeast NTrak members. At the present time these layout include Chuck Tremblay's Sante Fe Southern and Jim Whitehead's Union Pacific Northern. The operating sessions will probably take place on a Saturday sometime between the next Greenberg show and the Springfield Show. More information will be given in the next newsletter.

Help Wanted

Author's of newsletter articles. Contact Ed Smith at 508-772-4870 if you have any news worthy of publication in our newsletter. Articles that you think might interest the rest of the membership. Please, no business articles or classified ads.



Note: Show Coordinators should be prepared to provide a newsletter article about their show. You can include significant weather events, setup problems, running problems, too many trains, size of the crowd (gathered from show operators), size of the layout and information about other modular or club layouts that were of particular interest to you.