

Atlanta Convention Planning

by Ed Smith

Over the past few months I have received a number of fliers and Newsletters from convention organizers and clubs. Following is a synopsis of information from these sources.

The **Greater Atlanta "N" Scale Modelers** has sent us some information about the 1995 NMRA National Convention and trade show which is being held on July 20-23 in Atlanta. They has sent us a questionnaire concerning: **Special Run Car** - Would we support a Special Limited Run N car for the convention? This would be in addition to the normal convention car. **Clinics** -Are there any N

specific clinics that we would like to see? Remember, scenery and general construction have no scale and will be part of the convention.

Contests - Would our group provide support for N specific contests? What type of contests (Structure, Rolling Stock, etc.)? Would anyone be available as NMRA judges for these contests? The convention will still maintain contest regardless of scale.

Auction - Would our group support a silent auction, as buyers and sellers? **N-TRAK** - Would our group, or individuals, be able to provide modules or complete N-TRAK layouts for the public trade

The OK Waybill

by Bruce Alcock

I have sent along another copy of the Waybill for you folks back east to read and enjoy. The NEONS are scouting out a possible location for a club layout. We are very busy with at two shows each month right on through the summer. We have a number of Great American Train Shows scheduled for which we are actually paid. We are also setting up a layout at PIGGY'S for the Classic Car Show. (*you will have to contact Bruce for information on this one. Ed.*) The second page of the Waybill is devoted to April humor inspired by Bob Gatland of Long Island N-Trak.

HUB Headlight

by Bill Borrelli

The Hub Division will host the 1994 NER Spring Convention "Central Mass Limited", will be held at the Worcester Center Marriot Hotel on May 27-29.

Convention chairman, Bill Parker and his team promise an entertaining week-end of model railroad and prototype activities for NMRA, NER and Hub members, their families and friends. Conventioneers will get a full dose of clinics, trips, layout tours, contests geared to both rail and "non-rail" interests, plus a trade show. The hotel is within walking distance of downtown, restaurants

Topsfield Final

by Malcolm Fraizer

A very successful N-Trak show was held at Topsfield on March 27. The layout was set up and trains running on time as the doors opened to the public at 10 AM. The layout size was 15' by 27', with ample room around it. This is spite of the fact that at the last minute we added two modules to the space we had asked for. The Bristol S-Guagers are a good outfit to deal with, even though this is only their second show. The scenic impact of the layout was excellent, as we had 23' of one 27' long side with mountain division. Mike Boucher brought a new 4-foot module, unfinished as yet, but showing great promise. It was tested before the show and set up and ran with no problems. There was ample time to run trains, as practically all of those who came were those who had brought modules.

According to the organizers, there were 200 dealer tables. Walking around, it seemed that a high proportion had at least some N scale for sale. Also, I seemed to hear a lot of remarks from people who were attending the show indicating interest in N scale. There were 10 layouts in various scales, although ours seemed the best scened. Attendance was over 1000, about the same as last year. Attendance might have been a little higher but for the rainy weather and Palm Sunday. This is a good show for us to attend.

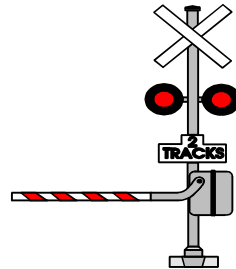
Newsletter & Activities

The Nashua Show was a “huge” success for us but the crowds were very small. A absolutely perfect day with very good weather kept the public away this year. We did have a good sized layout (a little larger than expected) for this show. We were in the display area with several other layouts including the Digital Railroad Club. The layout ran great after some minor leveling and there was plenty of track time available even though we ran each line with only one block.

This is also the time to finalize your plans for attending the NMRA National Convention this summer on August 14 - 21 in Portland, Oregon. The NMRA Bulletin as well as other model railroad magazines has complete information

about the convention and the 59th annual NMRA Train Show on the weekend following the convention. The show expects to have over 300 manufacturers and retailers displaying and selling equipment and supplies. There will also be 20 operating and landscaped layouts in all scales. For more information on the Train Show, call the Portland Exposition Center at 503-285-7756

The next newsletter will contain information about the annual meeting which has not been scheduled, but it is usually held on a Saturday in



North Conway

By Ernie Poole & Ed Smith

Our next show (and last show of the season) is The North Conway Show. Again, it is **NOT** being held on the Memorial Day weekend this year. So head north for the show on May 21. Another change for that weekend concerns the traditional end-of-the-show-year barbeque. It will not be held at the chalet in Conway as in past years. We were unable to rent the chalet this year and have found another place a little further down the road for our festivities. A map to the new location will be available at the show.

The menu will include marinated steak tips, green and potato salads, vegetables and impossible apple pie

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