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President's Message

Hey, is show time again. I hope you all have had a fun summer and are looking forward to the new season. Our first show will be September 9th in Concord, NH. Dick Brotherton is the coordinator for the show, please contact him if you wish to bring a module. We have 3 shows this month. I have had a busy summer, I was the coordinator for the NTRAK layout at the N-Scale Collector Convention in Hartford, Connecticut.

It was tough due to the number of people and clubs who pulled out of the show. I hope to make it to ALL of our shows this year. I put this challenge to our members. Who will make it to the most shows, who knows what reward that person will get at the end of the year.

Till Next Month
Mark

New High Speed Trains In China *by Roland Kelley*



China is in the middle of a major project to upgrade its rail service. This year the first phase was put into effect on some lines. After upgrading the roadbeds, signals and tracks some of the new high speed trains went into service this year. Above is a picture of the new train service between Shanghai and Nanjing, China. The Chinese words on the engine mean "harmony". It is also repeated on the coach shown below. Billions have been allocated to upgrade rail service within China over the next few years.

They have canceled there plans to expand the MegLev train as it's cost per mile to build is very high.



This new train cut the travel time from Shanghai from 3:30 hours to 2:10 hours. It runs at speeds from 150 to 200 kilos an hour. The new high speed trains have been a big success and are sold out days ahead of the departure dates. Hope to be riding on one of there high speed trains in September. Will also get to try a sleeper from Beijing to Shanghai. This is an 11 hour trip. Looking forward to the train rides and will tell you more about them in the future.



(left) Bob at his Bridge module. (above) Bob, Paul and Roland at the Banquet. (below) View Ntrak layout at the N-Scale Collector Convention in Hartford.



Notice

The October issue of the Newsletter will be a few weeks late as your editor will be on vacation.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & COOKOUT, JUNE 3, 2007



Some of the activity at this years Annual Business Meeting and Cookout held at Bob Pawlak's home in Lexington. Thank you Bob for a great job as host.

Annual Business Meeting by Bob Pawlak

The annual meeting was held at Bob Pawlak's house on Sunday, June 3, beginning at noon. With some drizzle and rain threatening, we were mostly inside. There was a good showing with about 21 members in attendance. Many people brought contributions of food and drink which was very much appreciated. Jim Whitehead and Jim Mueller helped with the grilling duties which was also appreciated.

Mark Ferracane brought the club car and distributed it to those who had ordered them and made several additional sales on the spot. The car looks great! Thanks to all those who helped make it happen. Please remember that it is everyone's job to help the club by buying these cars for our own use and to help sell them to our friends and people who attend our shows.

Dues were due on June 1 so many people paid their dues while their wallets were open to pay for the club cars. Chuck Tremblay, our treasurer, has sold his house but his new residence will not be finished for a few months. Therefore, if you have not yet paid, look elsewhere in this newsletter for where to send your dues before September 1.

Mark distributed copies of a list of proposed shows for next season with best available information for dates and likely show coordinators. The list was discussed and modified to become the schedule listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Many shows last year were lightly supported with fewer members bringing more modules each. In one case our appearance at the Hub Show was cancelled for lack of available participants. To counter this trend, new members and others who do not yet have a finished module of their own, were encouraged to become "custodians" of club modules or borrowed modules so that they would bring these modules to shows on a regular basis.

Since Dennis Yip, our Vice President last year, will be off to U Mass Amherst in September, he nominated Dan Pawling, Jr. to fill the Vice President slot. Otherwise the officers and key jobs for the coming year will be the same as last year: Mark Ferracane President, Chuck Tremblay Treasurer, Roland Kelley Editor of the Newsletter, Ed Smith Web Master, and Bob Pawlak Membership and Winterfest Chairman.

Have you paid your Dues??

If not they were due June 1, please send your check for \$20.00 payable to: **Northeast Ntrak** and send to:
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by Bob Pawlak



The NSC Convention was held at the Marriott in Farmington, Connecticut. Mark Ferracane was the Ntrak layout coordinator. The 14' x 58' Ntrak layout was assembled in the East Wing of the hotel on Thursday, operated until 9:00 P.M. for convention participants on Friday, and then opened to the public for viewing on Saturday between 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. Mark, Roland Kelley, and Bob Pawlak brought modules from Northeast Ntrak. Most of the rest of the layout was brought by people who habitually attend Winterfest. Baltimore Area Ntrak set up and operated a separate 18' x 22' layout that was on display in the lobby of the hotel from Wednesday until Saturday afternoon.

There were clinics and model, photo, and module contests. Roland's carnival module and Bob's Bridges Canyon module each got the same number of most votes in the module contest. There were numerous other tours, live and silent auctions, room sales, swap-a-rama, Micro Trains reception, N scale dealers, banquet, etc. as part of the typical NSC convention schedule. Mark, Paul Azevedo, and Bob took turns manning the Northeast Ntrak swap table where the special-run club car, Paul's special-run cars, and some of Bob's Micro Trains doubles were offered for sale on Friday. Northeast Ntrak new member Larry Lockwood came on Saturday and stayed to help tear down. Thanks for your help Larry.

The banquet on Saturday night had about 300 participants and featured an extensive raffle with a zillion contributed items given away. Micro Trains distributed a free "banquet" car to each participant as is customary. It was a silver gondola with black lettering and loaded with three packages of "PEZ" candies (manufactured in Orange, CT). Next year the National N Scale Convention will be held in Louisville, Kentucky on June 25-29, 2008 and presented by the N Scale Collector, World's Greatest Hobby, and the Kentuckiana Society of N Scalers (KSONS).



“Working on the Railroad”
by Jim Anderson
Northern Virginia NTRAK

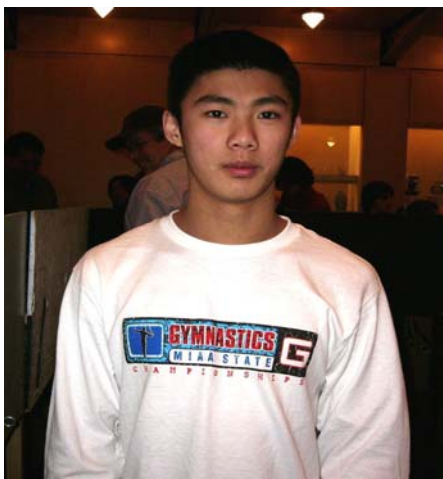
Catchy title, one you would expect to see in a model railroad or railfan magazine. But this was an article in the Decision Times, a special section to Military Times by Tranette Ledford, 5 February 2007 expounding the opportunities of rail company employment for former military members. “Just a few years ago, it wouldn’t have been a promising career move. But, today, if you are looking for a steady job, great promotion opportunities and immediate openings, --- consider the rail industry. --- starting salaries of more than \$40,000 without a college degree.”

“Union Pacific, a leading transportation company, expects to lose up to 40 percent of its work force over the next five years..” Rick Davison, assistant vice president, human resources, Norfolk Southern --- said ‘Part of our recruiting efforts are external, and we’re particularly interested in military personnel. They bring great leadership skills, great attitudes, and they operate well in an environment like ours, which is heavily regulated.’” NS will hire 2000 a year with most of the jobs in the large terminals, i.e., Harrisburg, PA, Chicago, and Atlanta. The article cited an Association of American Railroads estimate of 67 percent growth in freight and the need to hire more than 80,000 new workers.

I was expecting to read about the Air Force, aircraft, etc., so it was a surprise to see this article talking about future rail career choices. But now when you are talking about N-scale models to our young rail fans, you can bring a small segment of the emerging 1-1 scale career future to them.

Congratulation Dennis

We would like to wish Dennis Yip all the best as he Graduated from high school in June this year and will now go on to college. He will attend University of Mass in Amherst starting in September. So at the annual business he told the group he would not be able to run again for Vice President. Don Pawling, Jr accepted the position. Dennis will be taking some



time off from model railroading but we hope after he finishes school we will see him active again. Good Luck.

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Show Schedule for 2007 – 2008

Sep 9, 2007, Concord Model Railroad Show, Concord, NH

Everitt Arena, Concord, NH (off I-93 at exit 14)
 Set-up 7am Show 10am to 4pm

Coordinator: Dick Brotherton - 603-332-4612

Sep 23, 2007, Pepperell Siding Show, Pepperell, MA

Varnum Brook Elementary School, Pepperell, MA
 Set-up 7AM Show 10AM to 4PM

Coordinator: Ron Wood - 603-889-0741

Sep 30, 2007, Old Colony Model Railroad Show, Taunton, MA

Holiday Inn, 700 Myles Standish Blvd, Taunton, MA
 (Exit 9 off I-495 onto Bay St., go south to first right which is Myles Standish)
 Set-up 7am Show 10am to 3pm

Coordinator: John Dunne - 508-697-7635

Nov 4, 2007, Bedford Boomers, Bedford, NH

McKelvie Middle School, Liberty Hill Rd/ Gault Rd, Bedford, NH
 Set-up 7am Show 10am to 4pm

Coordinator: Ron Wood - 603-206-5572

Nov 12, 2007, Wells Maine Show, Wells, ME

Wells Elementary School, Rt. 109, Wells, ME (Maine Tpk exit 19 on Rt. 95, left off ramp about 1 mile on right)
 Set-up 8am Show 10am to 4pm

Coordinator: Mark Ferracane - 781-245-3886

Nov 17-18, 2007, Great Train Expo, Wilmington, MA

Shriners Auditorium, Wilmington, MA
 Set up Sat 7:30AM Show Sat 10AM to 4PM - Sun 10PM to 4PM

Coordinator: Dan Pawling - 617-244-5261

Dec 1-2, 2007, Hub Division Show, Marlboro, MA

Best Western Royal Plaza Trade Center, Marlboro, MA. (Rt. 20 exit off I-495)
 Set up Sat 7:00AM Show Sat 10AM to 4PM - Sun 10PM to 4PM

Coordinator: Peter Wisniewski - 978-658-0866

Jan 25 to 27, 2008, WINTERFEST 2006, West Springfield, MA

Big “E” Exposition Center, West Springfield, MA
 Set-up Fri noon to 5pm and Sat 7am * Show Sat 10am to 5pm - Sun 10am to 5pm

Coordinator: John Dunne - 508-697-7635

Winterfest Coordinator: Bob Pawlak - 781-862-2485

Feb 16 & 17, 2008 Museum of Our National Heritage, Lexington, MA

Set-up Sat 8am Show Sat 10am to 5pm - Sun noon to 5pm

Coordinator: Bob Pawlak - 781-862-2485

Mar 24-25, 2008 Great Train Expo, Wilmington, MA

Shriners Auditorium, Wilmington, MA
 Set up Sat 7:30AM Show Sat 10AM to 4PM - Sun 10PM to 4PM

Coordinator: Fay Chin - 978-657-7913

Apr 22, 2008, Hooksett Lyons Club, Hooksett, NH

Cawley Middle School, Hooksett, NH
 Set-up 8am Show 10am to 4pm

Coordinator: Mike Walker - 603-426-8620