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### President's Message

Gentlemen, our season is over and we did a lot this year. We did have to cancel a number of shows due to **LACK OF MEMBER PARTICIPATION**. We have tried to do a average of 11 shows per year. This **CAN** be done if we get more members involved. We have gained a number of members this year. Welcome Aboard! We still need to get more modules built and brought to shows.

The annual meeting is coming up next month on the 6<sup>th</sup> at Fay's home. Invitations will be sent out. We will be discussing a number of topics at the meeting. I ask that all members try to attend the meeting. This is your club too. We value everyone's input. The meeting will discuss some of the following topics:

- Show Schedule
- Membership
- Club Car Sales
- Module Building Program
- Election of Officers
- The club will be supplying the food for the meeting.
- Hope to see you there June 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Till Next Month.
- Mark



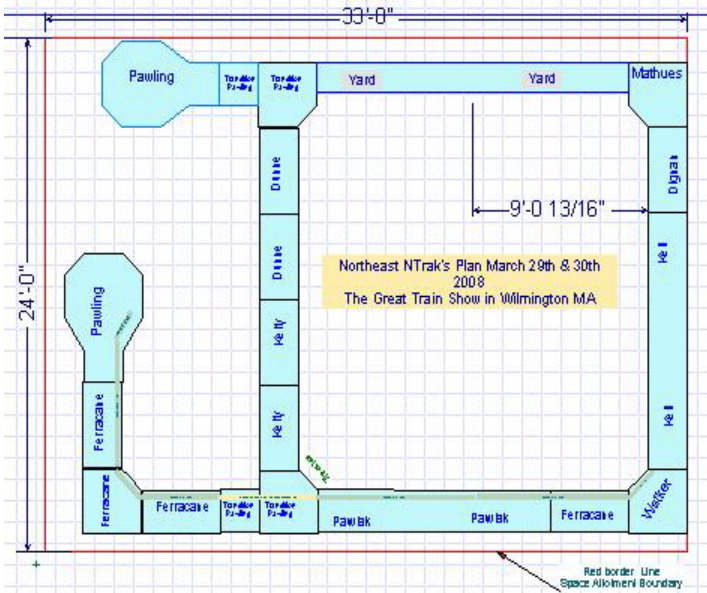
### Wilmington Greenberg Show Report by Daniel F. Pawling, Jr.



The show on March 29-30<sup>th</sup> 08 was moderately well attended the totals were for those who keep score the attendance was 7,000 according to Frank Hicks of Greenberg shows. There seemed to be fewer train layouts and more dealers of toys and less quality train oriented dealers.

The layout was a rectangle with two end loops spurs (see layout plan). The club Member's that showed their last names are listed on the modules in the plan. (see plan at bottom of left column) Thanks to all of you that brought modules to the show, it is an effort that is appreciated by many. The trains are the core of the show and what people pay to see.

Members whom brought modules supplied the largest amount of help. What is most impressive is that large majority of those participating module people stayed to make sure everyone had help getting packed up & out. This is a great help in equalizing the load on any one person loading into & out of the show. There were other members that helped out in this process and the ones that I can remember were Jack & Victor Brown & Paul Azevedo. Thanks from all of us for the help it sure makes it easier for when we get home and have to do it again.



Mark Ferracane, President & Dan Pawling, Jr, Vice President & Show Coordinator accepting the "Certificate of Appreciation" from Greenberg's Train & Toy Show.



The locomotive is a full scale replica of the GWR Achilles class 4-2-2 locomotive No. 3041. It was built in 1894 and originally named "Emlyn" after Lord Emlyn, Chairman of the Great Western Railway Company. Repainted in 1897 in GWR livery, the great locomotive, 57 feet long was renamed "The Queen" especially to pull the six new carriages of the Royal Train. No examples of these locomotives survive today and "The Queen" (later renamed "James Mason") was withdrawn from service in 1912. The picture was taken at Windsor Royal Station in England.

### Show Schedule for 2007 – 2008:

**June 8, 2008** Business Meeting, Hosted by Fay Chin  
(Details will be mailed separately with directions)



*ATSF 80, Tail car used for track inspections, seen here on the end of an Operation Lifesaver Train in Stockton CA. Russ Johnson photo. This could be a good kit bashing project.*

The highlight of the show for me was, to see a module set reappear that I have not seen at a show for a while. This module is the Auto Train Module that was originally built by Ernie Poole. (More about the module in the June issue.) It is an award winning module. This module is great example to observe the high quality standard and interest in prototypical building of many of our NE Ntrak predecessors. The proud new owner of this 12' module with no mountain is Nancy & Gary Keil of Northeast Ntrak.

This is also good example of how we can recycle what is collecting dust in the basement and is not likely to make it to another show. This helps fills a gap that has been difficult to fill in getting more people showing & developing the enthusiasm for doing so. We don't have enough experienced module builders that want to help keep up with the need & demand for new modules that people have told me they want to build. If you have or know of any modules that don't get to shows any more, I would be willing to see if we can put you together with someone in need.

#### Some observations about the set up of this show:

We need to work on getting the set up complete on time (before the show opens for the public). We have been late for the last two or three shows. Setting up represents a lot of work in a small space of time and everyone at the show needs aware of this. This is not the time to stand around with your hands in the pockets or chat about things not directly related to setting up. If you're done with your modules you need to help with the other tasks that help to get the first test trains running so we can fix problems before the show opens. If you have come to help it is important that if you don't know what to do next, observe, participate, ask questions, to learn the process or shadow & help some one so you can learn a new skill for the next time. I will provide a list of tasks for set up & take down in a chronological list to help understand the process for the next show. This will be for new members and old as it is always good to brush up on our skills.

### **NEW MEMBERS TO WELCOME**

**Douglas Sievert** 978-744-0301  
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Doug has been in the hobby for many years. Had an estimated \$15,000 worth of N-scale layout, scenery, rooling stock and motive power destroyed in a house fire about 10 years ago. Now medically disabled in a wheel chair but am starting to buld my first N-scale module.

**Tony Cecere** 617-569-2377  
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Tony has been in the hobby for about 15 years. He has a 20 x 25 foot home layout.

**Bobby Burns** 508-897-7635  
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Bobby is 11 and has about a years in the hobby.