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President's Message Mark Ferracane

Well, here I am sitting here writing the President's message for December. We have a new President of the Country. Let's hope we can get through the next four years. I am not a political nut, but I do hope our new President can lead the country in the right direction. All I hope is that President Obama can help out the Railroads and Public Transportation. The railroads are the life of the country. Using that transportation method will save fuel and cut down on pollution.

Let's go green and save our natural resources. Dan Pawling and I are going to build a GREEN module for the shows. The module will have Solar and Wind power examples on it. The wind generator will be powered by a Solar cell with a battery back up. We will need some help designing it so if anyone has ideas please contact us.

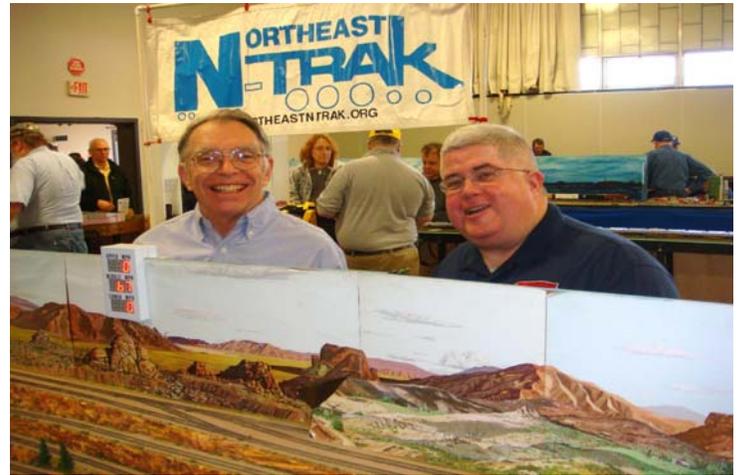
Also, if you have never gone on the Tour de Chooch it is a great way to see FANTASTIC model railroads. There is one N-Scale layout on Saturday and one on Sunday, Ernie Poole's. The event will be held on November 29 & 30 the weekend after The Greenburg Show.

I want to apologize to Dan Pawling because last month I mentioned that he was the coordinator for Wilmington, I was wrong. Fay Chin will be coordinating the show. Well, we have done 3 shows and we are doing great. We have 7 shows left for this season. Winterfest 2009 is coming and are you ready? Registration is now available and if you are going to bring a module, please contact John Dunne and tell him what you are bringing.

The NMRA 2009 Show will be in Hartford, Connecticut in July. I will be coordinating the NTRAK layout for the show. I will be speaking at Winterfest asking clubs and individuals to participate and bring modules. At the present time we have a area of 170x70 to fill. I hope we can fill the area with modules and model railroaders and show people what we can do and maybe add new members to our ranks. For our clubs to grow we need to promote the hobby and gain new members. So in closing, get your hotel room, get your registration in and get your contest entries ready for WINTERFEST 2009!!! And last but not least, have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Joyful Christmas.

Til Next Month, Mark

Bedford Boomers Model Railroad Show Sunday November 2, 2008



On a cold and windy Sunday morning in early November, a merry band of brothers calling themselves the "Northeast NTRAK Model Railroad Club" gathered (with coffee cups in hand and an extra hour of sleep) in Bedford, New Hampshire. This dedicated group participated in the 26th Annual Bedford Boomers Model Railroad Show at the MacKelvie Middle School.

Our club has done this show for a number of years. We had a very good showing of club members this year as well as a few "guest helpers". Having the extra "helpers" really has a positive impact on our setup process. The assistance they provide to members in moving our equipment into the hall, getting legs & backdrops mounted, setting, leveling & clamping modules is invaluable. Special thanks to Mark who brought the club boxes and played the role of "chief electrician" in getting us "juiced up". We were up and had trains running about 20 minutes before the show started at 10:00 am. Thanks to all who pitched in and contributed to a smooth and timely setup. The trains were running all day until the show ended at 4:00 pm. Most of the Ntracker's were packed up and on their way home by around 4:30..

The overall layout was 26 x 14. We were between "S", "HO and "O" scale layouts. We were a bit restricted due to space limitations in the cafeteria where we were located. We did not have room to put out the stand-off rope. I have requested more space around the layout for next years show.



We had relatively smooth operation for most of the day on the Blue & Red Line.. The Yellow Line took some fine tuning on the track work where the Yard Module joined the lift up bridge module . DCC was active on the RED line in the early afternoon... The crowd showed great enthusiasm and fascination with Bob's "Bridges Canyon" and Roland's "Carnival" modules. Also Fay Chin was able to put out a few really long ,crowd pleasing "car counters delight" trains with over 95 cars... and counting... Thomas & Percy were running thanks to "Team Mathews" (Brian & Pete) ... always a hit with the crowd. Brian Mathews was celebrating his eighth birthday on show day. Happy Birthday Brian !!

I would like to thank the following twelve members for their active participation in making this show happen: Bob Pawlak, Mark Ferracane , Tim Putnam, John Dunne, Ron Cavanaugh, Peter Mathews, Ron Wood, Steve Cappers, Fay Chin, Roland Kelley, Doug Lawson and Bill Hayes, I appreciate the long drive many members made traveling to New Hampshire for this show. Thanks again to all our special "helpers" that assisted with setup and takedown. Your contribution is very much appreciated.



Steve Capers new module a work in progress. Great to see new modules.

The Bedford Boomers Club that hosted the event, thanked Northeast NTRAK for our participation. Many of the other clubs commented on how quickly we get set up and are operational... Attendance at the show was very good. There were over thirteen operating layouts at the show. They covered the range from N to G to 1/4 scale.. Outside they had a garden scale style layout and the live steam for kids & adults to ride on.. All in all it was a successful show.



Show Schedule for 2008 – 2009

Jan 23 to 25, 2009, WINTERFEST 2009, West Springfield, MA

Big "E" Exposition Center, West Springfield, MA

Set-up Fri noon to 5pm & Sat 7am

Show Sat 9am to 5pm - Sun 10am to 5pm

Coordinator: John Dunne - 508-697-7635

Winterfest Coordinator: Bob Pawlak - 781-862-2485

Feb 14 & 15, 2009 Museum of National Heritage, Lexington, MA

Set-up Sat 7:30am Show Sat 10am to 5pm - Sun noon to 5pm

Coordinator: Bob Pawlak - 781-862-2485

Mar 28 & 29, 2009 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

Apr ??, 2009, Billerica Train Show,

NEW SHOW

Set-up 8am Show 10am to 4pm

Coordinator: Peter Mathews - 978-667-7906

Apr ??, 2009, Hooksett Lyons Club, Hooksett, NH

Cawley Middle School, Hooksett, NH

Set-up 8am Show 10am to 4pm

Coordinator: ????

July 5-11, 2009, Hartford NMRA Convention

Start planning now.

