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NEWSLETTER



President's Message Dan Pawling

North East Ntrak Dues (\$20.00) are due in June

See page 4 for details. It is important to get your dues in on time so that you don't have an interruption in the national news letter. Being on time will also insure that your information will get on the members list.

Member Ship List Information:

Please make sure Bob Pawlak gets your current information which includes email, cell phone, home phone, The Modules you will be showing this Year!!, and all the rest of the important address information. You need to check and make sure your info is correct on the list & remove any info that is incorrect. Take off module information that you will not be showing. If you have not found the list you need to find it & find out why you think you have not received one.

The Northeast Ntrak Annual Business Meeting (It is time to RSVP!!!):

This is scheduled to be at Bob Pawlak's house (details and directions see page 4).at noon on Sunday, June 13, 2010. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Call for Info on Train shows for NE Ntrak Show Season 2010-2011.

If you have information on a train show and want to see if there is interest in our group for doing the show email Dan Pawling at dfpjg@rcn.com to have that show considered in our Annual Business Meeting. Let's hear your ideas.

Happy Summer:

I hope you all have a very enjoyable summer & if you have any train experiences please share it with us in the news letter. The news letter is club efforts so please help Roland by sending photos, short or long articles. Let's help Roland keep a good thing going.

National Shows:

Milwaukee NTS July 16 – 18 2010 Call for modules. The National Train show will be held is in conjunction with the NMRA's 75th Anniversary Convention. For info <http://www.nmra.org/convention/>

The 2010 National N Scale Convention. Everything is Big N Texas! Houston, Texas June 22-26, 2010 <http://www.nationalnscaleconvention.com/>

Danville, VA September 24–26, 2010

<http://trainweb.org/nrmrc/2010show/>

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Greenberg Toy and Train Show **By Fay Chin**

Northeast N-Trak participated in another fun event at the Greenberg Toy and Train show. Even though the layout was smaller this year with the dimensions 18' x 30', we put on a good show. We received compliments from the public that we were the best in show.

I like to thank all participants who helped setup the layout and specially members Mike (corner), Bob (canyon), Mark (corner & straight), Mike (straight), Dan (Yard and corner), John (bridge), Peter (corner), Roland (carnival), Garry (Autotrain), and Peter for loaning Percy (Thomas train) on my time saver modules.

Due to space limitation, I decided only to bring my rotary coal dump unit that I built. The photo below shows the rotary coal dump in place on my new power plant module.



Rotary Coal Dump

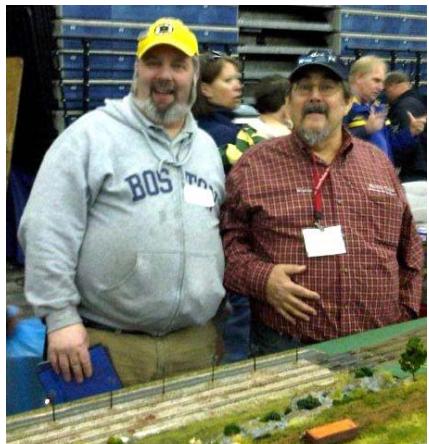
I wired it to a pushbutton panel and allowed the public at the show to operate it. Thanks Dan Pawling for displaying it on your corner module at the show. The Bristol S-gauge group had displayed their operating rotary coal dump at shows for many years and was the inspiration to build it in N-Scale. After doing some industrial spying and photos, (continued on page 2)

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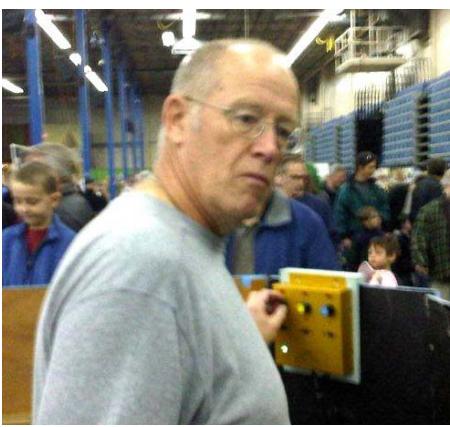
John Dunne and I decided to build it. Thanks John for some of the parts. I hope to have the power plant module completed and operating before the next Greenberg show. An actual coal dump is in use in a power plant located in Bow, New Hampshire. The real one uses hydraulic to pull the complete structure over 90 degrees to dump the coal. Maybe as a group, we can get to see it in operation.

Again, thank you all.

PICTURES FROM GREENBERG SHOW BY DAN PAWLING



Mark & Steve



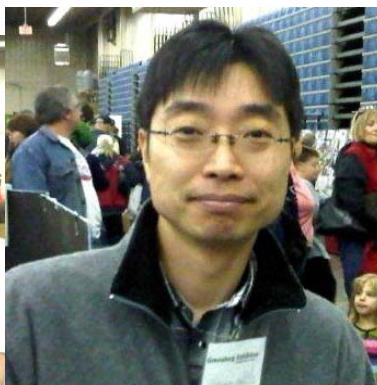
Gary Kile in control of the tower



Bob conducting his trains



(l to r) Geof Smith, Art Mary, Rob Selberg and Sebastian Litrocapes.



New Member Toshiyuki Abe



John enjoying the show



This is what happens when you are running DCC and get busy talking and not watching your train. Hear is what the CSX train operator has to say.

"Well, it could have been WORSE!!! At least I did not hit my own Train like someone we both know (Dan). If I remember correctly, Our President had three trains and crashed his Bullet Train into his parked Great Northern Passenger Train and took out his Grain Train that was on the adjacent track. NTRAK News was there to get a report on the Accident." Mark Ferracane



New Member Geof Smith filling out his membership application.

RULES ARE RULES!

Good news: It was a normal day in Sharon Springs , KS when a Union Pacific crew boarded a loaded coal train for the long trek to Salina.

The Bad news: Just a few miles into the trip a wheel bearing became overheated and melted, letting a metal support drop down and grind on the rail, creating white hot molten metal droppings spewing down to the rail.

The Good news: A very alert crew noticed smoke about halfway back in the train and immediately stopped the train in compliance with the rules.

The Bad news: The train stopped with the hot wheel over a wooden bridge with creosote ties and trusses.

The crew tried to explain to higher-ups but were instructed not to move the train!

They were instructed **The Rules** prohibit moving the train when a part is defective!

Do you think this was one of the times the rules could have been bent a little?



A Bit of Northeast Ntrak History by Mark Ferracane

The other night i was at Dan's and I showed him a Video that starts in April of 1990. The Video was recorded by me Before I had joined the Club in 1991. It starts at the Spring Greenburg Show. It was also when they gave us MORE room for the layout. We used to have a large L-Shaped Layout near the Garage doors on the Main Floor. (Before they decided that they can get more money from Dealers). Anyway, the Video is about 2 1/2 hours long. It shows a lot of modules that are no longer seen. There are a few shots of Former members and Voices of Currant members in the Background.

The beginning is very primitive. The camera I was using did not focus well, but there is a lot of History of the Club in the Video. There are a FEW crashes in the Video. There is one of West Springfield where Dave McConnells Road Railers rear ends another train. There are shots of Our Former President Bill Munroe and a Younger Ernie Poole

I hope to have the Video Converted to a DVD. It is a bit of Northeast NTRAK history. I will bring it to the Annual Meeting in June.

Annual Meeting at Pawlak's House

The Northeast Ntrak Annual Business Meeting is scheduled at Bob Pawlak's house at 18 Burroughs Road, Lexington, MA 02420 beginning at noon on Sunday, June 13, 2010. The schedule will be drinks, appetizers and then a cook out lunch followed by the business meeting. If the weather is good, you can help by bringing your favorite lawn chair. Anyone who might like to bring something to eat along these lines is welcome to do so. Just let me know when you RSVP. Would like everyone to RSVP by e-mail at pawlak@alum.mit.edu or phone at 781-862-2485 before Monday June 7, 2010.

Directions to the Annual Business Meeting at 18 Burroughs Road, Lexington:

From Rt I95 (Rt 128) north or south, take **Exit 32B (Middlesex Turnpike).**

From Nashua or Manchester, NH area, take Merrit Turnpike (Rt 3) south to **Exit 25A** (as if you were getting on Rt I95 north) and then take **Exit 32B (Middlesex Turnpike)** before actually getting on Rt I95 (Rt 128).

At the bottom of the Exit 32B ramp (from any direction) **turn left** toward Arlington on Middlesex Turnpike. **After 1.0 miles on Middlesex, turn right on Thoreau** (long solid wooden fence just before Thoreau). **First left off Thoreau is Burroughs Road.** 18 Burroughs is yellow with brown shutters on your right.

(If you miss the turn at Thoreau, take the next right (traffic light at East Street) and then next right again onto Burroughs. Number 18 will be on your left.

Correction to story about Bachman & Intermountain Railroad Company

Here is an email I received regarding the news article in the May issue. It was an article I picked up from the "Oklahoma N-Rail", newsletter for April 2010. Come to find out this was just an April Fools joke. It has caused a lot of confusion. When I first received the email from InterMountain I could not remember where I had gotten the news article from. Then after sending out an email to members I got one back from Bruce Alcock that reminded me that I got it from there newsletter. Now I hope it is all squared away, **INTERMOUNTAIN IS NOT SOLD.**

Your Annual Dues are due in June

Renewals of Northeast Ntrak membership dues (\$20) are due before June 30, 2010. You can bring cash or check to the annual meeting on June 13, 2010, or send your check before June 30, 2009, to:

**Chuck Tremblay, Treasurer
Northeast Ntrak
59 Greenside Way
Methuen, MA 01844**

Chuck sends \$9 of your \$20 for renewal of your national NTRAK membership. It requires a lot of work on Chucks part to get the information ready and forward to National. If they are not into the National on time they will drop you from the mailing list. So please help out by paying your dues of \$20 for the 2010-2011 year by June 30, 2010.
THANK YOU.



Hooksett Show Review By Ron Wood

The last show of 2010 was the Hooksett Lions show in Hooksett, New Hampshire on Sunday April 18th. This show turned out to be our biggest showing here in recent years. Attendance was over 900 which given the relatively short hours of the show(10-3) was pretty darn good. We featured a layout 18 x 26. Many thanks go out to our newest layout co-coordinator Tim Putnam. While I was on vacation in Florida, Tim really coordinated the whole show. When I returned from Florida on Thursday April 15th, I was wondering who I would need to call to finish the layout. I called Tim and he said everything was confirmed and we were all set! Thanks again Tim. Many thanks also to members Fay Chin, Dick Brotherton, and Toshiyuki Abe who came to help setup and run trains. Thanks also to John Dunne, Ron Cavanaugh, Bob Pawlak, Mark Ferracane, Dan Pawling, Doug Lawson, Steve Cappers, Peter Mathews and Tim Putnam for bringing modules. Next years show is a little later scheduled for May 1, 2011. The contacts at the Lions club say we can have even more space if we let them know ahead of time. I hope that we can continue to do this show in the future. Take care and have a great summer! Ron.

Train Show by Brooklyn Ntrak

Hangar Show June 26th - 27th 2010, Hangar B, Gatway National Recreation Area, Brooklyn, NY. John Gillen is coordinator: email: jpgalpie@aol.com or phone: 718-356-1311