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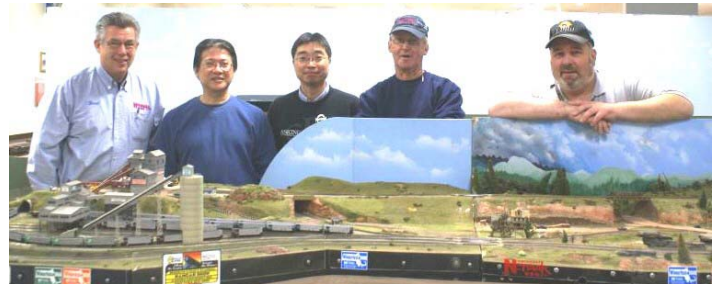
President's Message Dan Pawling

I am just about to leave the house for the second day of the Wilmington Ma Greenberg show. The turnout for the show was excellent for the first day of the show on Saturday. Some of the dealers were very pleased about this. It was nice to see the two & three people deep at the modules again. We had a very pleasant social gathering after the show and a great meal at Rocco's Restaurant in Wilmington.

Winterfest 2011 has been on my mind lately and some thoughts came up as I was involved in the set-up for the Wilmington Show. I realized we need to be thinking about a few important things that will help make the layout a success this year. The first thing that comes to mind is the power pole & Cinch-Jones connector challenge. Not all of us have up graded to Power pole connectors at NE Ntrak and chances are this won't happen before the show this year. I am sure this is true with some other clubs as well. There seems to be a greater number of modules with power poles and this poses a problem for adapting to modules that still have the Cinch Jones connectors. If you have power pole connectors it is important that you have a set of adapters to Ginch-Jones. The same goes for Cinch-Jones users should make an effort to have adaptors at a minim. I plan to have a set of both installed in my modules running in parallel with each other so that I can hookup anywhere any time. The fear is that someone somewhere will be eliminated from the show because the connectors don't match up. Our club has been supplying some adapters that seem to be disappearing over time & enthusiasm for resupplying is not always great so the suggestion is to take out the insurance policy and make up a set of adapters. If you have an 8 foot that can be used as two separate four foot modules you will need an addition set of adapters. A suggestion is to put a duct tape label on your adapter sets with your name, address & club. So they can be returned to you.

I am looking forward to hearing from you about what you would like to bring to Winterfest 2011. It seems that the economy has started to get better here so I am thinking the attendance will be grand at Springfield. We all need an up lift so come to the Springfield Show and join us at Winterfest 2011 and of course bring your modules too.

Southshore Show Recap by Mark Ferracane



Dan Pawling, Fay Chin, Toshiyuki Abe, Frank Dignan & Mark Ferracane

Well, the Third Show of the Season is in the History books. I want to thank Geoff Smith for inviting us to do their show. We hope to have a bigger layout for the next show they do. Frank Dignan, Dan Pawling, Jack and Victor Brown, Toshiyuki Abe, Fay Chin and myself attended the show. The club is located in a old Navy Barracks. The Club layout is about 60% finished. They are using Digitrax DCC on their layout. They own the building and have a White Elephant room and a snack bar. They also sell Custom run club cars. The layout is impressive. They run everything from Vintage Steam to Modern Diesels. Most of the Dealers were HO or Tin Plate, but there was some N-Scale. Not much, but some. Saturday we only had 2 people running, Dan and myself. Sunday we had 5 people running. The layout we brought was Liner and we were able to put some great trains out there. The Crowds were good and most of the Children were well behaved. I still want the Club to invest in a Cattle Prod. LOL. Anyway our next show is in Bedford, NH at the Boomers Show on November 7th. This show has NO Dealers. This can be Good and Bad, No Dealers and you save money, No Dealers and if you forgot something your out of luck.



2010-2011 NENtrak SHOW PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

Jan 28-30, 2011 Winterfest, Springfield, MA Amherst Railway Society - Big Railroad Hobby Show
Big "E" Exposition Center, West Springfield, MA
Set-up Fri noon to 5pm & Sat 7am
Show Sat 9am to 5pm - Sun 10am to 5pm
Layout Coordinator: **Dan Pawling Jr., 617-244-5261**
Winterfest Coordinator: **Bob Pawlak - 781-862-2485**

Feb 19-20, 2011 National Heritage Museum, Lexington, MA
Set up Sat 7:30am - Show Sat 10am to 5am - Sun noon to 5pm
Coordinator: **Bob Pawlak - 781-862-2485**

March 26-27, 2011 Great Train Expo, Shriners Auditorium, Wilmington, MA
Set up Sat 7:30am - Show Sat 10am to 4pm - Sun 10am to 4pm
Coordinator: **Fay Chin 978-657-7913**
Web Site: www.GreenbergShows.com

May 8, 2011 Hooksett Lions Club, Cawley Middle School, Hooksett, NH
Set-up 8am - Show 10am to 4pm
Coordinator: **Tim Putman - 603-835-6952**

Show Dates **Subject to Change**...Check Newsletters for Updates. Please check schedule for errors and send up dates to Roland at: northeastntrak@msn.com Thanks for your help.

Check this out on Youtube

This is a comment from the person filming the trains.

"Here it is! After waiting since **9:50** A.M that morning and into the afternoon. The Ringling Brothers & Barnum and Bailey Circus train passes through the station at Hanford headed up to Fresno for a three day show. Then a surprise! Popping out from behind the Circus train comes an eastbound manifest heading for Barstow, with a total of 7 units altogether (5+2)

Note: RB&BB Circus train, 61 cars. BNSF power took over at Bakersfield.

Note: The 5th unit on the 7395's manifest seems to have an air leak, and that is what you hear (the hissing sound).

Note: 98 car train (if I counted right) 9 units in all counting rear DPU's."

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LrofzMQDIXQ>

Here is another Youtube video that Bob Pawlak thinks you might enjoy.

<http://www.miniatur-wunderland.com/exhibit/video/4-minutes-wunderland/>

Pictures from the North Conway Model Railroad Club by Roland Kelley



Above is a model of the North Conway Railroad Station, turntable and Roundhouse.



This is a model of the building where the North Conway Model Railroad Club layout is located. Entrance is thru the door on the right. Check it out next time you are in N. Conway.



Changes at the Cog Railway by Roland Kelley



How many of us have taken the ride up Mt. Washington on the Cog Railway. It has been running to the top of Mt. Washington since July 3, 1869. It has always run coal engines to the top. This year things have changed as they have replaced the old steam engines with biodiesel.

They now have a fleet of four built at the railroad. So it looks like in the not to distance future we might not be able to ride steam up the mountain. Today they schedule one round trip a day with steam the other trips are with the new biodiesel engines pictured below.



As someone who has taken the trip up the mountain with the steam engine I just don't think it is the same with the new biodiesel. Yes it is good for the environment and is a lot less expensive to operate, but it is not the same. If you want to ride with the steam engine I would suggest you do it soon as they could stop them any time. The first of the four new biodiesel loco was christened Wajo Nanatasis, an Abenaki moniker meaning "Mountain Hummingbird" by NH Governor John Lynch in 2008.

Lunch on the Conway Scenic Railroad by Roland Kelley



While on a foliage tour of northern New Hampshire I stopped to take the Lunchen train on the Conway Scenic Railroad. It went from North Conway to Barlett and returned. The train before us was going to Crawford Depot a five hour round trip. That train was soled out, and the lunch train I went on was sold out in the dining car not sure about the rest of the train. Had a nice lunch while riding along. The Dining Car was the "Choconia". Didn't get a good picture of the car outside as there were too many people in front of the car. Below is a picture of the inside of the Dining Car.



After the train trip I stopped by the North Conway Model Railroad Club to see there layout. It is located in the "Freight House" behind the tracks. I had never been there before as it is not always open to the public. It is a very nice HO layout It models the North Conway railway station and the roundhouse and yard area. Beyond that it is a loose model of the Railroads in the North New Hampshire area. Very well detailed. If in the area check it out. On page two are a few pictures of the layout I took.

Loon Mountain Section of Logging Railroad by Roland Kelley



This picture was taken in Lincoln, NH. The 0-4-0 steam engine was used to haul logs in the area. Logging in this area was done from 1893 to 1947. A billion feet of logs were hauled over this track. In New England, lumber and pulp mills traditionally got their wood from logs harvested in the forests in the winter and floated downstream during spring floods. Timber baron J.E. Henry built a railroad that made it possible for timber to reach the mills the same day it was cut. Lumber or paper could be at market within the week, turning a quick profit. So started some of the many logging railroads in New England.

Leased, Used & Secondhand Locomotives by Ron Wood



On a recent railfan trip, I spotted this B-40-8W in Bow, NH. It had originally been lettered and painted for the BNSF but more recently, it had the BNSF markings painted out and the Providence and Worcester Railroad markings and lettering applied. Eventually I'm guessing this will be repainted in the attractive P&W paint scheme. It got me thinking, that this would be an easy modeling project for n-scale. My model railroad which is still a work in progress will feature secondhand locomotives from CP Rail, CSX and Norfolk Southern for starters but with my own railroad initials applied. It's just one more way we can make our models more prototypical.

BEDFORD BOOMERS SHOW – November 2010 by Mike Walker

On Sunday November 7, 2010 the Northeast NTRAK club participated once again in the Annual Bedford Boomers Model Railroad show in Bedford, New Hampshire. We had a 14 x 30 space allocation which we filled. On one long axis we had the Bridges Canyon next to the Zakim Bridge modules. It was like a twenty four foot bridges row! It attracted quite a crowd and a lot of comments from spectators. My thanks to Mr. Pawlak, Mr. Dunne and Mr. Cavanaugh for creating this impressive scene.

On the opposite side of the layout we had for the very first time in public, an operational N Scale "Coal Dump" module... compliments of Fay Chin. Many of the other Model RailRoders attending the show had a look of awe at the dumps size and smooth operation. It can be operated by a simple switch in the front of the module. I think Fay could become a rich man if he charged a quarter to let people push the switch!

We were lucky that Doug had his lift up bridge module as it made getting in and out of the layout much easier on the backs & knees of our members. Tim Putnam (and family) was a great help in getting the layout hooked up and operational. Tim also brought his nicely scened module. Ron Wood has done some nice rework on his corner "swamp" module and has a few more scenery enhancements planned. Keep an eye out for the scale alligators Ron recently acquired! A special thanks to Matt, Victor and Jack for pitching in and helping with setup and operation. We did have some excitement that morning. During setup we had a set of legs drop off of one of the Zakim Bridge modules. But after a brief brainstorming session (coffee & donut) we got it worked out. We had the Red & Yellow line's running trains before the start of the show. However Mr. Blue line was not cooperating. It looks like we had two electric issues that made troubleshooting the situation very difficult. My thanks to Matt and Fay for sticking with it and resolving the problem(s). Look up persistence in the dictionary and you will see a picture of Matt and Fay. We had a good day running trains. The sun was shining and the crowd was good. The Bedford Boomers had a number of clinics scheduled that day and the feedback on most was very positive. A few of us attended one on weathering with Oil's and it provided a number of useful tips and tricks. I believe Ron Wood won a raffle of a gift certificate to a local hobby shop.

My thanks to all Northeast NTRAK members that participated in this show. Many members brought multiple modules and pitched in to help others in carrying modules or in setup. This team effort make's setup smoother. It also helps our club put on a good show and hopefully keeps members engaged in doing shows. Lastly it makes the coordinators job easier.

I appreciate everyone's contribution and participation!!
Hope to see you all at next year's show!

Winterfest 2011

Winterfest 2011 It is time to start getting excited about Winterfest 2011, the 17th Annual Northeast NTRAK Convention, January 28-30, 2011. The convention will again be held in conjunction with the annual "Big Railroad Hobby Show" of the Amherst Railway Society (ARS) at the Eastern State Exposition grounds ("The Big E") in West Springfield, MA. This is undoubtedly the largest annual model railroad show in New England. Winterfest 2011, planned to be much the same as last year, will feature model, module, photo, and best train contests, clinics, full capacity layout operations (including DCC), and a memorable Saturday evening banquet. Complete information about the convention will be contained in the Winterfest 2011 "Information Letter" as part of the on-line registration material scheduled to be available by Monday, November 29, 2010, at www.NortheastNtrak.org Those who participated in Winterfest 2010 will receive an e-mail when the on-line material becomes available.

Our convention hotel is again the Hilton Garden Inn, 800 West Columbus Avenue, Springfield, MA. A convention rate of \$89.00 plus tax (currently 12.45%) per night has been negotiated for single or double occupancy. Please identify yourself as a member of NTRAK to get the special rate. Reservations should be made before January 4, 2011 by calling 800-774-1500 or 413-886-8000. After January 4, hotel reservations will be accepted on a space available basis only.

We encourage you to bring your best modules for the module contest. Please contact the Winterfest 2011 Layout Coordinator, Dan Pawling, Jr. at 781-801-6480 as soon as possible to reserve a space in our 30' x 80' layout. If you had a module in the Winterfest 2010 layout and plan to bring it for use in the Winterfest 2011 layout, just tell Dan your "Winterfest Module Number". Otherwise you will be asked to fill out and mail in a Module Reservation Request form.

In summary, save the date for Winterfest 2011; make your hotel reservations now; call the Layout Coordinator now to reserve space in the layout for your module(s); finish up those potential prize winning models for the model and best train contests; enlarge and frame that best picture you took recently (no repeats from previous years please); encourage your friends to come along with you; think about giving a clinic or recommending a guest speaker for the banquet; and get totally psyched to figure out how you can help make Winterfest 2011 the best ever Winterfest!

Bob Pawlak, Chairman, Winterfest 2011, 781-862-2485



Dan and I while attending the Syracuse Train Show visited the trains on display at the New York State Fairgrounds. Here are some of the trains they have on display.



Built at the Altoona Works (Juniato Shops), Serial 4428 in March 1943 as Pennsylvania Railroad #4933, Amtrak 4926 & then Amtrak 926, CNY NRHS. Amtrak retired its GG1s in 1981. Number 926 was one of the six GG1s painted in the Amtrak "Platinum Mist" red head, and blue stripe scheme. Chapter member Olie Kemper purchased 926 and donated it to the CNY NRHS.

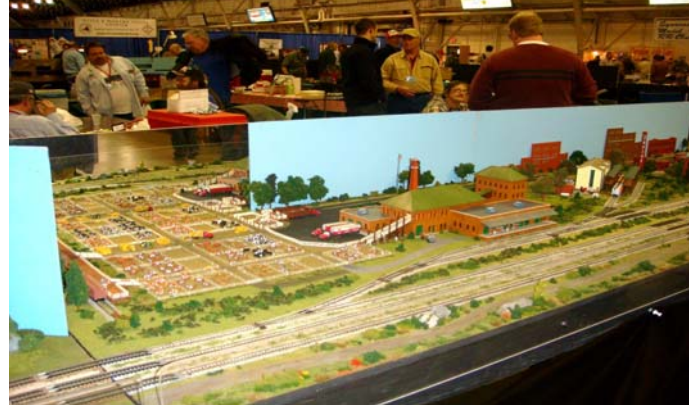


E8A - General Motors Electro-Motive Division, Serial 16771 was built September 1952 as Pennsylvania Railroad 5702A, Penn Central 4274, New Jersey Transit 4305 and then CNY NRHS 808.



James E. Strates Shows #2 built in late 1920's for Illinois Central Railroad as the "Palm Lane," a 3 bedroom-buffet-drawing room-lounge-solarium car. Purchased by Strates Shows in 1956. Donated to CNY NRHS in 1972 after the car was in a flood in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Syruse N Y Train Show November 6 - 7, 2010 Attended by Dan Pawling & Roland Kelley



A new module at the show was this Stock Yard we hope to see it at Winterfest in January. (check out above and below)

Dan Pawling behind his new module build by Erine Poole and Roland Kellley behind his carnival module.



Above is one of the Ntrak layouts in building 1. Right is taken of building 2.

Club Car for 25th Anniversary in 2011

Our 25th Anniversary is coming up in 2011. Do we want to do another Car? Sales for the last car were slow. We had to purchase 300 cars and we still have about 125 cars left. If we do a 2-pack of cars we only have to get 150 sets. The cost will be higher, but I think we can sell more cars. Also, we can also sell the 20th Anniversary cars with the 25th Anniversary cars. Please let me know if we are interested in doing another car.

Correction to Membership List

Ron Wood:

I have a correction to my cell phone number. It should be 603-785-8564. Also, as far as modules go , I also have 2 four foot straight One Track modules and 2 three foot One Track corner modules. Thanks. Ron