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President's Message Dan Pawling

Great Train Expo Wrap-up by Fay Chin



Northeast Ntrak Dues, due in June: They are the same amount as of many years of \$20.00 you can bring it to the annual meeting on June 25th. After the first of August 2011 there will be a late fee of \$5.00 and dues will be \$25.00. So please remember to send in your dues on time. Please send your dues to Chuck Tremblay, Northeast Ntrak Treasurer, 59 Greenside Way, Methuen, MA 01844.

Some of the gang at the Greenberg show March 26-27.

Annual meeting, Saturday June 25th at Noon

Will be held on June 25th at 12:00 noon at Geof Smith home at 1 Old Colony, Rd Hull, Ma 02045. So it is important that you all come to the annual meeting to get your votes in for the next officers of the club, decide what the new & improved show schedule will be, what new projects are for the next year, & eat good food with all of our model rail roader buddies. Maybe if we are lucky we can run some trains on Geof's new layout. Please **RSVP** to Geof Smith **by June 10th** and ask if there is anything you can bring to help out.

Northeast NTrak participated in another fun event at the Great Train Expo (Greenberg) show in the Shriners Auditorium, Wilmington, MA. We were able to setup a large 26' x 38' layout. Many people told me at the show that we are the best in show. I would like to thank the following members: Mark (corner and lift bridge), Bob (canyon), Bob (NH mountains), John & Ron (Zakim bridge), Gerry (AutoTrain), Toshi (wind farm), Roland (circus), Frank (city), Peter (corner), Ken (tram and bus), Dan (yard). In addition, a special thanks to Peteski for trouble shooting a short on one of the line to enable us to operate the show and Chuck for coordinating the setup and handling out show badges.



We had three new NTrak modules with animation at the show. Ken brought a snow scene with an operating tram and Faller bus NTrak module. The buses are self-powered and run on a flat surface without a slot in the road to guide them. A video can be seen on Youtube

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GxW8oNonghA&feature=autoplay&list=ULE_A2XY8KhIM&index=2&playnext=1 to see it in action. The second new Ntrak module was Toshi's wind turbine generator and solar NTrak module. The corner module featured actual rotating wind turbine propellers and real solar cells. I brought the third module with an operating container crane NTrak module. The crane will pickup a container off a rail car and unloads onto a waiting truck. Go to Youtube link <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xNimr9YABP8> to see it in operation and some of my other videos. I spoke to several members who are considering building new modules.

I will be resigning as President of Northeast Ntrak & I will be taking approximately one year off from Ntrak to focus on changes I will be making in what I do for a living. With the time constraints that these changes have been imposing it has been difficult to do the minimum work that needs to be done for NE Ntrak so I think it is best that I make this adjustment. I have found that the presidency has been enjoyable and wish that my predecessor has at the least as much fun.

The Great Train Expo will be returning in the fall, so save the dates.

2010-2011 NENtrak SHOW PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

May 15, 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.

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Another picture from northern Maine of a Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railroad engine going thru the snow. Picture by Larry Kelley.

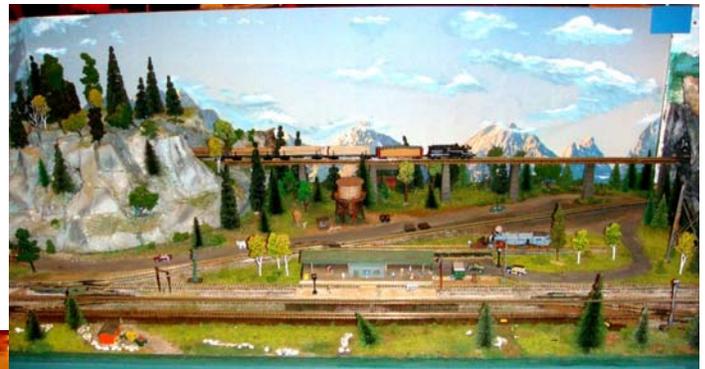
The Bangor & Aroostook Railroad by Larry Kelley

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKFTd2FVnsl&feature=related>

This was my train when I was conductor, it originated at Brownville Junction, Maine & headed Northeast up to Greenville & around Moosehead Lake ,through Mackamp to Jackman where we often pulled into a spur track next to the old Jackman Railroad Station & got out & walked over to a local store & got something to eat. After we got our food we headed out once again to our destination. We were approaching Canada & Megantic , Quebec was the next city we reached , it was a pretty city & quite clean , then we went on to Sherbrook Quebec. When we arrived at Sherbrook we signed over the train to the Canadians, they took over the train from there & we took a taxi to our Motel in Sherbrook & stayed over till our train was ready to come back to USA & back to Brownville, Junction. The railroad was then " The Bangor & Aroostook Railroad "

Larry is my nephew and lives in Bangor, Maine. Roland Kelley. Check out the video.

A new module this year by Toshlyuki Abe. Here it is displayed at the Lexington Show. One of the girls at the show told her mother that she thought it was the best layout at the show. It is a great layout and nice to see new layouts. Keep up the good work. Thanks



Here are two modules by Bob Fallier. These are new modules. The one below is called "Hobo Holiday". They were a big hit with the visitors.



The Erie Canal
by Ken Harstine

This is a module is by Robert Woerpel who placed second in the module contest at Winterfest 2011. The module is based on the Erie Canal and used real water as well as a canal boat that cruise up and down the canal.



Last Train From Calais - Flakeboard

The NB Southern "south job" rolls into the Saint Stephen Flake board plant, cabooses first. You hear some nice caboose toots as they cross the road. MEC 321 and the MEC snowplow are in the consist, the last train from Calais.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fncvodf4oDM&feature=related>

Fallen Flags: Maine Central Railroad - Calais (ghost) Branch.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m2NeYvcRW5U>

Editor's Note

We are almost at the end of another year. The only thing we have left now is the Annual Meeting. I think it is time to single out two members for all their work over the past year. They are Dan Pawling Jr., and Bob Pawlak. Dan have been very active in just about every show throughout the year, even if he is not show coordinator Dan is there to help get the show up and running. He works very hard to get all the member active.

Think everyone will agree with me that Bob Pawlak is one the hardest workers in the club. He not only brings his large 12 foot Bridges module to every show he helps everyone else there to get things up and running and keep them running. You would think that putting together Winterfest each year would be enough but he also does the Lenington Show and brings his layout to Springfield. Bob always has time to help anyone that needs it. His Bridges module is one of the biggest draws at the shows.

So I would like to just say thanks to you both for everything you do for the club.

Next I have to thank everyone that has helped to make this one of the best years for the Newsletter. We have had many articles from the members. A special thanks to Chuck Tremblay for his article on "A Western Railfan Adventure".



Hmmmmm Something wrong????

---- NOTICE ----

The June issue will be sent out early because I will be away from mid May thru mid June.

Another Gift From a Friend
Dan Pawling, Sr.

My manager, Jennifer, sent me the following e-mail and photos of her AMTRAK trip from Providence RI to NYC on a late mid-February 2011 afternoon. The pictures show what can be done with a cell-phone camera in lowering light on a fast moving train with tinted windows. For me they are peaceful, nostalgic and a bit abstract and impressionistic. These views suggest some foreground modeling possibilities for a seaward looking module. They also show that Jennifer had the camera ready for split-second photo opportunities as scenes popped into view. Nice work, Jenn! Yes, I am enjoying the pictures. And many thanks for sharing your experience with me (and my friends).



Water and ice and Long Island on the horizon



The pictures darken because of increasing cloudiness and the setting sun. Some pictures are blurred because the train was moving fast. I enjoyed the ride. I hope to see that scenery again in full daylight. It was fun to take the pictures. I hope that you enjoy them, too. Cheers, Jenn

Shore Line Scenery Surprises
Pictures and E-mail by Jennifer Pianowski

Hi Dan -- I returned to NYC from Providence, RI, on Amtrak. As suggested, I sat on the left side of the train to see views of the coastal scenery, especially open water. We left Providence at 4 PM.



Kingston, RI

About twenty minutes later we stopped in Kingston, RI, where I took a picture of the railroad station. (left). A little later I saw the enormous snow-covered field. After crossing into Connecticut we began to see quick views of water - bays, tidal creeks, inlets, marshlands and the mouths of rivers.(see below)