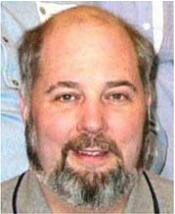


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HAPPY NEW YEAR



President's Message Mark Ferracane

Run... The Winterfeset Train is Coming! The website is up and updated. The Registration Page is online. So get your registration in and your Check to Chuck!

Also, get your trains in Perfect running order for Winterfest 2012! Make sure your trains are in Tip Top condition. There will be a change this year to the Contests, there will be no more Coupons for Modules. The Coupons will be issued to Trains. Therefore you run a Freight longer than 30 cars you get a coupon. Passenger Trains longer than 10 cars you will get a coupon. Then on Saturday and Sunday there will be prizes awarded. Anyway, get your Contest entries ready for the show. Lets keep the awards in the States, not Canada! LOL

We had to cancel a few shows this year, I am not happy about it. You should not be happy either. We need to do shows to show off what we can do. The next couple of shows are BIG!! We will be doing the Museum of Our National Heritage, Greenburg and the Rochester Boy Scouts Show. The Rochester Show is a NEW show this year. We will be doing it instead of the Hooksett show. The show is a fund raiser for the Rochester Boy Scouts Troop 357. Lets give them a GREAT Show!!!

Til next month
Mark

Winterfest 2012 Registration by Bob Pawlak

My records show that once a person participates in Winterfest one year, it is highly likely that person will participate in Winterfest year after year thereafter. Why is that? One reason is because the Amherst Railway Society show at the Big E in West Springfield is the biggest annual train show in New England and perhaps the biggest anywhere in the U.S. There are no toys or dolls just 4 large buildings devoted entirely to trains with numerous layouts of all scales, vendors, manufacturers display booths, etc. Another reason is because our Ntrak layout (30' x 80'), where you can run your trains, is the largest (and I think the best) N scale layout at the show! It is typically built and operated by people from about a dozen Ntrak clubs in the U.S. that you can mingle with. Other reasons are because as part of Winterfest we have model, photo, module, and train contests at the layout on Saturday; a sit down banquet with guest speaker and awards ceremony (certificates and prizes to the contest winners) on Saturday night; and usually free handouts of a Micro-Trains car or two and a door prize.

If you have never been to Winterfest before you should come! If you have come before you should come again and participate more fully! For full immersion in Winterfest, you should bring a module for layout setup starting at 11:00 A.M. Friday; listen to the clinics on Friday night; stay at the Hilton Garden Inn on Friday and Saturday night; bring entries for the various contests; run trains on the layout for 3 or 4 hours on Saturday and Sunday; go to the banquet Saturday night; and see most of the show in between other activities. For an intense sample of Winterfest for the first-timer, I suggest you register, come early Saturday morning, bring items for the contests, run some trains, see some of the show, go to the banquet, and get home exhausted late Saturday night.

The online materials for Winterfest 2012 are now available at www.NortheastNtrak.org. Clicking on the Winterfest 2012 logo sends you to a menu of documents including the Newsletter that has all the details about Winterfest, the Registration Form, and the Model and Photo Contest Entry Forms. You need to register and send your check before January 1, 2012 to save \$5 for early registration.

Remember, NortheastNtrak is the host club for Winterfest. One of the best ways to help host Winterfest is to make the effort to be there!

2011-2012 NENTRak SHOW PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

Jan 27-29, 2012 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, 2012 National Heritage Museum, Lexington, MA

Set up Sat 7:30am - Show Sat 10am to 5am - Sun 11am to 5pm
Coordinator: Bob Pawlak - 781-862-2485

March 17-18, 2012 Great Train Expo, Shriners Auditorium, Wilmington, MA

Set up Sat 7:30am - Show Sat 10am to 4pm - Sun 10am to 4pm
Coordinator: Frank Dignan - 508-866-9660

April 15, 2012 Rochester Community Center, 150 Wakefield St., Rochester, NH

Set-up 8am - Show 10am to 4pm
Coordinator: Dick Brotherton - 603-767-3449
Mark Ferracane - 978-587-3669

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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Robert A. Buck, hobby shop owner, show director dies

By Brian Solomon

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WARREN, Mass. — Bob Buck, owner of Tucker's Hobbies and show director of Amherst (Mass.) Railway Society's "Big Railroad Hobby Show," died last week at 82.

Railroaders and historians knew Buck for his encyclopedic knowledge of New England railroading. His favorite road was Boston & Albany, whose main line (now part of CSX) he could see from the window of his Warren home for all his life. Buck contributed recollections and photos of the railroad to Robert W. Jones' two-volume Boston & Albany, which Pine Tree Press published in 1997.

Although only occasionally in the limelight, his influence has been evident in the acknowledgements of numerous books, and newspaper and magazine articles. A stickler for historical accuracy as well as a good story, he will long remain a hero to railway enthusiasts in the region.

Greenberg Train Show by Fay Chin

We had another successful and enjoyable show at the Wilmington Greenberg Train Show. I would like to thank everyone who participated and helped setting up/taking down the layout. Our layout at this show was (34'x18') located in the main dealer area with much public exposure. We continued entertaining the public with our modules with two (2) new modules at this show for the first time. The new feature modules were Bob's Japanese Garden and Oliver's mountain tunnel modules, which made up one side of the layout. These new modules are a "must see" to appreciate. We continued around the corner with Abe's wind, oil and solar energy and my adjoining coal power plant module. This enabled me to discuss energy with the public. I forgot how many times I repeated the same lecture that each hopper can carry 125 ton of coal and the power plant burns 5 to 6 hopper loads every day. We continued on the same side with an urban theme with Frank's city, Roland's carnival, and Mark's corner modules. Again, Bob dominated the opposite short side of the layout with his canyon module. We continued with Peter's corner, Larry's inside transition mountain, Steve's modules, John's and Ron's yard, and closing the layout with Carl's corner. Again thank you all. (See pictures on opposite page).

The next Greenberg show will be on March 17-18, 2012 so mark your calendar.

Welcome to New Member

Richard Corkey
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2 years in hobby 617-285-5028
rickcorkey@gmail.com
age 68, Retiree

Bob met Rick at the Greenberg show. I helped him set up a DCC throttle to run his New York Central passenger train first on Bridges Canyon and then on the main layout. He has been a member of the NMRA Hub Division for a while and has learned a lot from the clinics they have at monthly meetings



(front row) Mark Farracane, Toshiyuki Abe. (Standing l to r) Fay Chin, Bob Pawlak, Jack Brown, Peter Wisniewski, Ron Wood, Larry Lockwood & Frank Dignan



(left to right) Roland Kelley, Toshi Abe, David Mesrobian, Bob Pawlak, Carl Mesrobian, Mark Farracane, Robert Burns, Ron Cavanaugh, Bob Failer, Oliver Fetter and John Dunne. All the above pictures taken at the Great Train Expo, Shriners in Wilmington, MA November 19-20, 2011.

BEDFORD BOOMERS SHOW – November 2011

by Mike Walker

Despite a very rare and serious October Nor'easter storm the week before that left many in New England without power for days, the Bedford Boomers Annual Model Railroad went off without any problem. The local utility company nicknamed the storm "Snowtober" and its impact was of historic proportions. Show day, Sunday, November 6 turned out to be beautiful, sunny and warm. There were lines in the parking lot for kids and adults awaiting rides on the live steam trains that were running.

Northeast NTRAK club participated once again in the show in Bedford, New Hampshire. We had a 14 x 26 space which we filled. There were some old and some new modules. The crowd seemed impressed by our layout and the trains that club members were operating. We could not get into the building until 8:00 so we had to hurry to be set up and be operational by show time at 10:00. I think we had a test train going around 9:45. Nice job guys !

Attendees & Modules:

Doug Lawson - Two 4 ft. straights
 Mark Ferracane - Two 4 ft. straights
 Bob Pawlak - 12 ft Bridges Canyon
 Bob Fallier - Two 4 ft. straights
 Ron Cavanaugh/John Dunne - Yard and Club Boxes
 Ken Harstine - 4 ft. straight
 Pete Matthews - 3 ft. Corner
 Abe Toshiyuki - 3 ft. Corner
 Ron Wood - 3 ft. Corner
 Carl Mesrobian - 3 ft. Corner

We had a good day running trains. The sun was shining and the crowd was good. My thanks to all Northeast NTRAK members that participated in this show. Many members brought multiple modules and also pitched in to help others in carrying modules. Everyone seemed to pitch in on 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. Bill Trueheart, president of the Bedford Boomers stopped by the layout and thanked our club for attending. I appreciate everyone's contribution and participation!!

Hope to see you all at next year's show!

Late Season MOW work on NH Line **Photo by ATP, Story by Dan Pawling, Sr.**



My Cousin Andrew was testing a cell phone camera at Southport CT on the New Haven mainline (presently used by AMTRAK, Metro North, P&W and CSX), and sent me this picture. He graciously agreed to share the picture with you all. It also gives me a chance to report my sighting two sets of different types of these two-axle, self-propelled critters and two full size tampers running south as my train went north on the mainline near Stamford. Several had booms as this one has, but with other types of tools on their ends. This one seems to be a tie grabber. Another I saw had a shear for cutting a tie into three parts for easier handling. I am thankful that Andy had the camera ready and made the picture.

High-speed rail in China

(*Zhōngguó gāosù tiělù*) refers to any commercial train service in China with an average speed of 200 km/h (124 mph) or higher. By that measure, China has the world's longest high-speed rail network with about 9,676 km (6,012 mi). Of the routes in service as of June 2011 including 3,515 km (2,184 mi) of rail lines with top speeds of 300 km/h (186 mph). In 2010, the BBC reported that by 2012, China was expected to have more high-speed railway track than the rest of the world combined. High-speed rail service in China was introduced on April 18, 2007, and daily ridership has grown from 237,000 in 2007 and 349,000 in 2008 to 492,000 in 2009 and 796,000 in 2010. China's high speed rail network consists of upgraded conventional railways, newly built high-speed passenger designated lines (PDLs), and the world's first high-speed commercial magnetic levitation (maglev) line. The country has been undergoing an HSR building boom. China is the first and only country to have commercial train service on conventional rail lines that can reach 350 km/h (217 mph).

Layout For Sale

I have an N-scale layout in my house that I need to dispose of since the room it is in is now needed. Does your club buy engines, cars, buildings, scenery, switches, track, controls, etc.? I can provide more info.

Here is a list of the engines and cars that you requested. By looking at the part, I can find the manufacturer (except for cabooses and a few others) and a road name as well as other descriptive info. Model no., however, I can only find for a few of the engines:

ENGINES:

1. ATLAS New York Central. Switching engine 8103
2. KATO " " " . Passenger " 1617
3. LIFE-LIKE 12091 Bangor & Aroostook 57
4. ATLAS " " " 75
5. KATO 177818 Conrail 7006
6. BACHMANN B. & O. 6005 ("Doodlebug")
7. RAPIDO Union Pacific 1600
8. KATO CP Rail 5494
9. " Chessie System 3003
10. ATLAS B. & M. 310
11. " Santa Fe 215

CARS:

1. thru 6. Set with engine # 2.: R.R. Express. 1107, P. O. 1164, Pullman "Willow Trail", Chair car 2106, Dining Car 2316, Observation car "Hudson River"
7. thru 11. Set with engine # 11: (all "Santa Fe") : P. O. 358, two passenger cars 351, dome car, observation car 355. Mfg is Arnold Rapido

CABOOSES:

12. TRIX A. T. & S. E. 7240
13. ? Canadian pacific 435650
14. ? Conrail 21155
15. ? Chessie System 3549
16. ? Pennsylvania 478120
- 17 ? Bangor & Aroostook C44
18. ? Conrail 18741

BOX CARS:

19. amm(?) Western maryland WM36041
20. ATLAS Illinois Central Gulf IGG41802
- 21 " LNAC 4123
22. " "The Rock" 48750
23. " Pennsylvania Merchandise Service 47019
24. " CP Rail CP48512
25. " Maine Central MEC5164
26. " SCL 624328
27. " CPRail CP48514
28. " Bangor & Aroostook BAR12002
29. " " " BAR4213
30. " " " BAR11124
31. LIFE-LIKE " " BAR9125
32. " " " " BAR61572 ("potatoes")
33. ? Chicago N. W. CNM33233
34. LIFE-LIKE CPRail CP85120
35. ? Rio Grande D & R.G.W.6000

TANK CARS:

36. ATLAS Milwaukee Vinegar Co.
37. ? Firestone GATR 31211 ("latex from Liberia")
38. ? GATR 83603
39. ? Hooker Chemical

COAL CARS:

40. ATLAS NY Central 250000
41. " Soo Line 60239
42. " NSNW 144122
43. " Shawmut Line P & S 1368
44. " Clinchfield CRR54682
45. ? Pennsylvania 665000 [empty]
46. ATLAS D & H 1199
47. " Ontario Northland ONT6070
48. BACHMANN Southern 1228
49. " P & LE (NYC) 43221

CATTLE CARS:

50. ATLAS Atl. Coast Line ACL140448
51. " Union Pacific 47758
52. " Chicago NW 14373
53. " NYC 24001

GONDOLA CARS OR SIMILAR:

54. ATLAS N+W 248124 [with 5 upright tanks]
55. " GT 139586 [" " " "]
56. " Illinois Terminal ITC3177 [" " " "]
57. ? BNSF 85120 [extra long]
58. trix aska(?) Pennsylvania 372401 [with 3 "packages"]
59. ATLAS Ontario Northland 4552 [" " "]

FLAT CARS:

60. ATLAS MKT 13701 [with logs]
61. Sensui Wabash ? [with piggy-back trailer]
62. ATLAS Seaboard 47280 [" logs]
63. " Wabash WAB156 [" "]
64. " Canadian national 663539 [w. 2 piggy-backs]
65. " AT&SF 92308 [" " " "]
66. " L & N 24186 [" " " "]
67. " SL SF 2012
68. ? TOE 4152

REFRIGERATOR CARS:

69. BACHMANN CE T.L.C.X. 10
70. ? Glacier Ice CIX1003
71. ATLAS Alaska ARR11503
- Cement cars or similar;
72. ATLAS Staley ACFX 59901
73. " Chicago NW CNW95456
74. " : SAMX 60018

MISC:

75. ATLAS US Army Air Services 211
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