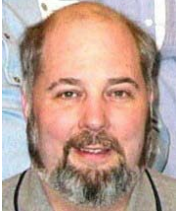


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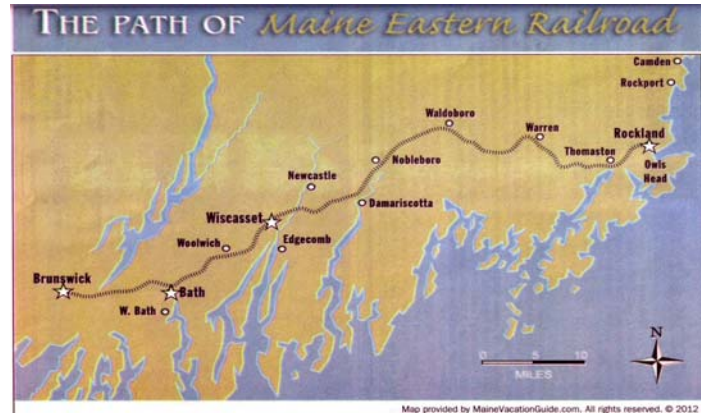
President's Message Mark Ferracane

Hey it's Show Season again! In a few weeks we will be doing our First show. The Pepperell Siding Show on October 7th. The Layout will be small, but we want to make it an effective showing. We need members to attend this show. John Doehring is the Show Coordinator. Please Contact him and tell him what you are bringing. The Website is coming along slowly. I hope to have Winterfest information up soon.

On August 25th I was at the Little Depot Diner in Peabody having breakfast. One of the Owners mentioned to me that there were some Model Railroaders in the Restaurant. They were from Metro High Railers, They were going to see George Selio's Layout in Peabody. I have never seen this layout and I have lived in Peabody for almost 4 years. The Franklin and South Manchester is located on the Second Floor at 49 Main Street in Downtown Peabody. I went up and saw the layout. The Layout is Fantastic. There are trains running constantly and there is a lot of detail in the layout. The layout is DCC Controlled and it is Awesome! Unfortunately, I was unable to take pictures. Even tho I had my Camera with me. Bummer! Anyway if you get the chance to see it, it is a great take in.

Last but not least, there is a DCC Dealer opening his doors again! Steve's Depot. Right now he has an online store, but he hopes to open up a store front soon. www.stevesdepot.com.

The East Wind Maine Railfan Charter Weekend by Roland Kelley



On May 19, 2012 the HUB Division ran a Maine Rail-fan Charter Weekend. We took a private charter round-trip from Rockland, ME to Brunswick, ME. It was a great trip on the Maine Eastern Railroad. The roadbed has all been upgraded to welded rail and for a fan trip it was smooth. The line has been upgraded to prepare for AMTRAK to start service from Boston this fall. It is planned that it will stop in Brunswick, ME at the start. No date has yet been set for it to continue to Rockland. The stations along the way have all been upgraded. In the summer the Maine Eastern Railroad runs roundtrips from Rockland to Brunswick daily. Try it if your in the area or are looking for something to do.

The Maine Eastern Railroad is owned by(cont p 3)



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2012-2013 NENtrak SHOW PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

October 7, 2012 Pepperell Siding Show, Varnum Brook Elementary School, Pepperell, MA

Set up 7:00am - Show 10am to 4pm
 Coordinator: John Doehring - 978-433-6337

October 27-28, 2012 South Shore Model Railroad Club Show, 19 Fort Hill Street, Hingham, MA.

Set up 7:00am - Show 9am to 4pm
 Coordinator: Geof Smith - 781-214-9401

November 4, 2012 Bedford Boomers, McKelvie Middle School, Bedford, NH

Set up 8am - Show 10am to 4pm
 Coordinator: Mike Walker - 603-426-8620

November 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

Jan 11, 2013, SSMRC Boy Scout Show, 19 Fort Hill Street, Hingham, MA, South Shore Model Railroad Club

Set up 7:00am - Show 9am to 4pm
 Coordinator: Geoff Smith - 781-214-9401

Jan 25-27, 2013 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 to 9am
 Show Sat 9am to 5pm - Sun 10am to 5pm
 Layout Coordinator: Dan Pawling Jr., 617-244-5261
 Winterfest Co-Chairman: Bob Fallier - 603-465-3785
 Bob Pawlak - 781-862-2485

Feb 16-17, 2013 National Heritage Museum, Lexington, MA

Set up Fri 1pm - 4:30pm & Sat 7:30am to 10:00am
 Show Sat 10am to 4:30pm - Sun noon to 4:00pm
 Coordinator: Bob Pawlak - 781-862-2485

March (Not listed yet) 2013 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 7, 2013 Rochester Boy Scout Troop 357, Rochester Community Center, 150 Wakefield St., Rochester, NH

Set-up 8am - Show 10am to 4pm
 Coordinator: Dick Brotherton - 603-767-3449

April 21, 2013 Hooksett Lions Club, Cawley Middle School, Hooksett, NH

Set-up 8am - Show 10am to 4pm
 Coordinator: Ron Wood - 603-320-0639

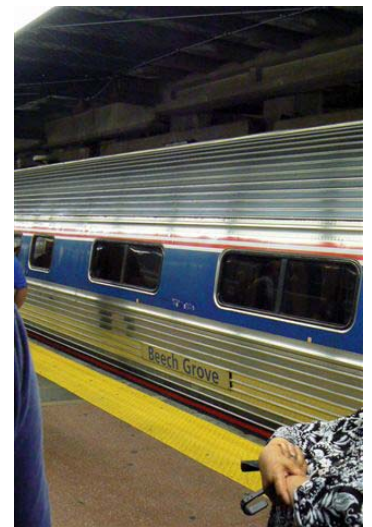
Show Dates **Subject to Change**...Check Newsletters for Updates. Please check schedule for errors and send up dates to Roland at: northeastntrak@msn.com Thanks for your help.

Fifth National Train Day story part Two
by Dan Pawling Sr.

Unique AMTRAK Equipment. Two cars unique to AMTRAK were present at the show. One was the Metroliner Conference Car, 9800, (top left), which was originally a Snack Car that was converted in the late '80's into its current usage. It is part of AMTRAK's Charter Train Services It is set up with tables , a conference room and a snack bar. The second car is the Beech Grove, 10001, which started life as an Amfleet coach in 1977, was damaged in an accident and was rebuilt as an Office Car. It contains three bedrooms, dining room, kitchen and an observation room at the rear. Photo top right names the car; photo bottom right shows the observation deck with large windows, floodlights for night time inspection of the ROW and an end-of-train square light box which is explained in photo bottom right.



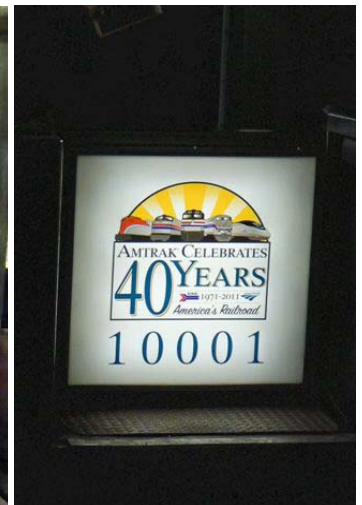
Metroliner Conference Car, 9800



Beech Grove, 10001



Observation deck, Beech Grove, 10001



the Morristown & Erie railway in New Jersey. The Maine Eastern Railroad is a full time, year-round freight rail operation that runs on the state-owned tracks known as the Rockland branch of the former Maine Central Railroad.

After boarding the train we took a short ride to the former Main Central Roundhouse and Turntable in Rockland. Below is a picture of the Roundhouse with our train on the turntable.



Below is some of the equipment in the yard. After the tour



of the yard we left for the trip to Brunswick and back with 4 photo runbys. Below is one of the runbys. This was a great day and the whole trip took 5 hours. The railroad also offers a number of excursion packages in Rockland, including Rail & Sail, and Rail & Air programs. Check out there web site for more information at MainEasternRailroad.com



Below are the three cars on the train the day of my trip.



Coach "Magnolia, (54 seats) Built in 1946 for the Florida East Coast Railroad.

Coach "Pine" (58 seats) Built in 1948 for the Santa Fe Railroad



Observation Parlor Car "Alexander Hamilton". Built in 1951 by the Budd Company for the Pennsylvania Railroad for the "Congressional Limited" service.

Fifth National Train Day story -- Part Three
Activity Center for National Train Day
by Dan Pawling Sr.

Trains enter Grand Central Terminal (GCT) from the north. On the south side of the building is Vanderbilt Hall, two large rooms with 40 or 50 foot ceilings which were once the waiting rooms. On Train Day this was the activity/information center. AMTRAK had an information booth, a retail sales table and a chef's cooking demonstration. There were one or two tourist info organizations there including one from the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau. The model train display was operated by our friends from Brooklyn N-Trak under rather scary conditions. There was no room for stand-offs to keep visitors at a distance from the layout, so the crew had to be constantly alert as the people pressed in to see the modules and the passing trains. I understand that BNT supplied most of the modules with others from the South- and Central New Jersey clubs. There was a large area used for children's activities at one end of the hall and a high volume musical group blasting from a stage at the other end. Not the nice orderly train show that modelers usually experience. However, next year the national Train Day Show is expected to be back in Penn Station, NYC while GCT celebrates its 100th Birthday.

City Transit in Eastern Europe
by Roland Kelley



Vienna, Austria

In April I went on a two week tour of Eastern Europe along the Danube River. The one thing I noticed in every city was the high use of both trolley and trackless trolley busses. In the U.S. they have all but disappeared. I have always liked them but we do not see them modeled much in "N" scale. In Vienna, Austria I did not see one city bus that was powered by gasoline. The cities were much cleaner and quite. It is too bad that we don't have more of them. Yes some cities in the U.S. have built LRV lines but not to the degree that they are in use in Eastern Europe. Here are some of what I saw.



Osijek, Croatia



Belgrade, Serbia



Bratislava, Slovakia



Belgrade, Serbia



Budapest, Hungary



Belgrade, Serbia