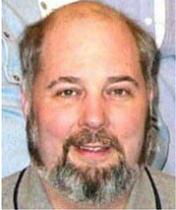


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President's Message Mark Ferracane

I have a Request of the Membership; we need a Coordinator for the Rochester, New Hampshire Show. Ron Wood is Coordinating the Hooksett Show. Thank You Ron! Please contact me and let me know if you are able to volunteer to do the job.

Well, I want to know where you (the club members) would like to have our annual meeting. We can go to the Bay State Model Railroad Museum again or someplace else. One thought I have is The Steaming Tender Restaurant in Palmer. They have a Buffet Breakfast on the weekends. Plus there is the CSX Mainline Amtrak, Mass Central and New England Central. So we can watch TRAINS!

The Lexington Show went well, no thanks to Mother Nature! LOL! The snow killed us. The Groundhog must be have been blind! The attendance was down from last year. But we had fun as always. The crowds were manageable. Our next Show is the Greenburg Show in Wilmington on the 23rd and 24th. Frank Dignan is the coordinator for the Show. Call him if you can bring a Module to the show. The Greenburg Show is an important one. We get PAID for it. As of now we do not know where we will be in the Auditorium, we will be in either the Fez Room or the main hall. I hope we are in the Main hall. Well we are going to be in the Main Hall again! Wahoo! We have just 2 more shows after the Greenburg Show.

Til Next Month, Mark

National Heritage Museum Show Wrap Up by Bob Pawlak

Frank Dignan, Bob Fallier, Peter Matthews, and Bob Pawlak set up their modules Friday afternoon, February 15. That made it possible for these same people to help Toshi Abe, Mark Ferracane, and Dan Pawling set up on Saturday morning. Each of these people had the equivalent of two modules. The four-wheel cart, provided by the museum, was very helpful on both days. Peter Matthews' wife and children, Chelsey and Brian, were the only extra helpers for set up. None the less, test trains had run, the tracks were clean, the curtains and yellow rope were up, step stools were in place and complete trains were running when the first guests arrived in the room at 10:00 A.M.

The layout this year consisted of a 23' x 23' square (two 3' corners and two 4' corners) which was the smallest layout we have ever had at this show. In the past, we have usually had a rectangle, junction module, peninsula, and end loop layout design to fill the room. We could have used at least another pair of 4' straight modules and a second pair of 4' straights would have resulted in the maximum size layout with minimum size aisles all the way around. Most of the time the Red Line was DCC and the Yellow and Blue lines were DC using one throttle per line. We also had 20' of Mountain Division track plus a reversing loop on the "Black Hole Mining Company" 4' corner to have another train moving and to help keep Brian and Chelsey busy when they were not running on the mainline.

We ran long coal drags, fully lighted classic passenger trains such as the Burlington California Zephyr and the Southern Pacific Daylight, unit auto rack trains, mixed freights, a tank car train, a long string of mechanical reefers, a variety of bullet trains, an assortment of interesting European trains, and everything in between. Bob Fallier brought his new 4' corner and two other 4' adjoining modules with the Disney castle theme and Toshi Abe brought his recently modified hot air balloon 4' straight which were new modules for the regular Museum crowd to appreciate.

New member Ben Rosen came with his mom and dad on both days to help run trains along with Brian and Chelsey Matthews. Both families stayed until tear down was complete. On Sunday new members Zachary Miller and Carl Mesrobian ([continued page 2](#))

Editors Note

As you can see we only have two pages this month and that is because of a lack of articles. Need your help with articles and pictures to fill our newsletter. Will you help???

2012-2013 NENtrak SHOW PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

**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 - 603-667-3449

**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.

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Another Train Hunter's Story Story & Photo by Carol Foote Intro by Dan Pawling Sr.



My friend, Carol, lives with her family near Greenfield MA and travels frequently to Northampton. They visited the NE NTRAK layout during the 2013 Winterfest show in West Springfield. The markings on the engines are Guilford and Pan Am and will read fairly well if you can view on your computer. I thank Carol for her picture and the story below.

This train photo was taken going north on North King Street in Northampton. In the very foreground is a parking lot, next is I-91, then the train and track. It is approaching the north bound Hatfield exit off I-91. It was shot out the window of my car!

Passenger Trains in Vietnam by Roland Kelley

Passenger Train on our way to
the ship on Ha Long Bay



Just returned from a 17 day trip to Vietnam and Cambodia. On the trip I looked for trains to take a picture. Well this is the only train I saw. It is a passenger train that runs from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon). It takes over 24 hours to make the trip and is not used much. The cars look like hospital cars. Was also told by our tour guide that the train is very slow and makes a lot of stops. Japan is working of building a high speed train to replace it.

(Continued from page 1) and his son were there briefly to help run trains. Jack Brown came with his dad for most of Sunday afternoon and stayed to help tear down. Jack brought his laptop and new Digitrax PR3 interface and programmer to the show. After plugging wires into our existing DCC system and fiddling for a while, he was running a DCC train using his cell phone as a throttle! New technology has definitely passed me by.

With everyone helping until everyone else was ready to leave, we were all out of the Museum by 5:02 P.M. and then loaded and gone by about 5:15 P.M. Sunday.

Unfortunately, attendance for the show on both Saturday from 10 AM to 4:30 P.M. and on Sunday from noon to 4 P.M. was poor by comparison with other years because it snowed off and on most of Saturday and was cold and windy on Sunday. The attendance for the two days was 242 children and 300 adults for a total of 542. Last year the total was about 1,800 for the two days and the year before it was 1,595. This is the first time that I can remember that the weather has dramatically influenced attendance at this show.

I apologize if I forgot someone in the listings of participants and helpers mentioned above.

Welcome Back to Devin Afshin

On Saturday of the Greenberg train show Devin Afshin showed up with his mom and dad. His mom built the alien space ship crash site module that won a prize at Winterfest several years ago. The Afshin family were members when Devin was just a youngster.

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