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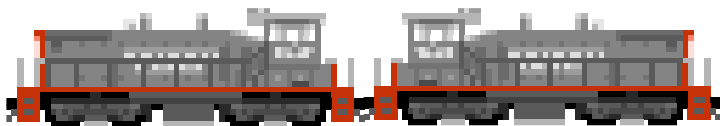
President's Message Frank Dignan

Hello everybody Frank here our next show for the NTRAK train will be in Wilmington at the Greenberg show on March 22-23. There will be an early setup on Friday from 12 noon thru 7:30 pm I will be there to assist anybody and with a track plan. Saturday setup continues from 7-10 please have it ready when the show opens any help would be appreciated.

Also on Saturday we are going to have a meeting at 2:00pm to discuss up coming show and any to be added maybe this meeting will be held inside the layout not to interfere with the running of the trains. New topic: I had a conversation with Peter Mathews at Lexington he informed me that he cannot continue to transport the clubs equipment in the season due to taking a larger roll in the Youth in Model Railroading and at some point he wants to show his own Ntrak module. First let me say thank you Peter now we need to come up with a plan for next year to store the clubs bridge, yard, and boxes also a home for the Winterfest props display case and racks any ideas please.

Our next show after Wilmington is Hooksett N.H. on the 27th of April. Note the date Ron Woods is our coordinator I will have a signup sheet for any body interested this is our last show of the season. That's it for now see you in Wilmington.

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National Heritage Museum Show Wrap Up By Bob Pawlak

Mark Ferracane, Bob Fallier, Frank Dignan, Roland Kelley and Peter Matthews brought and set up modules Friday afternoon. That made it possible for these same people to finish their set up and then help others set up on Saturday morning. Dan Pawling, Devin Afshin, and Peter Matthews brought the rest of the modules Saturday morning. Ron Wood, Peter Matthews' wife and children Brian and Ashley were much appreciated extra hands for set-up. The four-wheel carts, provided by the museum, were also very helpful. As a result, test trains had run, the mainline tracks were clean, the curtains and yellow rope were up, and the first complete train was running just before 10:00 A.M. as the first visitors were let into the room.

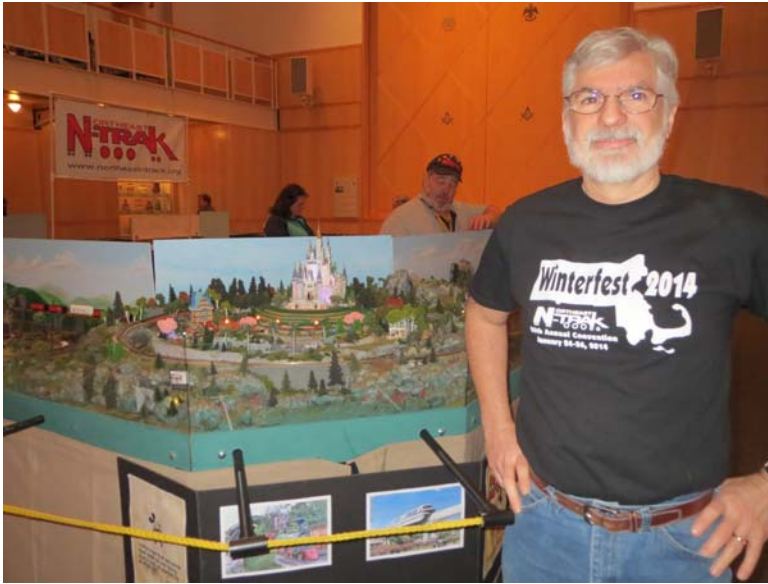
The layout this year consisted of a 23' by 23' square (one 4' corner and three 3' corners with the two 1' bridge modules) which is the smallest layout we have had at the Museum Show. Two members with 8' straight and 12' straight modules were in Florida and another member with 12' straight was on a family vacation. Other regulars were unable to participate for one reason or another. The Red Line was DCC for part of the time and the Yellow and Blue Line were DC using just one throttle for the relatively small loop. Bob Fallier's 4' corner and two other 4' adjoining modules with the Disney castle theme together with Roland Kelley's 8' circus module were the highlights of the layout.

We ran long trains of auto racks, double stack container cars, tank cars, mechanical reefers, covered hoppers, coal cars, and mixed freights. We ran fully-lighted classic passenger trains such as the Burlington California Zephyr and Southern Pacific Daylight. A variety of bullet trains and an interesting assortment of European trains were also run. Of course Thomas the Tank and his friends also made periodic appearances throughout the two days.

With the two-wheeled carts and everyone helping, the room was empty and clean and everything was out of the museum by 4:55 P.M. after the show ended at 4:00 P.M. on Sunday. Then all vehicles were loaded and gone by about 5:15 P.M. This year there was no need to temporarily store modules or equipment for later pickup.

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Most popular Module at the National Heritage Museum Show.



Bob Fallier at the National Heritage Museum Show where his module of Disney Land was the most popular at the show.

2013-2014 NENTRak SHOW PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

March 22-23, 2014 Great Train Expo, Shriners Auditorium, Wilmington, MA
 Set-up: Fri noon to 7:00 pm - Sat 7:30am
 Show Sat 10:00am to 4:00pm - Sun 10:00am to 4:00pm
Coordinator: Frank Dignan - 508-866-9660

April 20, 2014 Hooksett Lions Club, Cawley Middle School, Hooksett, NH
 Set-up: 8:00am - Show 10:00am to 4:00pm
Coordinator: Ron Wood - 603-320-0639

June 2014, N-Scale Enthusiast Roanoke, VA
 Show Dates **Subject to Change**...Check Newsletters for Updates. Please check

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Attendance was definitely hurt by the snow which accumulated on Saturday afternoon but was better than last year when it snowed and was cold and windy. This year the attendance for Saturday between 10:00 A.M and 4:30 P.M. and Sunday between noon and 4:00 P.M. was 685 compared with last year's all time low of 542 for the two days. By comparison, attendance for 2010, 2011, and 2012 was 1635, 1595, and 1793 respectively. Next year, hopefully, we will try to fill the room with a bigger and better layout (27' x 31'), have no snow, and the attendance will be over 2,000.

New e-mail Address

Zachary Miller's new address is: 9zkeeper@gmail.com



Here are some of the members at the National Heritage Museum Show on February 15th. (l to r back row) Mark Ferracane, Devon Afsnin, Frank Dignan, Robert Pawlak, Ron Wood. (l to r front row) Brian and Peter Mathews, Carrl Mesrobian, Bob Fallier, Dan Pawling.