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NEWSLETTER

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**President's Message
Frank Dignan**

Hello everybody Frank here believe it or not this show season is almost over with only the Hooksett show left. At the Greenberg show we held a quick meeting to go over a few issues of concern. First what are we going to do with the storage and transportation of the clubs equipment for next year we have to come up with a plan any ideas? Next I turned the meeting over to John Doehring to go over a proposed Hub convention in Palmer Mass in September of 2014 we need to vote on at annual business meeting. John also brought up the club shirts he thinks we will be staying with the standard blue long sleeve and short sleeve gray with an optional maroon shirt in the future. If your not going to wear a club shirt you should be wearing your name badge.

After the meeting we had a going away cake for our friend Toshi Abe who is going home to Japan he will be missed.

Now the Greenberg wrap up I was the show coordinator and did not have a module in the show I had to accommodate all members wanting to display there modules. Thanks to Roland Kelley, Bob Pawlak, Devin Afshin, Bob Fallier, John Doehring, George Michaels, Peter Mathews, Dan Pawling, Mark Ferracane and Toshi Abe. It was nice to see one of the end loupes in use . It was a great show lots of spectators and plenty of trains to entertain good job guys and ladies.

We picked up four new members at the show and another possible one from Virginia. Question did you read the NTRAK newsletter with a article by our friend Bob Gatland on adding operation to ntrak layouts. I think we are missing out by not having some operation on our layouts. What is the use of DCC but to put in some operation and make it interesting for us as well for the public. More on this later.

Frank D your president

**Annual Business Meeting
Noon, Saturday June 14, 2014
Hope to see you all there.**

Annual Meeting at Pawlak's House

The **Northeast Ntrak Annual Business Meeting** is scheduled at Bob Pawlak's house at 18 Burroughs Road, Lexington, MA 02420 beginning at noon on Saturday, June 14, 2014. The schedule will be drinks, appetizers and then a cook out lunch followed by the business meeting. If the weather is good, you can help by bringing your favorite lawn chair. It is the custom of the club that Northeast Ntrak pays for the majority of the food, drink, etc. for the Annual Meeting. Therefore, Bob Pawlak will plan to provide whatever is needed. If someone would like to contribute something to the meal, please make that known to Bob Pawlak when you RSVP so he can plan accordingly. Bob would like everyone to RSVP by e-mail at pawlak@alum.mit.edu or phone at 781-862-2485 before Monday June 9, 2014.

**Directions to the Annual Business Meeting
at 18 Burroughs Road, Lexington:**

From RT 95 (RT 128) north or south, take **Exit 32B (Middlesex Turnpike).**

From Nashua or Manchester, NH area, take Merrit Turnpike (RT 3) south to **Exit 25A** (as if you were getting on Rt 95 north) and then take **Exit 32B (Middlesex Turnpike)** before actually getting on RT 95 (RT 128)

At the bottom of the Exit 32B ramp (from any direction) turn left toward Arlington on Middlesex Turnpike. **After 1.0 miles on Middlesex, turn right on Thoreau** (long solid wooden fence just before Thoreau). **First left off Thoreau is Burroughs Road.** 18 Burroughs is yellow with brown shutters on your right.

(If you miss the turn at Thoreau, take the next right (traffic light at East Street) and then next right again onto Burroughs. Number 18 will be on your left.



A long time member of NENtrak Ernie Poole dropped by for a visit. Here he is with Frank.

2013-2014 NENtrak SHOW PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

April 27, 2014 Hooksett Lions Club, Cawley Middle School, Hooksett, NH

Set-up: 8:00am - Show 10:00am to 4:00pm

Coordinator: Ron Wood - 603-206-5572

June 2014, N-Scale Enthusiast Roanoke, VA

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.



Two old steam engines no one wants anymore.

New Members

We wish to welcome the new members to our club.

Michael B. Cormier

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Years in hobby: 55

Sheila Suitts

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South Hadley, MA 01075-1357 734-219-2499
Fliegerin84@gmail.com
Years in hobby: 25

John S. Lauzon

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Springfield, MA 01109 413-783-1985
LauzonJohn45@yahoo.com
Years in hobby: 34

David Stewart

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W. Springfield, MA 01089 413-733-1760
Krag3040@aol.com
Years in hobby: 40

Michael Ferrara

24 Farley Street
Methuen, MA 01844 781-426-1086
ferraramichaeld@gmail.com
He does not have a layout but does have about 25 locos and a large selection of rolling stock.
Age group 36
Self Employed



Back, several years ago, we had someone sneak out of the woods and throw the switch under the VB as it was leaving Derby. Photo's and story by Ken Strout, Hermon, ME.



Toshiyuki Abe has left and returned to Japan



His last show with the club was the Greenberg show March 22 -23, 2014. He displayed all three of his modules. He and his modules will be greatly missed at the shows. They have always been a crowd pleaser. We wish him well in the future. A going away cake was shared by all. Toshiyuki was given a certificate reading "In Appreciation from all of us. For always sharing a smile at the end of a long day." It was signed by all the members at the show.



Change to the 2014 Membership list:

Toshiyuki Abe email address:

Company address: toshiyuki.abe@hds.co.jp

Personal address: abech1413@yahoo.co.jp

Below is the group at the Greenberg Train Show on Saturday.





Dan Pawling's End Loop



Bob Pawlak's Bridge Cannon

Northeast Ntrak Membership List as of April 4, 2014 by Bob Pawlak

The latest version of the Membership List is being distributed with this newsletter. It includes 5 new members that joined recently and lists all those who have renewed their Northeast Ntrak dues for 2014 and have, therefore, paid their dues to Ntrak, Inc. If you received this Northeast Ntrak Newsletter via e-mail, there are two Excel spread sheet attachments for pages 1 and 2 of the new Membership List. If you received this Newsletter as a hard copy, the new list is a single additional page printed on both sides.

I would like to explain the last two columns on Page 2 of the new listing. The second to last column is labeled "NTR #" which is short for "NTRAK #". This is your identification number as far as NTRAK, INC. is concerned and appears on the address label of hard copies of the National Ntrak Newsletter. "Hon" in that column indicates an "Honorary" member of the club. These people have moved away or "retired" from the club and are sent copies of our newsletter so we can stay in touch. If there is a blank for you in this column, it is because you are a new or relatively new member. You will be assigned an Ntrak Number when you receive your first issue of the National Newsletter. When you find out what your number is, please let me know what it is. The last column labeled "News" indicates whether you receive a hard copy (H), e-mail copy (E), or both types (H, E) of the National Newsletter. Honorary members have a blank in this column because they are on their own to pay dues to NTRAK, INC. or not as they see fit.

In any case, please review your listing. If I have made a mistake, I am sorry. Please let me know the mistakes so we can publish corrections in a subsequent newsletter.



John Doehring's country modules



Bob Fallier's Disney World



George Michael's corner module