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PLEASE LET BOB KNOW IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING.
Hope you all have a great Summer. There will be no issue during the summer. Next issue will be for September.

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.**



**President's Message
Frank Dignan**

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

Hello everybody Frank here its over the 2013-2014 season and a successful one I might add. Before we go out and start enjoying our summer we have to get through our annual business meeting. For our newer members this is where we chose our club officers, set up the show schedule and show coordinators. All members are encouraged to attend this years meeting will again be at Bob Pawlak home on June 14 its not easy to find a place centrally located to all Thanks to Bob and Marilyn.

At the meeting don't be afraid to join in and volunteer that's what makes us a great club to belong to. I was looking over the latest membership roster and I noticed we need more members to build modules . Maybe we should have a module building workshop or just make up some kits for those that don't have woodworking skills think about it. At the Hooksett show we brought out of hiatus after many years the one track modules. We did not even run trains over them and there was a lot of interest in them. So hopefully members interested in operation can find some enjoyment with them. Also talking with Steve Cappers a Maine Track member they would like to do more shows with us with there two track modules should be interesting getting everything hooked up together. **See you at the Meeting don't forget VOLUNTEER.** Thanks Frank D

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.

Hooksett Show Review
by Ron Wood



John Doehring

Well the final show of the 2013-2014 season is in the books. The Hooksett show ran on April 27th from 10 to 3 and most Northeast Ntrak members arrived at 7:30am. There were a few members who arrived on Saturday for a more leisurely setup. The crowds seemed larger this year as the weather was cloudy, showery and cool. Perfect for a model train show! Our main layout size was 15' x 23'. We did have a One Trak branch off the main layout which added an additional 12' for a total space of 27' x 23'. Frank Dignan and Ron Wood provided 23 feet of One Trak modules which have not seen a show in over a dozen years! It was good to dust off the cobwebs and the general consensus of club members is that after a few updates to wiring including proper turnout wiring, that these can and should be used in future shows. Steve Cappers was also at the show and said with minor adaptations we could meet up with the Maine Trak folks for future shows.

Thanks to the following members for attending the show with modules on Sunday: Doug Lawson, Carl Mesrobian, Frank Dignan, Russell and Jeff Putnam, Peter and Brian Mathews, Mark Ferracane, John Doehring, Bob Fallier, George Michaels, Ron Wood.

Also a big thanks to members Bill Hayes, Dick Brotherton, and Steve Cappers who attended to help with layout setup and takedown.

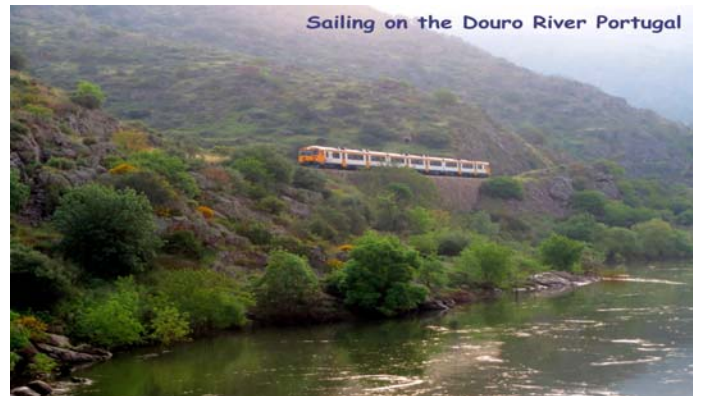


Carl Mesrobian

Update to Membership list

Paul Azevedo's phone number is 508-558-6031

Things from My Trip to Portugal
by Roland Kelley



These are from my trip to Portugal in April. Did not see many trains and the ones I saw were like the one above in the picture. Did not see any freight trains. Was surprised when I visited Porto to find these trolleys running in regular service. Was told that they were purchased from the US (used) and that they were made around 1927. Miss them.

