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President's Message Frank Dignan

Hello everybody it time to start thinking about running trains. Its been a great summer so far and I have done nothing train related for me. I had thought about attending one of the conventions but after looking at the old wallet I thought better of it but we did send the best representation John Doehring, Roland Kelley, Peter Wisniewski and Bob Pawlak. Thanks Guys. Another piece of good news is a long time member is back after a couple years in Florida our friend Fay Chin, welcome back.

Well we have a full schedule this year starting in September in Palmer Mass on Saturday 13th. Yes its a one day show John Doehring is the coordinator give him a call.

Last year we took on some new members and at this time I think we need to promote a module building program for anyone interested. I know not everyone has the equipment to build one I am willing to help you. I built my first one in the driveway with no power tools and it is still running today .If you don't have room for a full size module think about o one track module we displayed at our Hooksett show last spring and there was a lot of interest in them. Just a thought I am not saying everyone needs to have a module all you need is a love of running trains . The club is still facing a problem in the transportation and storage of it equipment boxes, yard and lift bridge. You don't have to take it all just what you think you can handle.

For now enjoy the rest of the summer and will see you soon. Frank Dignan

Annual Business Meeting June 14, 2014



The Annual Business Meeting was held again at Bob Pawlak's home. As always Bob and his Wife worked hard. Bob did a great job cooking for the group. The food was excellent as always. Thanks again.

After we filled up on Bob's cooking the meeting was opened at around 1:00 pm. Fourteen members were present. We started with a review of what shows we will do next season. The Show Schedule in this Newsletter shows the ones chosen to do in the upcoming year.

Then we talked about the club boxes and the yard modules and what to do for storage of them and also getting them to and from the shows. Nothing was finalized. We are still looking for a solution. Carl Mesrobian will work on changing the model display cabinet used at WinterFest so it will break down and take up less room to transport.

We talked about ways to sell the 90 Club Cars that are left. If you have any ideas let us know.

We also talked about the need for someone to assist Bob Fallier in his work with WinterFest. If you are interested please get in touch with Bob.

All the current Officers were re-elected.

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The group at the Annual Business Meeting June 14, 2014. Front row (l to r). Bob Pawlak, Roland Kelley, Dick Brotherton, Mark Ferracane and Brian Mathews. Back row (l to r) Bill Hayes, Frank Dignan, Carl Mesrobian, Geof Smith, John Doehring, Peter Wisniewski, and Bob Fallier.

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Bob Pawlak reported that we have 59 members as of the meeting. 10 are honorary members and 25 are active.

That was about all that was discussed.

Bits and Pieces from Annual Meeting by Bob Pawlak

As part of the RSVP responses I got for the annual meeting:

New member Michael Cornier wrote “I also can build module starter kits for those that can’t.” Garry Keil wrote “We will be spending more time in Florida leaving in October this fall and not returning until probably the end of April. If someone has space to store the Auto-Train module (two 6 foot sections to make a 12” straight), I will be happy to loan it to the club for use at the shows – that includes the rolling stock. My phone is 781-5841-8832.”

Ron Wood wrote: “I would like to see more involvement in One Trak this next year and one good show for this would be Hooksett, NH next spring. I will be willing to co-ordinate that show again next year.” Ron also wrote: “P.S. maybe one of the projects we could work on during a work session could be a re-wiring of the one trak turnouts. Also, I found the can of green paint for the yard in case anyone is looking for that.”

Dick Brotherton brought the Power Poles Connector Crimping Tool to the annual meeting and left it with Bob Pawlak. Bob will figure out how to get it back into the club boxes at the next opportunity.

Q: What was the first official White House car?



A: A 1909 White Steamer, ordered by President Taft.



MEC 957 in Calais, ME yard.

Miniatur Wunderland, World's Largest Model Railway By Bob Pawlak

Marilyn and I visited Miniatur Wunderland in Hamburg, Germany, on May 1, 2014 as part of our recent trip to Europe. It was a wonderful experience! We purchased our tickets on-line (adults 12 Euros, seniors 10) to reserve an arrival time between 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. to avoid a possible wait to enter. More than 11 million visitors have already visited the layout. There were lots of other people there with us, but people seemed evenly distributed and flowed through the building so that we were usually never more than two people deep around the viewing railings. I never waited more than just a few minutes to get particular spot up close to take a picture. We used the Metro to get within a 7 minute walk to the warehouse area where the layout is housed. They have 6,400 square meters of rented space and the current layout covers 1,300 square meters of layout in HO gauge! They also have a large cafeteria and gift store.

Currently the layout portrays Scandinavia to Germany, Austria and Switzerland, and specific parts to the U.S. such as the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, etc. The newest attraction is the world's smallest commercial airport – and perhaps the most sophisticated flight and airport surface simulation with over 40 airplanes, including the ground vehicles and personnel belonging to them.

Some of the other interesting facts and figures are: there are 930 locomotives, 8,850 passenger and freight cars, 64 computers, 335,000 lights, 274 moving vehicles, 215,000 figures, and a day/night simulation every 15 minutes. The overhead lights start to dim, lights come on gradually all over the layout, and finally the room lighting becomes very dark. After a few minutes the process is reversed to simulate the dawn of a new day.

Currently under construction with an estimate of 120,000 work hours required to build it is "Italia" in 150 square meters to include: Mount Vesuvius, Venice with the gilded St. Mark's Basilica, Rome with its tram, St. Peter's Basilica, the Amalfi coast, and Pompeji. The next projects will be France (2015), Great Britain (2017), and parts of Africa (2019). They have 250 employees operating the existing layout and working on the new sections.

I was most impressed by the model of the Hamburg airport – watching the airplanes and various vehicles moving around on the surface of the airport in daylight and with all the appropriate lights on for night operation. The airplane models of various types (Boeing, Airbus, etc.) and painted for various airlines were excellent. You can watch the whole sequence of a departure or arrival of a particular airplane. For a departure, the pusher vehicle approaches and connects to the front wheel of the aircraft. The aircraft's lights start to flash. Baggage handling and other

service vehicles move away from the aircraft. The access tunnel from the gate area backs away from the plane. The pusher vehicle pushes the plane away from the gate and onto the taxi area, disconnects, and drives away. The plane slowly starts to swing around to follow the taxiway lights toward the departure end of the runway. It gets in line with other departing aircraft. Eventually it turns onto the active runway, pauses, and then accelerates, rotates, slowly rises off the runway, and "flies" through a cloth flap in the wall at the end of the runway! Periodically, other aircraft fly through a cloth flap on approach to landing at the opposite end of the runway, touch down, roll out, stop momentarily, and then start to taxi to their arrival gate. At the gate, the access tunnel walkway from the gate area comes out and lines up with the door of the plane. The various flashing lights of the plane turn off. Baggage handling and other service vehicles arrive and start to cluster around the plane.

Meanwhile there are all sorts of support vehicles moving around the airport on prescribed paths so as not to interfere with the planes. Sometimes they stop to give priority to an airplane before crossing a taxiway, etc. Fuel trucks approach a plane and pause for a long time simulating refueling. All surface vehicles have head lights, other flashing lights as appropriate, and use turn indicator lights when turning! The timing of all activities is very realistic and computer controlled. There is a summary display board listing all arrivals and departures (flight number, times, gate number, etc.) which I assume corresponds to current time and what you see happening on the airport surface. The actual Hamburg airport has a metro station that is modeled but is almost inconsequential compared to the huge area needed to model the airport.

Another thing that impressed me was the incredibly large number and variety of figures used in several scenes. There is a large stadium packed with people watching a soccer match. There is another huge crowd of people watching a rock concert with animated people moving about on stage, big video monitors on either side of the stage, fans jam packed up near the stage and then gradually thinning in distribution farther from the stage, all the way out to campers and people on blankets at the fringes. These scenes are very large and realistic because of the figures. Detailed mini scenes also have excellent figures that are "dressed" appropriately with their arms and legs positioned for whatever is special and necessary to properly portray the scene.

Another thing is that nothing seems to be "broken" or in disorder in need of attention. The trains start and stop very gradually as in real life. Trains don't collide or derail. The surface vehicles don't collide. We were .

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Steam in New Hampshire's White Mountains
by Ron Wood



Covered Bridge moved from Barre and Chelsea RR in Barre Vermont

Every September the Clark family, owners of Clarks Trading Post and the White Mountain Central Railroad in Lincoln, NH holds a "Railroad Days" weekend. 2013 was no exception and the railroad had three steam locomotives running on the rails. As if the promise of steam was not enough, the line where these engines run features one of the last operational covered railroad brides in use in this part of the country.



Porter #5 2-4-2T



Climax geared locomotive #6



Climax geared locomotive #6

From the 2013 brochure, the steam equipment running on the rails included a 1906 Baldwin, a 1920 Climax, and a 1930 Porter. There was also a 44 tonner diesel running too. Also, out back looking a little worse for wear was a Shay locomotive which had run in years past. By the looks of this engine, a fair amount of upgrades are neededd to return this engine to its former glory. If you are looking for something to do in September when the air starts to get a little coller, why not take a trip "up north" to northern New Hampshire.

Change of Address for Dan Pawling Sr.

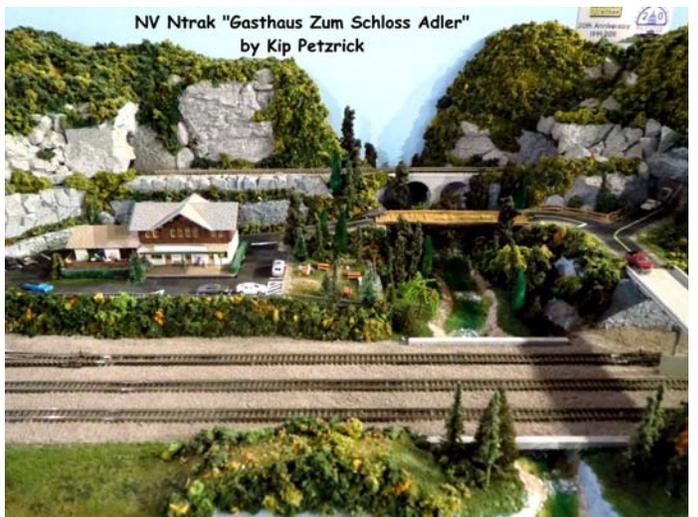
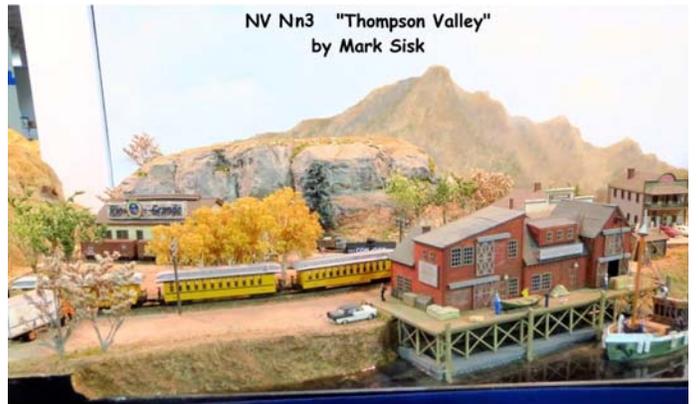
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Top 30 Worst Train Crashes in History Train Crash Completion 2013. Check out this website:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5zrPNTDAAtMQ&feature=em-sub&digest=vrecs>

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viewing different parts of the layout for three or four hours but we saw no evidence of maintenance people fixing things or people operating the trains, surface vehicles, lights, etc. Everything is designed to achieve very high reliability and longevity.

Perhaps most of you have already seen the 5 minute film which has been viewed several million times already. If not, it can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/user/miwulatv> I assume there are other videos, descriptions, etc. on the web. I would certainly recommend that if you are ever anywhere near Hamburg, that you make an effort to visit Wunderland.



2014-2015 NENtrak SHOW PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

September 11-14, 2014 New England Diamonds Convention, Model Railroad Show September 13, Palmer, MA
for more detail call John Doehring at: 978-433-6337

October 4-5, 2014 Pepperell Siding Show, Varnum Brook Elementary School, Pepperell, MA
Set-up: 7:00am - Show 10:00am to 4:00pm
Coordinator: John Doehring - 978-433-6337

October 25-26, 2014 South Shore Model Railroad Club Show, 19 Fort Hill Street, Hingham, MA.
Set-up: 7:00am - Show 9:00am to 4:00pm
Coordinator: Geof Smith - 781-214-9401

November 22-23, 2014 Great Train Expo, Shriners Auditorium, Wilmington, MA
Set-up: Fri 1:00pm - 5:00pm - Sat 7:30am
Show Sat 10:00am to 4:00pm - Sun 10:00am to 4:00pm
Coordinator: Frank Dignan - 508-866-9660

Jan 23-25, 2015 Winterfest, Springfield, MA Amherst Railway Society - Big Railroad Hobby Show
Big "E" Exposition Center, West Springfield, MA
Set-up: Fri noon to 5:00pm & Sat 7:00am to 9:00am
Show Sat 9:00am to 5:00pm - Sun 10:00am to 5:00pm
Layout Coordinator: Dan Pawling Jr., 617-244-5261
Winterfest Chairman: Bob Fallier - 603-465-3785

Feb 14-15, 2015 National Heritage Museum, Lexington, MA
Set-up: Fri 1:00pm - 4:30pm & Sat 7:30am to 10:00am
Show Sat 10:00am to 4:30pm - Sun noon to 4:00pm
Coordinator: Bob Pawlak - 781-862-2485

March 21-22, 2015 Great Train Expo, Shriners Auditorium, Wilmington, MA
Set-up: Fri 1:00pm to 5:00 pm - Sat 7:30am
Show Sat 10:00am to 4:00pm - Sun 10:00am to 4:00pm
Coordinator: Frank Dignan - 508-866-9660

April 26, 2015 Hooksett Lions Club, Cawley Middle School, Hooksett, NH
Set-up: 8:00am - Show 10:00am to 4:00pm
Coordinator: Ron Wood - 603-206-5572

Show Dates **Subject to Change**...Check Newsletters for Updates. Please check



NV Ntrak ran a Convention in Chantilly, VA from August 7 to 10, 2014. Four members of the NE Ntrak attended with three modules being in the show. Representing NENtrak were Bob Pawlak, John Doehring, Peter Wisniewski and Roland Kelley. The show had 225 Ntrak modules and 131 Ttrak modules. Of all the modules NE Ntrak members won the two top awards. It was a great show but we did not think the public attendance was that good. That was too bad as they had many great modules. Some of the modules at the show below.



Bob Pawlak winner of "The Jim FitzGerald Memorial Awards. Gold Award for Best of Show N-TRAK Module, Captial Limited N Scale East 2014".



Roland Kelley and Peter Wisniewski with "The Jim FitzGerald Memorial Awards. Contest Chairman's Award, Captial Limited N Scale East 2014". It was given for several features such as the animation, detailing, painting and application movement.



Above airport was great but sorry i did not get owner.



The above is a module from Dayton NTrak called "Calamityville" by Jim Madsen



Here is John Doehring with his layout at the show.