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President's Message Geof Smith

Maybe because I occasionally do deliver sermons on Sunday mornings, I'm always a bit sensitive to the expression, "preaching to the choir." For the past four months, my message (and Frank's before me, for that matter) has been pretty consistent: we need more help at shows, we ask those bringing modules to come at the same time so we can set up quickly, we ask everyone to help one another: teamwork makes for more fun for everyone. And the good news is; many of those who come to shows do exactly these things: to you I say, thank you! It is because of you that the general public that comes to a train show gets to see what N scale model railroading looks like.

But what about the rest of you? Our club membership now stands at about 58 members, so that means on average only about 20% of our membership participates in displaying a module at a show. I'm serious: I'd like to know why more aren't participating. Is it because you don't have a module (would you like one)? Is it because the module you have isn't in working order? Is it because you lack a means of getting the module to a show, or it's now too heavy for you to transport? Is it because you find the members who do come to shows obnoxious and a bore? What is preventing you from participating more actively than you are? If you let us know, maybe we can do something about it.

It does no one any good to remain silent on these questions: we can't change what we don't know about, so please give it some thought and let me know. You can email me privately at gesmith@cswg.com, or send me a letter to Geof Smith, 24 Chestnut Hill Rd., Dublin, NH 03444. Or call me during the day at (603) 354-7516. Our conversation can remain anonymous unless you want to make your comments publicly. We attracted two new members to the club through our showing at Wilmington in November; for those who may not have been to a show lately, please come and see what's new. We want you back.

Please, remember to sign up for Winterfest this year! Bob Fallier is show coordinator, and Dan Pawling is in charge of modules for the mega-layout. Remember, even if you don't have or can't bring a module to the show, there's a great contest to enter your best models into, plus a banquet with workshops. This is the main event! The show weekend is January 30-31, at the Big E in Springfield. See the website for registration details. (next column)

WINTERFEST JANUARY 29 - 31, 2016

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET??? IF NOT DO
IT NOW. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU.

Great Train Expo, Wilmington, November 21, 2015



Hello everybody Frank here your Greenberg show coordinator the show in Wilmington was a success thanks to all that attended . We had a 37+19 foot layout using all the space allowed. The layout was up and running with the skirts on and trains out when the show opened . Due mostly to the Friday setup and everyone working on Saturday morning . It was a pretty good layout with few derailments and only minor elect problems .The only thing is that when you are running on the DCC you need to stay with your train . With the two lines of DCC they were plenty of trains out and running all weekend we need to make sure that the signup sheet is used you just cant put out a train and walk away . All in all it was a enjoyable weekend of running trains thanks again everyone Frank Dignan

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Jan 29-31, 2016 Winterfest at the Big E (details depending on Layout coordinators needs)

Apr 23, 2016 Mount Ararat High School, 73 Eagles Way, Topsham, ME Set-up 8am Layout 12x20 ft.

***For the 2 Maine shows contact us ahead of time as we try to meet for breakfast. Times and locations of that may change.

(from left column) And to everyone: I wish you happy holidays and a joyous, healthy New Year!

New Member

James Pyle
 14 Elystan Circle
 Nashua, NH 03064
 603-851-6348

James_Pyle@comcast.net (underscore between s_P)

He is a software engineer and has a 4'x8' home layout.

Northeast Ntrak Annual Dues are Due
By Bob Pawlak

The dues of most members of Northeast Ntrak are paid up until 3/1/2016. The only exceptions are: Bob Sgroi is paid until 11/1/2016 so he owes for 4 months. Roland Kelley, Larry Lockwood, Geof Smith, Ben Rosen, and Sheila Suitts are already paid until 3/1/2017.

Dues if you want an electronic version of the NTRAK, INC. newsletter are \$11, \$20 if you want a hard copy version, and \$31 if you want both a hard copy and electronic version.

Please send your check for dues to: Bob Pawlak, 18 Burroughs Road, Lexington, MA 02420-1908

A Little History



(above) 1901 - Colorado station and Hotel, Summit of Pike's Peak.
 (below) 1908 - Suburban Station, Petoskey, Michigan



2015-2016 NENTrak SHOW PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

Jan 29-31, 2016 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 13-14, 2016 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 19-20, 2016 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: Carl Mesrobian - 978-578-5374

April 24, 2016 Hooksett Lions Club, Cawley Middle School, Hooksett, NH

Set-up: 8:00am - Show 10:00am to 4:00pm
Coordinator: Geof Smith - 603-762-1874

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

T-TRAK Train Show Schedule - 2015 & 2016

If you wish to be part of the T-Trak layout contact Fay Chin Show Coordinator at e-mail faywchin@gmail.com

- January 30-31, 2016, Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show, West Springfield MA**
- February 2016, American Heritage Museum, Lexington MA**
- March 2016, Greenberg's Train and Toy Show, Wilmington MA**
- April 2016, NMRA Spring Training, Taunton MA**
- April 2016, Hooksett Lions Model Train Show, Hooksett NH**



1902 - Iowa Chicago & North Western Railway - Steel viaduct over Des Moines River (William Henry Jackson)