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President's Message Bob Fallier

First – A Big Thank You to Frank Dignan for an excellent job planning and managing the Greenberg show this past weekend. We had everything in place on Friday afternoon and Saturday we were up and running well before the doors opened at 10. And a thank you to everyone who participated, whether you brought a module or not. Who could ask for a better show than having Roland's carnival, Bob Pawlak's Bridges Canyon, Jim Pyle's Seattle Needle, and Disney Island all on the main aisle? Jim Nolan brought a new 4 footer and populated it with dozens of vehicles and a double track trolley loop. Carl filled in the other end of the layout with his magic bus system, Dan Pawling provided his balloon end loop that greatly extended the red track and at one point we had a 90 car train running. A fifty year old Rapido engine kept young and old entertained at Disney, taking only an occasional pause to cool down and refill the tender at the water tank. The trackwork was very good with only a couple of engines susceptible to the minor bumps and wiggles at module junctions. A great weekend with lots of trains running nearly all the time. I don't know who helped build the shelving in our trailer, but Great Job!

As a matter of fact, things ran so smoothly that I did not have to retrieve even one lost or derailed car in the Disney Underground.

Here comes Winterfest - January 25th-27th.

Are you Registered? Why not? Get it done and no one will need to worry later about a room at the hotel or whether you can enter a module or model in one of the contests.

Segway....

No *Completed* Registration – *No Contest Entry*. Period. **Completed Registration** means Bob P has received your payment in full – In advance, not at the show, or check is in the mail. That means no registration package, no MTL or TroveStar car, and no dinner ticket.

If there is space in a layout, you can bring an unregistered module, but it won't be entered into a contest. Dan, Chris, and John Bingle will have a list of registrations. You must coordinate with one of them

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early. Dan and Chris already have a sizeable layout mapped out.

No entry of a model, photo, or Parade of Trains without a completed registration. No exceptions unless you can prove you are from Tibet and a Yeti ate your check.

Guests – if you want to give up your own track time, that's fine. Make sure you aren't making it difficult for someone else to run. That especially applies to the Yellow DC track. Anyone under 16 must have a parent or guardian present (within earshot) at all times. Keep in mind the total load on DCC boosters. Too many engines and/or lighted coaches and Poof! .

Mini-Show Friday night: Just like last year I'm trying to line up as many manufacturers as I can. The invitations went out in September. Some replied right away, some blew us off. They are too busy Friday night – Well, so are all of you and you are probably working a lot harder to set up and run than setting up a table, shelf and backdrop.

We all know about the factory shut down in China this year and that many manufacturers have been impacted. How that will effect their product support for us this year is yet to be seen. I'm hopeful that they know how dedicated you all are to the hobby and how you support their business. My hopes are high and I will give out as much as I possibly can.

General Schedule Notes: (a more detailed list will be sent in December)

Friday: 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. – Set-up.
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Friday: 2-4 p.m. Model and Photo entries accepted. (registration will be checked)

Friday: 7-9 p.m. Member registration at the Hilton Garden Inn

Friday 7:30-9 p.m. Manufacture's Mini-Show

Saturday: Early – finalize set up. Doors open to the public at 10.

Saturday: 1-2 p.m. Parade of Trains – Better Living Center. Judges needed for 1 hour to help. Jim Pyle and John Becker will be the Grand Marshall and Gatekeeper. Get on the schedule early and be ready to depart on time.

Saturday 2 p.m. all ballots must be submitted and boxes will be collected.

Saturday: 6:30-7 Happy Hour
7-8 Dinner

8:30 Key note by Eric Smith of Micro-Trains!

9:00 Awards followed by Raffles.

Doing it a little differently this year. Improved over last year.

If you show up 8:30 you may not find a seat.

Sunday – No sleeping late. Get up and go play. Please don't ask what ARS is giving us. I won't know any sooner than you do.

Did anyone find a set of keys while packing up last year? They might be my trailer keys. I think that is a wrap for this issue.

Happy Rails,
Bob Fallier



(left) Fay Chin at the Greenberg show without his boss and helper. She was out of town with her grand son.



Above is Bob Fallier's newest module.

2018-2019 NENTrak SHOW PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

December 1-2, 2018 - NMRA HUB Division Model Train Show, Best Western Royal Plaza Trade Center, Marlborough, MA

Coordinator: Rob Selberg (MaiNetrak)

Jan 25-27, 2019 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

March 16-17, 2019 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 21, 2019 Hooksett Lions Club, Cawley Middle School, Hooksett, NH

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

Coordinator: Russell Putnam - 603-835-6952

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.

T-TRAK Train Show Schedule 2018 & 2019

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

December 1-2, 2018, NMRA HUB Div Model Train Show, Best Western Royal Plaza Trade Center, Marlboro, MA

Show Sat & Sun 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

January 25-27, 2019, Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show, Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds, West Springfield MA

Show Sat 9:00 am to 5:00 pm - Sun 10:00am to 5:00pm

February 16-17, 2019, Greenberg's Train and Toy Show, Swansea Mall, Swansea, MA

Show Sat & Sun 10:00 an to 4:00 pm

March 10-11, 2019, Southshore, 19 Fort Hill St., Hingham, MA

Show 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

March 16-17, 2019, Greenberg's Train and Toy Show, Shriners Auditorium, Wilmington MA

Show Sat & Sun 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

April 21, 2019, Hooksett Lions Model Train Show, Cawley Middle School, Hooksett NH

Show 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

NE TRAK at the Pepperell Siding Model Railroad Show by John Doehring

NE NTRAK members joined together for the 2018-2019 season opener on September 29-30, with a layout at the *Pepperell Siding Model Railroad Club* show in Pepperell, MA. The event was a little smaller this year (fewer dealer tables, and all of the show now housed in the gymnasium) – and with model railroading activities competing against a beautiful New England fall weekend. The show was however longer – in its first year officially covering two-full days (Saturday and Sunday) from 10 AM -4 PM. The crowd appeared a little small, but was steady throughout the weekend. Modular model railroaders in HO, O, and G scales – along with both NTRAK and T-TRAK groups - enjoyed as always the opportunity to play with trains.

Our NE NTRAK layout featured modules supplied by Bob Fallier, Jim Pyle, George Michaels, Mike and James Boucher, Alex Daggett, and Claus Schlund. Many thanks to these guys for their efforts in building and operating the layout. Other members who attended and helped out included Russell and Jeff Putnam, Larry Lockwood, and Ron Wood.

Good times, good weekend, lots of fun! And now it's on to Wilmington for the Greenberg show. Greenberg is next!



More pictures from the Pepperell Siding Model Railroad Show by John Doehring



Winterfest 2019 T-TRAK

The Event:

The 5th Annual T-TRAK Convention will be held in conjunction with Northeast NTRAK Winterfest 2019. We welcome you all to join us at the event to run trains, socialize, meet with the manufacturers and bring your best modules for the huge T-TRAK layout we will be setting up. If you are planning to bring modules, please contact the T-TRAK layout Coordinator: Fay Chin, email: ntrak@gmail.com as soon as possible to reserve your space. We plan to run DCC (Digitrax) as a throttle system for the layout. If you own a Digitrax throttle, please bring it to the show. If your motive power is DC, we will arrange to run sections of the layout using analog (DC Power) so you will not be left out.

The Contests:

The T-TRAK layout will have its own special **dedicated** set of T-TRAK Contests! These will include a traditional "Best Modules" contest, but will also introduce two new events (WITH PRIZES): a Kato product usage award, and special T-TRAK Parade of Trains event. Kato representatives will serve as primary judges for all three of these great events, so you can be sure they will be awarding some really awesome Kato prizes for the winners. As Winterfest registrants, you will also be able to submit entries for the various general model contests (customized locos, rolling stock, structures, etc), the two photo contests (model and prototype), door-prizes, clinics, and a Saturday evening banquet with a guest speaker and raffle with the combined N-TRAK/T-TRAK group. Important note: **you must register for Winterfest to be eligible for any of the contests including the three dedicated T-TRAK contests.** Please remember, you may still participate in the T-TRAK event even should you not register for Winterfest

Special Kids Raffle:

In addition to the contests, KATO will donate a starter train set to a youngster (16 and younger). Each youngster will be given a free raffle ticket. The drawing will be at the T-TRAK layout on Saturday and the youngster must be present to win. The raffle will certainly draw a huge crowd around the T-TRAK layout. Also, there will be a small T-TRAK layout at the Kato show booth in the Better Living Center. We encourage you to volunteer an hour and a half of your time to operate the layout and talk to the public about T-TRAK. It is a fun and rewarding experience.

Registration:

To participate in the NTRAK activities, hotel discount, clinic, awards, door prizes, and banquet, we encourage you to register with Northeast NTRAK Winterfest 2019. T-TRAK participants (non-Winterfest registrant) must have a badge issued by the Amherst Railway Society (ARS) to gain entry to the show. Contact the T-TRAK Coordinator, prior to January 2019, for exhibitor badge and instructions. The T-TRAK activities and schedule will coincide with the NTRAK schedule. The T-TRAK layout will have 15-20 tables (30'x25'). For people who are unable to arrive on Friday for module setup, we will reserve space and easily fit your modules in before the show on Saturday. We anticipate the layout will be in the Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds, Young building at location 98. The ARS will post online the T-TRAK layout locations prior to the show.

Winterfest Registration:

http://www.nenscale.org/Winterfest/previous_years/2019/registration/step1.php