

Winterfest 2018

24th Annual Northeast NTRAK Convention
January 26-28, 2018

General Information for NTRAK & T-TRAK Registrants.

NTRAK Layouts will be in the Better Living Center (BLC) & Mallory Building. T-TRAK is expected to be in the Young building. NTRAK modules in both buildings can be entered into the Module Contest. T-TRAK will have its own Module Contest.

Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn, 800 West Columbus Avenue, 600 feet south of the Basketball Hall of Fame. A convention rate of \$106.00 plus tax (currently 12.45%) per night has been negotiated, single or double occupancy. Reservations should be made before January 1, 2018 by calling **800-774-1500** or **413-886-8000**. Please identify yourself as a member of "NTRAK 2018".

Pre-registration: On-Line registration **and** your printed registration with your check are expected before January 2, 2018. Send the printed registration and check to Bob Pawlak per the on-line instructions.

Setup:

- Friday - the buildings will open at 7:30 a.m.. Please plan to arrive before 1 p.m. on Friday and have all modules in place, clamped, and connected before 5:00pm
- Saturday - doors will open at 6:30. Please arrive early to help with track cleaning and final testing. Doors open to the public at 9:00 a.m. (10 a.m. Sunday). 6:30 a.m. Saturday, for layout set-up..

Parking: \$5.00 per day on Saturday and Sunday. Hangtags available for \$10 for both days.

Badges: Everyone **must** have a badge issued by the ARS to gain entry to the show buildings. Winterfest registrants will receive an "exhibitor badge". *Registrations received after January 1 will cost you an additional \$5.*

Badges will be available after 11:00 a.m. Friday next to the Show Office - Better Living Center (door #7). Tell them you are an NTRAK or T-TRAK layout participant.

Each Winterfest registrant will receive a separate Winterfest 2018 badge in their registration package on Friday night. This badge should be placed in the other side of the ARS badge holder and displayed when inside or around the layouts for security purposes.

Registration & Mini-Show: Friday 7:00 p.m. in the hotel elevator lobby. Once you have received your registration materials, swing into the large conference/banquet room for the **First Annual Manufacturer Mini-Show**. Select manufacturers will be present to show off their newest N scale goodies in this private showing just for Winterfest registrants. Scheduled to start at 7:30.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!!

Judges for the Parade of Trains and to assist tabulating the votes Saturday afternoon.

No volunteers, no contests.

- **Model Contest & Photo Contest:** *You must be a Winterfest registrant to enter.* Refer to the model entry form for other details. Entries will be received Friday as soon as the table is operational, and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Model and photo contest entry forms should be filled out *online and printed* for each of your contest entries. Please *clearly indicate which category* your model is entered in.
- Photo entries are limited to **2** for each category – **per person**. (4 photos max)
- Model entries are limited to 1 per category, with a max of three model entries per person. Models must exhibit the work of the person entering the model. No “out of the box” entries will be accepted
- The “Parade of Trains” competition will be held from 1:00pm to 2:00 p.m. at the BLC NTRAK layout.

Note: Voting in the module, model, and photo contests **must** be completed before 2:00 p.m...

Saturday - Happy Hour and Banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. featuring a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. The price for the banquet and appetizers, plus our usual entertainment, awards presentation, and exceptional camaraderie is again just \$35.00 per person. Everyone at the banquet will receive a coffee mug with the Winterfest 2018 logo. Extra coffee mugs will be available at \$5.00 each as part of the registration process.

Lowell Smith will return as our guest speaker with a fresh round of stories for your entertainment!

NOTE: You must bring your Meal Ticket obtained at registration.

Sunday - **Please pick up model and photo entries between 1-2:00 p.m..** The show closes at 5:00 p.m.

Modules:

Contact the Layout Coordinators: Dan Pawling Jr. (781)-801-6480 (BLC) or John Bingle (917)-662-5378 (Mallory) as soon as possible to reserve space for your module. For T-TRAK modules, please contact Fay Chin at (978)-064-0473 or email faywchin@gmail.com

DCC (Digitrax) on the Red & Blue lines, please bring your DCC radio throttles with your name clearly marked on them (& don't forget fresh batteries). T-TRAK can have DC tracks for those do not have DCC equipped locomotives.

If you are not bringing a module, please help those who did when the show ends.

Track Time: will be allowed based on the following priorities:

- 1st Priority - Winterfest registrants **with** modules
- 2nd Priority - Registrants without modules
- 3rd Priority - Non-registrants are *guests* and may be given track privileges **if** a Time Slot is open, or a scheduled registrant is willing to share his/her allocated time. Under 16 guests MUST be accompanied by an adult. No Exceptions please.

Winterfest Sound Off! Your Suggestions and Comments, Please...

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Please return this page or email your suggestions to:

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