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President's Message Mark Ferracane

The annual meeting will be held on June 28th at Noon at Bob Pawlaks home. Bob volunteered since I did not hear from anyone else who would like to host the meeting. I am on my way home from vacation in Las Vegas and currently at 30k feet flying to Chicago O'Hare, then on to Boston.

At the annual meeting we will be discussing a number of topics.

1. Shows for 2009-2010 (Show dates will be updated when we have more information on the show)
2. Treasurers Report
3. Sales of Club Cars
4. Summary of 2008-2009 Season.
5. New Business
6. Election of Club Officers

Also, bring your money for your dues, \$20.00 in either Check or Cash.

I also want to Welcome our new member to attend the meeting. Check the details in the column to the right.

The Hartford Show is the week of the 8th of July and there are only 3 members attending so far. Please consider going to the show, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A **NMRA** MEMBER TO ATTEND!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Annual Business Meeting in July. Mark

Your Annual Dues are due in June

Renewals of Northeast Ntrak membership dues (\$20) are due before June 30, 2009. You can bring cash or check to the annual meeting on June 28, 2009, or send your check before June 30, 2009, to:

Chuck Tremblay, Treasurer
Northeast Ntrak
59 Greenside Way
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Chuck sends \$9 of your \$20 for renewal of your national NTRAK membership. It requires a lot of work on Chucks part to get the information ready and forward to Natiional. If they are not into the National on time they will drop you from the mailing list. So please help out by paying your dues of \$20 for the 2009-2010 year by June 30, 2009. THANK YOU.

Hope to see You at the



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Hartford National 2009, July 5 - July 12, 2009, Hartford, Connecticut

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 Sunday, June 28, 2009**. 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. Anyone who might like to bring something to eat along these lines is welcome todo so. Just let me know when you RSVP. **Would like everyone to RSVP by e-mail at pawlak@alum.mit.edu or phone at 781-862-2485 before Monday June 22, 2009.**

Penn RR's GG1 Fans: by Dan Pawling Sr.

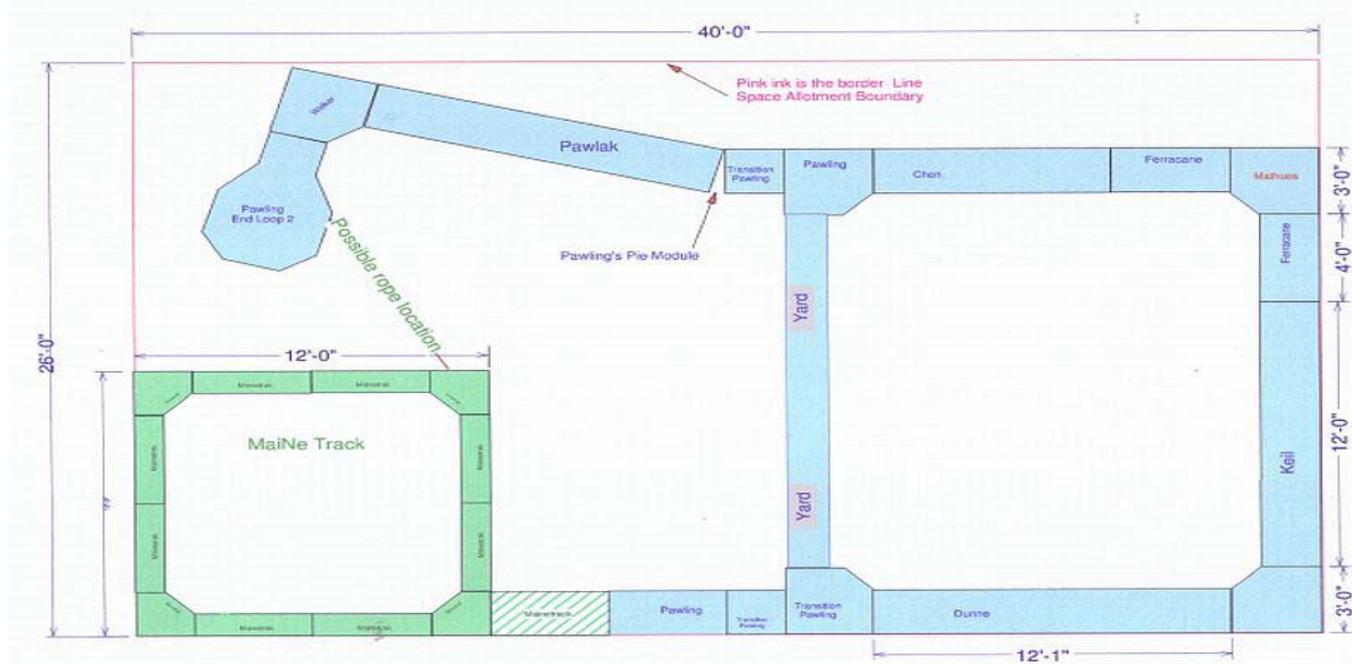
The GG1 is the subject of a 30 page story of the Pennsylvania RR's famous and iconic electric locomotive, the GG1, with history, photos, timeline, personal stories, etc. The GG1 worked for 50 years and the occasion for the feature story in Trains Summer issue is the engine's 75th anniversary. Highly recommended.

Hooksett Show Review

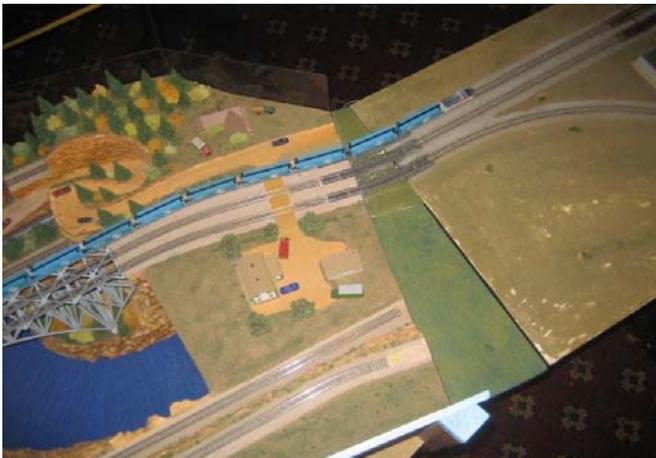
By Ron Wood

Our last official show of the season was held on Sunday April 25th in Hooksett NH. The show which is sponsored by the Hooksett Lions Club went from 10-3. We had a good sized layout of 18 by 22 feet. We managed to have the layout setup and running by the time the show opened. Crowds were steady but light in the afternoon. Many thanks to the following members who brought modules to the show: Bob Pawlak, Dan Pawling, Mark Ferracane, Doug Lawson, Steve Cappers, Tim Putnam and family, Bill Hayes, Peter Mathews, and Ron Wood. Despite this being a show that ends earlier than our regular shows (3pm vs. 4 or 5) I'd like to see us continue to do this show in the future.

Wilmington MA Greenberg Train Show March 28-29th 2009 by coordinator Dan Pawling



This year's show was moderately well attended and it seemed that there was some purchasing going on despite the economy. I did not do any shopping other than the Sheppard's Pie at lunch time. Most of my time was spent at the layout getting things to run well in the beginning, running trains & talking to friends that happened to come by. Set up was disappointingly slow on the North East Ntrak side which left barely enough time to do test runs to work out bugs before the show opened. This is something that I would like us to do better on as a group in the future. The show sponsor is much happier when we are up and running trains because that's what people pay to see at the show. Save the chatting till all the set up task are done.



We were allotted more space this year adding about 10' in one direction and about 4' in the other direction. The space total size was 26'X 40' which I am happy to say we were able to use up. Thanks to all the folks that brought modules. There was additional space in the room to be able to expand on the size in the 26' dimension. Maybe next year we could try for a larger set up. I found that the single four foot modules were the most difficult to find because most of the straight modules available were 12' & 16' straight modules. This is an interesting change from the past shortages of corner modules. Did you see the new pie shaped module on the end loop spur to allow more walking space between the end loop module and the Maine track loop (shown in the drawing above & photo left). This allowed me to get all the corners into the show and add a little change from the standard shaped layout. The three main line tracks are mounted on thin plywood. The curve is an atlas fixed radius curve with flex track soldered to each end to allow for flexibility to make the connections. The wedge shape module can be adjusted forward or backward to adjust the space between the two connecting modules to minimize the gap in the connector track. The track is mounted & separately scenic from the module to allow for this adjustment. Thanks again to those whom helped out in the set up & break down of the layout.

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

From Rt I95 (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 I95 north) and then take **Exit 32B (Middlesex Turnpike)** before actually getting on Rt I95 (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.