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President's Message Dan Pawling

Hi to all, my summer was very busy & grueling with changes in my employment as well as the studying and training for the new work that I am doing now. It has consumed most of my time and I am hopeful that this will mellow out soon so I can spend more time on trains & NE Ntrak this fall. This year should be an exciting year with some new train shows in the lineup. We are hoping that we will have the lift bridge completed for October.

Member Ship List Information: Please make sure Bob Pawlak get your current information which includes email, cell phone, home phone, The Modules you will be showing this Year!!, and all the rest of the important address information. You need to check and make sure your info is correct on the list & remove any info that is incorrect. Take off module information that you will not be showing. If you have not found the list you need to find it & find out why you think you have not received one. Also this way you can have other members contact information this way you don't have to bother anyone else for the information

Train shows for the NE Ntraks Show Season 2010-2011 The 2010-11 train show schedule has been posted on the web site by Ed Smith & is in this news letter. Please look it over and if you have edits to make on it please email Roland Kelley and I. One change is that Peter Mathews will not be able to coordinator for the Pepperell train show and to have the show we need someone to step up to coordinate it. This needs to happen soon because we need to let them know that we would like to come if they are not already full. If nobody is interested then the show will be canceled. If you have information on other train shows and want to see if there is interest in our group for doing the show email Dan Pawling at dfppjg@rcn.com.

National shows:
Danville, VA September 24-26, 2010
<http://trainweb.org/nrmrc/2010show/>

Grand Canyon Railway by Roland Kelley

In July I took a tour on the Canyons in the southwest. On this tour I got to ride on the Grand Canyon Railway. It runs from Williams, Arizona to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. In the past they ran with steam, but today they use diesel. They say it was done to cut down on pollution and save on water. Maybe that was one of the reasons but I think the main reason was to save on diesel fuel. They say the steam locomotive used approximately 1,450 gallons of diesel fuel per day (round trip) to haul the typical train from Williams to the Grand Canyon South Rim and back. The diesel locomotives use approximately 550 gallons of diesel fuel per day to haul the same train the same distance with two locomotives, and 50 gallons for the generator in the power car. So switching from steam to diesel saves approximately 900 gallons per day. Good reason to switch from steam to diesel.



Above is the last steam engine to run the line.



Above in the photo on left are the two F40FH diesel locomotives (Numbers 295 lead & 237) that will take our 15 car train to the Grand Canyon. The picture on the right shows power car 460 which will supply power to the cars. It is over a two hour ride and I have to say there is not much to look at outside. When you arrive at the Grand Canyon the train goes thru a "Y" and backs into the station. As a rail fan it was an enjoyable trip.

2010 Yankees Home Game Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Opponent
Tuesday	June 29	7:05 PM	Seattle
Wednesday	June 30	7:05 PM	Seattle
Thursday	July 1	1:05 PM	Seattle
Friday	July 2	1:05 PM	Toronto
Saturday	July 3	1:05 PM	Toronto
Sunday	July 4	1:05 PM	Toronto
Friday	July 16	7:05 PM	Tampa Bay
Saturday	July 17	4:10 PM	Tampa Bay
Sunday	July 18	1:05 PM	Tampa Bay
Tuesday	July 20	7:05 PM	Los Angeles (AL)
Wednesday	July 21	1:05 PM	Los Angeles (AL)
Thursday	July 22	7:05 PM	Kansas City
Friday	July 23	7:05 PM	Kansas City
Saturday	July 24	1:05 PM	Kansas City
Sunday	July 25	1:05 PM	Kansas City
Monday	August 2	7:05 PM	Toronto
Tuesday	August 3	7:05 PM	Toronto
Wednesday	August 4	1:05 PM	Toronto
Friday	August 6	7:05 PM	Boston
Saturday	August 7	4:10 PM	Boston
Sunday	August 8	TBA	Boston

*Same dates and times subject to change. Please check Yankees website at www.yankees.com or call the Yankees for confirmation.

Timetable Effective
June 21 through August 8, 2010

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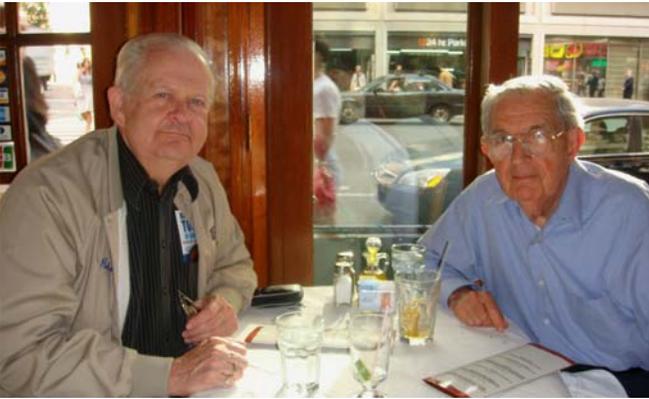
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POST-SEASON PLAY AND OTHER GAME TIMES

This timetable shows schedules for Yankees home games at 1:05 PM and 7:05 PM weekdays, and 1:05 PM and 4:10 PM weekends and holidays. For games at other times, special train schedules will be posted on our website. Visit www.mta.info for details.



In June your Newsletter Editor went to New York City to meet with our feature writer. (See above, Roland Kelley (l) and Dan Pawling Sr., (r). Dan was going over a long list of articles he will be writing for the newsletter starting in September. From what he told me they will be very interesting. It will be a very busy summer for Dan as he works on the many articles he plans to put in the upcoming issues. Thanks Dan for all your work to make our Newsletter a hit with the members.

RED SOX FANS -- TAKE A TRAIN TO YANKEE STADIUM

By Dan Pawling, Sr.

Yes, I said Yankee, not Yawkey! Imagine, board AMTRAK at South Station. Change trains at New Haven to the Metro-North "Yankee Clipper" and get off at Yankees Station for a ten minute walk to the Stadium. No lie!! I tried to get this info to you in time for the May 15th to 17th series in NYC, and I may be late for the games on August 6, 7 and 8. Hopefully Boston will be in the 2010 playoffs. Regardless, you can begin planning for the 2011 season and the full schedule played at Yankee stadium. Using the internet you can get the schedules and buy tickets for the Yankees, AMTRAK and MetroNorth (www.AMTRAK.com, www.yankees.com, www.mta.info), (look for Yankee Games on the latter). Alternatively one could AMTRAK to Penn Station NY and take the subway to the game. Getting there seems to be straightforward; but getting home is likely to be complex. For either day or night game you might want to stay overnight in the City. Please note that the Metro-North Schedule is issued two times during the season; the second schedule is shown here. The first schedule is issued too late to meet this Newsletter's publishing schedule, so I suggest that you get the Sox schedule early on, then follow-up with the railroad. This "Train to the Game" service was started when the new Yankee Stadium and the Metro-North companion station were opened in 2009.

The route diagram on the train schedule shows the three Metro-North commuter lines converging before going to the 125th St. Station and Grand Central Terminal. A bit of reality is shown. The jog in the New Haven Line is a flyover to connect with the Harlem line. Next south the little loop closes a wye to join the Hudson line. Inside the loop is a MOW yard. More on these two features in another article.

Meanwhile, GO RED SOX.

Welcome a New Member

Richard (Dick) Benton 508-769-6013
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Leicester, MA 01524

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Dick has been in the hobby for 2 years and is planning a 2' x 3' home layout, steam, circa 40's - 50's.

The Annual Business Meeting



The Annual Business Meeting, June 13, 2010. (Seated l to r) Mike Walker, John Dunne, Peter Mathews, Ron Wood. (Standing l to r) Fay Chin, Toshiyuki Abe, Gary Kile, John Deveau, Paul Azevedo, Geof Smith, Roland Kelley, Bob Pawlak, Mark Ferracane, Peter Wisniewski, Ron Cavanaugh and Dan Pawling Jr.

The Annual Business meeting was called to order by our President Dan Pawling Jr.. Sixteen members were in attendance. First Dan gave a review of the past year.

"The newsletter was a huge effort by Roland Kelley. I have heard comments like it was the best year yet! Remember Roland doesn't write many of the articles he assembles the newsletter. This is a difficult job making the dead lines with some members always getting their articles in at the last minute."

"Winterfest was a great success this year and I want to thank Bob Pawlak for all the hard work he puts into this project every year. Bob also manages to coordinate the show in Lexington at the Heritage Museum, is the Membership coordinator & produces the membership list every year, he also encourages new members to join & helps them build new modules. He showed his Bridges Canyon Module at least five or more times this year. He also researched out the crimp tool for the power pole conversion & made up some adapters for the club and of course the annual business meeting once again is hosted by him at his home. I am sure I have forgotten something as well. The club Officers have decided that Bob Pawlak is the clubs most valuable member in many ways, because of all his hard work and that of his wife, the club presented Bob and his wife with a gift certificate to Restaurant il Casale in Belmont as a thank you for all there work for the club."

"Projects:

Power Pole conversion has started & so far the following members have converted some of their modules Bob Pawlak, Mark Ferracane, Paul Azevedo, and there are more on the way. I hope to get mine done soon."

"One new throttle has been purchased and two have been sent in to be converted to the DT402D. The DCC station has been upgraded this year with the installation UR92 Duplex Radio transmitter."

"The bench work for the new gate using Long Island Ntraks hinge is assembled and the plan is to complete the gate for next year's show schedule."

"We had a good year for shows in spite of the shows we had to cancel. Membership participation has been increasing and I expect that if you are planning to get in a show this year you should call the coordinator before the shows fill up."

"Many new modules showed up this year. Bob Baller & his group of scouts brought 4 new modules for a total of 16', Fay Chin's time saver 4' plus interesting work completed on the rotary dumper, Mike Bubba 4' module, Larry Lockwood's 8' module with some bridges. Steve Cappers has work on his 4' module as well. If this is true this is 36 lineal feet of new modules not bad for one year."

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Also a 12' module back at shows this year is the "auto train" now owned by Gary Kile.

Mark Ferracane gave an update on the club car. We sold 14 cars this past year and have 125 left. If anyone has an idea on how to increase sales please give Dan or Mark your idea.

Mark will look into a new club banner and the addition of the club name or logo on some of the drapes.

Bob Pawlak will coordinate Winterfest again and Dan Pawling will be the layout coordinator. See proposed show schedule on page 5.

Mark suggested that we should have an area on our web site that is restricted to members with a password. Some of the things suggested to go in that area:

- a. Ordering of Club shirts.
 - b. Member address list.
 - c. Area for member to update pictures of there layout, once update they would be available for anyone to see.
- Ed Smith is looking into it.

Elected for office were the following for the 2010 - 2011 year.

- President -- Dan Pawling Jr.
- VP MA -- Mark Ferracane
- VP NH -- Mike Walker

Mike Walker will look into getting name tags for the members to wear at shows.

It was reported that we netted \$116.00 on Winterfest in 2010. Also it was discussed but no action was taken about the National Ntrak giving the option of receiving the publication via email.

The Annual Business Meeting in pictures.

In the first with the red shirt is Bob Pawlak our host and we all would like to thank him and his wife for everything.



2010-2011 NENtrak SHOW PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

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Sept 26, 2010 Old Colony Model Railroad Club, Holiday Inn, Taunton, MA

Holiday Inn, 700 Myles Standish Blvd, Taunton, MA
(Exit 9 off I-495 onto Bay St, go south to first right which is Myles Standish)
Set up 7:00am - Show 10am to 3:30pm
Coordinator: John Dunne - 508-697-7635

Oct 2, 2010 Portland ME Annual Train Show

Hosted by MaineTrak (In-Line Show)
East End Community School, 195 North St., Portland, ME
(times needed)
Coordinator: Dan Pawling - 781-801-6480

October 3, 2010 Pepperell Siding Model Railroad Club Varnum Brook Elementary School, 11 Hollis St, Pepperell, MA

(In-Line Show)
Set up 7:00am - Show 10am to 4pm
Coordinator:

October 23-24, 2010 South Shore Model Railroad Club Show, 19 Fort Hill Street, Hingham, MA.

(In-line Show)
Set up 7:00am - Show 9am to 4pm
Coordinator: Geof Smith - 781-214-9401

November 6-7, 2010 Bedford Boomers, McKelvie Middle School, Bedford, NH

Set up 8am - Show 9am to 5pm
Coordinator: Mike Walker - 603-426-8620
Web Site: www.boomers-rr.com

November 20-21, 2010 Great Train Expo, Shriners Auditorium, Wilmington, MA

Set up Sat 7:30am - Show Sat 10am to 4pm - Sun 10am to 4pm
Coordinator: Fay Chin 978-657-7913

Jan 28-30, 2011 Winterfest, Springfield, MA Amherst Railway Society - Big Railroad Hobby Show

Big "E" Exposition Center, West Springfield, MA
Set-up Fri noon to 5pm & Sat 7am
Show Sat 9am to 5pm - Sun 10am to 5pm
Layout Coordinator: Dan Pawling Jr., 617-244-5261
Winterfest Coordinator: Bob Pawlak - 781-862-2485

Feb 19-20, 2011 National Heritage Museum, Lexington, MA

Set up Sat 7:30am - Show Sat 10am to 5am - Sun noon to 5pm
Coordinator: Bob Pawlak - 781-862-2485

March ?????, 2011 Great Train Expo, Shriners Auditorium, Wilmington, MA

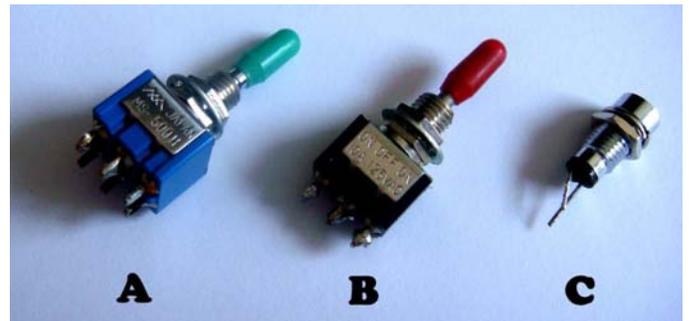
Set up Sat 7:30am - Show Sat 10am to 4pm - Sun 10am to 4pm
Coordinator: Fay Chin 978-657-7913

May 8, 2011 Hooksett Lions Club, Cawley Middle School, Hooksett, NH

Set-up 8am - Show 10am to 4pm
Coordinator: Tim Putman - 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.

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SWITCHES

- A. Double pole double throw miniature toggle switch. On-Off-On positions. Rated 6 amps, 125 VAC. \$1.00 each.
- B. Single pole double throw miniature toggle switch. On-Off-On positions.. Rated 10 amps, 125VAC. \$1.00 each.
- C. Panel Indicator 12V. \$1.00 each.

If interested contact Roland Kelley at 978-970-5812. Postage extra if have to be mailed.

Connecticut Valley N-Trak Club

Please change the URL link for the Connecticut Valley N-Trak Club. Long story but the son of a previous member set up the website for the club. They later sold the domain and we have been unable to remove or change the link. The correct link is: <http://www.ctvntrak.com>

Thank you in advance,
Bill Pontin, Secretary (coalsteam@aol.com)

Trains in Reno, Nevada by Mark Ferracane



For years the train would run down the main street in Reno. Until 2002, when the city decided to put the trains in the Trough. The trains now run below the city and there is no longer any delays for traffic. The Rail Access Corridor was started in 2002 and dedicated in 2006. It took 4 years to lower the track to below street level. The first train ran in 2006 through the New Rail Access Corridor. I was in Reno for the first time in May. It is billed as the Biggest Little City in the World. I took a walk from my hotel to the Amtrak Station.



Union Pacific Double Stack as it enters the station in Reno,

I waited a 1/2 hour and a Union Pacific Double Stack train heading east came through. The train was about 150 cars long, there was 2 locomotives on the front and a rear pusher. I hope to be going back next year and I hope to catch some more trains.



Second unit of the train.



Some of the 150 double stacks. Below the helper engine at the rear as it passes thru the station and leaves.

