

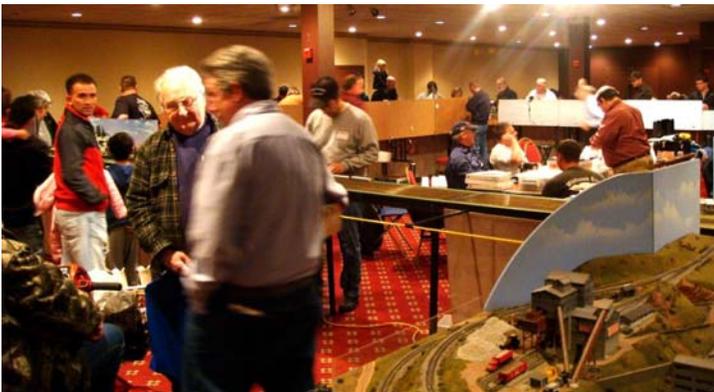
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President's Message Dan Pawling

Winterfest is rapidly approaching and I have been really juggling to get it organized between Winterfest, work and my family. It's too bad we have to work for a living. There has been a fairly good response on folks bringing modules although we have a way to go before we can work on the final plan for the 80' by 30' layout. Chris Olivia of BNT has drawn a few proposal plans for us to consider. For one of the variations there would be a need for three additional transition corner modules that NE Ntrak does not have. Are there any transition modules out there that someone could bring? Call 781801 6480 or email me at dfppig@rcn.com It would be good to know if there are any inside corners available for alternative possible plans. We are considering running DCC on the blue & yellow lines this year and Red would be DC. We are planning more yard space this year to make it easier to set up and run your trains. I am hopeful that this encourage folks to run more trains so there is less time when there is nothing running on the layout. We hope that it will be more fun to run trains this way so bring your trains and plan to run.



Picture of the layout at the November Greenberg Show in Wilmington. Ron & Dan are in deep discussion.

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Greenberg Show Recap by Fay Chin

The Northeast NTRAK club participated once again in the semi-annual Great Train Expo (Greenberg) show in Wilmington, MA. We had filled the space 26' x 40' allocated to us. I am sure we could have expanded if we had more space. Just a though, if we get more clubs to participate maybe we can start a "Winterfest N-Trak convention East". Think about it.

We started our traditional Saturday morning breakfast. We waited in front of our favorite breakfast place, Raphael's grill; passed their opening hours and later found out the restaurant was closed. We ended going to a back place called McDonalds. We will have to find a new breakfast place.

The layout setup took a little longer than usual. We were still putting up curtains, pulling barrier rope, and connecting electricity when the show started. Good thing there were dealers who kept the public occupied while we finished setting up. Everything ran smoothly for the rest of the show and plenty of running time for all. I would like to thank all Northeast N-Trak and MaineTrak members who participated in make this show a success.

The highlight of the event was a social gathering after the show on Saturday evening. The club members and guests when to Rocco's in Wilmington for dinner and pizza. There was plenty of food to eat. We were having so much fun; the restaurant had to ask us to leave the private room for another party.

Greenberg will be hosting another show in March 25 & 27, 2011. Please mark your calendar. See you at the next show.

2010-2011 NENtrak SHOW PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

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 26-27, 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
Web Site: www.GreenbertShows.com

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.

Modeling Maine Roads
by Ray Houlihan

You might consider this to model, taken last week in Brunswick, ME. The double sardonic of somebody recently carefully hand-painting the old MEC is great. Modeling Maine roads sure isnt hard!



Pizza at Rocco's in Wilmington



After a hard day at the train show on Saturday it was time to go out and have some pizza together. Here we are at Rocco's in Wilmington.



Welcome a New Member

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Compliance Director, Fidelity Investments
Most interested in learning how to do my own layout. Need advice. Willing to work to support the interests of the club

Wenham Museum
by Roland Kelley



In November a friend told me about a train show at the Wenham Museum in Wenham, MA. So on a Saturday afternoon we drove up to see it. I was surprised to see the collection of model trains. This is a museum to bring the family. Not only does it have many train layouts to see, but also has a collection of over 1,000 antique dolls, toys, dollhouses and toy soldiers. The museum has many hands on things for children of all ages to play with. Also is a tour of the 17th Century Claflin-Richards house.

Olympic Complex in 'N' Gauge. The layout was created by the late Harry Wiemann, Scenic Design by Don Herdeg.



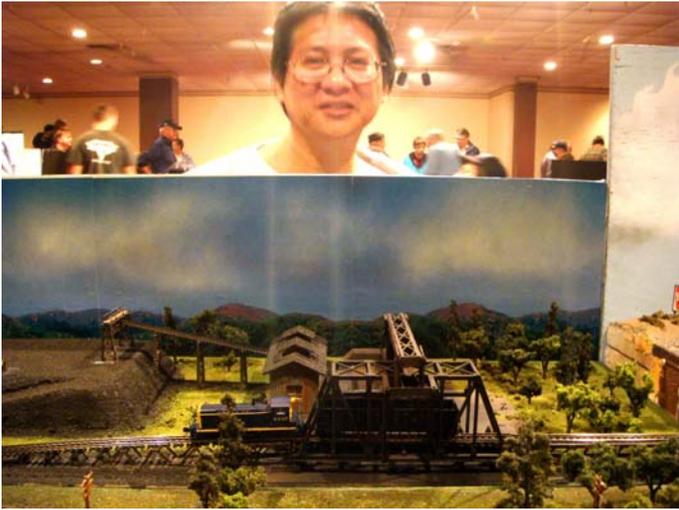
Below is the 'N' scale layout of Len Edwards.



Above & Left Peter Arnott HO Layout. To the right is another HO layout done by Peter Arnott. If you have a chance visit the Wenham Museum with the family.



Fay Chin's New Power Plant Module with an Operating Coal Dumper

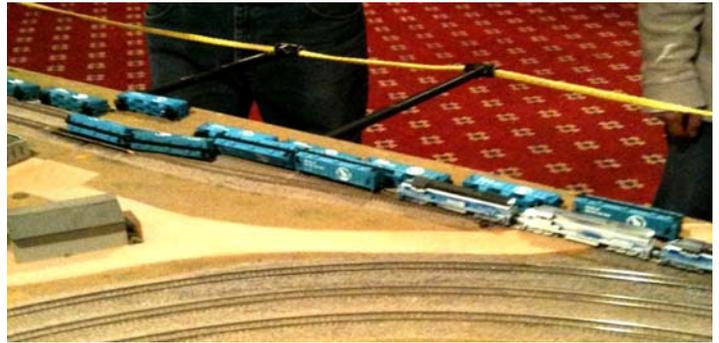


At the Greenberg Show in November Fay displayed his new module. The center piece is an operating coal dumper. The unloader is operated by the visitors both young and old. It was a highlight of the show. Everyone had to operate it. Pictures of his new module are above and below. It is always great to see new modules from club members.



The picture left shows the main building on Fays next module. It is a building that will load coal cars after they have been unloaded at his new module. He was giving demo's at the show. We are all looking forward to it.

HEADLINES: WILMINGTON MASS---LATE CRASH DISRUPTS SHRINERS SHOW.



A Northwestern grain special crashed into it's own rear end (see on the scene photo). The engineer, Dan Pawling reportedly was able to jump to safety before the collision. He reports that he will take some much needed down time to recover. He also stated that he should be back behind the throttle for Winterfest 2011! When asked by the reporter what happened he was only able to mention the words Mark Ferracane! No other information is available at this time, and the NSTB is investigating.

Cards and well wishes should be ignored.

Winterfest 2011 Registration

As of this moment, you can now read about and register for Winterfest 2011 by going to www.NortheastNtrak.org and then clicking on the Winterfest 2011 logo. This will show you a menu of various documents. I recommend you first read the "Winterfest Newsletter" document and then go to the "Winterfest Registration" document to register. Remember, your registration is not complete until the registrar receives a printed copy of your registration form and your check.

For those planning to bring modules for the layout, be sure to contact Dan Pawling, Jr. our layout coordinator. For those planning to enter the model or photo contest, please fill out and print out the on-line "Model (or Photo) Contest Entry Form" to bring with you.

I am still in need of a guest speaker and some clinicians. If you have any ideas along these lines, please contact me. I hope to see you at Winterfest again this coming January.

Thanks. Bob Pawlak, Chairman, Winterfest 2011