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President's Message Mark Ferracane

Well, our first show of the season is in the books. On Sunday October 7th we did the Pepperell Siding Show. John Doehring Coordinated the show. (His First Show coordinating). Well done John! The Layout was 14x34. A Large layout. The Members who brought modules were John Doehring, Peter Matthews, Frank Dignan, Mike Walker, Toshi Abe, Bob Fallier, Bob Pawlak and I. The layout was in the gymnasium since it was a larger layout then we have usually had. We had trains running all day. It was a great Show!

The next show will be in Hingham at the South Shore Model Railroad Club, it is a two day show at the end of the month. I hope members will attend. On the 27th and 28th. Then the following weekend we will be doing the Bedford Boomers show in Bedford, New Hampshire. On November 4th. Then we will be doing the Greenburg Show on the 17th and 18th of November.

So far the Season is going great! Let's keep it going! We will NOT be doing the Hub Division Show. Also, Mike Bubba is back again. He will try to do some shows. I hope he will be able to attend Winterfest.

The website will be updated soon. I have a lot to do. and Winterfest information will be there. The Website will feature PayPal for payments of Dues and Winterfest.

The Club has been in existence since 1986, that's 27 years. WOW! I think we should think about doing another Club Car for our 30th anniversary.

Last but not least, on December 2nd The Bay State Model Railroad Museum is having their Christmas Open house. The open house will be from 11-3. Attend if you can and bring the Kiddies, since Santa will be making an appearance.

Til Next Month

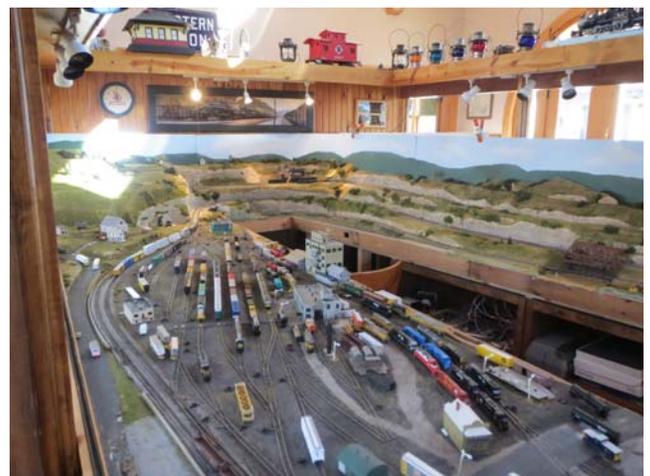
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My Visit to the Salamanca Rail Museum Salamanca, NY by Roland Kelley



On a recent visit to see friends in Lakewood, NY I got to visit the Salamanca Rail Museum. They knew I liked trains and thought I might enjoy it.

We received a personal tour of the museum by Stan Carlson. They also have a large "N" scale layout which was donated. See the picture below. (cont. page 6)



2012-2013 NENtrak SHOW PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

October 27-28, 2012 South Shore Model Railroad Club Show, 19 Fort Hill Street, Hingham, MA.

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

November 4, 2012 Bedford Boomers, McKelvie Middle School, Bedford, NH

Set up 8am - Show 10am to 4pm
Coordinator: Mike Walker - 603-426-8620

November 17-18, 2012 Great Train Expo, Shriners Auditorium, Wilmington, MA

Set up Sat 7:30am - Show Sat 10am to 4pm - Sun 10am to 4pm
Coordinator: Frank Dignan - 508-866-9660

Jan 11, 2013, SSMRC Boy Scout Show, 19 Fort Hill Street, Hingham, MA, South Shore Model Railroad Club

Set up 7:00am - Show 9am to 4pm
Coordinator: Geoff Smith - 781-214-9401

Jan 25-27, 2013 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 to 9am
Show Sat 9am to 5pm - Sun 10am to 5pm
Layout Coordinator: Dan Pawling Jr., 617-244-5261
Winterfest Co-Chairman: Bob Fallier - 603-465-3785
Bob Pawlak - 781-862-2485

Feb 16-17, 2013 National Heritage Museum, Lexington, MA

Set up Fri 1pm - 4:30pm & Sat 7:30am to 10:00am
Show Sat 10am to 4:30pm - Sun noon to 4:00pm
Coordinator: Bob Pawlak - 781-862-2485

March (Not listed yet) 2013 Great Train Expo, Shriners Auditorium, Wilmington, MA

Set up Sat 7:30am - Show Sat 10am to 4pm - Sun 10am to 4pm
Coordinator: Frank Dignan - 508-866-9660

April 7, 2013 Rochester Boy Scout Troop 357, Rochester Community Center, 150 Wakefield St., Rochester, NH

Set-up 8am - Show 10am to 4pm
Coordinator: Dick Brotherton - 603-767-3449

April 21, 2013 Hooksett Lions Club, Cawley Middle School, Hooksett, NH

Set-up 8am - Show 10am to 4pm
Coordinator: Ron Wood - 603-320-0639

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.

China High Speed Trains by Roland Kelley



On my recent trip to China I had another chance to ride there new high speed train from Shanghai to Suzhou. This is one of there fastest trains and only stops in the larger cities. There trains have three classes of seats. The highest is Business Class in the picture below. The seats are one across on one side and two across on the other side.



Next is what is called First Class Coach. Here the seats are two by two as in the picture below. (cont. page 4)



New E-mail Address

Dick Brotherton has had his PC hacked so he has changed his email address. Please update your records. His new email address is: rbklz7941@gmail.com

Private Historic Cars at National Train Show Story & Photos by Dan Pawling, Sr.

Several Private Historic cars were present at the National Train Day Show at Grand Central Terminal in May 2012. The information below showing the origin and past and present owners was included in an AMTRAK provided catalog of the show. "Private Cars" are no longer owned by railroad companies, but rather by individuals and organizations committed to the preservation of the cars. These cars must meet national and industry standards to be able to roam the national rail network. Some are available for charter.

"Hickory Creek" In 1948 the New York Central RR revitalization of the 20th Century Limited included the construction of this elegant Observation car. The grey color and lightning stripes should be familiar to most RR modelers. It was built by Pullman-Standard. The car was used briefly by the Ringling Brothers & Barnum & Bailey circus before being sold to a RR historical society. I have seen this car on the end of an AMTRAK train, so it was quite exciting to be up close to be able to touch it and to photo the inside and out. At last I was able to capture a picture below of the drumhead on the rear of the car



instead of seeing it glide away into the distance. "Wow – it really is real." Picture top right column shows the sleekly rounded end of the car and a look inside the rear end of the car. The side facing chairs are on raised flooring which will be seen again in photo No.3 right column. Through the car one can see visitors waiting to board the trains on the other platform. Inside, the platform is a foot above the main floor, thus allowing a better view of the scenery. Another thrill for me was to sit on the rear facing sofa even if only to admire the bouquet which blocked the view of end-of-track in the terminal (photo No.4 right column). I did take moment to close my eyes and try to conjure up scenery unrolling as the train sped through the countryside.



Another section of the car has a portioned off table service area (Photo below). There is an aisle partially visible to the right in the picture. Beyond this section is a seating area for smokers (remember them??) (Photo next page)



Note the ashtray (drink?) stand. Not visible in these pictures are push buttons to call the stewards. I am pleased to have had this experience and look forward to seeing the car on a passing train, prototype or model!



Tavern Lounge #43 Tavern Lounge is one 13 similar cars built by Budd in 1947 (Photo below) All served on the NY Central long distance lines and later on the Penn-Central. Later, "Conrail passed #43 to NJ Transit which donated it to the United Railroad Historical Society of New Jersey." I did photo inside but cannot ID the shots with certainty (note to self: "Take notes").



Ohio River The *Ohio River* (Photo above) was built by Pullman-Standard as an open-section Sleeper/Observation car. It was converted to a Business/Observation car by the Louisville & Nashville RR. "...In 1983, it was upgraded as a Business/Observation car that sleeps eight persons...has a full kitchen, four bedrooms, two showers, day lounge and open platform..." The formal dining room (Photo bottom left) has a floor-to-ceiling mirror lit by two blazing sconces. The mirror reflects the table setting and the narrow back-lit shelf of the buffet on the opposite wall. Elegant!!
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Below is the seating in the 2nd Class cars. As you can see they are 3 across on one side and 2 across on the other. The 1st class and 2nd class coach are just like the ones you would find on airplanes. I have now ridden in all classes.



Tavern Lounge car #43



Going to Suzhou I took the express and once it left the yard in Shanghai traveled at 350 km (218 MPH) on some very smooth overhead track until we enter the yard in Suzhou. On the way back to Shanghai took there local high speed train that makes stops along the way. Between station stops it went 238 km (147 mph) which was fast but at times it hit 297 km (184 mph). This train does not have the Business Class seats. After getting off in Shanghai which was the end of the line you could see employees turning the seats for the return trip. The trains are new and very clean and ride very smooth. You do not even feel it when you go over a switch. Wish the Acela Express could run at these speeds. Maybe some day.



Louisville & Nashville Dining Car, Ohio river

Winterfest 2013

It is time to start preparing for Winterfest 2013, the 19th Annual Northeast NTRAK Convention, January 25-27, 2013. The convention will again be held in conjunction with the annual "Big Railroad Hobby Show" of the Amherst Railway Society (ARS) at the Eastern State Exposition grounds ("The Big E") in West Springfield, MA. This is undoubtedly the largest annual model railroad show in New England. Winterfest 2013, planned to be much the same as last year, will feature model, module, photo, and best train contests, clinics, full capacity layout operations (including DCC), and a memorable Saturday evening banquet. Complete information about the convention will be contained in the Winterfest 2013 "Information Letter" as part of the on-line registration material scheduled to be available no later than Monday, November 26, 2012, at www.NortheastNtrak.org. Those who participated in Winterfest 2012 will receive an e-mail when the on-line material becomes available.

Please remember that Northeast Ntrak is the "host club" for Winterfest. Because of this, all Northeast Ntrak members share the first line responsibility for helping to make Winterfest an enjoyable occasion for our "guests" who come to participate from about 10 other Ntrak clubs. We are very thankful for all the help with Winterfest from Northeast Ntrak members in the past, but we would strongly recommend that more Northeast Ntrak members make an extra effort to come, stay longer, and find new ways to help with Winterfest 2013. We are also very grateful for all the help and support from members of visiting Ntrak clubs as well. Without their help, modules, expertise, loan of equipment, etc. there would be no Winterfest as we have come to know it in past years.

Our convention hotel is again the Hilton Garden Inn, 800 West Columbus Avenue, Springfield, MA. A convention rate of \$93.00 plus tax (currently 12.45%) per night has been negotiated for single or double occupancy. Please identify yourself as a member of **NTRAK 2013** to get the special rate. Reservations should be made before January 7, 2013 by calling 800-774-1500 or 413-886-8000. After January 7, hotel reservations will be accepted on a space available basis only.

We encourage you to bring your best modules for the module contest. Please contact the Winterfest 2013 Layout Coordinator, Dan Pawling, Jr. at 781-801-6480 as soon as possible to reserve a space in our 30' x 80' N-Trak show layout. If you had a module in the Winterfest 2012 layout and plan to bring it for use in the Winterfest 2013 layout, just tell Dan your "Winterfest Module Number". Otherwise you will be asked to fill out and mail in a Module Reservation Request form.

This year there will be several changes in key Winterfest personnel. Bob Fallier and Bob Pawlak will be Co-Chairmen of Winterfest 2013. Bob Pawlak is ramping down as Bob Fallier is ramping up to become full Chairman of Winterfest in 2014. Bob Fallier will focus on obtaining prizes from our sponsors and being the master of ceremonies at the banquet. This will be

Chuck Tremblay's last year as Registrar for Winterfest as Bob Pawlak ramps up to replace him as Treasurer of Northeast Ntrak in February, 2013. Ed Smith has retired as Northeast Ntrak's Webmaster and Contest Chairman for Winterfest. Mark Ferracane is working on taking over the duties as Webmaster and Geof Smith has volunteered to be the Contest Chairman of Winterfest 2013. Geof will need lots of help from others to share all his duties so please think about how you can help Geof. Ron Cavanaugh has agreed to take charge of acquiring the T-shirts, mugs, and module plaques. This is a job John Dunne did for Winterfest for the last several years.

Please be sure to express your special gratitude to Ed and Chuck who have served Northeast Ntrak and Winterfest faithfully and competently since well before Winterfest began to be called Winterfest more than 19 years ago.

In summary, save the date for Winterfest 2013; make your hotel reservations now; call the Layout Coordinator now to reserve space in the layout for your module(s); finish up those potential prize winning models for the model and best train contests; enlarge and frame that best picture you took recently (no repeats from previous years please); get your long trains ready to run; encourage your friends to come along with you; think about giving a clinic or recommending a guest speaker for the banquet; think about how you can volunteer to help those who have taken on new Winterfest jobs, and get totally psyched to figure out how you can help make Winterfest 2013 the best ever Winterfest!

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 Co-Chairmen, Winterfest 2013**

(cont page 1) The Museum is in a fully restored passenger depot constructed in 1912 by the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railway. Through artifacts, photographs and video presentations, you'll experience an ear over 90 years ago, when rail was the primary means of transportation from city to city.

Below are three pictures of the Pittsburgh & West Virginia caboose, one of the three cabooses they have on display. I had never been in a bay window caboose before so I took the two pictures on the right showing both the inside and outside. I did not think the view the got of the train was as good as sitting on the top. If you ever in the area drop by and enjoy some time reliving railroad history in this part of New York State.



The museum exhibits show nostalgic railroad pieces with an emphasis on the three railroads that served the region: the Erie, the Baltimore and Ohio (BR&P, and the Pennsylvania Railroads.

