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President's Message Mark Ferracane

Here we go again! I can see the light at the end of the tunnel! Winterfest 2013 is almost here! I apologize that the website is not working well. My Friend Steve and I have had problems with the Host Server. They have been NO HELP at all. We have moved the site to a new server. And we will have more control of the site. We will be making a SECURE area for Members only! In this area we will be able to post messages to each other and offer help and advice. Steve Valin of Steve's Depot is the Website host. Thanks Steve!

The Website will have the information you need to get signed up! It is time for our annual Weekend meeting with 12 other clubs at the Big E in West Springfield! By now you should have made your reservations at the Hilton Garden Inn. And you should be getting your entries for the Photo and Model Contests ready. The entry forms are on the website under Winterfest. Save time by filling out the forms beforehand! And Good luck! Til Next Month Mark

and a door prize) and see most of the rest of the show in between other activities.

To reserve space for your module in the layout, call Dan Pawling, Jr. at 781-801-6480. To reserve a room at the Hilton Garden Inn, call 1-800-774-1500 and say "Ntrak 2013" to get the reduced room rate of \$91 plus tax (single or dual occupancy). To register for Winterfest, go to www.NortheastNtrak.org. If the on-line registration process is not working yet, call Bob Pawlak at 781-862-2485 to get the interim Manual Registration Form.

Remember, Northeast Ntrak is the host club for Winterfest. One of the best ways to help host Winterfest is to make the effort to be there and help out! Geof Smith needs help as the new Contest Chairman. Call Geof at 781-214-9401. We still need two volunteers to give clinics. Call Bob Pawlak if you can help by giving a clinic.



Winterfest 2013

by Bob Pawlak, Co-Chairman

The Amherst Railway Society (ARS) show at the Big E in West Springfield is the biggest annual train show in New England and perhaps the biggest anywhere in the U.S.! There are no toys and no dolls, just 4 large buildings devoted entirely to trains with about 40 layouts of various scales and hundreds of vendors, manufacturers display booths, etc. Winterfest is the name we give to the Annual Northeast Ntrak Convention that has been held in conjunction with the ARS show for the last 18 years. Northeast Ntrak had layouts each year at the earliest versions of what is now the ARS show starting about 30 years ago, before the name Winterfest came into being.

Our current Ntrak layout space (30' x 78') allows us to build the largest N scale layout at the show. I also personally think our Ntrak layout is the best layout at the show because we run more trains, faster (scale speed) trains, and longer trains than any other layout at the show! I claim we run more scale ton miles of freight and more scale passenger miles of passenger service than any other layout at the show! Our layout is typically built and operated by about 90 Winterfest registrants from about a dozen different Ntrak clubs.

If you have never been to Winterfest before you should come! If you have come before you should come again and participate more fully this time! We have several new young members that I hope will pester their parents to arrange for them to come.

For the "complete Winterfest experience", you should bring a module for layout setup starting at 11:00 A.M. Friday; check in at the Hilton Garden Inn after set up; get your registration package starting at 7:00 P.M.; listen to the clinics starting at 7:30 P.M.; show up early Saturday morning to help finalize the layout set up (the show starts at 9:00 A.M.); bring entries for the model, photo, and best train contests; run trains on the layout for 3 or 4 hours on both Saturday and Sunday; go to the sit-down banquet Saturday night with guest speaker and awards ceremony (certificates and prizes to the contest winners); collect your free handouts (usually a Micro-Trains car, ExactRail car,

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2012-2013 NENtrak SHOW PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

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.

Change of email address

Douglas Lawson new email is?

dclawson@myfairpoint.net

Used Equipment Sale at Winterfest

The MaiNe TRAK Club as a benifit for the club will be holding a room sale (room to be determined). We have 30+ atlas and micro train cars, peco turnouts, atlas track, pre built structures and a full digitraxx dcc system with 1 controler and 6 plug plates and wire. We also have a decent selection of Railroad books and vhs vidiosEVERYTHING MUST GO!!!! We will have the room number posted at the registration table and at the clinics ALL CASH! Rob MaiNE TRAK.

Bob Fallier's Newest Module



At the Greenberg Show in November Bob Fallier displayed his latest module. He only started to build it in August. It is mostly complete. Just a few more lights needed. The castle was purchased at Disney World it is built by Robert Olszewski. Bob then built his module around the castle. As all of his modules it is super detailed and was the highlight of the show. The buildings in the foreground are "Z" scale as not to take away from the castle. Looking at the module the buildings do not look "Z" scale.





Greenberg Show in November. (l to r) Dan Pawling, Mark Ferracane, Frank Dignan, Fay Chin, Peter Wisniewski, Bob Pawlak, Larry Lockwood, Peter Mathews, Bob Fallier, Toshi Abe, and John Doehring.

Greenberg Show Wrap-up by Frank Dignan

GREENBERG show wrap-up of the show held on Nov 17-18 . this show was a great success using the entire 20+40 ft space given to us a first in a long time . First let me thank all that attended Toshi Abe .Fay Chin .John Doehring still with no coal loads.Bob Fallier with three new modules.Mark Ferracane..Larry Lockwood Peter Mathews carrying the yard club boxes and the much needed lift bridge.Bob Pawlak .Dan Pawling and Frank Dignan And a special thank to Peter Wisiniewski for clearing up our electrical problems Quote POWER POLES S----k .We had an early setup on Friday this made it easy to complete Sat morning I also want to thank the YOUTH IN MODELRAILROADING groupe for running the trains when the ntrakers ran out of steam on Sunday. IT was nice to see our editor Roland Kelley taking photos for the news letter good luck with your up coming operation Roland .Thanks also to train operators Carl Mesrobian new member Holley Whitney ,Jack Brown left early to do homework, and Ben Rosen Hope i did not miss any one. The next stop for this train will be Springfield in January see you there your cordinator Frank Dignan
HAPPY HOLIDAYS ALL

New Members

Two new members joined at the Greenberg Show. They both are youngsters from the "Youth in Model Railroading" organization and friends with all the other youngsters and adults that seem to be joining us from the YMR group. They are:

Michael Rodges
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Cell Phone: 978-973-7499
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Age 16
Student
Has 4' x 8' HO layout

John Hayes
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Methuen, MA 01844-1010
978-257-5550
Knapfordmaster98@aol.com
Age 14
Student
Has 4' x 8' layout

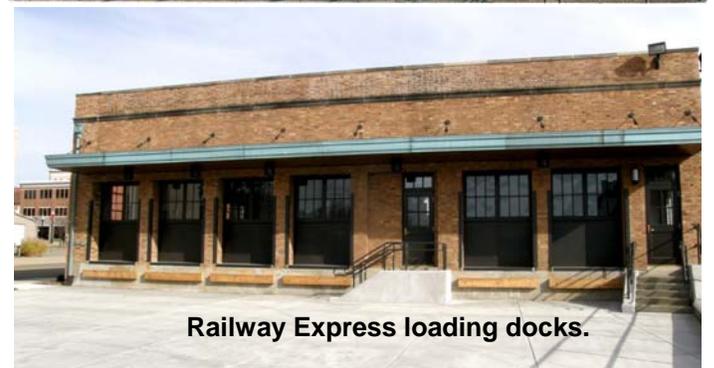
**Renovating the Past
by Roland Kelley**

Also in the plans is a visitor's center and an educational component. Another prospect for occupancy mentioned by Lucy Arnaz was the possibility of a Comedy Hall of Fame which is still being looked into.

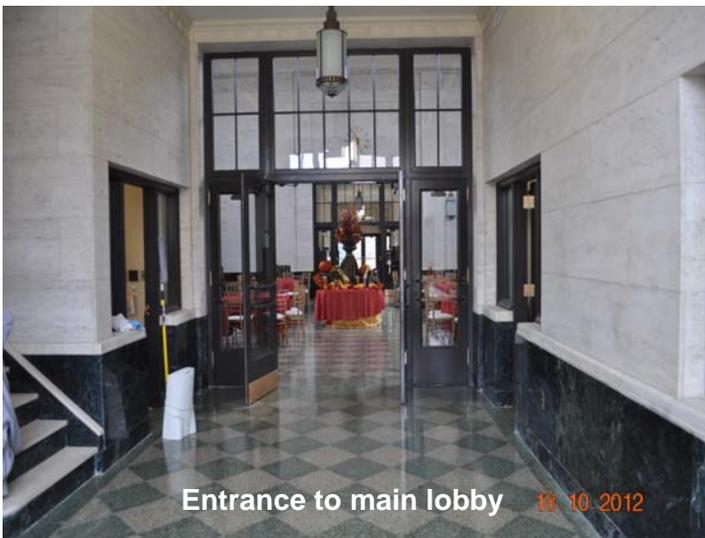


Erie Railroad Station, also known as the Erie-Lackawanna Railroad Station, is a historic train station located at Jamestown, New York. It was constructed in 1931-1932, for the Erie Railroad, as a replacement for a much older station. It passed on to successor Erie Lackawanna in 1960 and continued to serve as a station for the railroad's long distance trains operating between Hoboken and Chicago. The last train to use the station was the Lake Cities, discontinued in January 1970. Erie Lackawanna became part of the [Conrail](#) system on April 1, 1976.

The track area as it looks today. In its day it was a two track mainline. Below is a postcard of what it looked like before the current station was built. The postcard is from 1909.



The station just went through an 11 million dollar renovation on the 32,000 square foot building. The station will be used for C.A.R.T.S. buses and COACH USA, and motor coach tours. The Downtown Jamestown Development Corporation is working with WNT Railway Historical Society to start train excursions from Buffalo to Jamestown.



Railway Express loading docks.

If you are ever in the Jamestown, NY area stop by and check it out. While you are there don't forget to stop at the Lucy Ball museum. It is a lot of fun. The renovations began in May 2010 and they had the Grand Opening on October 26, 2012.

Photo by Michael Byrne & Don Campbell